

**Holmes Public Library  
Director's Report  
September 12, 2017**

Happy September!

The Holmes Public Library is beginning fall with a busy schedule. Regular monthly programming for children include 4 weekly story times. Story times run on a six-week schedule. Sensory story time is held twice a month on alternating Saturdays. Thank You to Assistant Director Marie Coady for designing a beautiful story time book for Sensory story time participants to take home. Each month there is a Children's Book club, and a tween book club (beginning in October). Children's Librarian Miss Stacey will test her skills facilitating a Parent/Child book club. This will be held one Monday night each month at 6:00PM. Other programs include an Anime Club and Family Movie nights. Programs for Adults include our popular knitting group, Genealogy group, Bridge, Scattergories, afternoon and evening book groups. On Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00PM the library will host a writing program. Bill Alberti will present "Mixing the Mediums Art and Literature". Participants will learn about the creative literary genre of Ekphrastic writing. This program is sponsored by the Local Cultural Council.

The Friends of the Holmes Public Library will hold an Open House during their regular scheduled meeting on September 27, 2017 at 6:30PM. Flyers will be on hand highlighting what the Friends do to help the library, explanations of the responsibilities of the various officers and membership forms for anyone who wishes to join. There will also be a flyer asking people to check off the different ways they may be able to help the Friends. The hope is to recruit new members and make new friends! Light refreshments will be served.

The library participated in the "Your Voice Your Library" survey sponsored by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. The survey was intended to learn about the current uses and future desires of the public library users across the Commonwealth. There was a link to the survey on our homepage and hard copies on the front desk. After reading the surveys left at the front desk it was apparent that patrons find the Holmes to be a safe welcoming place with a convenient location. Patrons view the library as a center for lifelong learning. One of the Strategic Initiatives for our FY18-FY22 Long Range Plan is to "Satisfy Curiosity through Life Long Learning". Another Strategic Initiative satisfied was that patrons are using the library as a community center. In this age of technology, the survey also highlighted that patrons are still using the library to borrow printed materials and would like to see more print collections.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Gallant