

NEWS and NOTES from the HASTON LIBRARY

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SEPTEMBER WRAP-UP

We had to bid a final farewell to a wonderful art show called *Traveling in the Mind During Covid Time*, but fortunately, the artists Barbara Flack and Orah Moore left us with three of their works that will be gracing the library walls for the foreseeable future. Barbara and Orah led a discussion about their work, travel, and Covid at the closing reception, which was very interesting and thought-provoking.





We had lots of fun story times during the month of September, with crafts, songs, snacks, and lots of stories, of course! We also had a pollinator program and a pencil holder craft, led by friend of the library Miss Michelle.

WEBSITE WRANGLING... TAKE A GANDER AT OUR RE-MODELED SITE!

It's a work in progress, but we think it's improving byte by byte! Many thanks to Trustee Jen Raynak for the work she has done on this...

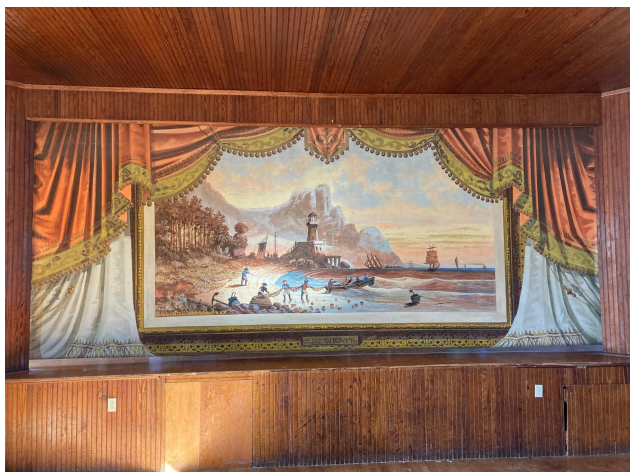
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VTLIB TOUR & (MOSTLY) ADDISON COUNTY LIBRARY TOUR

On Wednesday, September 28th, your Director attended a roundtable with the consultants from the Vermont Department of Libraries at the St. Albans Free Library. The consultants had been touring libraries in Franklin and Grand Isle counties, and at the conclusion of the tour, they wanted to give area library folk a chance to meet with them, ask questions, and discuss various library issues. One question I had for them was: Does VTLIB have a Strategic Plan? (The Haston does, in case you didn't know). The consultants reported that VTLIB does have a five-year plan (ours is for three years at a time), and that they are required to report to both the Vermont State Legislature and the Institute of Museum and Library Services, which is an independent federal agency that provides library grants, museum grants, policy development, and research.

A couple of days later, your Director headed off to Addison County for a four-library tour, starting at Starksboro Public Library. There were around fifteen of us altogether, and we went from Starksboro to the Russell Memorial Library in Monkton, then on to the Bixby in Vergennes and finally wound up at the Charlotte Library. It was a fun, informative, and inspiring day. It's always a joy to explore the many towns and libraries in Vermont--every town and every library is different and unique!



One interesting thing about the Starksboro library is that they have a Town Hall on their second floor, with a painted curtain much like the one here in Franklin.



In the fall of 2021, the new Russell Memorial Library in Monkton was opened to the public. It's a beautiful building that also has the town offices within.



The Bixby Memorial Library in Vergennes is part library and part museum, housed in a classic Greek Revival building that's listed on the National and State of Vermont Historic Registers.



This youngster doesn't look too thrilled about being on the wall at the Bixby Memorial Library...



“WHOOO likes the Bixby??”



The Charlotte Library has a new addition which includes a gorgeous, light-filled children's area.

ADDING MORE THINGS TO THE LIBRARY OF THINGS



We are happy to report that through the generosity of Big Heavy World, the Vermont Arts Council, and Rode, we now have a computer microphone that can be checked out! The NT-USB Mini is a compact, studio-quality USB microphone designed for recording directly to a computer or tablet. It is simple to set up and use, and it's perfect for recording vocals and instruments, livestreaming, gaming, podcasting, voice calls, and more. The NT-USB Mini delivers crisp, clear audio in all recording applications.

Keep an eye out for more non-traditional items as we add them to the collection, and make sure to suggest any that you think the library should have available for checkout!

THE FAR TRAVELER: VOYAGES OF A VIKING WOMAN



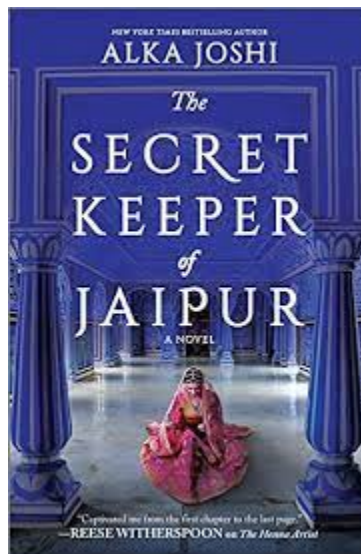
On Sunday, October 23rd at 2:00 PM at the Town Hall, the library will be hosting writer and historian Nancy Marie Brown to give a talk entitled *The Far Traveler: Voyages of a Viking Woman*. According to medieval Icelandic sagas, a voyager came to the New World from Iceland 500 years before Columbus. Gudrid the Far-Traveler, sister-in-law of the explorer Leif Erikson, tried to set up a colony on the shores of the Gulf of St. Lawrence around the year 1000. While this story was long thought to be a myth, author Nancy Marie Brown tells how more and more of Gudrid's story is being proved true by recent archaeological digs in Newfoundland, Greenland, and Iceland. Please join us as she explores this fascinating subject! (This event is sponsored in part by Vermont Humanities and is free and open to the public).

TRUNK OR TREAT!!

Yes, it's almost that time of year again... Trunk or Treat is right around the corner, and once again, the Haston Library will be participating! It's going to be held at the Franklin School parking lot, on Friday, October 28th starting at 6 PM. Many thanks to Franklin Rec for organizing the Halloween Spook-tacular!



BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



Did you know that October is National Reading Group Month? The library's book group will be discussing The Secret Keeper of Jaipur, by Alka Joshi. Contact the library to reserve a copy of the book if you'd like to participate. (Date, time, and location of the meeting were undetermined at press time).

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