

**Librarian's Report**  
**Freedom Public Library**  
**June 24, 2011**

We had a great turnout of 35 adults and 89 children at the Summer Reading Program kickoff with Odds Bodkin at the Freedom Elementary School including quite a few from the community. The program was terrific and I hope I was able to convey the information I wanted the kids know about all that we have to offer them this summer. Apparently the part about the "School's Out" party was received because I think we had 35 for all or part of the activities yesterday. Bill Stoops rode in on his white horse to save the day when the popcorn popper came apart after only *some* of the children had been served. It would be an understatement to say that the rest of the kids were concerned about whether they would get some too. Fortunately, the popper was back in business well before the end of the movie and everyone got plenty. I have some nice pictures of the kids with their Lego creations from earlier in the day that I will put up on the website tomorrow.

While I was busy with the kids downstairs, Judy and Irene had a steady stream of kids to sign up for the summer reading program while Dick did an excellent job of promoting the adult and teen program to patrons.

The past month has been filled mostly with summer program preparation and getting the calendar and newsletter completed in time for the Friends' mailing. Everything is off to a great start.

Joel Clement of Freedom Computer is coming next week to either repair or replace the broken catalog-access computer (we have a spare computer in the workroom closet) and to install Office 2010 on all of the computers.

I had been keeping my eye on auctions for the Fax component that works with our copier. The fax machine has given us some trouble in the past and I have thought it would be convenient and space-efficient to have our networked copier serve as the fax machine too.

I was able to buy this \$895 piece of equipment for \$50 on eBay. I had Kurt Mason come to give an estimate on what it would take to get a phone jack next to the copier and I also called Scott Brooks of Brooks Communication who did all the wiring for our recent networking upgrades. He gave a verbal estimate of \$150 - \$200 and Kurt's was \$200 - \$235. If it's ok with the board to proceed with this project, I would like to go with Brooks Communication because they already strung wire in exactly the same location as this job and are familiar with the obstacles. Porter Office Machines is prepared to come in to install the fax component and train us in its use.

The dehumidifier in the workroom has been icing up and has also flooded a couple of times for unknown reasons, so I decided that it was time to replace it. I purchased a

dehumidifier identical to the one that's in use in the other part of the basement which we like a lot and is easy to empty.

Judy attended a book repair workshop in Bedford earlier this month and came back prepared to do the work and with ideas for products that would help us do the job better if only there were time! Maybe things will calm down a little as the summer kicks in and she will be able to spend some time on that.

Sincerely,

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