



A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

Happy New Year to the Halifax Community and all the wonderful Patrons of the Holmes Public Library. My personal New Year's resolution is to approach whatever challenges 2021 may bring with renewed energy and always look for a silver lining.

In response to Governor Baker's most recent restrictions amidst a spike in cases, we have made a few adjustments to keep the building open and running in the safest way possible for Staff and Patrons.

- Curbside Pickup is still available and strongly encouraged.
- There are several ways to request materials.
 - Place a hold in the [catalog](#)
 - Send an easy [online request](#) that goes directly to a Holmes librarian
 - Fill out a paper request form at the front desk
 - Call us 781-293-2271
 - We will contact you within 24 hours on the status of your request
- State Guidelines allow for browsing in the stacks. Yes, you are welcome to browse the stacks to choose the perfect book. **But please note these important new policies:**
 - 10 people (including Staff) are allowed in the building at one time. This is well below the 25% guidelines issued by the State but this number is more manageable for Staff.
 - We have implemented a 15-minute time limit in the building including computer/copier use and checkout time. This is to limit exposure in the building and not a matter of occupancy. We love to see you and say a quick 'Hello' but we are attempting to create a 'Grab and Go' environment in the building.
 - At this time, we are unable to let you borrow any office supplies.

A quick reminder, for the most reliable information on hours of operation and events please visit our website holmespubliclibrary.org and follow us on [Facebook](#).

Sincerely,

Jean Gallant

Library Director