

Holmes Public Library
Director's Report
August 13, 2020

Hello!

The Holmes Public Library has been open for almost four weeks to date. Having the building open to patrons has been a roller coaster of a ride. For the most part things are going very well. All our patrons are very happy that we are open and appreciate the efforts the library has taken to keep them safe. I am attending weekly SAILS meeting to review experiences from other Libraries that have opened and thoughts on what is holding back some libraries from opening. As of today, most of the surrounding libraries are opened which has taken some of the burden from the Holmes.

Building Update:

New light filtering roller shades were installed in the Director's office and the Children's room. I love them. They work great keeping the heat from the office and they look terrific giving both spaces a much needed facelift. The cost of the blinds was \$1,159.60 and was taken from the Library Incentive grant account.

Mr. Sorrento, a former Silver Lake Art Teacher has begun work on the mural in the Children's room. After much discussion a vibrant colored ocean scene with fish, mermaids, little swimmers and a sunken treasure chest was decided upon. There is even a big purple octopus. Thanks so much to the Friends of the Library for their generosity in funding this project. Total cost of this project is \$1500.00.

Summer Reading Update:

Children's Librarian, Holly Iannucci has been doing a great job providing for the young patrons in our community. As part of our virtual summer reading program she has recorded 6 story times available from the home page of our website, Facebook and on the Beanstack App. She has received many messages from patrons telling her that she is doing a great job. 59 patrons have signed up for Beanstack and 120 Summer Reading bags have been distributed to patrons.

Update on State Aid:

State Aris report, Financial Report and the Compliance form are due on October 2, 2020. The MBLC recognized that with the closure of library buildings, it was likely that libraries would be unable to meet their materials requirement and their hours' open requirement. In April the board voted to count all libraries as having fulfilled both requirements. The FY21 program requirements remain unchanged for the time being, although MBLC staff are closely monitoring the COVID-19 situation and its impact on library services. The Board will consider adjustments to program requirements as needed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Gallant

