

Holmes Public Library
Director's Report
March 13, 2018

March is **National Women's History Month!**

According to the American Library Association March is also National Deaf History Month, Youth Art Month, Read Across America, and National Nutrition Month.

45 additional Welcome to the Community Packets have been mailed to new residents. Total number of packets mailed to new residents is 78. A few were undeliverable and were received back to the library because of a lack of a mail receptacle. We have also started to hand them out to new residents who come into the Library for cards. We are keeping a list to prevent duplications. The Friends of the Library are happy to sponsor the cost of these packets for two years. The Friends of the Library have purchased new pens as part of a campaign to update their merchandise. The new pens sell for \$2.00 and are very popular with patrons.

The retirement of Rose Ruel and the open position on the Circulation desk has left the Library Staff working short-handed. Special Thank You to Staff for being flexible and working hard to continue excellent customer service during the very busy month of March. Applications for the Circulation Position are due on March 15, 2019. A number of good applications have been received. Interviews will be set up next week and I hope to have the position filled for an April 1st start date.

The Community Read is off and running. So far so great with a lot of positive comments about the book, steady checkouts and lots of compliments on the variety and abundance of programming. Thank You to Marie Coady for doing an understanding job creating the brochure and help with Kicking off the Community Read. During turbulent times I appreciate all her efforts. Please check out the brochure of great programming and encourage friends and family to participate in these fun events. The Community Read is funded in part by the Local Cultural Council. \$400 in funds provided two programs. The first is Massachusetts Library Association's Civil Liberties Champion Award Winner Roopkia Risam who will present a program documenting digital humanities. This program is Saturday, March 16th at 11:00 AM. The second is a program presented by Jennifer Safrey of Emerald Yoga Studio. Jennifer will present basic meditation techniques and will end the session with a guided meditation. No experience necessary. Come and participate in the benefits of a guided meditation. This program is Tuesday, March 19th at 6:00PM. The books for the Community Read are funded out of the Lost Book Account. Total cost of the books purchased was \$220.71. A Beautiful Kindness tree created by Marie Coady is on display with the books and brochures. My favorite activity during the Community Read is the Kindness Scavenger Hunt created for children. Young patrons are encouraged to complete the hunt and return with a parent's signature to receive a prize. Dr. Seuss book erasers were purchased from the library gift account.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Gallant