

## **Holmes Public Library**

### **Director's Report**

**August 6, 2013**

Painting and carpeting of the library is now expected to start the week of August 12.

The library's Dig Into Reading summer reading program is in its final week, with the Company H Puppet Show on August 8<sup>th</sup>. All of the Monday Night Madness events were extremely well attended, including the recent reptile show on July 22nd (done free by the Museum of Science, applied for by Marie Coady) and the family Dance Party on July 29<sup>th</sup>. Also, the weather cooperated beautifully for the Pet Show last night, August 5<sup>th</sup>. The statewide summer reading program, Dig Into Reading, is sponsored by the Holmes Public Library, the Massachusetts Library System, the Boston Bruins, and the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

The library's two adult book clubs, led by Susan and Jean, met on July 16 and July 23, have had some new members join the large regular groups. This month the two groups meet together for the Combined Book Club Potluck on August 20. The writers' group (Halifax Writes) continues to meet monthly and welcomes new members. Bookmobile deliveries were made on July 3, 17, and 31.

Annual evaluations have been completed this calendar year for Marie, Jean, Amy, and Rose, in compliance with Wage & Personnel requirements. Remaining evaluations are due in October and will be done next month. I will be on vacation the week of August 12-16, but will be available by cell phone or through email.

Summer hours will end after Labor Day. Winter hours begin September 3. (Mon & Wed, 12-8; Tues, Thurs & Fri, 10-5; Saturday, 10-2). The library celebrates its 19<sup>th</sup> anniversary in this building with a family event on Saturday, Sept. 7, at 11 a.m. (Big Ryan's Tall Tales) and an adult event on Monday, Sept. 9, at 6:30 p.m. (Jerry Lagadec concert of Native American flute and spoken word).

Other upcoming dates to remember include:

- cOmpany H Puppet Show, Thurs., August 8, 11:00 a.m., Great Hall, Town Hall
- Home on the Harbor: Boston Harbor Islands Talk, Mon., August 12, 6:30 p.m.
- Combined Book Club Potluck, Tues, August 20, 6:00 p.m. (*The Memory of Running*)
- Transportation Night, August 21, 6:00 p.m. ("Touch a Truck" event for families)
- Friends of the Holmes Public Library meeting, August 28.
- Halifax Assistive Technology Sandbox Day, Saturday, September 28, 11-1