

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

The Holmes Public Library may be submitting a Letter of Intent to apply for a Preservation Assessment. This letter is due to the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners on December 7, 2017. It states that we intend to apply for \$4200.00 in LSTA funds for a preservation consultant to work with the Library and the Historical Society. The consultant will look at the wealth of information at the Museum of Halifax to determine preservation concerns, treatment priorities and make suggestions to prolong the life of the materials. Since the library is applying for the grant the idea is move the material to the library so patrons will be able to easily access this information.

The Library has received \$1370.00 in Local Cultural Council Grant monies. This was a very competitive year for the Council with 23 applications. The applications funded for the library were: Poetry: Accessible for Everyone presented by Bill Alberti, the pass to Plimoth Plantation, funding for a Halifax Reads program, and partial funding for 80s Rock the Library which is a Children's program for summer reading. The Library is appreciative of all money received from the Council.

The Library received notification from the MBLC that in the next few weeks the State Treasurer's office will issue the first part of our State Aid award. The second payment comes in the last quarter of FY18. The award is the total of a Library Incentive Grant which is based on population, a Municipal Equalization Grant which compensates for disparities among municipalities and Nonresident Circulation Grant. The amount of the first award is \$5323.43. This amount is \$160.72 more than last year.

I have reviewed the FY2018 Action Plan and found the following items that should be completed by the end of this fiscal year:

- Develop a request form to facilitate patron request
- Provide staff training in Reader's Advisory
- Develop a library Brochure
- Work on the Welcome to the community information packet
- Hold two intergenerational programs
- Hold two local history programs
- Hold two cultural programs.

Programming continues to be a focus. In the month of October, the library held 17 Adult programs, 18 Children's programs, and 3 YA programs. Total attendance for these programs was 304 attendees. The community room uses was 38.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Gallant

