



## A Note from the Director

Hello,

I am excited to be able to connect with you and I hope you are well! This has been a challenging time for our community and as we struggle with our unique challenges it is my hope that you have found some peace in the softer side of life. Look for the helpers, they can make you smile!

The library has been closed to the public since March 16, 2020 but staff has been committed to finding ways to stay connected to our patrons. Thank you to Assistant Director Marie Coady for her remote work. Marie has kept the website running, shared important information and provided support to Miss Holly. Thanks to Miss Holly Iannucci for her wonderful virtual story times. Great Stuff!

During this time, I have been working alone in the building cleaning, organizing old files, providing phone and email support and working with my colleagues across the Commonwealth.

Library Directors across the state are doing an outstanding job of staying connected in this unprecedented time. Through virtual meetings we are finding comfort out of our comfort zone. I am proud to be a part of this group of dedicated professionals who are working tirelessly to provide the best possible service in the safest possible way to our communities. The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners and the Massachusetts Library System have provided invaluable assistance in helping Libraries navigate this strange territory.

### **READY, SET, GO!**

We are pleased to announce that the Holmes Public Library is ready to begin offering Curbside Pickup on May 20, 2020. Instructions for Curbside Pickup are enclosed in this newsletter.

The library will also begin to accept returns. Returns can only be accepted in the outside book drop. The book drop will be open from 9 to 4 Monday through Friday. Returns will be quarantined in the building for 72 hours so you will not see them immediately checked in off your record. No worries, fines have been waived until further notice.

Curbside Pickup and the accepting of returns are considered Phase 1 as the library begins to offer more services. Phase 2 will be limited public access to the building with restrictions. Phase 2 will be dependent on directives from Governor Baker's Office. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work to provide services in the safest way.

Taking these next steps would not have been possible without the efforts of many people. Special shout out to Scott Materna, Head of Building Maintenance for fogging the building weekly and for answering my many demands with great patience. Thank you to Charlie Seelig, Town Administrator for quickly answering all my questions and to the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee for your commitment to the residents of Halifax and our library community. It takes a village.

Thank You to the staff of the Holmes Public Library, Marie Coady, Maria Bumpus, Holly Iannucci, Debbie Adduci, Kathleen Olding and Lynnette Touhey. I appreciate your kind words, helpful suggestions and flexibility. Your dedication to the Holmes Public Library does not go unnoticed and is truly appreciated.

Last but not least, thank you to the patrons of the Holmes Public Library. Thank you for your past patronage and for your continued support during this time. We look forward to serving you for many years to come.

Sincerely,  
Jean Gallant