

Holmes Public Library  
Director's Report  
December 11, 2018

**Happy Holidays!**

Let me take a moment to Thank the Board of Trustees for the wonderful donations to the Silent Auction. Bids are coming in rapidly and this fundraiser promises to be record breaking.

I am happy to report that the Welcome Packets for new residents are complete and set to be mailed out on this Thursday. This project is part of our five-year long-range plan and one of the first things I set out to accomplish as Director. The packet includes a Library Brochure, A Community Brochure, a Friends of the Library Brochure, a beautiful laminated bookmark with our hours of operations and a business card from the Director. All brochures are newly designed by Assistant Director Marie Coady. A very special Thank You to Marie for all her creative efforts making these packets very impressive. Also, Thank You to the Friends of the Library for funding the cost of the packets.

Another Successful Holidays in Halifax is in the books! Through the generosity of the Friends of the Library, our wonderful patrons and staff, the Library was able to offer our guests 8 gallons of hot apple cider and too many cookies to count. The Silver Lake Choir performed beautifully to a packed house. They sang old and new Holiday songs. We are still receiving compliments about this event.

The Library will be hosting a Local Author night in January. While the date has not been set yet 4 Halifax residents who have published books have been contacted to participate in this program.

Also, in January the South Shore Community Action Council from Plymouth will hold a STEM Playgroup for parents & children 3-5 years at the Library. This is a free workshop and will be held on Mondays January 7, 14, & 28 & February 4 & 11 from 12:00PM – 1:00PM.

Auto renewals is going very well. This practice of automatically renewing library materials is well received by patrons and giving a much-needed boost to print and non-print circulation. Overdrive circulation continues to increase every month.

The FY20 Action Plan has been submitted and approved by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. For FY 20, among other things, the Library will focus on staff training to keep them up-to-date on new technologies to enhance patrons' online experiences and evaluating story times for activities and times to encourage more participation. A copy of the entire plan is at the Library. I have attached a copy for your convenience.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Gallant

