

Holmes Public Library
Director's Report
December 10, 2019

Community Read Selection-

The Book chosen for the 2020 Community Read Program is "Beantown Girls" by Jane Healey. In the past a nonfiction book has been chosen. This time I wanted to switch it up and experiment to see how well a fiction book will be received by the community. This fiction book tells the story about the women who volunteered to be Red Cross "Club Mobile Girls" serving on the front lines of World War Two. The Library will include school age children by including the book "Who was Clara Barton" by Stephanie Spinner. I hope to begin the program in March 2020. The Community-Wide Read will consist of programs geared towards all age groups. The focus of programs will include but not limited to Nursing careers, appreciation of our Veterans, and Health programs. Ten regular print copies, 7 large print copies and two audio books have already been purchased with funds from the Lost Book Revolving Fund. A Local Cultural Council Grant has been approved for \$400. The funds approved by the Council will be used for programming and supplies not otherwise available through the library budget. Any thoughts or programming ideas are greatly appreciated.

The budget submission is due to the Town Accountant no later than January 10, 2020. The Budget will be complete and be ready for review, discussion and approval at the next meeting of the Board on January 4, 2020. The Annual Town Report is due to the Board of Selectmen on January 10, 2020. While this report does not need Trustees approval I hope to have this report ready for review at the January 4th meeting.

The Town of Halifax has received a grant from Guardian Energy Management Solutions. This means for the Library that every light in the Building will be changed over to LED lights. This is good news for a number of reasons. The building will be much brighter in all areas and it will be much easier to replace lightbulbs when needed. The installation will take two days. Scott Materna, Head of Building Maintenance has asked that we close the Library on a Saturday allowing the installation to be done over one weekend. We are requesting to the company the date of Saturday, December 21, 2019. A story time would have to be cancelled so I have asked for as much notice as possible. All staff will be paid for the hours that they are schedule to work on that Saturday.

Dates to Remember:

Holidays in Halifax – Saturday, December 14, 2019 The Library will be opened from 4 to 8PM

Grinch PJ Story time – Monday, December 16, 2019 @6PM, Miss Holly will read stories, sing songs and help with cookie decorating. Come in your PJs for this fun event.

Respectfully submitted,

