

# Holmes Library News

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## Halifax Assistive Technology Grant Update

The library's Halifax Assistive Technology (HAT) Project is designed to improve library services for residents with disabilities.

What we've purchased:

- Merlin: a high-definition video magnifier with text-to-speech capability;
- An adjustable table for Merlin, making it accessible to wheelchair users;
- Assistive listening devices for library programs;
- Software to make computers accessible to people with low vision.
- large-print books & audiobooks



**Materials on display at the Halifax Assistive Technology Open House** On-on-one appointments are available to learn how to operate the new technology!

- DVDs with closed captioning or audio description.

The library also hopes to become a clearing-house of information on services for people with

disabilities, along with the Council on Aging.

Don't wait till Sandbox Day on Sept. 28th to try the technology. Schedule an appointment to see how it works today!

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### *News in Brief*

- Calendar change: Senior Singers Sing-along now at 2 p.m. **Monday, August 26.**
- Search features of new online catalog are being updated on August 17th. Please ask if you need help learning how to use the new catalog!
- Pay for lost books or overdue fines online using SmartPay portal on Web site.

## Events for Families and Kids



This summer has been another year of fun and Monday Night Madness with Miss Marie and her crews of faithful teen volunteers. Monday Night Madness ends with the big Pet Show on August 5.

But don't forget the cOmpany H Puppet Show at Town Hall Thursday, **Aug. 8**, 11 a.m., and Transportation Night Wednesday, **August 21**, 6 p.m., when big trucks come to the library.

Then celebrate the start of the school year and breathe a huge sigh of relief with other parents at the library's Parents' Tea on the first day of school, Wednesday, **August 28**, 10 a.m.

## Friends of the Library Corner

This month's Friends of the Holmes Public Library meeting is Wednesday, August 28, at 6:30 p.m. New members and volunteers are always welcome.

There are many ways to help out with the Friends, from the Silent Auction in December to the annual Book & Bake Sale every June.

The ongoing book sale near the library's front door is a

steady moneymaker for the Friends. Many thanks for this go to Lisa Penzo-Johnson, who organizes donations of gently used books, DVDs, and music CDs, and keeps the shelves looking neat and attractive.

Lisa makes special displays for the holidays and is especially hoping for donations of popular adult paperbacks, cookbooks, children's books, and board books this fall.

For more info on joining the Friends, come to a meeting, or visit the Friends page at [holmespubliclibrary.org/Friends.html](http://holmespubliclibrary.org/Friends.html)

### The Friends' Board

**Chair:** Jen Packard

**Treasurer:** Monica Mueller

**Secretary:** Maureen Rogers

### Members at Large:

Joan Brides

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### Summer Hours

**Monday, 10-8**

Tuesday, 10-5

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Thursday, 10-5

Friday, 10-5

**Saturday, CLOSED**

## Library Display



The Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands traveling exhibit is in the display case through August, in conjunction with the Boston Harbor Islands talk. Please call the library if you have a collection or a hobby to display.

## Home on the Harbor: August 12, 6:30 p.m.

Take a virtual tour of the Boston Harbor Islands at the Holmes Public Library on Monday, **August 12** at 6:30 p.m., with a slide presentation on the history and special features of the 34 islands that make up the Boston Harbor Islands National Park.

Special attention will be given to the two "Gateway Islands," Georges and Spectacle, but information about many different islands will

be presented, as well as maps and aerial photos.

Home on the Harbor is suitable for adults, seniors, and families with children ages 10 and up.

Home on the Harbor is sponsored by the Friends of the Holmes Public Library and the Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands.

