

Holmes Public Library
Director's Report
September 10, 2020

Fall Programming Update:

Children's-

- **Pre-recorded Early Literacy Story time**--Beginning September 17 and running for 5 consecutive Thursdays. This program will be pre-recorded and posted on a dedicated story time page. Story times will have an increased focus on early literacy and phonics instruction.
- **Bedtime Story time**—The plan is for this program to take place one Wednesday night a month @ 6:30PM. The first program is scheduled for September 16th. The program will consist on 2 bedtime stories and soothing songs. The program will take place on Facebook Live.
- **Infant Lapsit**—The goal is to pre-record three Infant Lapsit sessions and post to our website on Friday mornings at 10AM. This program begins October 2nd. This time is consistent with our previous in-person program. The Friends of the Library have approved to sponsor bags for registered participants of this program. Each MO Williem plastic bag contains 3 books, a bell, bubbles and a scarf. Participants will need to complete a registration form and schedule a curbside pick up to receive their bag. The Friends consider the funding of the bags a pilot program. They have sponsored the first 20 bags and then will reassess the feasibility of the purchasing additional bags.
- **Halloween Zoom Story time** –October 29 @11AM. This program will take place via Zoom. The Library will be using the Zoom account available through the SAILS Library Network. Craft bags will be available for Curbside Pickup before the program.
- **Children's Book club**—Live via Sails Zoom. This program will begin in October and the goal is to meet once a month. The program will be Live via SAILS Zoom. We are mindful of the time students spend on screen. Every effort will be made to make this a fun informal program with light reading and a connection with some classmates.
- **Raising a Reader with Big Ryan**—The South Shore Community Action Council is hosting Raising a Reader with Big Ryan Tuesdays September 22nd – October 27 @ 10AM. This is a Facebook Live Program for caregiver and child. Registration is encouraged for this event. This program will be publicized on our website and via Facebook.

Adult-

- **Afternoon Book club**—This group will continue to meet once a month under the direction of Maria Bumpus. The first two sessions the group met outside in front of the Halifax Elementary School. Upcoming programs will meet in the Great Hall at Town Hall.
- **COA Book club**—Things are going well with this book group. This group consist of 14 people. The capacity for the Great Hall at Town Hall is 11. Once the weather changes adjustments will have to be made and a possible postponement of this program.
- **Homebound Delivery Program**—Lynnette Toohey continues to deliver books to our homebound patrons once a month. This program should continue indefinitely.

- **Genealogy Zoom Meeting**-Wednesday, September 16th at 1:00PM. Christopher Jean, Legislative Aide to State Rep. Kathy LaNatra, will be available to discuss a clause in the proposed 2021 State Budget that would limit access to certain public records. This program is Live via the SAILS Zoom account. This program is open to all and the meeting ID will be posted on our website and Facebook.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Gallant