

Holmes Public Library  
Director's Report  
November 16, 2021

Happy November! Sitting here beginning this report and wondering where the month of November has gone. No surprise here, as most days I am wondering where the day has gone. While the months and days are moving by quickly, I am happy to say that the Staff and I are in a really good groove, working through the daily challenges of a Pandemic that simply will not go away! Assistant Director Maria Bumpus is doing a great job keeping all of us (especially me) focused on the correct policies and procedures at a time when our daily work can be quite stressful. Having the correct answer at your fingertips is priceless. Emily Moreno, our not so new Technology coordinator is busy each day learning all of the new parts of working in a library. Holly Iannucci, Our Children's Librarian is just great being Holly. She brings such enthusiasm and joy to our day with her infectious personality. I can't ever imagine the Holmes Public Library without her. Debbie Adducci, our Public Service Librarian is so natural in everything she brings to the library and her relationships. She makes what she does every day look easy which I know is not the case. Lynnette Toohey has been with the Library since 2016 and I honestly can not imagine the Library without Lynnette's presence. Lynnette is a true professional making her job the most important thing in the world to her when she is in the building. She has done a tremendous job at everything she does but I give her special credit for facilitating the COA Bookclub and being the Bookmobile Liason. Then there is me, who is so Thankful for these five extraordinary women who have been my backbone and support system for the library for the last 18 months. They are a special group. Be sure to check out our Christmas Picture coming soon.

The Library has received official word from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners that The Holmes Public Library is certified for FY21. The first of our state aid payments of \$8,111.24 has been received and deposited into our LIG Account. The LIG Account is specifically set up to hold our State Aid payments which carry over from year to year. These monies carry over from fiscal year to fiscal year and there are no limitations on how they can be spent.

Work has begun on the "Mind in the Making" LSTA Grant. The official name for this grant is "ME + YOU = A WHOLE WIDE WORLD OF PLAY". Materials have been ordered and official publicity will be ready to go out in December. There are three components to this grant. The current toy room will be turned into an all-inclusive play-and-learn space for ages 0 to 4. Outside of the toy room, currently housing the Juvenile Books on CD will be turned into an Exploration Station geared toward ages 4 to 6. The current open space in the Children's Room will become a quiet reading area for caregivers and child. We are excited to begin this process.

Sincerely,

Jean Gallant