

Holmes Public Library

Director's Report

September 9, 2014

Many building improvements have been made since the August meeting of the Board of Trustees. The Buildings & Grounds department, headed by Gerry Elliott, put up new staff parking signs, painted the upper part of the front of the building, and painted front and back exterior doors. An outside company was also brought in to replace and repaint the window sills on the front and side of the building. Staff and patrons had to suffer through some noisy days while the work was going on, but it's great to have it all done now. The Buildings & Grounds department went above and beyond during the summer in other ways, too, such as helping to transport the stage and other stuff back and forth to Town Hall for the Company H puppet show, etc. Acknowledgment of this extra work was also made in the library newsletter this month.

Two events selected and funded by the Halifax Cultural Council will be held at the library this month. Mixing the Mediums on September 10, 6:00-7:30 p.m. is an art & poetry workshop with Kingston poet Bill Alberti, and To Life! Celebrations in Story & Song is a family event with performer John Porcino from western Mass. The library will apply again this year for the Plimoth Plantation Heritage Pass program at \$550 for May 1, 2014-April 30, 2014, as this is one of the library's most popular passes.

The new all-in-one computer with a touchscreen monitor for the YA area has been ordered and delivered, but it didn't have Windows 8.1 system software installed as requested, so we are waiting to have that done before having the new computer set up.

The contract from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC) for our Customer Experience in the Digital Age staff development grant has arrived in the mail. The Board of Trustees will be asked to authorize the trustee chair to sign the contract, and the Town Accountant will keep an original copy on file for the town. The project will run October 1, 2014-September 30, 2014.

The library is starting up a third monthly book club, so in addition to the Afternoon Readers and the Evening Readers, there will be the Mystery Readers. The first meeting will be on September 18. The Genealogy Club has met monthly since June and has been attended by 8-12 people a month. Drop-in Knitting is starting back up on Wednesday nights, facilitated by volunteer Margie Goodwin.

As a trustee, you may want to subscribe to receive emails on topics of interest to library trustees through the MBLC at <http://mblc.state.ma.us/sympa/info/trustees> Remember, you can access past meeting minutes, agenda, and director's reports on the Town Web site. You can also read the library monthly newsletter online. Sign up on the Town Web site to be notified when it is available, or to receive other town news and notices at: <http://www.town.halifax.ma.us/Subscriber>

Upcoming dates to remember include:

- Trustee Orientation, Boyden Library, Foxborough, Monday, Sept. 22, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Friends of the Library Meeting, Wednesday, September 24, 6:30 p.m.