

Holmes Public Library  
Director's Report  
September 11, 2018

**Welcome Back!**

**Summer Reading Recap-**

The Holmes Public Library had a busy, productive and fun summer. The library was a bustling place this summer as we hosted many engaging programs for both Children and Adults. Thank You to Children's Librarian Stacey Beshers for another successful Summer Reading Program. The Staff appreciates her commitment to her job and dedication to the Children and Young Adults of our community. When asked what her favorite program was Stacey replied with a little chuckle and then after much consideration responded with "The Glow in the Dark Dance Party". Young Adults helped Miss Stacey with decorating the room, playing the music and dancing the night away. Thank You to Assistant Director, Marie Coady for her infinite wisdom and for creating a spectacular slide show for the program. The Summer Reading Program consisted of 49 programs with a total attendance of 889 participants.

**General Information-**

Popular Performer Roger Tincknell will be submitting a grant to the Local Cultural Council. The Library will send a letter of support for Roger to perform the program "Under One Sky, A Celebration of Cultural Diversity!" at the Library sometime in the Spring of 2019. A library pass was purchased for the New Bedford Whaling Museum. The Pass allows 2 adults and 2 children (17 and under) to visit the Museum for 50% of the price of regular admission. This pass is new to the library. The pass for the Edward M. Kennedy Institute was not renewed because of lack of use. The SAILS Library Network has introduced two new features for the convenience of our patrons. Patrons can now download the new SAILS Mobile APP on their IOs or Android Devices. For the months of July and August 44 patrons have taken advantage of this great feature. Also, the SAILS Library Network will be implementing renewals of physical materials starting with items due on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. The system will automatically renew eligible materials 3 days before an item is due. This practice has proven very successful in other library networks.

**Author visit-**

Author Michael Ponsor will visit the Holmes Public Library on Monday September 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM to discuss his New York Times Bestseller "The Hanging Judge". Judge Ponsor graduated from Harvard and received a Rhodes Scholarship. He continues to serve as a Senior US District Judge in the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts, Western Division with responsibility for federal criminal civil cases in the four counties of Western Massachusetts. Copies of the book will be for sale after the program. Copies are also available in the SAILS Network to place a hold if you wish.

**Aris Report at a glance-**

The Annual Report Information Survey (ARIS) of 2018 Data was submitted before the August 17, 2018 deadline. The Application for State Aid and Compliance Form and the Financial report is due on October 5, 2018. Library Director, Jean Gallant will be attending a workshop on completing these forms on Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. The library has a print collection of 41,078 items. This includes book, print periodicals, audio and video materials. Interesting to note that in 1991 the new building was designed for a collection size of 37,818. State materials expenditure requirement for 2018 was over \$60,000. Fortunately, a portion of this can be spent on digital materials. There was a decrease in total circulation from 44,610 to 40,637. There was an increase in circulation of ebooks, audio ebooks and video downloads. Circulation increased from 2,944 to 4,520.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Gallant