

Library Director's Report
Freedom Public Library
April 30, 2009

We've had several adult programs this year already, including an author visit & talk with Ivan Burnell, seven of an 8-film movie series, a scholar-led book discussion (with another one in May) with the NH Humanities Council "What is NH Reading Program", and the "Pixels to Print" program by artist Janina Lamb. All of these have been reasonably well attended. Coming up in May, we'll be showing a movie as an early Memorial Day event in conjunction with the First Christian Church of Freedom and Wayne Marshall. The movie is called "We Were Soldiers" and stars Mel Gibson. Wayne is bringing sandwiches and I will be making popcorn. Next week Freedom resident Anthony Cloutier has offered to give a free program on Advance Directives. He will explain the importance of these directives and help people create these documents for themselves. No products will be promoted.

I have one more month to complete planning for the summer's programs. I intend to keep the same basic elements as last year – a Friday children's program followed by family movie & pizza, a teen program, preschool storytime, a writing program, and some special events in addition to separate summer reading programs for elementary, teen and adult age groups. Two of the programs I am considering for teens is putting on a radio drama and a drumming workshop. We can borrow drums from the high school and Eric Rollnick said he would run a four-hour workshop with teens for just \$200. I would like to use money from the Jim Clemons fund for the teen program expenses this summer.

Arlene Knight is planning to offer another clown workshop for elementary students and have the participants perform in the Old Home Week parade. I am thinking that Judy and I may have a separate float or other entry representing the library – will discuss this with the trustees.

I have asked John Shipman to look into getting a banner made that will slide in the pocket of our new tent. I suggested that the sign read Friends of the Freedom Public Library (and be paid for by them too) but would like to double-check the wording with the trustees. I would be glad to sell popcorn at area fundraisers for the library, so let me know if you hear of an event where this would be appropriate.

Someone from Porter Office Machines will be coming next Wednesday around noon to set some defaults on the copier so that it will be easier to use. We have been frustrated by a few things about this copier and this will supposedly help with some of the issues we've been having. If you would like to attend the training, please feel free to come on Wednesday.

We have received the Kids, Books and the Arts grant which will pay \$250 toward the Robert Rivest (mime) performance I have booked as the Summer Reading Program kickoff at the school. The school is paying for half of the \$400 performance fee. This will give us an extra \$50 to pay toward the \$427 fee for the Reptiles on the Move program we're having during Old Home Week.

Briefly:

- I completed the 2008 annual report for the state, copies attached.
- After 15 straight Wednesdays, Judy and I are taking a few weeks' break from preschool storytime.
- Coffee will be available on Saturdays only until the fall.
- Many thanks to Peg Scully for running the movie this past Sunday.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth A. Rhymer
Library Director