

**Librarian's Report
Freedom Public Library
December 1, 2009**

In January 1990, Lee Fritz founded the Freedom Library's book club. Now, after 20 years of dedicated service to this group, she is stepping down as head of the book club. The book club will celebrate its 20th anniversary and, I'm sure, pay tribute to Lee at its January meeting. Sylvia Carney has agreed to take over leadership of the group. Hats off to Lee for creating and sustaining such a successful and vibrant group over so many years.

The Freedom Public Library now has a Facebook page and we currently have 75 "fans". This will be one more way to promote library events and invite communication from library patrons. All of the pictures I took over Halloween are available to view on the page as well as other photos including some I took during my recent visit to the school. Any post I make to the library's blog will automatically appear on our Facebook page.

Reading picture books at the school for the Ladybug Picture Book Award two weeks ago was a lot of fun. I had help with reading the ten nominated books from several teachers and other school personnel including the principal, Corinne Rocco. It was quite a reading marathon! The children overwhelmingly voted for "Too Many Toys" by David Shannon and I submitted all of the votes to the Center for the Book which will compile votes from across the state to select the winner of the 2009 award. Jodi Perry, the school's new media specialist, is motivated to improve library services at the school and it's been a pleasure working with her.

Last month's pizza & movie "Up" attracted 29 adults and children, a great turn out. 7 people attended "Food, Inc." which was a small number, yet several of them said they were really glad the library showed the film. I have selected 8 foreign and domestic films for our winter film series which will begin in January and am busy getting the publicity ready for that.

The children's knitting class is going very well with 6 enthusiastic participants. They are having a wonderful time at their Thursday classes and are thrilled with the dish cloths they are making. 5 people so far have said they are interested in participating in a knitting class for adults and Sally Florio has agreed to teach. We will begin this program sometime after the holidays.

Tables are set up with supplies in the lobby for make your own holiday cards. There have been some really nice ones made already!

I am putting the finishing touches on planning for our Tuesday, December 22nd Christmas program – reading of the children's chapter book "The Best Christmas." Sue Hoople, Melissa Florio, Wayne Marshall, Dick Many, Hannah Marudzinski, Nathanael Mathieu, Meghan Davis and myself will be the readers. I have also asked Marshall Kendall to participate. I think it will be a really nice evening. I will get the Friends to help with refreshments.

Louie will be featured in the February issue of Cat Fancy magazine in an article on "Literary Cats." The author emailed the library with interview questions which Judy answered and I added to. I am not sure if any of the photos I also sent were selected. The author said we will receive one or two copies of the magazine when it is published.

Our computer repair person, Joel Clement, is ill and has not been able to come work on the computers at the library. I am hopeful that he will be able to get here in the next week or two. The search computers are not working at all right now.

It's been a busy month and more to come!

Sincerely,

Elizabeth A. Rhymer
Library Director