

Holmes Public Library
Director's Report
February 11, 2020

Thank You to the Board of Trustees for the time and energy put into my review. I appreciate the vote of confidence and always the support given to me by the Board from the very beginning of my tenure as Director of the Holmes Public Library. I appreciate our healthy discussion on areas of improvement, plans for the future and goals for how the library can best serve the residents of Halifax and our Library Community.

The month of January is very busy time at the Library. The Budget for FY21 has been completed and submitted for review to the Finance Committee. Things look good for the Library in FY21 as the town always generously funds the increase in the library budget so that we can remain certified. The Town Report from the Library has been submitted. 207 Welcome to the community packets were mailed out to new residents in 2019. In FY21, five computers will be replaced. Once these computers are replaced all our computers including Staff computers will have been updated to Windows 10.

The Library is participating in the Boston Bruins Cradles to Crayons Drive. Last year we collected 18 pairs of pajamas. The Drive began February 1, 2020 and runs through March 15, 2020. Children's Librarian, Holly Iannucci is reaching out to local preschools in the area to ask for their participation. To kick off this drive Miss Holly and Miss Marie hosted a Stuffed Animal Sleepover in the Library. We asked sleepover participants to donate a pair of pajamas. The Library is participating in the "Love your Library" campaign facilitated by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. Please visit the Homepage of our Website, holmespubliclibrary.org, click on the link and let the Mass Board know what you love about your library. At the end of the month the Board will send us the Valentines that we received for our library.

On Saturday, February 1, 2020 there was an accident in the library parking lot. The morning roads were very icy and a car slid off the road and took down the light pole in the front of the lot. The driver was uninjured to the best of my knowledge; although the car did not fare as well. The Lot is currently without this one light while the town works through the insurance claim. Scott Materna and I are working and hoping to replace this light with a brighter light. The parking lot while obviously darker without this light is workable and I am hoping it will not be too much longer before this is fixed.

February Vacation @ the Library

Tuesday, February 18, @ 1PM ----- Family Movie, Toy Story 4

Wednesday, February 19, @1PM -----Wacky Wednesday, Activities and stories

Thursday, February 20, @11AM -----Playdough Daze, All ages

Friday, February 21, @12PM -----Open Art Studio

Saturday, February 22, 11AM -----All ages