

## **Holmes Public Library**

### **Director's Report**

**July 16, 2013**

Painting and carpeting bids were received by Gerry Elliott, head of Buildings & Grounds, to complete the work that was started last year. Originally, the painting was to be done in July and the carpeting in August, but the start date for the painting is now August.

The library's Dig Into Reading summer reading program is in full swing, with large crowds turning out for the June 28<sup>th</sup> Kick-Off with Mike the Hatman; six different weekly storytimes; and the Monday Night Madness events. Excitement is building now for the Dance Party on July 29<sup>th</sup>, Pet Show on August 5<sup>th</sup>, and, of course, the Company H Puppet Show on August 8<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. Most performances are sponsored by the Friends of the Holmes Public Library. Magic by Scott Jameson (July 5) was funded by the Halifax Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Mass. Cultural Council, a state agency. The Reptiles! show (July 22) is generously donated to the community by the Museum of Science.

The library's two adult book clubs, led by Susan and Jean, met on June 11 and June 18. Book club blogs have been started up again making online discussion possible for readers who can't attend book club meetings. The writers' group (Halifax Writes) met on June 13. Bookmobile deliveries were made by Paula on June 5 and June 19. Amy continues to offer one-on-on tech help and to produce beautifully designed publicity materials.

For staff professional development, Jean Gallant has completed the Basic Library Techniques training courses offered through the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, which qualifies her to receive the Certificate of Special Training in Basic Library Techniques. Basic Library Techniques (BLT) is a group of four special training courses designed for public library directors who do not have a master of library science degree. The intent of the BLT program is to provide practical training in library administration, reference, cataloging and materials selection. (The BLT requirement to receive State Aid to Public Libraries applies only to municipalities with a population under 10,000, and within that group, only to library directors who do not have a master of library science degree.)

Upcoming dates to remember include:

- Evening Book Club, Tues, July 23, 6:30 p.m. (*The Rules of Civility*)
- Monday Night Madness: Pet Show, August 5, 6:00 p.m. (Rain date, August 19)
- Friends of the Holmes Public Library meeting, August 28. (No meeting in July)