

More than Books

Cruise Night at the Library

Talk about Freeport Library being "More than Books!" Look for a vintage car show in the library parking lot during this year's Cruise Night, this Saturday, August 9.

The library has been a prime location for Cruise Night activities since 2005, the year then Library Administrative Assistant Bonnie Weaver pointed out that Cruise Night draws upwards of 2,000 people to Downtown Freeport and that taking part in the event could attract new customers to the new library.

In intervening nine years, among the historic cars on display, we've had Stephens automobiles, manufactured in Freeport, and a Starr, which hailed from Shannon. One year, we even had a Henney Motor Company ambulance.

Although the library proper will be closed, the lobby will be open until 7 p.m., and Cruise Night attendees are invited to come in for an (ahem) pit stop.

The vintage car show is organized by a local auto club in cooperation with the Freeport Downtown Development Foundation (FDDF) Cruise Night Committee.

I will be on hand in the library parking lot from 7 to 9 to sell 50-50 raffle tickets for FDDF. Please keep an eye out for me, say hello, and buy a handful of tickets. You'll be aiding a terrific organization and have a chance to win several hundred dollars, all with one purchase.

And the Winner is . . .

A guinea pig with extremely good eye contact with a knowledgeable owner took Best of Show in this year's Summer Reading Program Pet Show. We had less than our usual showing of what I think of as les-traditional pets, just a single toad. There was jump in the number of stuffed animals, however, for a good turnout.

A big thank you goes to Circulation Supervisor Lois Rees, Youth Services Supervisor Anna Doyle, and Karen Johnson, a volunteer from Therapy Dogs International (TDI), for running the show and judging the entries.

Karen is usually accompanied to the library by her husband John and their dogs and Janice and Henry. Janice is an Italian Greyhound, and Henry is a Spaniel mix. John is an all-round good guy and a therapy dog handler himself. It is thanks to Karen that Janice and Henry have a whole repertoire of tricks that make them library, classroom and nursing home favorites.

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