

Holmes Public Library
Director's Report
September 10, 2013

The library was asked to limit its hours starting August 28, the first day of school, to stay within the time the school building would be open. This meant closing at 6 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays and not opening on Saturdays. We continued to open the library at 10 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays to keep the reduction in total hours to a minimum. We will begin regular winter hours on September 16 (Mon & Wed, 12-8; Tues, Thurs & Fri, 10-5; Saturday, 10-2). Events to celebrate the library's 19th anniversary in this building had to be rescheduled.

Most of the library painting and carpeting was done between August 12 and August 27 under the direction of the head of Buildings & Grounds, Gerry Elliott. Finishing touches such as hanging artwork back up and replacing molding are still being done, but the work was completed on schedule before Labor Day. With so much help available from Buildings & Grounds, library staff was able to rearrange seating, computers, and shelving to make the library's limited space more accessible and inviting.

The library's busy summer calendar continued through the end of August with a talk by Kevin Rogers on the Boston Harbor Islands on Aug. 12, attended by 30 people; Transportation Night on Aug. 21, attended by 40 people; and the Senior Singers Sing-Along on Aug. 26, attended by 37 people. The library's two adult book clubs, led by Susan and Jean, met for the Combined Book Club Potluck on August 20. The writers' group, Halifax Writes, continues to meet monthly and welcomes new members. Bookmobile deliveries were made by Paula on August 14 and 28.

The Halifax Assistive Technology Advisory Committee met for the final time on Sept. 4. A memo was sent to the Board of Selectmen and representatives from the library staff and the HAT Advisory Committee will attend a selectmen's meeting to discuss potential uses of technology at town meetings. (Date to be scheduled.)

All staff evaluations, except for the library director's, have been completed for this calendar year, in compliance with Wage & Personnel requirements.

Upcoming dates to remember include:

- Afternoon Book Club, Tues., Sept. 17, 1:00 p.m. (*Swim Back to Me: Stories*)
- TRIAD Health Fair, Sat., Sept. 21, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Halifax Elementary School
- Special Town Meeting, Mon, Sept. 23, 7:30 p.m., Halifax Elementary School
- Evening Book Club, Tues., Sept. 24, 6:30 p.m. (*The Time Keeper*)
- Intro to Universal Class, Wed., Sept. 25, 3:00 p.m.
- Friends of the Holmes Public Library meeting, Wed., Sept. 25, 6:30 p.m.
- Halifax Assistive Technology Sandbox Day, Sat., September 28, 11-1
- Jerry Lagadec / Native American Flute concert, Mon., Oct. 7, 6:30 p.m.