

Holmes Public Library

Director's Report

May 13, 2013

The Halifax Assistive Technology (HAT) Open House, Wednesday, May 1, 4-7 p.m., included representatives from the Talking Information Center, New England Low Vision, and the Perkins Braille & Talking Book Library; Ms. Wheelchair Massachusetts, Nicole Tarzia; and former staff from the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind. Thank-you letters are being mailed to all participants, as well as to Maureen Rogers, who volunteered to tape interviews during the event and wrote , and to the Halifax Meadows Board of Trustees for promoting the event on the community's outdoor sign. Refreshments were paid for by the Friends of the Holmes Public Library. The event was attended by 51 adults and children.

For National Poetry Month (April), the library took part in the statewide Common Threads initiative sponsored by Poetry.org by holding an informal poetry discussion on Wednesday, April 10, which was attended by three people.

Family story times and drop-in crafts continue to be offered on Saturdays by Miss Marie, as well as weekly infant lapsits and story times for different age groups during the week. Regular story time sessions ended the week of April 1 and resumed the week of April 22. The children's book club met on April 4 and the teen book club met on April 22; both are led by Miss Marie. Countdown to Kindergarten, an annual library tour and story time for preschoolers entering kindergarten in September and their families, was presented by Miss Marie on May 2, and was attended by 20 adults and children.

The two adult book clubs, morning and afternoon, met on April 16th and April 30th. The Halifax Writes writers' group met on April 18. Bookmobile deliveries were made on April 10 and April 24.

The *Halifax-Plympton Reporter* interviewed me for a May 3rd article about the Friends of the Library's Line Dance for the Library fundraiser (Tuesday, May 7) and upcoming book and bake sale (Saturday, June 1). Donations of gently used books, movies, and music are now being accepted during regular library hours.

Upcoming dates to remember include:

- Afternoon Book Club, Tues, May 14, 1:00 p.m. (*The Columbus Affair* by Steve Berry)
- Halifax Annual Town Election, Sat., May 18, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
- Evening Book Club, Tues, May 21, 6:30 p.m. (*The Secret Keeper*)
- Friends of the Holmes Public Library meeting, Wednesday, May 22, 6:30 p.m.
- Council on Aging Art Show Reception, Thursday, May 30, 1:00 p.m.
- Friends' Annual Book & Bake Sale, Saturday, June 1, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.
- King Philip's War narrative program, Monday June 3, 6:30 p.m.