

Librarian's Report
Freedom Public Library
October 13, 2011

We all know how much work Judy does at the library but it becomes even more evident when she is gone. I want to thank our volunteers for stepping up to the plate to fill in while Judy is out on sick leave. I am happy to welcome Ann Pierce as our newest volunteer. Ann worked for several years at the Pease Public Library in Plymouth and more recently has worked in a school library. She brings with her a familiarity with library procedures, cataloguing experience, an ease with computers and great enthusiasm for libraries.

The next meeting of the kids' book club is Friday, November 11th with Sarah Groleau leading again. I will be going to the school next week to promote the book club to grades 4-6, bringing the books with me to give out to anyone interested in trying it out.

I would like to show a movie for grownups on a Sunday afternoon next month. I am beginning to plan our winter film series. I am going to cut back the number of films from eight to six and show them during the months of January, February and March. This time we will offer, by donation, a simple soup and bread supper following the movie for anyone who would like to stay. This will not only feed people, but give folks a chance to discuss the movie. MaryAnn Hogan has said she will help with the food.

I have been in conversation with Jane Luke about adult programming at the library. Looks like we're not going to offer anything for adults other than the movie until the holidays. We are interested in booking a group of "Victorian Ladies" to sing but they are expensive. Jane has asked the Community Club if they would like to be co-sponsor of this program. If this falls through, we will plan a program like we had two years ago where various members of the community each read a chapter of a short Christmas story, followed by refreshments.

The library has once again been collecting Halloween candy donations to help village residents with the expense of treating the hoards of trick-or-treaters which descend upon us every Halloween. People have been even more generous with their donations this year and village residents have begun picking up their candy already. I have a volunteer who is willing to bring the candy around to people in the neighborhood later in the month who haven't picked theirs up yet. Raetha Stoddard and I will be at the library on Halloween to hand out candy to trick-or-treaters and take their pictures. Maybe Judy will feel well enough to participate.

The Kindergarten with their teacher Mrs. Pohl and the 2nd graders with their teacher Mrs. Briggs came to the library last month. They all have library cards. You should see the cute picture on the blog that I took of them. They came together at their first visit, but will be coming separately every 3-4 weeks. Tomorrow the 3rd graders with their teacher Chelsea Brooks will be making their first visit. Only the 2nd graders came last year consistently, so I am pleased that more of the classes are visiting the library this year. When I visit with the 4-6 grades next week, I will encourage the teachers to bring their classes to the library, too.

At last month's Carroll County Library Cooperative meeting, I was re-elected as the programs person for our group. At our December meeting, Janice Crawford of the Mount Washington Valley Chamber of Commerce will talk with us about how libraries can better serve businesses. Next Thursday, October 20th I am scheduled to attend the Children's Librarians of NH conference in Keene. I hope to get the volunteer coverage I need to be able to leave the library for the day.

Sincerely,

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Library Director