

**Holmes Public Library**  
**Director's Report**  
**February 14, 2017**

**Nomination Papers Available!** Any trustee that was appointed to the Board during this fiscal year will need to take out nomination papers to run for the seat during the May Election. This year the Annual Town Election will be held on Saturday, May 13, 2017. There are two three year seats available and one two-year seat. If you wish to run for one of these seats you can pick up your papers at the town clerk's office. Thirty-two signatures are required to put your name on the ballot.

**FYI** The MBLC maintains an opt-in email listserv (simply called "Trustees") that is meant to be a forum for discussion among trustees across the Commonwealth. This email list is a great place to ask questions of other trustees about board issues, Library issues, etc. If you would like to sign up for this list please go to <http://mblc.state.ma.us/sympa/info/trustees>, and click on "Subscribe" in the box on the left-hand side. If you have any questions about this email list you may contact Erin Williams Hart, Trustee/Friends Information Specialist at the MBLC. Her contact information is as follows 617-725-1860 or 800-952-7403, x232 or [erin.williamshart@state.ma.us](mailto:erin.williamshart@state.ma.us)

The Library has started hosting an Instructional Bridge Session. This is brand new to the library. Abington resident David Drew teaches people brand new to bridge the game. This group will try to meet once a week on Mondays at 12:30PM. This is on a trial basis. While the group started off slow it seems to have generated some interest recently. I am attending this program and doing my best to learn this complicated game. The program does give a small group of interested patron/players a convenient comfortable place to play. If the program does well the library will be considering buying card tables. We have also started holding a game day at the library. First attempt at this did not generate much interest but after a few patrons request we decided to give it another try. We had a wonderful time and turnout last month so are hoping for more of the same this month. A game of Scattegories will be played Thursday, February 16, 2017 at 3:00PM. Please feel free to join in the fun.

Library Director, Jean Gallant will be attending a workshop sponsored by the Massachusetts Library System to learn how to assess your community's needs, develop partnerships, and demonstrate your library's community impact. The workshop will explore creative approaches to build and nurture community partnerships. The workshop is Thursday March 16, 2017 at the Mashpee Public Library.

SAILS Library Network will be conducting its 2<sup>nd</sup> annual library showcase. This is an opportunity for the Sails Libraries to share the interesting things that they are doing. This year Assistant Director Marie Coady will be presenting our Booktasting Program. We are extremely proud of this program and all the work that went into making it so special. I look forward to Marie sharing our program with other libraries.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Gallant

