

**Librarian's Report
Freedom Public Library
September 8, 2011**

We have wrapped up another very successful summer. I have compiled the statistics from June, July and August for patron numbers, circulation, computer use and program attendance. Please see attached. The numbers show stable use of the library with increases in some areas and decreases in others. Although the patron numbers were approximately the same as last year, it *felt* busier to Judy and me. I will be looking at ways to simplify our summer reading program next year and will be looking for additional help to run summer programs next year. I would like to look into hiring a library school student as a summer intern. Perhaps this is something we can discuss with the Friends at the fall meeting.

The number of children and teen participants went down slightly this year, although the children who did participate read more than last year. Teen reading was way down. Adults, however, participated in record numbers. There were 25% more participants than in 2010 and they read 58% more books. I am guessing the prizes were an effective incentive.

The summer reading program raised \$538 for Heifer International which we will round up to \$540. The popcorn, candy and book sales at the Ossipee Valley Music Festival in July netted \$464.63. We have a donor who will make up the difference (\$75.37). I plan to gather the kids who were most dedicated in their participation in the summer reading program to decide what animals and/or plants to choose for our money to go toward. Speaking of fundraising, the raffle of Joe Viger's photograph raised \$295 for the Friends.


Many of the florescent lights were not working in the library so I had electrician Kurt Mason come assess the situation. He ordered replacement bulbs in three different styles including some extras to have on hand. He had to replace some of the ballasts. All of the lights are back on now.

The fax component was successfully installed in the library's copier and it is much easier to use than the old fax machine. The copier can now scan documents and create pdf files from them to save on the computer or email and we can fax items directly from the librarian's computer.

We will begin monthly Pizza & Movie nights starting next Friday with the movie "The Perfect Game". I am considering showing a movie for adults early this fall as well. We are taking September off from the kids' book club, but we will get it going again in October. Jane Luke and I will soon be meeting to consider what programs the Friends could sponsor in the fall and at Christmastime.

There has been a lot of moving around of personnel at the Freedom Elementary School and a few new hires. I will be reaching out this fall to all of the teachers and offering our services. I hope that more classes will come to the library to take advantage of all we have to offer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth A. Rhyme". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Elizabeth A. Rhyme
Library Director

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Summer 2011
Program Statistics**

Summer Reading Program

	2010	2011
Kids		
# Participants	48	43
# Hours Read	1147	1163
Teens		
# Participants	22	18
# Books Read	141	78
Adults		
# Participants	55	69
# Books Read	263	416

Program Attendance

Odds Bodkin SRP Kickoff	89J	35A
School's Out Party	35J	
Benny Slavin Motorcycle Prog		26A
Wildlife Encounters	60J	42A
Toe Jam Puppet Band	36J	31A
Pizza & Movie Nights	35J	4A
	18J	1A
	34J	8A
	23J	6A
	22J	7A
	22J	3A
	29J	6A
	20J	10A
Clown Workshop	16 – 16 – 16 – 15	
Teen Night	5 – 25 – 13 – 12 – 13 – 17 – 12	
Fun Friday	35 – 15 – 13 – 21 – 13 – 35 – 12	
Writing Workshop	6 – 5 – 4 – 3 – 3	
Kids' Book Club	6 – 4	
Storytime	5 – 7 – 9 – 15 – 2 – 9 – 6 - 4	

