

Holmes Public Library

Director's Report

May 11, 2015

The library's second annual weeklong Books in Bloom exhibit had a total of eight entries this year, with visitors to the library casting their votes for Favorite Book, Favorite Display, Most Creative Display, Most Fun Display, and Prettiest Display. Pam Cullen won in the Favorite Book, Favorite Display, and Prettiest Display categories. Priscilla Murphy won for the Most Fun Display, and Jean Gallant won for Most Creative. The show included the following book displays:

The Big Dig by Dan McNichol -- Priscilla Murphy

The Martian by Andy Weir – Susan Scott

The Construction Alphabet Book by Jerry Pallotta-- Joan Brides for the Friends of the Library

The Luminaries by Eleanor Catton – Laurie Cavanaugh

The Red Tent by Anita Diamant – Pam Cullen

For the Love of the Red Sox by Frederick C. Klein – Jean Gallant, with Marie Coady & Rose Ruel

Puss in Boots by Charles Perrault --Judy Abar for the Halifax Garden Club

Cold Noses at the Pearly Gates by Gary Kurz – Judy Abar

Last Saturday, May 9, we held the closing reception which included Spouting Off: Teapots from Around the World, a pottery demonstration by Rick Hamelin, which was funded by the Halifax Cultural Council, followed by a tea to recognize library trustees and volunteers. The Friends of the Library purchased gifts to be given in acknowledgment of volunteer service to the library.

Library volunteers:

Joanne Harris

Ellen LaCivita

Maureen Rogers

Marge Smith

Mary Ellen Smith

Lynnette Toohey

As the House and Senate work on passing their budgets, advocacy for library budget line items continues to be needed on the state level. I attended Sen. Thomas Kennedy's office hours (held by his legislative aide) and asked for Sen. Kennedy's support for library line items, especially 7000-9501 (State Aid to Public Libraries) and 7000-9506 (Automated Networks/Library Technology and Resource Sharing).

The Friends are gearing up for their Annual Book & Bake Sale on Saturday, May 30, 10-1, and book donations are already coming in. The sale will continue on through the following Friday this year, as an experiment.

The library will switch to summer hours after Saturday, June 6, so starting Monday, June 8, and continuing through Labor Day, the library will be closed on Saturdays and will be open at 10 instead of 12 on Mondays and Wednesdays.