

Librarian's Report
Freedom Public Library
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Summer planning is off to a good start. I attended the Children's Librarians of NH conference last week where I saw the performers on this year's Kids, Books and the Arts Grant roster and got a chance to brainstorm with colleagues. I haven't firmed up the performers for kickoff and Old Home Week but am in contact with some I think would be a good fit. Claes Thelemarck with the UNH Cooperative Extension has offered to do two (free!) programs in support of the Fizz, Boom, Read! summer reading theme. First, he will be leading Water Olympics as the main event for the School's Out! party and later that week he'll be making rockets with teens at the summer's first Teen Night. I am pleased to say that Sarah Groleau has offered her help again this summer with the kids' program and Tammy Majowicz is back on board to help with the teens. I'm thrilled that Jane Fullerton, an English teacher at Fryeburg Academy, has agreed to lead all five sessions of the writing workshop.

Having a volunteer coordinator was great while it lasted but unfortunately Leslie Thurston is too busy to continue the job. I will look for someone to take over until we can get an Assistant Librarian in place. We could also use another front desk volunteer. If you can think of someone who might enjoy either of these jobs, please let me know.

There is only one more movie left to show in the Winter Film Series. It's been a super successful year with no fewer than 17 attendees. Although it's been a tough winter, we've been lucky not to have any weather-related disruptions to the series.

Ann has been helping me do some weeding in adult nonfiction as space had become very tight. She also continues to put together some terrific displays upstairs. Check out the Italian-themed display inspired by the discontinuation of the popular magazine *La Cucina Italiana*. I really appreciate Ann's ability to take on projects like these.

As you know, I completed and submitted the Annual Report to the State. Statistics highlights include a significant increase over 2012 in adult circulation and a decrease in youth circulation; ebook circulation more than doubled with downloadable audiobook circulation slightly down; a huge increase in interlibrary loans to other libraries; somewhat fewer programs offered but a large increase in attendance. Please see attached report for all the details.

Sincerely,

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Library Director