

Holmes Public Library
Director's Report June 2011

Town meeting is over! Over the next few weeks, the Library staff will sit down and review allocations for the materials budget. Under discussion are online databases (a genealogy resource) and applying some of our materials budget to e-books and downloadable audiobooks (Overdrive through SAILS).

I am becoming reasonably comfortable with the idea of the big move (fiction and non-fiction swap). Gerry Elliot has a team of six people who can help with the move and is proposing the end of June—6 AM to 10 AM (when the library opens) Monday through Friday. The advantage of this is it would be done quite soon, and then we can move on; the disadvantage is Summer Reading is beginning and Staff will be less available to be part of the move.

Library Staff have been discussing policy issues (decertified libraries, fines, cell phone use, in particular), and I've created a GoogleDocs file that contains all the current library policies and am proposing the Trustees and Staff choose three to work on revising and then looking at one per month. This is the link to the files. Besides updating the content of the policies, decisions about organizing the files need to be made. This is just a start:

<https://docs.google.com/document/pub?id=1LV3X7pXHzPrJ0hTaQuSGxnObe7txn5ppLR1sgB-jXo4>

In addition, streamlining all the library's social networking (wikis, blogs, Facebook...) outlets is high on our priority list.

Aj (Andrew LaGambina) has decided that library landscaping will be his Eagle Scout project! Over the next few weeks, Aj will be doing some research and thinking about the project. He will be working with the Trustees, Gerry Elliott and others, and I will serve as a resource for him. Aj will later meet with Carol Julien (who will also serve as a resource) and Bill Perkins (we haven't mentioned anything to Bill yet) with the purpose of ensuring that we treat their memorial gardens with respect and do not stray too far from their original design goals. Aj's Eagle Scout advisor is Bob Gerhard. The current idea is that the front garden be brought back to its original state, perhaps adding some stone work and raising the bed. The Reading Garden discussion is the more involved, perhaps with some structure that would add shade.

With more than 100 people attending, Company H's May 28th's performance was to a packed house. Miss Marie created a magical Jack in the Beanstalk set and offered the performers and the audience a show they will not soon forget. Coming next week (June 22), is a very special author event "Books and Ballet" (Gwendolyn the Grafeful Pig) with the dancers from the Dance Workshop of Hanover. The summer kick-off will be Friday, June 24 at 11 with Mr. Magichead. All the Staff are quite excited with Miss Marie's plans for "One World, Many Stories." The Friends of the Library held a very successful book sale last weekend. The weather was beautiful, and all the Friends turned out to help out. The last Golden Opportunities Writers Workshop is Monday, and Susan has already developed an outline for a fall series (preview: writers' group, genealogy workshop, Kilroy was here and more).

Respectfully Submitted,
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