

Friends of the Holmes Public Library

Member Newsletter
Spring 2018

Supporting the Holmes Public Library since 1987



Letter from the Friends' Chairperson

BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED!

Dear Friends,

After a snowy March it's great to know that Spring is just around the corner! The Holmes Library is "hopping" every season of the year!

The Friends of the Library provides valuable support to our wonderful Holmes Library! Adult and children's events, some museum passes and other vital programs are available thanks to your generous contributions through membership dues and other Friends fundraising activities.

The Friends desperately need new volunteers to join the Friend's Board so that we can still continue to operate. We currently have at least three vacancies that must be filled in order to remain viable as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Current openings are the treasurer, chair, and corresponding secretary positions.

Volunteering your time, energy, and talents is a fantastic way to give back to your community. The "Friends" are a caring and inclusive group who share a common love of books and helping others. Our monthly meetings are generally held on the 4th Thursday of the month at 6:30 and are open to the public. The Friends do not meet in July or December. Our next meeting is Monday, April 30th at 6:30. Please join us to volunteer or just learn about the Friends!

If you'd like more detailed information on joining the Friends Board and/or volunteering with the Friends, please contact me ASAP using the information provided below.

Sincere thanks,
Jeanne Kling
Chair
Friends of the Holmes Library
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Note from the Library Director

Happy Spring to all and thank you for being a member of the Friends of the Holmes Public Library! Your support of the Library is greatly appreciated by myself and the Staff. Through the generosity of the Friends, we can provide enhanced library services and materials to the patrons of our wonderful library community. The Friends purchase Bookpage, a jam-packed monthly magazine subscription headlining the newest book titles and latest bestsellers. Stop by the library for your free, hot-off-the-press copy.

The book chosen for the 2018 Halifax Reads Program was "Hidden Figures" by Margot Lee Shetterly. The Friends sponsored two great programs for Halifax

Reads. NASA Ambassador Pat Monteith presented "Asteroid Adventures" to a group of enthusiastic students and The Aldrich Astronomical Society gave a Power-Point and hands-on display of space exploration artifacts.

It is my pleasure to work with such a great group of hard-working volunteers. Please consider joining the Friends! Their mission is vital to the continued success of the library. Please contact me if you'd like more information on how you can help.

Sincerely,
Jean Gallant
Library Director
jgallant@sailsinc.org

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Halifax READS events
- ◆ Cake Walk
- ◆ Annual Friends Book & Bake Sale

Treasurer's Report February 2018



The largest fundraiser in the spring is the Annual Book & Bake Sale. In June 2017 the Book & Bake Sale brought in \$1128.00 for the Holmes Library. We are looking forward to June 2nd and would appreciate your support!

*"The only thing that you absolutely have to know is the location of the library."
-Albert Einstein*

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Treasurer's Report February 28, 2018

Account Balances

- A. Checking Account Balance \$5968.89
B. Saving's Account Balance \$2683.25

TOTAL FUNDS ON ACCOUNT \$8652.14

Income Received Since Last Meeting

- a. Savings account interest \$.07
b. Ongoing book sale \$95.00
c. Coffee Sales \$ 5.00
d. Memberships \$59.00
 (3 including business: Hanover Psych Assoc)
e. Merchandise \$23.00

Total Income: \$182.07

Expenses Paid Since Last Meeting

- a. Ready Refresh H2O Services \$12.87

Total Expenses: \$12.87



IT IS A CAKE WALK! April 21st at 11:00

We're having a Cake Walk!

Come and join the Friends of the Library for their Second Annual Cake Walk. This fundraiser was lots of fun last year! Thank you to our Trustees Liaison, Ava Grimason, for organizing this exciting event. Participants pay \$1/chance to walk or dance to some catchy and "sugary" tunes like "Sugar-Pie Honey Bunch" and "The Candy Man"!

Last year, everyone who won walked away with a delicious cake! It could be you this year! Let's make this year's walk bigger and better! Just come to the Holmes Library at 11:00 am for a sweet time!

Hope to see you then! Ages 5-Adult ☺

Annual Book & Bake Sale June 2nd

BOOKS & BAKED GOODS NEEDED!

The Friends Annual Book & Bake Sale will be held on Saturday, June 2, from 10-1! Clean out your bookshelves to make room! Please bring your gently used books, games, DVD's, and CD's to the library during the month of May to donate for the sale. If you are unable to join us for the Book Sale on June 2nd, we will have the remaining books and other items for sale at the library the following week. Find your summer reads at low prices while supporting the library! Come on down!

Please donate baked goods for our Bake sale! You may drop your baked items at the library on Friday 6/1 during library hours of 10-5. If needed, please drop your baked goods at the beginning of the Bake Sale on Sat 6/2 at 10:00 am. After shopping for bargain books you can support the library by purchasing a delicious treat!

Children's and Adult's Books
Paperback \$0.50
Hardcover \$1.00



Ongoing Book Sale

Special thanks to Lisa Penzo-Johnson for volunteering her time for many years managing the Ongoing Book Sale at the library!

If you have books, DVDs, or CDs in good condition and small quantities that you would like to donate, please bring them in for the ongoing sale. The Ongoing Book Sale brings in several hundred dollars annually to be used for library programs.

Friends' Volunteers Needed!

JOIN the Board! We want YOU!

There are many ways that you can help the Friends:

- Purchase a "Friends" item at the library (mugs, backpacks)
- Bake a cake for our Cake Walk
- Join us at the Cake Walk and the Book and Bake Sale
- Encourage a friend to join/renew your Friends membership
- Share your ideas!

*Please attend the **April 30th meeting** at 6:30

Friends' Annual Silent Auction 2017

The Friends of the Library completed their 8th Annual Silent Auction on December 15th. We had 36 items up for bid this year and brought in almost \$1000.00! The eight years of auctions have garnered just over \$6000.00 which we have used to help our staff and library provide services and programs for our community.

Joan Brides devotes many hours organizing this popular event. We are appreciative of her tireless efforts! Joan chaired the Friends for five years and is currently on the Friends Board as a Member-at-Large. We are also grateful to the Library Staff;

they have been instrumental to the success of the Silent Auction. All items in the Silent Auction are donated by Friends, Library Staff, and members of the Board of Trustees.

Keep your eyes and ears open for next year's 9th Annual Auction which will begin the Monday after Thanksgiving and end the Wednesday after our Holidays in Halifax. You might even consider making a sizeable bid on a Silent Auction item as a holiday gift to the Friends!

Hopefully, we can reach \$1000.00; we almost did it in 2017!



Thanks for your support!!
The annual Silent Auction is the Friends' major fundraiser each winter.

Mission Statement and Current Officers

The mission of the Friends of the Holmes Public Library, Inc. is to support the Holmes Public Library by sponsoring library activities and programs; donating materials and books; and stimulating volunteer services and gifts to the library. 100% of all funds raised are spent directly on materials and programs that benefit the library, its patrons, and the community.

The Friends of the Holmes Public Library are a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, so gifts to the Friends, as well as membership dues, are tax-deductible. If you would like to make an end-of-year tax-deductible contribution in addition to your membership, please make your check out to "Friends of the Holmes Public Library, Inc."

Current Board

Chair - Jeanne Kling / April Vacancy
Treasurer - Monica Mueller / April vacancy
Recording Secretary - Mary Howlett
Corresponding Secretary - Vacancy
Directors/Members at Large-
Joan Brides, Joyce Jacobsen, Sue Derochea
Trustee Liaison - Ava Grimason

Membership Information

Annual Friends membership dues are critical in supporting valuable library programming. Please renew your membership or consider becoming a Friend (member) today!

Memberships run from June to May.

Senior \$5/per year

Individual \$10/per year

Family \$25/per year

Membership forms are available at the library circulation desk and as a downloadable form on the Friends section of the library website: <http://holmespubliclibrary.org/>

Please make your checks payable to "Friends of the Holmes Public Library".

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Spring Hours

Monday 12-8

Tuesday 10-5

Wednesday 12-8

Thursday 10-5

Friday 10-5

Saturday 10-2

