

Report from the Library Trustees and Librarian

2013 was a busy year for the library. Circulation of materials increased by over 1000 items and over 200 new patrons received cards. We offered many programs for all ages, including book clubs, story times, and Lego Club. You can see all that we offer at our website, which is accessible directly from fremontpubliclibrary.org.

Through our website you can search our catalog and place holds on books with your card number. You can also see what you have checked out. If there is a book you want that we do not have, there are forms on our website to request books through interlibrary loan. This year, Fremonters requested 612 books from other libraries.

Through the state library we offer downloadable ebooks and audiobooks. In 2013, these checkouts increased in Fremont by a third! If you have a device you would like to download a book to but don't quite know how, stop by for a quick tutorial.

Our Summer Reading Program continued to grow in its 10th year. Participation was at an all time high as was circulation of Children's materials. For the first time, a raffle was held as incentive at the end of the 6-week program. Various local and state businesses very generously donated admission tickets and/or gift certificates that were awarded as prizes. Participants received a raffle ticket for every 20 minutes they read and chose on which attraction they wished to take a chance. For children too young to understand a raffle, there were small weekly prizes. It seemed to be a big hit! Also successful were our special events this summer. They included a concert with Steve Blunt and Marty Kelley; the Magician Norman Ng; Critters 'n' Creatures with Mona; Art in Nature with Tracy Hines; and another original Musical from the Majestic Theatre.

The FreLUGs (Fremont Lego User Group) meet the third Saturday of the month during the school year. Each meeting members are challenged to create something according to a different theme. Time is also allowed for free build and to talk about what each child has created. Registration is not required; free and open to all Fremont residents. Because of a potential safety hazard, membership in the Club starts at age 4.

This year held the 13th annual Barb Baker Memorial Golf Tournament. Thank you to all players and sponsors who make this event happen. A special thank you to Nick and the Fremont Pizzeria for providing lunch.

Our Friends of the Library have been planning some great adult programs. This fall they brought in Jeremy D'Entremont to do his Lighthouses of New England presentation. Our community room was packed! Keep an eye out for more fun programs sponsored by the Friends, including a talk by Edie Clark on March 6th. If you are interested in joining the Friends, they meet the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm. Stop by!

In closing, I would like to thank everybody who supports this library: The trustees- John Hennelly, Eric Abney, and Cheryl Rowell; the staff- Marlene Emery, Lynda Miller, Cathy Murdock; Heidi Carlson at the Town Hall; and the Friends of the Library. This year we sadly lost Dick Rand, but we fondly remember him and are so thankful for all that he did for us.

Respectfully submitted,

Bethany Brace
Librarian

2013 Circulation Statistics:

Adult Books: 5,970
Young Adult Books: 1,593
Children's Books: 12,494
DVDs: 2,450
Audios: 711
Magazines: 120

Total Circulations: 23,338

Through the State system, patrons borrowed 694 ebooks and 1,330 audiobooks.
Through interlibrary loan, Fremont borrowed 612 books and lent 496.

*"Any book that helps a child to form a habit of reading,
to make reading one of his deep and continuing needs,
is good for him."*

~ Maya Angelou