

**Librarian's Report**  
**Freedom Public Library**  
**February 25, 2010**

Maggie Buzzell began her front desk training yesterday. She will be working Wednesday mornings until Sylvia Bouvé returns, and then she will be a substitute. I am very happy to have another volunteer at the desk!

Lee Allison has been very busy the last couple of weeks shifting materials in the J section of the children's room. I have discarded most of the children's reference materials, all of which were out of date and never used. This freed up an entire row of shelving, so we have moved the children's non-fiction into this space and expanded the fiction section. I am happy to have the extra space as I was having to discard children's fiction titles only because we were out of room to shelve them. I need to order more bookends and will get new signs made by Gemini Signs to show what is shelved where.

The ALA Midwinter Meetings experience was quite wonderful. I heard three wonderful authors speak (Elizabeth Gilbert, Atul Gawande and Al Gore) and picked up over fifty new titles from various publishers for free in the exhibition hall. If I go again, I would probably just get an exhibition hall pass as that is what I found most valuable. This particular ALA gathering is mostly for committee meetings of ALA groups. I attended some of these including one on great movies for teens, which gave me some good ideas for summer.

The knitting class for children has met five times in 2010 and the children continue to be enthusiastic participants. The class was supposed to end after five sessions, but I believe it will become an on-going group. Pet Plunges has been helping Gail Bizer with the class. The adult knitting class on Fridays is going strong. About 6 or 7 women have been coming and working at their own pace on various projects. Instructor Sally Florio is on hand to help when anyone needs guidance or has questions. This class is now open to any knitter who wants to participate.

Our monthly Pizza & Movie nights have been very well attended – 31 last Friday. There were 13 at the Sunday afternoon movie, which is respectable.

I have begun work on the collection development policy for the library. I have gathered sample policies of other libraries and am reading about how to develop a policy of our own. It is a big job and I am glad to have gotten started on it. The website for data collection for the NH Public Libraries Annual Report is now open so I will be busy gathering and submitting that information in March.

Sincerely,

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Library Director