

Holmes Public Library
Director's Report
January 3, 2019

Welcome to Budget Season my favorite time of year!

The Fiscal year 20 budget is prepared and waiting for review and approval by the Board of Library Trustees. The FY2020 Municipal Appropriated Requirement for the library to maintain its State certification and receive the full amount of state aid is \$327,697. The Library is requesting \$327,700 to meet this requirement. This number is obtained by taking the average TAMR of the last three years and multiplying by 1.025 for a 2.5% increase. This is an increase of \$4,100.00 from our FY19 budget. Due to a slight decrease of \$296.00 in wages from the previous year the total operating expenses have increased \$4396. Please refer to the Budget narrative for further explanation of the FY2020 budget.

There has been a delay in the announcement of the Summer Learning Expanded grant. The MBLC had originally planned to notify all applicants by December 28. There were a large number of applications for the Summer Learning Expanded Grants and while not all will be able to be funded, they are looking at potential additional money which will allow funding for several other projects. Notification is expected in early January.

One of the library window panes in the front of the building shattered during open hours last month. This has happened before with no apparent explanation. Thankfully nobody was hurt but large pieces of glass fell from the window as well as smaller pieces creating quite the mess. The Head of Building Maintenance was immediately notified, and the area block off for the remainder of the night. The library is currently waiting for a replacement.

For the month of January, the Library is hosting a Book Bingo game. Book bingo cards will be on the book display table starting Monday January 7th. Publicity is in the January newsletter. Library hours magnets will be given as a prize for anyone completing a Bingo sheet.

The Office of State Representative Kathy LaNatra will host monthly constituent hours at the Holmes Public Library. The first meeting will be Monday, January 28, 2019 from 1:00- 3:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Gallant