

NEWS and NOTES from the HASTON LIBRARY

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*Happy
New
Year!*

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A message FROM THE DIRECTOR

The newsletter is a bit late this month, in part because of all the distractions of the holiday season, but also because your director has been engaged in a very important (yet time-consuming) (and yes, a bit frustrating!) project: the Annual Report. Each year, every library in Vermont is required to submit a lengthy, detailed report to the Department of Libraries, which covers all kinds of statistics, activities, and library-related information from the preceding year (in our case, fiscal year 2020-21). It's definitely been a challenging time in the age of Covid, and although we've had to limit our programming, we've also managed to stay open and allow our patrons access to wifi, computers, and of course all sorts of books, dvds, and other materials to check out. I thought it might be interesting to share a few of the statistics from the report, which may give you a little insight into our little library!--Josh Worman, Director, Haston Library

Some numbers from July 1st, 2020-June 30th, 2021:

Patron visits: 2,274

Circulation (items scanned): 3,882

Computer/Wifi sessions: 831

Website visitors: 1,407

Reference questions answered: 192

DECEMBER EVENTS: TREE-LIGHTING ceremony & POLAR EXPRESS



Friday, December 3rd was a little on the cool side, but that didn't prevent lots of Franklinites from coming down to the library for the tree-lighting ceremony! Santa Claus himself even showed up, and there was music and candy canes for the kids. And Polar Express was held in the basement of the Congregational Church two weeks later, where the library director and the head of the Board of Trustees handed out books to close to 90 children. Thanks to the Congregational Church, and also to Franklin Rec for being a great organizer and community partner for these events (and for the above photo as well!)

SPOTLIGHT ON: THE ABLE LIBRARY



One of the many wonderful things that the Vermont Department of Libraries offers is the ABLE Library. ABLE stands for **A**udio, **B**raille, **L**arge Print, and **E**lectronic books, which is what they offer to any Vermonter who might have a visual impairment or a learning disability. The Haston is also very fortunate to receive a quarterly shipment of large print books from ABLE, which augments our already sizable large print collection. Every three months, we send back the ones we've gotten from them in the preceding shipment, then a few days later, we receive a new batch of books, usually around twenty-five altogether. There are westerns, romance novels, classics, thrillers, and other genres for our patrons to check out and enjoy. For more information on the ABLE Library, click on the link below:

https://libraries.vermont.gov/able_library

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



This month, the library's book group will be discussing The Pull of the Stars, by Emma Donoghue. The group will meet on Thursday, January 20th at 1:00 PM at the library, both in person and online. Contact the library to reserve a copy of the book and/or to inquire about how to join virtually if you'd like to participate!

DATABASE OF THE MONTH: THE INTERNET ARCHIVE

Did you know? Founded in 1996, The Internet Archive is a digital library with a mission of providing "universal access to all knowledge." It may not have *all* knowledge, but it does give free public access to collections of digitized materials, including websites, software applications/games, music, movies/videos, moving images, and millions of books. If you're looking for some specific information, or maybe just another rabbit-hole to explore, The Internet Archive is a great place to start! It's featured on the Hoston Library's website, but you can also pay a visit by clicking on the link below:

<https://archive.org/>

JUST a reminder...

We have lots of DVDs to check out--over 1,000, in fact! That's more than enough to get you through another Vermont winter. (And we're ordering new ones every month!)



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