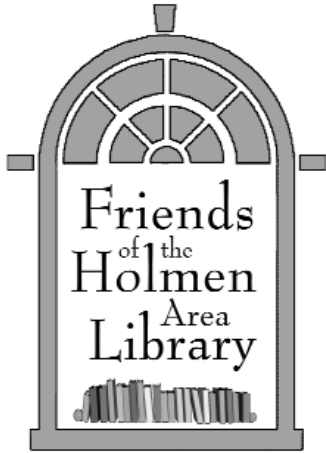




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Second Quarter, 2006

News and Notes from the Friends of the Holmen Area Library



We Are Making Progress!

from Board President Roxanne Reynolds

It was almost one year ago that the Holmen Area Civic and Commerce Association was seeking programs of interest to the community for our monthly meeting. I suggested we invite the Holmen Library people to talk about conditions at our library and whether there were any plans for improvement in the near future. As we all know our current library facility is over crowded, cluttered and extremely unsightly! Not an asset for such a progressive Village as ours!

As a result of that informative presentation, the Friends of the Holman Area Library group was born. And how we have developed in such a short time! Instead of the normal activities of a "Friends" group, our initial objective has been to get a new library, and all of our focus has been on reaching that goal.

We have been joined by many dynamic community leaders who have been working hard on needs assessment and site location. We have also benefited from professionals who have donated time and expertise to help us weigh the benefits of various options. We have entered into an alliance with an organization that is ready to initiate our fund raising campaign. And we now are being called The Holmen Community Library as interest in our efforts has been expressed by surrounding townships!

Thank You to everyone who has worked so hard to get us closer to our goal. And Thank You to all members for your wonderful support. Together we will achieve our motto of *"Building Dreams, Expanding Minds" in a shorter time than we thought possible!*

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 - Individual..... 10.00
 - Family 25.00
 - Business 50.00
 - Lifetime 150.00
- (or three payments of \$50.00 for three consecutive years.)



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Did you know?

We have no room for further expansion at the Holmen Library. The building, current program offerings and parking facilities are crowded and overextended.

Did you know?

The Holmen Library moved into its present location in 1988. Holmen population in 1990 was 3,236. In 2005, it is 6,931. The Library has not grown while the community has more than doubled. What will the population be in 2020?

Did you know?

Holmen was recently named the 2nd fastest growing community in Wisconsin. New families with school-aged children are a significant portion of that growth. Computer use in the Library has increased by 30% from 2003 to 2004. School District enrollment is projected to increase by 920 students by 2008.

Did you know?

Surrounding communities, some smaller than Holmen will have or currently have libraries that are much larger than ours. The library in West Salem for example is more than double the size of our facility.

The Mission of our organization is to support and promote the enrichment of the resources, facilities, services and needs of the Holmen Public Library.

We need YOUR help and support to make our project a success. For more information on volunteering or contributing to our new library, please contact us!

The Public Values Both Traditional and 21st Century Library Services

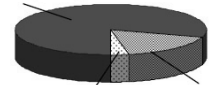
- Asked what libraries' top priorities should be, Americans pointed most frequently to such traditional services as having enough books for children, having good reference materials and knowledgeable, friendly librarians.
- At the same time, two-thirds say that having enough computers and online services should also be a high priority for their local library.

From: Long Overdue: A Fresh Look at Public Attitudes about Libraries of the 21st Century

Libraries: Essential to *Whole* Community

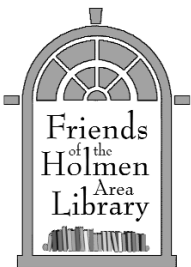
If your public library were shut down tomorrow due to lack of funding, would you feel that something essential and important has been lost, affecting the whole community, or that while something important was lost, it really only affects a few people in the community, or the loss would not be important for your community?

Important loss to whole community - 78%



Not important - 3% Only affects a few - 17%

Holmen needs this educational and public service resource to reflect the PRIDE we have in our community!!!



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