

HOWLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Director's Report
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Summer Reading Program Report: 143 children & teens read 1136 books & Library hosted 64 programs for children & teens with attendance of 1564. Ginny said, "I had many parents express gratitude to the library for hosting so many fun programs and performers, and making their summer really special."

Public libraries, through their summer reading programs, put books in the hands of children. This is the best antidote for the 'summer slide' in children's reading achievement. Access to books and library programs over the summer results in more reading which, in turn, results in improved reading skills. -- Assistant Commissioner for Libraries and New York's State Librarian Bernard A. Margolis

Room Use Policy Addition: I suggest that we add the following sentence to the current room use policy, "The library may make the Community Room and the Adult Program Room available for use as a quiet study area when the rooms are not otherwise booked." There are many times when patrons ask for a quiet space and these two rooms are available and seems a pity to not offer the space. We are working out specific procedures.

New library service: Library Elf is like a personal assistant that helps keep track of due dates, overdue materials and requested items ready for pick-up. Patrons can choose notifications via text or email, consolidate notifications, and manage more than one account. MHLS has subscribed to this service on the behalf of all member libraries. To sign up for Library ELF you need your library card barcode and PIN.

Monthly Resource Focus: Each month we will be promoting a specific (and underutilized) library resource. This month, to coincidence with the Beacon Independent Film Festival, we're focusing IndieFlix. Enjoy over 7,000 high-quality shorts, features, documentaries, classic TV shows and Web series from 85 countries. View films from major festivals all over the world, including Sundance, Cannes, Tribeca, and more! Sort by language, genre, or film length with easy-to-use filters. Watch movies on any Internet-enabled computer, smartphone, or tablet with a Web browser! Also available on Roku, Xbox, and Apple TV.

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