

**Holmes Public Library  
Director's Report  
October 17, 2017**

Assistant Director Marie Coady attended the Ninth Annual Teen Summit on October 17, 2017. Hosted by the Massachusetts Library System the Teen Summit is where Librarians can discuss how to prepare teens for life outside of the library. Topics included mental health, civic engagement, social justice and programming for today's teens. Marie gave a presentation of creating her teen Puppet Troupe, Company H. A special Thank You to Marie for proudly representing our library and showing how hard work can make a difference in the lives of the teens in our community.

**More exciting news:**

The Holmes Public Library Annual Book Tasting Program is featured on the SAILS Library Network website. Go to [www.sailsinc.org/network](http://www.sailsinc.org/network) and scroll through the Showcase Presentations.

There was a wonderful article written about the Holmes Public Library Bookmobile and our wonderful Lynnette Toohey for the Buzz around Halifax, an online newsletter.

This month four computers will be replaced in the public wireless center. As part of the town's capital plan to keep library computers up to date on a rotating basis these computers were purchased and installed through the SAILS Library Network.

There is a new twist to the Mystery Book club. Choose your own Mystery Book Club will be held on Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at 2:00PM. Participants are asked to read what they like and come and hear about what others have read.

In November the library will be hosting local author Stephen Brown. Stephen will be taking about his book "Stories of yesteryear". Sponsored through the Local Cultural Council Stephen will be given attendees copies of his book. Dates and times to follow.

"Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the untold story of the Black Women Mathematicians who helped win the Space Race" by Margot Lee Shetterly has been chosen as the next Community Read. This book has a younger readers edition and is available in all formats. The focus of the programs will branch out to include Astronomy, Astronauts and the Solar System. It meets the library's Long-Range Plan goal providing the community with an inviting place to engage in social interaction, experience entertainment and continue to learn throughout their lives.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Gallant

