

# Holmes Public Library Long-Range Plan 2011-2015 Executive Summary

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## Methodology

This Planning Process is based on a National model for Public Library planning developed by Sandra Nelson in 2008. The process relied heavily on community input which included a survey (online and written) and two Community Forums that were held on June 26<sup>th</sup> and July 31. The forums were facilitated by Halifax resident Luanne Teller. The work product of the forums was the selection of five Service Responses through which the Trustees and Staff developed the plan's Goals, Objectives and Activities.

### **I. Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning**

Residents will have the resources they need to explore topics of personal interest and continue to learn throughout their lives

**Goal I.** Patrons of all ages will have the materials and technological resources they need to achieve personal growth and intellectual stimulation

**Goal II.** Residents of all ages will have opportunities to enjoy literature and cultural experiences while addressing their intellectual curiosity

**Goal III.** Community members will enjoy library materials and programs regardless of physical impediments

### **II. Know your community: Community Resources and Services**

Residents will have a central source for information about the wide variety of programs, services and activities provided by community agencies and organizations

**Goal I:** Residents will enjoy a sense of community, feel connected, and be informed about activities, programs, volunteer opportunities and resources in their community

**Goal 2:** New residents will be warmly welcomed in the Library and the Halifax community

### **III. Visit a comfortable Place: Physical and Virtual Places**

Residents will have safe and welcoming physical places to meet and interact with others or to sit quietly and read and will have open and accessible virtual spaces that support networking

**Goal I:** Library patrons will enjoy a comfortable place to read, study and use technology

**Goal II.** Library patrons will see the Library as a place to relax, linger, browse and meet friends.

### **IV. Understand how to find, evaluate and use information: Information Fluency**

Residents will know when they need information to resolve an issue or answer a question and will have the skills to search for, locate, evaluate and effectively use information to meet their needs

**Goal I:** Adults and seniors will be comfortable using information resources of all kinds

**Goal II:** Children and young adults will efficiently find accurate and up to date information

### **V. Create Young Readers: Early Literacy**

Children from birth to age five will have programs and services designed to ensure that they will enter school ready to learn to read, write and listen

**Goal I:** Children from birth to five, their parents and caregivers will have the resources to help them develop the social and learning skills needed to enter school

**Goal II:** Parents and caregivers will come to the library to network, learn and share parenting skills and enjoy time with their children

*\*The Service Responses were approved by the Library Trustees on August 17, 2010*