

Holmes Public Library

Director's Report

November 12, 2013

Holiday hours for the library have been set. The library will close at 5 p.m. the Wednesday before Thanksgiving and be closed on Thanksgiving Day, with regular hours on the Friday and Saturday following Thanksgiving. For Christmas, the library will be open 10-1 on Dec. 24, closed Dec. 25, and open regular hours the rest of the week. For New Year's, the library will be open 10-5 on Dec. 31, closed on Jan. 1, and open regular hours the rest of the week. Staff receives holiday pay on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1, and half-holidays on Dec. 24 and Dec. 31.

The library received three framed photographs of the historic Monponsett Inn on long-term loan from the Schindler family. They are hanging on the wall near the Wireless Center and large front window.

The library continues to offer monthly book discussion groups and to try to get online participation through the book club blogs. (Click on Book Clubs at <http://holmespubliclibrary.org> to view.) The Children's Book Club started up again on November 7. The Halifax Writes writers' group meets monthly; the November meeting is Thursday, Nov. 14, at 3:00 p.m.

Hearing Loss 101 with Jonathan O'Dell of the Massachusetts Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing was held on October 22. It was informative but attended by only 15 people. The Halloween Story Time and Costume Parade put on by Children's Librarian Marie Coady on Saturday, October 26, was attended by 75 people. Photos have been posted on Facebook and Flickr. The Big Ryan Story Time honoring grandparents on Saturday, November 2, was attended by 50 children, parents, and grandparents. Thank you to the South Shore Community Action Council for sponsoring that event!

Due to staff medical appointments, I was unable to attend Massachusetts Library System annual meeting on November 4, as had been planned. I have been attending SAILS membership meetings and SAILS board meetings once a month, in alternating months. Jean will attend the SAILS Circulation Meeting on Dec. 11 at the Seekonk Public Library.

Upcoming dates to remember include:

- Friends of the Holmes Public Library meeting, Wed., Nov. 13, 6:30 p.m.
- Coffee Hour Presentation: Fort Warren in the Civil War, Sat., Nov. 16, 11 a.m.- noon
- Annual Silent Auction donations due by Nov. 18
- Evening Book Club, *Doc* by Mary Doria Russell, Tues., Nov. 19, 6:30 p.m.
- Poetry Reading: Winston Bolton, Wed., Nov. 20, 6:30 p.m.
- Senior Singers Christmas Concert/Sing-Along, Wed., Dec. 4, 6:30 p.m.
- Holidays in Halifax at the library, Saturday, Dec. 14, 5-8 p.m.
- Southeastern Mass. Library Legislative Breakfast, February 7, 2014, 8-10 a.m.