

Holmes Public Library

Director's Report

March 11, 2014

March is Go Green at Your Library Month, starting with a Green Eggs and Ham Storytime on Saturday, Mar. 1, featuring Miss Jean as special guest reader, along with Dr. Suess-related crafts. Other March events include a St. Patrick's Day Coffee Hour on Saturday, March 15, featuring a talk by Roy Rider, docent and historian at Castle Island's Fort Independence, sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Trustee Chair Priscilla Murphy attended one of children's librarian Marie Coady's regular Friday infant lapsit sessions and was so impressed by Miss Marie's energy and the children's obvious enthusiasm for the songs, stories and activities that she wanted to make sure that Marie's talent and hard work was recognized. She phoned Marie and also wrote a letter to me, which I haven't received yet. Infant lapsit is a wonderful weekly Friday morning program for adult caregivers and their little ones, who range in age from infants up to preschoolers. It is always well attended, rain or shine; Miss Marie has a faithful Friday following. The programmed activities are followed by an open play session, allowing parents and caregivers to socialize together every week while the children play.

The adult program, Heart-Healthy Foods for Your Valentine (& You), sponsored by the Friends, on Wednesday, Feb. 12, was very informative and attended by 15 people. Several new members joined the Friends of the Library during Love Your Library Month. The February meeting was also well attended.

Since last month's Board of Trustees meeting, the library has received additional gifts of \$125 in memory of Judith Leff, who passed away on January 13, bringing the total to \$950. Individual donors have been thanked and acknowledgments have also been sent to the family.

The library has been asked by Joy of the Halifax in Lights Committee to allow the public to purchase raffle tickets raising money for a 2014 Fourth of July fireworks display. If the trustees decide to allow the library to be an outlet for the ticket sales for two months, I would plan on handling the raffle ticket sales myself to avoid adding another transaction to the busy circulation desk. The drawing will be held on May 12, 2014 at the John & Son's Golf Tournament benefiting the Halifax in Lights 2014 Fireworks. The Halifax in Lights Committee is an official town committee and the fireworks are a town event. I see allowing the library to be an outlet for the raffle ticket sales as a goodwill gesture, in support of an annual town-wide event. I do not think this gesture of support will lead people to expect the Board of Trustees to approve other sales by individuals, nonprofit groups, or for-profit businesses.

Upcoming dates to remember include:

- St. Patrick's Day Coffee Hour: The Forts of Castle Island, Sat., Mar. 15, 11:00 a.m.
- Drop-In Technology Help with Amy, Sat. Mar. 22, 10-1
- **Deadline for nomination papers with 32 signatures to Town Clerk's office, Mar. 25, 4 p.m.**
- Friends of the Holmes Public Library meeting, Wed., Mar. 26, 6:30 p.m.
- Halifax Garden Club meeting at the library, Sat., Mar. 29, 10:00 a.m.
- Library Legislative Day, State House, March 31, 9 a.m. (Free bus is available)
- Genealogy Myths & Legends, April 12, 10-11:30 a.m., presented by Michael Brophy