

Holmes Public Library
Director's Report
December 27, 2016

As the year 2016 ends, I would like to take a moment to thank the Board of Trustees and the Staff of the Holmes Public Library for all the support and encouragement given over the last 12 months. It has been an exciting year filled with many challenges and much joy. The staff always takes pride in their work and continues to show their commitment and dedication to the Holmes Public Library. I am humbled to be at the helm of an amazing group of talented people. There is much to be done in 2017 as we focus on the goals of our FY18-FY22 Long Range Plan. I am confident that we are ready to accomplish great things.

Holidays in Halifax was once again very successful this year. Thank you to the Friends of the Library for sponsoring the event. This year the library served 20 dozen sugar cookies baked by the Silver Lake Culinary Department and hot apple cider. Thank You to the Friends members who also contributed baked goods and to the Halifax PTO for sending over what was left from Santa's Breakfast. Everything was delicious! It was a cold night which may have deterred some people but those that braved the weather enjoyed a delightful performance by the Silver Lake Choir held at the Library. You can watch some of the performance on the Holmes Public Library Facebook page.

The Friends of the Library held their annual Silent Auction from November 28, 2016 to December 14, 2016. Friends, Staff, Trustees and a few patrons donated 34 auction items this year. The amount of money raised by the Silent Auction has increased each year. This year \$900.00 was raised to help support the Library. The Silent Auction has become one of the major fundraisers for the Friends of the Library. Thank you to all who contributed!

The Greens workshop held each year on the first Saturday in December was a big hit among attendees this year. Thank you to Betsy Randall for sharing her expertise with the community and for spending a lovely brisk morning with Maureen Thayer and I collecting greens on an expansive piece of property right here in Halifax. Participants were asked to bring their own containers and the Library supplied all the greens and ribbons! Everyone was so happy to start the holiday season off with their hand made centerpieces. You can see the pictures on our website/Facebook page. The Halifax/Plympton Express of December 17, 2016 also published some great photos from the program.

Important Dates:

January 9, 2017 ----- Fiscal 18 Budget Request due to the Town Accountant
January 9, 2017-----Capital plan Committee meeting @6:15PM
January 10, 2017----Next Board of Trustees meeting @6:30PM
January 13, 2017----Annual Town Report due to the Selectmen

Respectfully Submitted,

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