

## **Holmes Public Library**

### **Director's Report**

**April**

**April 8, 2014**

The presentation by Roy Rider on the forts of Castle Island on Saturday, March 15, which was sponsored by the Friends of the Library and made possible by Priscilla Murphy, was very well received and attended by 36 people, including many who grew up in South Boston. Thank you, Priscilla!

The May calendar isn't out yet and we haven't chosen a theme. The Massachusetts Library Association conference is May 6-8 in Worcester, and Town Meeting is May 12. Some exciting news related to our Halifax Assistive Technology project is that the library's HAT Committee proposed CART service at Town Meeting and the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee have decided to try it. Nicole Tarzia, Ms. Wheelchair Massachusetts, will be coming to do a storytime with Miss Marie on Friday, May 9, both book groups and the writers' group will meet, so the library will be busy in May! We will be closed on April 21 for Patriot's Day and on May 26 for Memorial Day.

Books in Bloom gave us the Books are Blooming theme for April. The displays will be set up on Saturday, April 26 and will be up for a week until the reception and awards presentation on Saturday, May 3, at 11 a.m. During the reception, the Friends of the Library will also recognize volunteers, including the trustees. I hope everyone who can attend will come and be appreciated for the time and effort you give to the library.

A note to me from Priscilla Murphy arrived since the last meeting in praise of Marie Coady and her Friday infant lapsit program in particular. Sent as a patron of the library, she wrote, in part: "Today I was at Marie Coady's Infant Lapsit – what a fabulous program! She includes every child in the room. Singing, dancing, reading, always something to hold their attention. She is vibrant, vivacious, and full of vitality!...Marie is a treasure – how lucky for us." Very true!

The library is an outlet for the public to purchase Halifax in Lights Committee raffle tickets raising money for a 2014 Fourth of July fireworks display. Tickets will be available here and in other locations until the tickets are picked up before the raffle drawing May 12<sup>th</sup>. A Friends of HOPS group has been formed to raise funds for a new playground and has held a few meetings at the library. The Friends of HOPS Web site is <http://friendsofhops.weebly.com> for more info. The Buildings Committee has offered to hold an informational forum here in May about the proposed purchase of the All Seasons restaurant building to be renovated and used for the Council on Aging.

Upcoming dates to remember include:

- Genealogy Myths & Legends, April 12, 10-11:30 a.m., presented by Michael Brophy
- National Library Week, April 13-19; National Library Workers Day, April 15.
- Storytime & Egg Decorating, Sat., April 19, 11 a.m.
- Books in Bloom, April 26-May 3
- An Evening of Poetry, Wed., April 30, 6:30 p.m.
- Reception and Volunteer Appreciation, Sat., May 3, 11a.m.-12p.m.
- Town Meeting, Monday, May 12, 7:00 p.m., Halifax Elementary School