

**Librarian's Report
Freedom Public Library
January 13, 2012**

We continue to host monthly visits from three separate classes at Freedom Elementary School – Kindergarten, 2nd grade and 3rd grade – and now students from Lakeview Elementary School are going to come too, on Wednesdays at noon. We will begin with getting the three students library cards and giving them a tour of the library and take it from there.

Electrician Kurt Mason has completed some of the electrical work we've requested. He has installed an outside outlet near the front door, removed a switch in the vestibule that operated lights in the children's room, and put the exterior lights at the old front entrance on a timer. They are currently set to come on at 4:00 and off at 9:30 which makes the library look more welcoming at night and is safer for people returning books after hours and for people who park by the road. Something that Kurt and I discussed but was left off his estimate was installation of an ethernet jack for wired internet downstairs. He has added this jack by the theatre system. Presenters needing to access the internet will now have a faster and more reliable connection than going wireless.

Kurt discussed problems he anticipated in getting the three-way light switches installed downstairs due to narrow access in the dropped ceiling, already cluttered with other wires, and the beams which change direction mid-way between the switches. He felt that this difficult installation would take longer than he anticipated and so has come up with a solution. He is ordering a wireless light switch system in which only one of the switches needs to be powered and it communicates wirelessly with the 2nd light switch. This will save on labor costs and will not require cutting into the wall. He is waiting for the part to complete this project and still has the light above children's nonfiction to install. The entire project will cost approximately \$475 more than the original estimate.

I am working with our website people, Piper Mountain Webs, to make some changes to our website. The site will soon be wider, the menus redesigned, our hours will be on the website banner, and the covers of new adult fiction and nonfiction will show in an animated display on the main page. I am also focusing on updating pages and information.

I went on Monday to the first meeting of area children's librarians. There were five of us from four different libraries in attendance. This group plans to meet quarterly to share ideas for children's programming and to discuss issues relevant to children's services.

I have heard a number of people say that they like the movie lineup and the idea of a soup supper and plan to come. Tim Kennedy confirmed that he will be

making the bread for the series. Several people have stepped up to say they would like to make soup. One patron hoped that we would have a vegetarian soup option, so I will ask for volunteers for that too, although I worry about complicating things too much. I have bought 48 soup spoons on eBay for about \$17 and we will be using our collection of mugs to serve soup in. I will buy the chair cushions before Sunday.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Rhymer
Library Director