

Holmes Public Library
Director's Report
March 10, 2020

March is **Read Across America Month!**

The Library was very busy during the Month of February! Circulation increased over last year at this time. A total of 3403 items were circulation for the month of February. This is an increase of 274 items from last February. Children's Librarian, Holly Iannucci facilitated a total of 18 Children's Programs with a total of 591 attendees. These numbers include a very successful February vacation week. During February week Holly presented a Family Movie matinee with "Toy Story 4", Wacky Wednesday, Playdough day, Open Art Studio, and a Winter Story time. She did a great job keeping our community's children entertained all week long.

In conjunction with Read Across America Month, Holly has visited the Halifax Elementary to read stories to Kindergarten students and help School Librarian Jackie Thibeault with a craft. Upon request, she has also visited two separate preschools in the area to introduce herself and read stories. This is a combine total of 6 visits servicing over 100 children. These numbers are important because each year we must report a dollar figure to the State calculating staff time and resources that the Library spent contributing to the public schools.

The Community Read is off to a great start. The banners and the displays are generating plenty of interest. Thank You to Assistant Director Marie Coady for making the beautiful brochures displaying all the great programs associated with the Community Read. In the Children's Room there is a cut out of person silhouette and children are asked to name their Hero, draw their face and give a brief description of why they chose this person. Dr. Seuss erasers are given as prizes. The answers are very enjoyable. One of them names Bill the Sea Turtle because he saves other Sea Turtles. The books and related reading the library purchased have been cataloged under an item category of "commread" allowing us to track the circulation at the end. This number will not include books obtained from other libraries.

I have been appointed to the Building & Facility Needs Committee. The charge of the Committee is to determine which departments need to have their facilities renovated or replaced, what programs and services those departments will offer, the physical requirements, and what Town owned parcels are available to place or construct these facilities. While I will be taking it all in and representing the needs of the library, my main focus will be to make sure the issues of parking spaces and lighting in the parking lot are not forgotten.

We have a celebrity among in our midst. Halifax Resident Susan Hill recently made an appearance on Jeopardy! Susan will be at the library on Monday, March 23rd @ 6:30PM to talk about her journey to becoming a Jeopardy contestant. Thank You to Assistant Director Marie Coady for facilitating this program.

Respectfully Submitted,

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