# NEWS and NOTES from the HASTON LIBRARY

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#### **DECEMBER NEWS AND EVENTS**



We were happy to be part of the Tree Lighting on Friday, December 2nd, hosted and organized by the Franklin Recreation Department. The library donated candy canes for kids young and old, and the assembled tree admirers were serenaded with a brace of Christmas carols by Director Worman and his merry band of... carolers. (Many thanks to Trustee Jen Raynak, Kathryn Gates, and Wesley Kempton for filling the air with the sweet sounds of the holiday!) No snow on the ground this year, but we still managed a festive atmosphere, and everyone seemed to enjoy the event!





And once again, the library also participated in Polar Express, which took place on Friday, December 16th. We gave out close to ninety books to the children who were taking part, and it was wonderful to see the delighted reactions of all the kids (and the parents too!) Many thanks to the Franklin Recreation Department for organizing this great event, and to all the people who donated funds to help us purchase the books!

# **OPERATION HAPPINESS**



United Way of Northwest Vermont

The Haston also took part in Operation Happiness, and this year there were ten stockings that needed to be filled. Thank you to the generous library patrons who went out and bought gifts for children in need. We really appreciate your generosity!

## A CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS



On Thursday, December 22nd, the library had a special showing of A Charlie Brown Christmas. It was a great way to get into the spirit of the season, with a classic holiday special!

### WE'VE GOT POOL PASSES!

Thanks to the Franklin Select Board and ARPA funding, the library now has two passes to the Hard'Ack Pool! The passes can be checked out for two days, and each pass allows one family to use the pool and its facilities for free. The pool is located at 179 Congress Street in St. Albans. Call the library at 285-6505 or email us at <a href="mailto:librarian@franklinhastonlibraryvt.org">librarian@franklinhastonlibraryvt.org</a> to reserve a pass today!

# **SPOTLIGHT ON: CLIC**



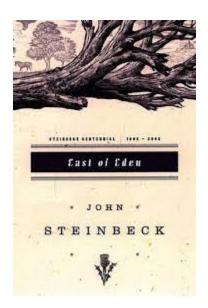
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### LEARN HOW TO MAKE A SNOW GLOBE!



On Saturday, January 21st at 11:00 AM, friend of the library Miss Michelle will be leading a Snow Globe craft activity for kids aged 5 and up. Come on down to the library for a fun winter craft! All supplies will be provided, and there might even be a snack or two on hand!

**BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** 



This month, the library's book group will be discussing <u>East of Eden</u>, by John Steinbeck. They'll be meeting on Tuesday, January 24th at 4:00 PM at the library and on Facebook Messenger. Contact the library to reserve a copy of the book if you'd like to participate!

### DID YOU KNOW...?

- Library Shelfie Day is Wednesday, January 25, 2023! Started in 2014 by the New York Public Library, it has grown to be an annual celebration for book lovers to share their favorite books and library shelves with the world. Take a selfie with a beloved library shelf and share it on social media using the hashtag #LibraryShelfie.
- January 21st is National Squirrel Appreciation Day! Personally, I don't appreciate those big gray squirrels that get on the bird feeder and hog (or squirrel away) all the seeds that are meant for our fine feathered friends. The little red ones are kinda cute, though! (January 21st is also National Hug Day, but I wouldn't recommend hugging a squirrel--they might scratch instead of hug you back).

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