

## **Holmes Public Library**

### **Director's Report**

**August 12, 2014**

Welcome to our new trustees Caroline Harrington and Ava Grimason! It is great to be getting back to a regular monthly meeting schedule after no trustees meetings in June and July.

Another very successful six-week summer reading program was completed on August 8 -- with a few family events still to come, including the annual Company H puppet show at the Great Hall on Thursday, August 14, at 11 a.m., put on by the library's teen puppet troupe, produced and directed by Marie Coady. Company H was made possible through the Sandra LaCivita Children's Arts Fund and is in its fourth year. Summer reading is a tremendously busy time, and Marie Coady and Jean Gallant deserve special credit for another great program this year! Attendance statistics are

reported to the state to demonstrate the value of the statewide summer reading program.

We were very pleased to have the library's requested appropriation of \$303,257 approved by residents at Town Meeting in May, which was brought up to \$306,318 with a 1-1/2% wage increase. The other article pertaining to the library also passed, \$3,150.00 to replace the two old children's room computers with an AWE Early Literacy Station (This is in place and has been well received); to replace the old Internet-access computer (This new computer, with Windows 8 and a touchscreen monitor, has been ordered.); and to purchase a 16-GB iPad or Android tablet for staff training, presentations, and for public use in one-on-one technology help sessions and classes (not yet ordered, but will be soon).

The Holmes Public Library has been informed by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC) that our application for a Customer Experience in the Digital Age staff development grant has been approved, contingent on state funding, so we are happy to have the chance to develop our reader's advisory and digital technology skills together as a staff.

The library will be closed on September 1 for Labor Day, and the library will be open on Saturdays again, starting September 6. Winter hours start after Labor Day, so the library will be open 12-8 on Mondays and Wednesdays, starting September 3.

Upcoming dates to remember include:

- Company H Puppet Show, Thursday, August 14, 11:00 a.m.
- Combined Book Club Potluck, Tuesday, August 19 6:00 p.m.
- Friends of the Library Meeting, Wednesday, August 27, 6:30 p.m.
- Trustee Orientation, Boyden Library, Foxborough, Monday, Sept. 22, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

You may wish to subscribe to receive emails on topics of interest to library trustees through the MBLC at <http://mblc.state.ma.us/sympa/info/trustees> Remember, you can access past meeting minutes, agenda, and director's reports on the Town Web site, whenever the mood strikes you. You can also read the library monthly newsletter online! Sign up on the Town Web site to be notified when it is available, and to receive other town news and notices at: <http://www.town.halifax.ma.us/Subscriber>