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The Board of Library Trustees would like to announce that beginning April 1, 2016, Jean Gallant will begin her tenure as Library Director of the Holmes Public Library. Jean has worked in the Library for over 16 years, most recently as Assistant Director.



Please join us and the library staff in wishing

Jean and the Halifax library community a great success in the years to come.

Stephen Collins Unlaunch'd Voices

An Evening with Walt Whitman

Monday, April 25 6:30pm

Sponsored by the Halifax Local Cultural Council

Met to rave reviews for over a decade, Mr. Collins' performances deliver not the just poetry and plays, but they bring poets and playwrights to life on the stage. *An Evening With Walt Whitman* opens with the elderly Whitman on the evening of his seventieth birthday. The audience is a visitor in his room as he prepares for his birthday celebration. Whitman begins to reminisce and to question his success as a man and a poet. He tells us his work has proved to be "less than a failure...."

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday 12-8 pm	Thursday 10-5pm
Tuesday 10-5 pm	Friday 10-5pm
Wednesday12-8pm	Saturday 10-2pm

SPECIAL EVENTS IN APRIL

- **Drop In Knitting**Tuesdays 10am -noon
- Strategies for Caring for Loved Ones with Dementia Mon., Apr. 4 6-8pm /Tues., Apr. 12 1pm
- Afternoon Book Club Tues., Apr. 5 1pm
- Genealogy Club Wed., Apr.6 1pm
- Sensory Storytime Sat., Apr. 9 & 23 11am
- Trustee Meeting
 Tues., Apr. 12 6:30pm
- Kids' Game Day Wed., Apr. 13 2pm
- Writers' Group Thurs., Apr. 14 3pm
- Lego Club Sat., Apr. 16 11am
- Adult Coloring
 Tues., Apr. 19 1pm
- Evening Book Club Tues., Apr. 19 6:30pm
- Mystery Book Club Wed., Apr. 20 2pm
- Halifax Kids Color Thurs., Apr. 21 12-2pm
- Unlaunch'd Voices, an Evening with Walt Whitman Mon., Apr. 25 6:30pm
- Children's Book Club Wed., Apr. 27 2:45pm
- Friends Meeting Wed., Apr. 27 6:30pm



Thank you, Friends! BookPage is BACK!

The Friends have renewed our library subscription to BookPage due to overwhelming support!

BookPage is a monthly magazine of new book



reviews, author interviews and articles of interest that patrons can take home to keep.

It's a great resource for those of us who are always 'looking for something good to read'!

"I have found the most valuable thing in my wallet is my library card."

-Laura Bush

Strategies For Positive Caregiving of Loved Ones With Alzheimer's and Other Related Dementias

This program is designed and presented by Alzheimer's specialty clinicians from Norwell VNA (NVNA) and Hospice.

The presentation will focus on different stages of caregiving and provide strategies for communication, activities, behaviors, memory loss and caregiver support.

Questions and answers will follow the presentation.

Monday, April 4 6-8 pm
Tuesday, April 12 1 pm



Of Historical Note



Aroline Soule led the movement to establish Halifax's Soldiers' Monument for Civil War Veterans.

Her son, Charles W. Soule, died at New Bern, North Carolina in 1862 at the age of eighteen.

STORIES FROM THE CHILDREN'S ROOM

Springtime is here! There will be showers of activity in the Children's room this April!

There are lots of fun programs both for National Library Week and April Vacation week. On April 13, a half day for Halifax schools, we are hosting a **Kids' Game Day** event for children in grades 1 and up starting at 2pm. We'll have several board games out to play, or bring your own from home.

Saturday the 16th we are hosting a **Lego Club** from 11 to 1. We'll build on the theme "Under the Sea" for the first hour and then have free build for the second. Check out the nonfiction shelves for examples of the awesome creations that our Lego Club built last time!

Halifax Kids Color on Thursday, April 21st. This super popular program is back! Drop in between 11am & 1pm to enjoy some coloring fun with lots of pictures for kids (and parents!) to choose from. Our **Children's Book Club** is on Wednesday, April 27 from 2:45 to 4. We're reading <u>The Mysterious Benedict Society</u> by Trenton Lee Stewart. Copies are available now at the library.

April is also Autism Awareness Month and we are so happy to be hosting our **Sensory Storytime** on Saturday at 11 on the 9th and 23rd. After the very successful first month we are making the program a drop in program for all who can attend, no more registration required!

Remember, don't let April showers get you down, there's always plenty going on at the library!

FROM THE REFERENCE DESK

Digital Books on Halifax History and Halifax Local History Collection These books are housed in the library and online. History of Halifax, Massachusetts by Guy S. Baker, Records of the Church of Christ in Halifax, 1734, The History of the Halifax Congregational Church of Halifax, Massachusetts_with notes and references by Joseph A. C. Wadsworth, III, Sylvanus Bourne: Halifax Massachusetts, 1839-1916: A Personal Memoir (1907) compiled by William D. Perkins, Children of Old Park's Tavern: A Story of the South Shoreby Frances A. Humphrey. Harper & Brothers, 1886. Take a look at the local history collection to find more Halifax history resources.