

PUBLIC LIBRARY

The library circulated 197,829 items in FY '07, our busiest year yet. WiFi, funded by the Holliston Lions, has been increasingly popular as patrons take their laptops to the library. A collection of DVDs recommended by the library staff has been very popular. We can now repair scratched discs with a buffer purchased by the Friends of the Library and patrons may bring in their discs from home for a small fee.

The library was generously supported by the Friends in many ways. They purchased a baby changing table, a new computer, monitors, storytime mat, games for the Children's Room, seating for the Teen Zone and audiobooks. We also received a new computer from the Sills Memorial Fund. The Holliston Newcomers Club gave us computer monitors and our very popular museum passes which provide free and reduced admission to local cultural and recreation attractions. The Holliston Lions paid for receipt printers which greatly streamlined service at the circulation desks. Many thanks to Marion Smith, Douglas and Anne Cahill and so many others for their generous gifts to purchase more books for the collection. Kudos to the Holliston Garden Club for making the library festive at Christmas and the grounds and garden beautiful all year.

The second annual One Book, One Holliston showcased Geraldine Brooks' *March* for adults and *Little Women*, its inspiration, as the children's choice. Programs on birdwatching, editing photos and pastels along with book discussions were offered for adults. Children enjoyed visits from Mother Goose and Mrs. Claus along with storyhours, crafts, book groups, puppet shows, magic acts and other activities. Local musicians Dad E. and the Pop Stars provided music along with various other groups. One hundred and eighty children received certificates in the Summer Reading Program. The Teen Zone was expanded and new furniture was purchased.

Jim Pond and Laraine Worby were re-elected to the library board of trustees. We welcomed new employees, Tammy Page and Amy Porter and Laura Kurzontkowski became Head of Circulation, taking over from Jane Early, who moved to Maine.

The Trustees, staff and volunteers of the library look forward to another year of serving the citizens of Holliston in FY '08.

Board of Library Trustees