

Holmes Public Library
Director's Report
April 12, 2016

The Holmes Public Library is blooming with activity in the month of May. The Library welcomes back local musician Jerry Lagadec on Monday night May 16th at 6:00 PM for a musical performance titled "Words, Winds, and Woods". Jerry is a talented musician who has given two free performances as well as donated some of his music CD's to the library. This program is completely funded by the Local Cultural Council. We look forward to another pleasurable evening for staff and patrons. Back by popular demand is the ever enjoyable **Books in Bloom** program. Suggested and facilitated by our very own trustee Priscilla Murphy, **Books in Boom** is a fun program that brings books to life. Past displays can be found on our website. Set up for the displays will be on Saturday May 7th at 10:00 AM. My goal is to have 15 displays for this program. The library will serve light refreshments. The following Saturday May 14th the library is holding an Open House as part of our Long Range Plan process. This will provide an excellent opportunity for the community to get together and enjoy all the creative displays. Members of the Council of Aging's Art class will be displaying their paintings in the Community Room during the month of May. The library will be hosting a reception on Thursday May 26th at 1:00PM for members of the community to come and view the paintings. Coffee and dessert will be served for this program.

The SAILS Library Network has received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the Holmes Public Library the amount of \$1650 as part of the FY16 Small Libraries in Networks grant. According to the grant guidelines this amount will be applied toward the Library's FY17 membership assessment and cannot be used for any other reason. This program will allow the MBLC to help approximately 146 libraries.

Our Children's Librarian Stacey joined a group called Southeastern Youth Services (SEYS). This group gets together on a regular basis to share ideas and experiences. Stacey attended a Performers Showcase Tuesday, April 12 sponsored by this group to preview performers for our Summer Reading Program. I plan on running an Adult Summer Reading Program this year and have begun doing some research on what other libraries are doing for their adult summer programs.

Work on the Long Range Plan has begun. The first meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee will be held on Wednesday night April 27th. This Committee is made up of a diverse population from our community. Members of the Selectman, Finance and Capital plan have been invited to be a part of this group. Two additional committee meetings have been tentatively scheduled and an Open House will complete the process.

Respectfully submitted,

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