



HOLMES PUBLIC LIBRARY

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December - News to Know

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Holiday Hours to note:



Dec. 24 Christmas Eve 10-1

Dec. 25 Christmas Day Closed

Dec. 31 New Year's Eve 10-5

Jan. 1 New Year's Day Closed

December Brings Joy to the Library

Tis' the season to be jolly!

The Holmes Public Library is holding a free **Holiday Greens Workshop** on Saturday, December 5 from 11am to 1pm. Make and take home a beautiful holiday centerpiece made with fresh-cut greens. Participants are asked to bring their own holiday containers, cutters and any decorations they wish to contribute to the workshop. The library will provide Styrofoam, pinecones and all of the greens. Space is limited so please register.

Also in December our new Children's Librarian Miss Stacey will be running a program called **"Give the Gift of a Story"**. For every 3 books a child reads in December, they may come to the library to tell Miss Stacey all about them and then select a book to give to the library from brand-new books set aside for this purpose. Each child will have his or her name placed into the book so everyone knows who "donated" the book to the library. The best part is being the very first child to be allowed to check out the new library book!

STORIES FROM THE CHILDREN'S ROOM

Hello everyone,

What a wonderful Halifax welcome I've received!

Children of all ages have been keeping busy in the children's room, and we are excited to continue that trend in December! We will be having storytimes from Infants thru Pre-K on Thursdays and Fridays continuing until Dec. 11th. We'll be looking at Polar Bears and Snow, and making fun crafts to enhance the stories we read. We also have the STEM Playgroup meeting Dec 4th, 11th, and 18th from 1:30 to 2:30 to teach children ages 3-5 about concepts in science and math. Our Children's Book Club will be meeting Dec. 9th to discuss the exciting and zany book *Escape From Mr. Lemoncello's Library* by Chris Grabenstein. Lastly, we'll be holding a Polar Express PJ Storytime the evening of Dec. 16th. Stop by to hear this classic children's tale and have some fun with cocoa and decorating cookies. I hope to see you at some of our wonderful programs, or just stop by the children's room desk to say hi!

~Miss Stacey

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday 12-8 pm

Tuesday 10-5 pm

Wednesday 12-8pm

Thursday..... 10-5pm

Friday 10-5pm

Saturday 10-2pm

SPECIAL EVENTS IN DECEMBER

- **Silent Auction**
fundraiser continues until December 16!
- **Genealogy Club**
Wed., Dec. 2, 1pm
- **Holiday Greens Workshop**
Sat., Dec 5, 11am
- **Afternoon Book Club**
Tues., Dec. 8 1pm
- **Children's Book Club**
Wed., Dec. 9 2:45-4pm
- **STEM Playgroup**
Fri., Dec. 4,11,18 1:30pm
- **Writers' Group**
Thurs., Dec.10 3pm
- **Holidays in Halifax**
Library Open House
Sat., Dec. 12 5-7:45pm
- **Evening Book Club**
Tues., Dec. 15 6:30pm
- **Polar Express Pajama Storytime**
Wed., Dec. 16 6:30pm
- **Halifax Writer's Group**
Thurs., Dec. 17 3pm

THE FRIENDS' CORNER

The Friends Annual Silent Auction is now underway!

Please support the Friends by coming in to place your bids during regular library hours and during our Holidays in Halifax open house. Bids will be final on December 16, 7:30pm.

This year the popular fundraising event features 30 items generously donated by members of the Friends, trustees, staff and patrons. View photos and current high bids on the library web site! "We hope people will come in to support the Friends of the Library," says auction



organizer and Friends board member Joan Brides.

Need to join or renew? Pick up a membership form at the library.

The Friends of the Holmes Public Library is a 501©3 nonprofit organization. Contributions are tax-deductible. Please consider making a year-end contribution.

Holidays in Halifax

Visit us during Holidays in Halifax on Saturday, December 12th. The library will be open at 5:00 pm. Warm up with hot cider and homemade cookies compliments of the Friends of the Library.

For your listening pleasure the library will host a musical performance by students from Silver Lake Regional High School at 6:00 pm. The Friends greatly appreciate donation of baked goods. Donations may be dropped off anytime at the library on Friday during regular library hours of Saturday morning. Thank You!

“Libraries will get you through times of no money better than money will get you through times of no libraries.” –Anne Herbert

HISTORICAL TIDBIT: HOLMES LIBRARY BEGINNINGS

In 1876, Doctor Howland Holmes of Lexington, MA donated the sum of one hundred dollars to establish a free library in the town of Halifax.

Dr. Holmes was the oldest brother of a resident of Halifax, John Holmes, who is best remembered for his work as a tin peddler.

The old Town Hall, which had been the original meeting-house, housed the library in a room once used as a drill hall. The building was destroyed in a fire in 1907 and the contents were a total loss.

-From Guy Baker's [A History of Halifax](#)

FROM THE REFERENCE DESK

HALIFAX WRITES is a group for adults sponsored by the Library and facilitated by participants to work on writing skills or simply get ideas.

Our Library offers a place for local writers to share with others who are working on long term and short term projects. Some projects are family and childhood recollections, local history and poetry.

The meetings are casual and members are invited to participate with their comments. There are opportunities for free writing on random topics as well as original work.

All skill levels and styles are welcome. Meetings are monthly on Thursday afternoons.

No reservations are required. Drop in or call **781-293-2271** for more information.