

Holmes Public Library
Director's Report
November 12,2020

The month of October was a quiet month at the library with not much change in patron or computer usage. While the hours between 5 and 6 allows the library to report evening hours to the State patron activity is very limited (almost zero) and with the time change I may have to rethink the hours of operations. The lights in the parking lot continue to cause trouble and now we are waiting on an electrician to fix the parking lot light closest to the building. The light closest to the street that was destroyed because of an accident last year is in and we are waiting for the light to be installed. Some libraries in the SAILS Network continue to be closed and new patrons and names are beginning to show on the shelf and using the computers and copier. I will be monitoring this situation closely to ensure the Staff is not overburdened.

I am talking with a sales representative and am in the process of obtaining Kanopy. Kanopy is a film streaming company and provides access to entertaining and thought-provoking films the align with the diverse needs of our community. The library will be able to benefit our patrons through a broad range of films that cannot be found on other streaming platforms. New content is always added. I have reviewed the content of Kanopy and am satisfied with the quality and believe that it aligns with the strategic goals and objectives of our library. Kanopy is authenticated using the Holmes Public Library barcode. Once a patron sets up an account, the patron is given 6 credits per month. Credits do not carry over from month to month. Each time a patron watches a movie a credit is used and the library is charge \$2.00. Credits can always be adjusted if the library seems to be going over budget. Having reviewed usage from other libraries with about the same number of registered patrons, the estimated cost for Kanopy is \$1,500 a year. This is very comparable to other databases subscriptions. It is billed on a monthly basis.

The FY2022 Action Plan is due to the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners on December 1, 2020. The Plan requires libraries to report action that we will be taken to obtain the goals of our Five-Year Long Range Plan. FY2022 is the last year of our Five-year plan. The Long Range Plan for FY18-FY22 focuses on four goals. They are: Patrons will have access to a diverse collection, the community will have an inviting place to engage in social interaction and explore topics of individual interest, Residents will enjoy a sense of community, and the Library will offer the latest technology resources.

The Library will be hosting a Zoom program on Monday, November 17, 2020 at 1PM. Paul Spiedel will be presenting "Jazz the Blues". This program is a concert experience, which takes listeners on a musical journey from the beginnings of Jazz and its Country Blues roots, through each subsequent period of Jazz. I am grateful to Assistant Director Marie Coady, for taking care of this zoom program. Please help with publicity of this program by liking and sharing the post on Facebook. This program is funded through the Local Cultural Council.

Respectfully Submitted,

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