

## **Holmes Public Library Director's Report September 13, 2016**

After a busy summer the children have returned to school and September brings with it a sense of calm at the Holmes Public Library. Many patrons reported that they were delighted to have the library open on Saturdays. Winter hours have begun. The Library is open on Monday and Wednesday from 12-8, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 -5 and Saturday from 10 -2. Parking continues to be a problem during Saturday morning soccer season and special school events. Continued efforts will be made to reach out to Halifax Elementary School Principal Kayne Beaudry to implement a plan which takes into consideration the needs of our library patrons.

Reference Librarian Susan Scott has submitted her letter of resignation. Susan plans to retire as of October 19,2016 on her birthday. Susan has been employed at the library since October 5, 2009. She has been a great asset to the library always taking on different projects. She facilitates both the Afternoon and the Mystery Book Clubs as well as "Halifax Writes". She writes and post the blog for all three book clubs. You can read her work at <http://holmespubliclibrary.org/book-club/>. Once there scroll down and click on "visit our blog". Susan is beloved by patrons and will be sorely missed. She is well deserved of a big send off. Please stop by and wish her well!

The Library continues to receive donations in memory of Maureen Rogers and Robert Baker. To date over \$1200.00 has been received. This money goes into the gift account and can be used however the library decides. Elliott Glass, Director of Career & Technical Education from Silver Lake Regional High School has been contacted to have students build matching shelves for the Friends of the Library on going book sale. A work order has been submitted but the project will not be done until early spring.

The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners has updated their website. The Public Library Data page has a new look and better functionality. You can access it here: <http://mblc.state.ma.us/advisory/statistics/public/index.php> This gives you access to the data that library submitted as part of their ARIS Reports.

### **Upcoming dates to remember include:**

NVNA presents Tick-bourne Diseases – Tuesday, September 20 at 1PM  
Wednesday, September 28 at 6:30PM

Marie Coady presents PINTEREST -- Monday September 19 at 6:30 PM

Friends of the Library meeting -- Wednesday, September 28 at 6:30PM

