

Libby Hjorth
2016-2017 Employee of the Year

Who can do anything and any job at Freedom Elementary that would be Libby Hjorth. Libby is a jack-of-all-trades. Libby has worked as a Para Educator at Freedom Elementary for eight years. Libby has worked in kindergarten, first grade, double dose, and Reading Recovery Para and the special education classroom.

Libby has a great personality who puts students and learning first. I can text Libby at 6:00 am and change her schedule and she always replies with a happy attitude. Teachers love it when Libby is in their classroom helping because she truly makes a difference for students. Libby is the kind of person that can see something needs to be done, and she does it.

Libby is able to do anything, has a great attitude and is very dependable. When Reading Recovery was moved from Freedom, Libby was asked to run the entire reading recovery/double dose program. Teachers would test their students on the DRA and Libby created and worked on Tier 2 interventions with students. Amazingly, she was able to move 90 percent of first grade students to a level 18 on DRA by the end of the year.

"Libby is responsible, she is always on time, and prepared. You can tell her what to do and she will go with it. Whatever Libby does she does it 100 percent. She always brought in stuff from home to help build relationships with students and teachers. If first grade was studying chickens, Libby brought in Chickens. I remember we were studying soil and Libby volunteered to go to her farm and bring soil in to show the kids. She was not only a para professional, she was a part of our first grade team." - Shari Iverson