

Holmes Public Library

Director's Report

October 14, 2014

Fall is in full swing now, and the library has been a busy place with three book clubs for adults, the genealogy club, Word Game Night, and the writers' group, Halifax Writes – all meeting monthly. The first six-week storytime session of the fall ran through Oct. 10; the next session will start October 30. The Friday morning Infant Lapsit storytimes continue straight through, with no break! The Children's Book Club meets after school on Oct. 22, and the Teen Book Club will meet next month.

The South Shore Community Action Council is offering a program at the library

called Make Way for Reading, on Wednesday, October 15, 6:00-7:45 p.m. This presentation on reading and early literacy is geared towards parents, grandparents, and teachers. All attendees will receive a complimentary copy of the book *Make Way for Reading*, by the presenter Jean Fahey, Ph.D.

The Meet Your Elected Officials Night on Monday, November 17, 7:00-8:00 p.m. is coming together. It would be great to have all or most of the trustees there to meet with residents and other state and local officials. It's possible that someone interested in being a library trustee might attend to ask questions!

The annual financial report for FY2014 and State Aid compliance form were filed with the state before the deadline of October 10.

The new all-in-one computer with a touchscreen monitor for the teen area with Windows 8 system software is now in place. The tablet for staff training will be purchased this month with money for technology upgrades approved at Town Meeting.

Jean Gallant has submitted her Talent Bank Form and volunteered to serve on the Halifax Cultural Council. It will be great to have a representative from the library on the panel, although, of course, she will not vote on any grant applications pertaining to the library.

New volunteers have come forward to maintain the library's coupon-sharing box. Drop-In Knitting on Wednesday nights did not take off, and has been discontinued, but the library will take names of anyone interested to see if the group might start up again during the winter.

The library will be closed on Tuesday, November 11, for Veterans' Day, and the trustees' meeting usually scheduled for that night will have to be rescheduled.. The library will close at 5:00 p.m. on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, November 26, and be closed on Thanksgiving, Nov. 27. The library will be open regular hours on the Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving.

Upcoming dates to remember include:

- Evening Readers Book Club, Tuesday, October 21, 6:30 p.m.
- Friends of the Library Meeting, Wednesday, October 22, 6:30 p.m.
- Halloween Party, Saturday, October 25, 11:00 a.m.
- The Bridgewater Triangle Documentary, Thurs., October 30, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall
- Meet Your Elected Officials Night, Mon., Nov. 17, 7:00-8:00 p.m.