

Holmes Public Library

Director's Report

November 10, 2015

Halifax Reads is already coming to its final week! Unfortunately, as I reported last month, the Rockland Trust Foundation denied our application asking them to sponsor Halifax Reads so the \$1,300 cost of 100 regular-print copies of *Weekends with Daisy* has been paid for out of the Holmes Public Library Gift Fund, with an anonymous donation of \$100 to the Gift Fund helping to defray the cost down to \$1,200. The Friends of the Library paid for the large-print copies of the book, which turned out to be 18 copies instead of 20, and that has been more than enough. So far, 85 regular-print copies and over half of the large-print copies have been checked out at least once.

I think we'll have a good turnout for the Sharron Kahn Luttrell's visit on Saturday, Nov. 14, at 11 a.m. The Plympton-Halifax Express has been very supportive and ran the interview that the author did with me via email towards the end of October. The kick-off, Storytime with Lily, on Oct. 3 was attended by 31 people. The presentation by Dawn Anderson from NEADS on the Prison Pups Partnership on Wed., Oct. 7, at 7:00 p.m. was attended by 18 people, including some high school students. The evening book discussion on *Weekends with Daisy* was attended by 14 people and brought out all of the different facets of the book. There is a second discussion scheduled for the afternoon of Tuesday, Nov. 17, at 1 p.m. which will be the final Halifax Reads event, although people have been continuing to hear about the book and coming in to check out a copy. After I spoke about it at the TRIAD meeting this morning, three more books were checked out. The meeting will be broadcast on the cable channel, so that might give us additional publicity to go along with the event listings that are running on cable already.

The spending on Halifax Reads has been a splurge, but most have responded very positively to the book selection, and I hope that it will end up being looked upon as a successful event for the library.

To allow scheduling of continuous weeks and give us more time for publicizing the Sensory Storytime, it has been postponed till after the holidays. The Wednesday morning dates are definite for January and February and the presenter, Amy O'Connor, MS, OTR/L, is an occupational therapist who will come to us from South Shore Therapies. The plan is for our new Children's Librarian, Stacey Beshers, to observe and see if it is something she feels able to take it on or if she will want some specialized training before being comfortable with it.