

**Librarian's Report
Freedom Public Library
February 26, 2009**

It was good timing to get a new volunteer, as Dick Many and Sylvia Bouvé are away for several weeks. Training Nancy Griffin is going well and she has been working a couple of shifts a week. The beginning computer class she is running two days each week in March is nearly filled with three signed up and one "maybe." I'm very pleased!

The Sunday movie series is going wonderfully well. 16 people braved the iffy weather to attend last week and I expect a good turnout for this Sunday's movie, *Man on Wire*, which won an Academy Award. I will be away – Joel is filling in for me.

Ivan Burnell, a local author who recently published *Living in the Unlimited Universe*, is scheduled to speak at the library on Thursday, March 26th at 6:30 on "Success in Troubled Times." His presentation will include a PowerPoint slideshow and a question and answer period. Peg has been working with our next artist to give a presentation on the process she goes through to create posters. I think this program will be sometime in April.

I attended the last meeting of the Carroll County Library Cooperative in February and found it to be very useful. It's helpful to hear what other libraries are doing and what issues they are facing. I learned that both Effingham and Wolfeboro are getting new circulation desks this spring. Most of the librarians reported that they are coming in with level budgets this year. When I mentioned that I am working on a collection development plan for the library, one of the librarians told me about a book called *The Public Library Manager's Forms, Policies, and Procedures Handbook* which includes a CD-ROM of sample forms. I created a gift receipt/waiver form using ideas from this book and I would like to share it with the Trustees today.

I have ordered a literature rack so that we will be able to display the many forms, brochures, pamphlets, newsletters and other materials that we receive to distribute. We are using the \$275 that was donated in honor of Jackie Kucera and the other \$159.31 from the money donated in memory of Jim Clemons.

Our blog is up-to-date with eight new posts this month showing a lot of happy activity going on at the library. I have also sent out two e-newsletters this month.

I've started thinking about summer programming and have contacted the school principal to set a date for the Summer Reading Program Kick-Off. The school will pay half of the kick-off performance again and the Friends have always been

willing to pay the other half. I will apply for the Kids, Books, and the Arts grant this summer so that we can get financial help to have an additional professional program this summer. One of the “performers” participating is **Reptiles on the Move** which I had considered last summer. I’ve heard good things about them since then and would like to try to book them for Old Home Week and apply for the grant to pay for it. I have not applied for three summers, so we are likely to get it. I am going to the Children’s Librarians of NH Spring conference in Manchester on March 24th and will be able to see all of the performers on the roster and will choose among them.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth A. Rhymer
Library Director