

**Holmes Public Library
Director's Report
October 11, 2016**

Happy October!!

The month of October is a storm of activity and news at the Holmes Public Library. We have received an official letter from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners that our Long Range Plan for FY18 to FY22 has been reviewed and meets the Library Services and Technology Act and the Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program planning requirement. This is great news and the staff is excited to begin implementation of the plan for FY18. Deadline for submission of the FY18 Action to the state is December 1, 2016. Another piece of good news is that the library is once again the recipient of the Small Library in Network Grant awarded by the State. We have received \$1,650.00 which is the same amount as last year. These monies are given to SAILS and applied to our FY18 network Assessment. The library has purchased the online database "Zinio for Libraries". Using their library card Halifax patrons can now download magazines onto their devices or computers. This is a small library value collection and contains over sixty magazines. This is available from the front page of our website. Monthly circulation statistics will be supplied by Recorded Books. These statistics can be recorded on the yearly State ARIS report.

The Library will once again be participating in the Halifax Triad Health Fair. The Fair will be held at Our Lady of the Lake Church on Wednesday October 19, 2016 from 10:00AM to 2:00PM. Along with Health and Wellness vendors the Halifax Police and Fire Departments will be available to discuss safety issues important to Seniors. The library will set up a table with our calendar, newsletter, and other materials to let attendees know what is happening at the Holmes.

Children's Librarian Stacey Beshers has started an Aimee group which will meet on the first Monday of the month. There was a wonderful turnout for the first meeting in October. The group is geared toward tweens and teens.

In accordance with our Long Range Plan, Assistant Director Marie Coady has begun to hold Technology workshops using the new projector system in the Community Room. She will be holding an afternoon Pinterest program in November. Marie also attended a workshop on Gale Databases. Given by a Gale Representative this workshop was about the new Gale Interface for searching their database. Marie also plans on participating in a Webinar to learn how to customize our Gale front page.

Library Director, Jean Gallant is scheduled to attend two upcoming training sessions. In November, she will attend a training on using the Novelist database. Novelist is a Reader's Advisory database purchased by SAILS and made available to all SAILS patrons. In December, she will be attending a Reports Roundtable. This is a training session on how to understand the many reports available to Library Directors through the SAILS Network. These reports cover a wide range of topics from circulation statistics to weeding reports.

Please mark your calendars and join us for a Retirement Reception for Susan Scott on Wednesday October 19, 2016 at 3pm.