

Holmes Library News—July

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Planning the Library's Future

July 2015

Planning Time

How fast five years goes by! The library's long-range plan ended June 30th, so it's planning time once again!

We will be forming a strategic planning committee made up of Halifax residents, with representatives from staff and the Board of Trustees, who will tackle this job over the next few months. The current plan is on our Web site.

Our Mission

The Holmes Public Library strives to be an integral part of the community by providing library patrons with open and equitable access to informational,

educational, cultural and recreational resources; to meet and interact with others in the community; to attain their educational goals; to find, evaluate and use information in a variety of formats; and to continue to learn throughout their lives.

Your Ideas

Please watch for our survey to share your thoughts and ideas with the planning committee!

Overdue Fines start July 1 at the Holmes Public Library		
New Books	10¢/day	14-day loan
Magazines	10¢/day	14-day loan
Books	10¢/day	28-day loan
DVDs	50¢/day	7-day loan
Audiobooks	50¢/day	14-day loan
Music CDs	50¢/day	14-day loan
Kits	50¢/day	14-day loan
Encouraging on-time return of library materials, so all have a chance to use them! Senior citizens are exempt from fines.		

Overdue fines are back! Please renew materials before they are overdue by calling (during library hours only) or by logging onto the SAILS Catalog.

News in Brief

- **Drop-in Knitting**, Tuesdays, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.
- **Word Game Night**, Thurs., July 2, 6–8 pm
- **Closed July 3rd & 4th**
- **Genealogy Club**, Wed., July 8, 1:00 pm
- **Afternoon Readers**, Tues., July 14, 1:00 p.m.
- **Writers Group**, Thurs., July 16, 3:00 pm
- **Superhero Dance Party**, Mon., July 20, 6:30 pm
- **Pet Show**, Mon., July 27, 6:00 pm (Note early start!)
- **Teddy Bear Tea**, Fri., July 31, 11:30 am

Monday Night Madness at the Library



Monday Night Madness has begun!

July 6, 6:30 p.m. — Every Hero Has a Story, and **Big Ryan** has more than anyone! (For all ages)

July 13, 6:30 p.m. — **Sciencetellers** blend superheroes & science

into a spectacular show. (Ages 5 & up!)

July 20, 6:30 p.m. — **Superhero Dance Party** (best for 2+)

July 27, 6 p.m. — **Outdoor Pet Show!** Show off a pet or just come to watch! Please

note 6 p.m. start time!

August 3, 6:30 p.m. — Museum of Science “Animal Invaders” (For ages 7 and up only!)

Events are funded by the Friends of the Library, the Museum of Science, and the Halifax Cultural Council.

Friends of the Library Corner

The Friends' Annual Book & Bake Sale brought in over \$1,300! Thank you to all who volunteered, donated items, and bought during the sale!

Don't forget the Friends have an ongoing book sale on a smaller scale going all year round at the library, so come and buy your beach books here! The Friends of the Library sponsor the library's summer reading program and many other events and activities at the library.



Courtesy of National Grid, we can now lend you a Kill-A-Watt kit to measure the electrical draw of household appliances. A booklet is included with instructions and tips for saving energy at home.

The Friends also have merchandise for sale. New for summer: blue insulated tumblers with straws to keep iced drinks cold, and lightweight red backpacks—perfect for the beach or summer vacation! All proceeds go to the Friends of the Library.

Please consider joining the Friends, if you're not already a member! If you're not sure if your membership is up for renewal, please call the library, or email friendsoftheholmeslibrary@gmail.com.

The next meeting is **Wed., August 26, at 6:30 p.m.** All are welcome!

Save the Date!



Company H Puppet Show
Great Hall, Town Hall

Thursday, Aug. 6
11 a.m.

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Summer Hours

Monday, 10-8

Tuesday, 10-5

Wednesday, 10-8

Thursday, 10-5

Friday, 10-5

Saturday, Closed

Display Case



Big Ryan of Big Ryan's Tall Tales is putting up a display about The Incredible Hulk in the display case this month, to go along with the Superheroes summer reading theme!

Learn a Language with Mango!



We are now offering the Mango Languages online language-learning system free to all Holmes Library patrons! Mango can be accessed anywhere with an Internet connection. Try a first lesson in any language before being prompted for your library card number or create a profile right away.

Mango can be accessed at the library, remotely, or on the go with apps for iPhone, Android, Kindle and Nook. Mango offers access to 60 foreign language courses and 17 English courses.

Mango also offers the opportunity to learn through foreign film with Mango Premiere and access mini courses, like Pirate and Medical Spanish.

Each lesson combines real-life situations and audio from native speakers with simple, clear instructions. Courses are presented with an appreciation for real-world application by focusing on the four key elements of language learning: vocabulary, pronunciation, grammar, and culture.

Mango Languages takes the place of Universal Class, which we are no longer offering.