

Holmes Public Library
Director's Report
January 2012

Library Trustee Kim Cicone has resigned from the Board of Trustees. I want to express my gratitude for her five years of dedicated service to the Library and for all the help she has given me. The Board of Selectmen have advertised the vacancy on the Board and will meet with the Library Trustees to appoint a new Trustees on January 24th. The Wage & Personnel Hearing is also scheduled for January 24th, and we have submitted a revised request to the Town Clerk based on the Wage & Personnel Board's recommendations. Attached is a draft of the Library's FY2013 budget request.

More than 1,200 attended December's Holidays in Halifax, and the Library glistened with its new shelving, holiday decorations, the Historical Museum's pottery exhibit and the Friends' Silent Auction display. Santa visited and sat next to Miss Marie's decorated sleigh. Kathleen Nolan, of Whimsical Art, donated a beautiful, custom made, 3-Dimensional Mixed Media Children's Room sign, and it was on display for Holidays in Halifax.

Miss Marie's Chess Club is taking off, and we are hoping to have a guest player once a month or so. In December, Fireman Jeff Cuozzo joined our chess players. Big Ryan will be returning on Saturday, January 14th, and the Golden Opportunities series resumes with Google Tips and Tricks on January 11th. Jean will be scheduling another Pot Luck dinner for the two book discussion groups in January. This event is a lot of fun and is highly recommended! We also have Heather Cole from the Massachusetts Memories Road Show coming to meet with us on January 19th at 10 AM. Everyone is welcome to hear her presentation and to learn about how Halifax's Road Show will be developed.

The Silent Auction closed on December 16th, raising \$759 for the Friends' programs. In addition, the Library Gift Fund received to year-end gifts totaling \$550. Of those, one was a substantial gift of \$500, and the Library Staff is thinking about a use for the funds that will make a lasting impact on the Children's or Young Adult collections.

The new Town web-site will be unveiled in January. The Library page is complete, and the software is very simple to use. We also have configured a Virtual Private Network and linked the main circulation computer to the Public Wi-Fi network so that Jean can operate the circulation Workflows software when the SAILS network is down. It has already come in handy once this month!

I am asking the Library Trustees to consider asking the Building Committee for four signs for the spaces nearest the Library which would state "Library Parking Only During Library Hours."

On our list of things to do in January is to work with the Friends on a New Resident Welcome Package (one of our items from the Long-Range Plan) and to work with the Town to develop a page on their new web-site for information about Community organizations (also from our Long-Range Plan).

Respectfully Submitted,
Debra DeJonker-Berry, Library Director

