

## **Holmes Public Library**

### **Director's Report**

**May 12, 2014**

Four folding tables on wheels have been purchased from W.B. Mason for \$1543.48 using money from the Trust Fund. Two of the bases were scratched on receipt and have been replaced with new bases. The tables seem to be working out well.

At the Annual Town Meeting tonight, residents will vote on the library's requested appropriation of \$303,257 under Article 5 – Operating Budget. The other article pertaining to the library is Article 30: “To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$4,500 for computer hardware and software and accompanying materials and equipment for the Holmes Public Library or take any action thereon.” Breakdown:

\$3,150.00 To replace the two children's room computers with an AWE Early Literacy Station

\$688.00 To replace a public Internet-access computer (desktop)

\$499.00 To purchase a 16-GB iPad or Android tablet for staff training, presentations, and for public use in one-on-one technology help sessions and classes.

The Friends of the Library presented Books in Bloom, with displays in the library from April 26 to the reception on Saturday, May 3, where prize certificates were awarded and library trustees and volunteers were recognized and appreciated. Many thanks go to Trustee Chair Priscilla Murphy for her hard work on this event.

The Stuffed Animal Sleepover with Marie and Jean will be this Saturday, May 17. Watch for the film footage from that event; it should be fun! Nicole Tarzia, Ms. Wheelchair Massachusetts 2013, was the guest reader at a disability awareness storytime during Marie Coady's preschool storytime on May 9.

The Genealogy Myths and Legends program presented by Michael Brophy and sponsored by the Friends was attended by 15 people. Amy has offered to moderate a monthly genealogy group for people who are delving into their family history and will be holding the first meeting on Wednesday, June 25, at 1 p.m. The first Word Game Night during school vacation week attracted 14 people of all ages. The Evening of Poetry with Barbara Carlson on April 30 ended up competing with a well-attended public hearing at Town Hall, but the small audience seemed to enjoy the reading and the Q&A.

May is National Photography Month. Digital Photography Basics will be presented on Wednesday, May 21, by a member of the Hockomock Digital Photographers Camera Club. Amanda Rebelo Photography has a Mother's Day display in the display case this month.

The library will be closed on May 26 for Memorial Day. The Friends of the Library are now accepting donations for the Annual Book and Bake Sale on Saturday, June 7. That will be the last Saturday that the library is open until after Labor Day. Upcoming dates to remember include:

- Digital Photography Basics, Wednesday, May 21, 6:30 p.m.
- Friends of the Library Meeting, Wednesday, May 28, 6:30 p.m.
- Word Game Night, Thursday, May 29, 6:30 p.m.
- Issues of the Day with Rep. Tom Calter, Monday, June 2, 6:30 p.m.
- Annual Book & Bake Sale, Saturday, June 7, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.