

NEWS and NOTES from the HASTON LIBRARY

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WE HAD SOME FUN IN OCTOBER!

Fire Truck Day had to be postponed due to inclement weather, but we got lucky on the following Saturday, October 9th. It was a beautiful day, and lots of people came out for a hands-on tour of fire trucks and tips on fire safety and prevention. We handed out books, stickers, and even fire hats to the little ones! It was lots of fun for everyone, and once again, we'd like to thank the Franklin Fire Department for partnering with the library to create a successful and informative event.



We had to “double up” on the 9th, due to the postponement of Fire Truck Day, because we were hosting Bill Mares at the Homestead’s FELCO room for his presentation “From Homebrew to the House of Fermentology” that afternoon. Bill is a longtime Vermont fixture--he’s the author of many books (including his latest, *Making Beer*), and he’s been a state representative, a beekeeper, and a brewer of beer. He talked about the history of beer-making in Vermont and the explosion of interest in beer and breweries in recent years, and he signed a copy of his book for us.

We were also very fortunate to have Dan Sartwell on hand, to give out samples of beer after the talk. Dan is the head of brewing operations at Black Flannel Brewery in Essex Junction, and he very kindly offered everyone sips of four different brews that he'd had a hand in developing. All in all, it was a stimulating and “heady” afternoon!

The library also had Rick Winston come up and give a talk on his book *Red Scare in the Green Mountains*, at the Town Hall on the 16th. Rick gave a really interesting and thought-provoking presentation on McCarthyism and “red-baiting,” and the ways in which Vermont politicians and newspaper editors and writers responded to it. It was fascinating to learn that a Vermont senator by the name of Ralph Flanders was one of the first politicians to stand up to McCarthy, which ultimately led to his censure and swift downfall. One of many reasons to take pride in our little state! Rick was very engaging and encouraged lots of discussion after the talk, and we enjoyed hosting him.



**By the way... both of the above-mentioned books are available for checkout at the Haston!

INTRODUCING ASPEN--THE HASTON'S NEW OPAC!

And what is an “OPAC,” you ask? Good question! It’s one of those library acronyms that sound intimidating but really isn’t. It stands for Online Public Access Catalog (that’s a mouthfull!), and Aspen is just a new version of what we’ve had all along. But it’s a great improvement, as it has lots of different features and categories to explore. Log on as you would with the former OPAC, with your library card and password, and take a look at what the Haston and many other Vermont libraries have to offer!

<https://franklin.kohavt.org/>

NEW CHILDREN’S BOOKS... AND LOTS OF JUVENILE & YOUNG ADULT FICTION!



We recently added some great new children’s books to the collection, including *Change Sings* by Amanda Gorman, and the latest Pete the Cat book! And we have all ten of the Red Clover Award nominees available for checkout. Many new juvenile fiction titles are also available.



The Haston has a nice collection of books for young adults, including these new titles, on the second floor.

WHO WANTS PIE??



Our good friend Miss Kathy will be doing a pie-themed storytime & craft hour on Saturday, November 6th at 10:00 AM, and we're getting hungry just thinking about it! She'll be reading a few pie-themed books, and besides the yummy stories, we'll provide materials for creating felt pie sculptures and mini bottlecap pies. There will be some pies for the little ones to color, and we'll even have some mini edible ones for a tasting at the end of the program! (It's geared towards kids from 5-12, and space is limited, so make sure to show up ahead of time!)

STORY WALK® WEEK IS NOVEMBER 15-19!

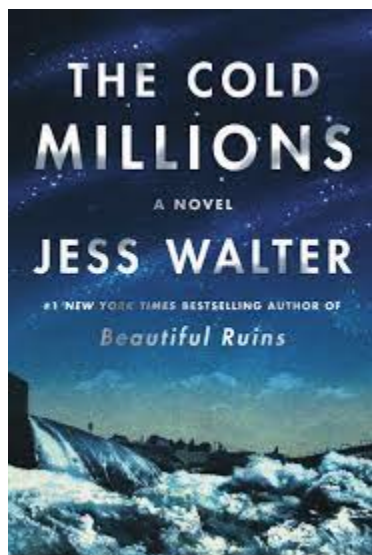


StoryWalk® Week will take place Nov. 15-19 on ABOS' (Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services) and Let's Move in Libraries' social media outlets, and to celebrate, the Haston will be setting up a StoryWalk® on the walking trail behind Franklin Central School. We'll be posting about it on Facebook and the website when it's all done, so keep an eye out! It's a fun way to get kids engaged in reading while also encouraging exercise and outdoor activity.

DATABASE OF THE MONTH: FAMILY SEARCH

If you're interested in genealogy, or even just curious about the origins of your family name, you should take a look at [FamilySearch](#). It's one of the many internet resources and databases that you can have access to through the library's website. All you have to do is create an account, and then you can search for ancestors, create your family tree, and have access to historical records, among other things. And best of all, it's free!

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



This month, the library's book group will be discussing *The Cold Millions*, by Jess Walter. They'll be meeting on Tuesday, November 30th, time & place TBD (we'll post updates on the website). Contact the library to reserve a copy of the book if you'd like to participate!

SPOTLIGHT ON: MAGAZINES

Did you know that the Haston has magazines that can be checked out just like books? It's true! We've got great publications like *Better Homes & Gardens*, *Consumer Reports*, and *Yankee*--and we're adding to our collection. Soon we'll have *Smithsonian* and *Cook's Country* available for everyone to enjoy. Stop by and browse, and bring a magazine or two home if you'd like!

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