

Holmes Public Library
Director's Report
June 11, 2019

Town meeting is over! The Library's budget for \$327,679 was approved. The Library's Capital Plan article for \$2,345 to purchase five computers and 1 printer passed unanimously. Beginning in July 2019 we will begin working with the SAILS Library Network to order the computers and Assistant Library Director Marie Coady will research the best options for a printer for the Director's office. The State required ARIS Report opens July 1st and is due in August. I have already completed an online webinar to review the new software for entering data and will attend an online webinar to learn the rules for inputting and the definitions of the data. Both webinars are offered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

Over the next few weeks I will be reviewing the materials budget. The Library needs to spend \$61,896 on materials in Fiscal Year 20. After careful review of the circulation statistics for the various material items the Library owns the staff and I will sit down and review allocations for the materials budget. Under discussion will be online databases Mango Languages, Consumer Reports and Museum pass renewals.

The new Community Playground is opened. Congratulations to the HOPS Committee for a phenomenal job!! The Library patrons are experiencing difficulty parking with the completion of the new playground and the end of the year school functions. I have been in discussion with a number of patrons and Community Leaders who feel it is time to start the discussion about expanding the parking lot. First step is to be placed on the Selectman's Agenda. I will keep the Board updated on the progress of this issue.

Children's Librarian, Stacey Beshers is gearing up for another fun filled Summer Reading Program. The Kick-off event will be held this Friday June 14, 2019. My son is getting married that day so I will not be working. I have left the Library in the competent hands of Assistant Director Marie Coady. The last day of school this year was earlier than in previous years so this year's program will run for seven weeks as opposed to the normal six weeks. Local Resident Karyn Townsend will be running a Science camp the week of August 12th. This camp is a toned-down version of the activities we planned for the Summer Reading Grant we applied for and was not awarded. Karyn is doing this on a strictly volunteer basis. Please join me in extending a HUGE Thank You to Karyn for her efforts on behalf on the community.

The Friends BookSale was a very big success. The day of the Sale funds raised were in excess of \$1400.00. This includes book and bake sale monies, merchandise sales and memberships. The books will be picked up on Wednesday morning June 12, 2019. Funds raised during this extended week and few days should be over \$400. GREAT JOB FRIENDS!

Recently I reviewed the Director's Goals presented to this Board on January 12, 2019. Things seem to be on track. The community read was successfully implemented, Policy Manual almost complete (Thanks Marie), TLC given to all programs, focus on the underserved population continues as well as work on the Local History Corner. Goals needing more attention my Professional Development Plan and analyzing statistics to increase circulation. Thank You to the Board for your continued support and trust.

Respectfully Submitted

