

Holmes Public Library
Director's Report
November 12, 2019

November is "National Novel Writing Month". Local Author and Longtime Halifax resident, Stephen Melisi will be at the Library this month to talk about his writing career and his books. He has published 6 books to date. Stephen has donated a copy of his book "The Sacred Side" to the Library which we have added to our collection. The date for this wonderful program is Monday, November 18th at 6:30PM. Holly Iannucci started her new role of Children's Librarian on October 28th. With the help of Assistant Director Marie Coady, Miss Holly jumped right in and facilitated a Trick or Treat Story time. We had a great turnout with thirty children all dressed in costumes. The children listened to stories and finger plays, made a craft, marched in a parade and trick or treated around to the Staff. Holly is very excited to be here and I feel very fortunate to have found such a great replacement for the important role of Children's Librarian. The Friends have generously approved \$200.00 for ongoing Children's programming.

The Town has received notice of a bequest by the Estate of Sally C. Simons in the amount of \$32,000 to the Holmes Public Library for general purposes including computer services for elderly people. Trustee policy states that these funds be placed into the Library Trust Fund account. The Trust Fund account is to be spent at the authorization of the Board of Trustees. The Trust Fund Policy also states that funds shall be used to enhance the cultural opportunities of library users. Under no circumstances shall trust funds be used to supplant funds needed for library operations or for capital expenses that come under the purview of the Town of Halifax. This policy was originally approved on May 21, 1996 and recently amended on May 8, 2017. I have shared this policy with the capital plan Liaison to the library. In more good news for the library I have received unofficial notice from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners that the Holmes Public Library will be certified for FY21. While expected it is always a good feeling to get notified about State Aid. According to the Mass Board website the first payment of State Aid to the library will be \$5924.95. This is higher than in previous years. Official word will be forthcoming in the form of a certificate and official letter.

Dates to Remember:

November 16th --- Saturday, at 12 noon Ukulele Workshop

November 20th --- Auction donations due to Joan Brides, Friends of the Library Auction coordinator

November 25th – December 18th – Friends of the Library Silent Auction

December 2nd – Monday, at 6:30PM Origami Workshop with Janice Campbell

December 14th -- Saturday, Holidays in Halifax

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Gallant

