

Librarian's Report
Freedom Public Library
April 16, 2021

Summer is coming together, but still so very much to do! The principal at Freedom Elementary contacted me this week to say that the School Board said that not only could we have our summer reading kickoff, it could be in the gym and members of the community could come. I wasn't intending to have this event at all, but she seemed very eager for us to do it... so now I'm seeing if I can find a performer at this late date.

We are having an all-ages event outside at the library from 10:00-1:00 on Saturday, June 12 to kick off our 8-week Summer Reading Program. Anyone who signs up for summer reading will get a gift certificate for a Kiddie Cone at Bobby Sue's, thanks to the Friends of the Library. We will also have flags for people to decorate, which will become festive decorations outside this summer. I found a volunteer to do the cutting and sewing required to make the flags.

The Friends of the Library will give us up to \$1000 to make outside programming work. I have purchased an additional 6' table. I also bought a Rubbermaid shed to store tables and chairs. I found a volunteer to pick it up from the Rochester Home Depot and two other volunteers to prepare a level place and assemble the shed.

We have ordered the new copier from Porter Office Machines and we should get it the first week of June. The staff is excited to have a more modern copier. We should discuss what to do with our current copier.

Since our last meeting, I met with the Bearcamp Valley Library Cooperative – 11 local libraries which own a rotating collection of audios and DVDs together. We decided that there IS still a need for the DVD and Audio CD collections but we are going to heavily weed what we have and add additional media formats aimed at children and teens. We may apply as a co-op for funds from the American Rescue Plan in order to buy even more of them.

I just filmed storytime #52 for YouTube. We will have one more recorded storytime on June 2 and then we will move to weekly storytimes outside beginning June 16.

Despite being super stressed about pulling summer reading together – so many details! – I am taking next week off. It will be good to have some rest before the busy summer when it is impossible to take time off and to see my girls at last.

Sincerely,

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Library Director