

## **Directors' Report**

### **October 9, 2012**

The Holmes Public Library will host a table at the Health and Wellness Fair presented by Halifax Triad on Tuesday, October 9, 2012 from 10am to 2pm at the Halifax Country Club. Health practitioners will be doing various screenings including, eye screenings, glucose screenings and bone density. The other town departments that will be participating include the Assessor's Office, the Veterans' Agent, the Halifax Police and Fire Departments. Susan Scott will represent the Library bringing with her a variety of books on health related topics, library brochures, publicity for the Mass Memories Road Show and information on the "Serving People with Disabilities Grant". This fair will provide Susan with a great opportunity to meet people willing to serve on the Advisory Board for this grant. Amy created a beautiful laminated bookmark with library hours to give to participants.

This month the staff will attend a number of training sessions provided by the SAILS Library Network and the Massachusetts Library System. Rose attended a Cataloging Roundtable with other colleagues and network personnel to discuss the different procedures used to catalog graphic novels. Rose, Marie and Jean will participate in a webinar to preview and learn about Enterprise the user-friendly alternative to the e-catalog. Susan will attend two workshops on the Gale Databases. The first is "What's new: Resources and tools" and the second is "When Library Resources beat Google". Jean will attend a Reports Workshop which will help explain the various reports sent by SAILS. For a full list of training workshops available for library employees please visit the website for the Massachusetts Library System at [www.masslibsystem.org](http://www.masslibsystem.org)

October is a busy month for programming. Marie continues to run five story hours per week. Each week Marie entertains a huge group of over 25 toddlers with finger plays, stories and fun crafts. In addition to weekly story times Marie will host a Junior Book Club, a Halloween Party and her ever popular, very fun night of Scary Stories. The book chosen for the Junior Book Club is Ingraine the Brave by Cornelia Funke. The theme for this year's Halloween Party is "Down Holmes on the Farm" with Marie, Jean and Susan dressing up in farm animal costumes. Scary Stories geared towards ages 10 and up is back by popular demand. Starting in October Kindergarten stories will begin. Each month the Kindergarteners visit the library for a story. This well received program gives the children an opportunity to visit the library, hear a story and get to know Miss Jean and Miss Marie. The Afternoon Readers Book Group will meet on October 16<sup>th</sup> and is reading Mennonite in a Little Black Dress by Rhoda Janzen. The Evening Book Club will meet on October 30<sup>th</sup> and is reading the auto biography of Carol Burnett titled This Time Together. The Holmes Library sponsors a Writers Group. Each month a group of 7 – 10 patrons come together in the community room to work on their writing skills or to share ideas.

At its meeting held on Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, the Board of Selectman unanimously approved the Eagle Scout Project for Andrew LaGambina. They approved revitalizing the Ruth Perkins Memorial Reading Garden and creating an additional garden, building a pergola for shaded seating and restoring the library garden that faces Route 106. I have provided to you a copy of the letter from the Board of Selectmen.

All state aid forms have been sent to the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners and copies of all reports are on file at the library. Please feel free to stop by anytime to review these forms. This data reflects some important information. For FY 12 I reported our holdings (number of items in our collection) to be 44,826. Our annual circulation for FY12 was 52,612. Our Municipal Appropriation Requirement for FY13 is \$297,077. Total Appropriated Municipal Income for FY2013 is \$295,232. Projected income from the revolving fund is \$2000.00 bringing the FY2013 projected total appropriated municipal income for operations \$297,232.