

Holmes Public Library
Director's Report
September 14, 2021

Welcome to Susan Hill, our newest Trustee! I am excited to have you as a trustee. We are now a full Board of Trustees. You are joining a group of hard working individuals that always has the best interest of the library and its staff in mind. I hope you enjoy working to support the endeavors of the Library as much as I enjoy working at the library to meet the needs of our community. In the five years I have been the Director at the Holmes Public Library I have been blessed with an intelligent and supportive board. My Thanks this current board for all your encouragement and support.

Since our last meeting in August we have been busy busy at the library. Summer Reading Programming and kids in the building at the almost but not quite end of a global pandemic is **DONE!** Great Job to Miss Holly, our wonderful Children's Librarian. Statistically Summer Reading information to follow at the next meeting. ARIS Report for the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners is **DONE!** The report was completed just ahead of the August deadline. Highlights to follow at the next meeting. Surprising or not so, our overall direct circulation stayed pretty steady despite the library being closed for three weeks in July, 2020. It was the significant increase in the electronic collection that helped support our circulation. Resuming Saturday hours after not being open on Saturdays for over a year, **DONE!** Staff was anxious and excited and patron were thrilled to have us opened on Saturdays. A successfully run Friends of the Library Book Sale, **DONE!** Friends had their annual Book Sale Saturday, September 11,2021. The books will remain for sale in the community room until Saturday, September 18,2021. Despite the many challenges of having a book sale during this time the Friends raised more than \$800. Quite a lot of money to be used to support the library. Many Thanks to all the Friends who worked that day and to the staff of the Holmes for your patience and help with the Sale. This was a real community effort. The FY23-FY27 Strategic Long Range Plan due to the Mass Board of Library Commissioners on October 1, 2021, **DONE!** The plan is ready for the Board's review and approval. I am so happy to have finished this Plan with the help of some many and am excited for the Board's review. Contract for the Mind in the Making Grant signed by the Town Administrator and sent off the State for a signature and then returned. **DONE!** The implementation of this grant will begin October 1,2020. We are ready to go! I did manage 2 days in Kennebunkport, Maine in the middle of August.

Please join us for an Author talk given by Dr. Andrew Budson on steps to managing memory, Alzheimer's Disease, & Dementia. Dr. Budson was at the library a few years back talking about his first Book "Seven steps to Managing Your Memory". He has written another book and contacted me to ask if we would like to back to discuss this book Six Steps to Managing Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia. Dr. Budson is Chief of Cognitive & Behavioral Neurology at the Veterans Affairs Boston Healthcare System, Director of Education at the Boston University Alzheimer's Disease Center and Professor of Neurology at Boston University School of Medicine. This program will be held on Tuesday, September 21st in the Community Room at 6:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Gallant