

Holmes Public Library
Director's Report
October 9, 2018

Happy October!

The Holmes Public Library is beginning fall with a busy schedule. The Library hosted two terrific programs. Both programs were informative and impressive. Thank you to the Friends for sponsoring the program presented by the Cape Cod Cranberry Growers' Association. The group handed out brochures about Cranberry Farming and gave the Library plenty of recipe cards to hand out to patrons during the following week. We still have a few so please help yourself. Michael Ponsor author of the "Hanging Judge" was a funny engaging speaker. Judge Ponsor traveled from Amherst, MA to share his stories from the bench as well as his experiences writing his books. Judge Ponsor is a New York Times Best Selling Author. His book "The Hanging Judge" spent a week on the New York Times Best Selling List. While turnout was disappointing for these two great programs, the Staff of the Holmes Public Library Thanks these speakers for coming to the Library and greatly appreciates their generous spirits. Local Author Margaret McEwan came to discuss her book "Every day a gift, A couple's Cancer Journey". This story chronicles their family's experience through Margaret's recollection of events. This program was well attended. The crowd this listened intently as Margaret spoke eloquently of her experiences.

The Holmes Public Library is going to try two new exciting programs for the Month of October. Assistant Director Marie Coady and Halifax Resident Jonathan Selig will facilitate a KIDS CRIBBAGE night on Wednesday, October 3rd at 6:00PM. The fun program is recommended for children ages 8 and up. A Huge Thank You to Marie and Jonathan for their efforts and commitment to our community. Adult Services Librarian, Maria Bumpus will host a new Scrapbooking program. The first meeting will be informational in nature. Maria will share her scrapbooks from home and her experiences making these books. The Library will provide supplies to make their first page. If all goes well, which I expect it will, the Library will approach the Friends to help fund these programs. A Thank You to Nessaralla Farms for donating 40 small pumpkins for a pumpkin decorating Storytime held on October 20, 2018.

The Staff will be attending a workshop held by the Halifax Police Department on Thursday, October 18th at 10am in the Great Hall. As a follow-up to the workshop that was held in early March, the Halifax Police Department will hold a discussion about incident/event protocols, procedures and responses. The Library will open the building at 11:30am so that all staff can attend this important workshop. Publicity about the delayed opening and a rearranging of Storytime has already been posted to minimize any inconvenience to our patrons.

As requested by the Friends, Dan Ford from Grapevine Landscaping was contacted regarding the Ruth Perkins Reading Garden. Dan was happy to be asked and will submit an estimate for the cost of cleaning up the garden. He will also be looking at the little garden in front of the library by the big window.

We are working on Welcome Packets for new residents of Halifax. The packets will include an updated Library Brochure, a new brochure with community information, information about the Friends and a membership form and information about the SAILS Network. Any suggestions on what else should be included are greatly appreciated. Start date for this project is November 1st. At the October meeting I will be making a formal request to the Friends to fund this project.

Respectfully Submitted,

