

Holmes Public Library
Director's Report
January 10, 2017

The Year 2017 promises to be an exciting time for the Holmes Public Library. The staff is looking forward providing excellent customer service and to meeting the Library needs of our community. A letter was received for the Board of Library Commissioners acknowledging the receipt and approval of our Action Plan for FY2018. Focus in FY2018 will be in providing a variety of intergenerational and cultural programs, a renewed focus of all facets of the collection to ensure up to date and current materials, focus of electronic materials and establishing a community corner.

The Annual 2017 Southeastern Massachusetts Libraries Legislative Breakfast is being held on Friday, January 27, 2017 from 8:00AM – 9:00AM at the New Bedford Free Public Library, 613 Pleasant St. New Bedford. The Snow Date for this event is Friday, February 3rd. This event is an opportunity for librarians to discuss the issues surrounding our libraries today with their legislators.

As recommended by the Finance Committee, the Library requests funding for computer technology upgrades on a regular rotation each year. These requests ensure that the library keep up to date with current technology trends and that both patron and staff computers are up to date. For FY18 the library will replace 4 patron computers in our public wireless stations. These newly purchased computers would run the Windows 10 operating system and would be installed by the SAILS Library Network through PC Support. The total cost of this request including installation is \$2688.00. Pending Finance Committee this amount will be appropriated into the library budget to help bridge our certification gap.

In accordance with Section15(g) of Chapter 30B of the Inspector General's manual the Board of Trustees has been asked to submit a letter to the Board of Selectmen requesting that books and associated materials (CDs, DVDs, etc.) the have been discarded from our collection be donated to the Friends of the Holmes Public Library. Section15(g) of Chapter 30B allows jurisdictions to dispose of tangible supplies that are no longer useful, but have a resale or salvage value to a charitable organization that receives a tax exemption from the United States by reason of its charitable nature.

Important Dates:

January 12, 2017 -----Scattergories, Board game fun 3:00PM
January 17, 2017 ----- Afternoon Book group 1:00PM
January 18, 2017 -----Mystery Book group 2:00PM
January 23, 2017 -----Family Movie night, Secret Life of Pets 6:30PM
January 24, 2017 -----Evening Book group, 6:30PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Gallant