

NEWS and NOTES from the HASTON LIBRARY

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THE FAR TRAVELER

We hosted a great program at the Town Hall on Sunday, October 23rd at 2 PM. Vermont author and historian Nancy Marie Brown came to Franklin to give a talk entitled *The Far Traveler: Voyages of a Viking Woman*. According to medieval Icelandic sagas, a Viking woman known as Gudrid the Far Traveler came to the New World 500 years before Columbus and tried to set up a colony on the shores of the Gulf of St. Lawrence. This story was long thought to be a myth, but Brown explained how Gudrid's story is being proved true by recent archaeological digs in Newfoundland, Greenland, and Iceland. She also talked about the many other books she has written. We had a decent turnout in spite of the fact that it was a beautiful Fall day during hunting season! And we streamed the talk live on Facebook as well, so a number of people were able to experience it virtually. (By the way, [The Far Traveler](#) book is available at the Haston, so if you're curious, stop by and check it out!)



THE PALACE PROJECT



Good news for all you eBook and audio book lovers out there: The Palace Project is finally live! What is the Palace Project, you ask? Well, it's just one more way that we here at the Haston are expanding your eBook and audiobook options. The Palace Project is a non-profit eBook and audiobook marketplace that has been developed in consultation with libraries. They offer eBooks and audiobooks from more than 1,000 publishers, including titles from Amazon Publishing, Hachette, Harper Collins, Macmillan, and Simon and Schuster, as well as hundreds of mid-sized and independent publishers. As with Libby/Overdrive, patrons can use an app to download books and read or listen to them. (Just search for the Palace Project in your app store). After installing the app, sign in with your library card number and PIN (the same one you use for Libby). You'll have access to lots and lots of titles, and it's a snap to use! If you have questions or concerns, you can call or email the library. There's also a guide available, which can be accessed by clicking on this link:

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VERMONT'S HISTORIC THEATER CURTAINS

The library is thrilled to be hosting Christine Hadsel on November 5th at 11:00 AM to talk about Vermont's historic theater curtains at the Town Hall--and thanks to Dave Bennion of the Franklin Historical Society, we will be able to see the Town Hall's curtain in all its glory!

Between 1880 and World War II, painted theater curtains were artistic features of most New England villages and towns. In Vermont, painted curtains graced stages in town and grange halls, opera houses, and community theaters. A culture of local variety shows and traveling, professional talent flourished in front of those curtains in some very remote Vermont communities. In a tour of some of the 177 curtains in Vermont, Christine Hadsel, director of Curtains Without Borders, provides a glimpse into the world of talented and often sophisticated artists who were part of the rural cultural scene, illustrating the rich cultural history of small-town Vermont before World War I.

This talk is free, open to the public, and accessible to those with disabilities, and it's sponsored in part by Vermont Humanities. (Christine's book [Suspended Worlds: Historic Theater Scenery in Northern New England](#) is also available at the Haston for checkout).



ARPA GRANT: ROUND TWO

The Haston received two American Rescue Plan Act grants, and although the second one wasn't quite as large as the first, we were still able to purchase a new "all-in-one" computer for the Young Adult area. We also used some of the funds to expand our children's book collection, so now we have even more great titles for the little ones to choose from!

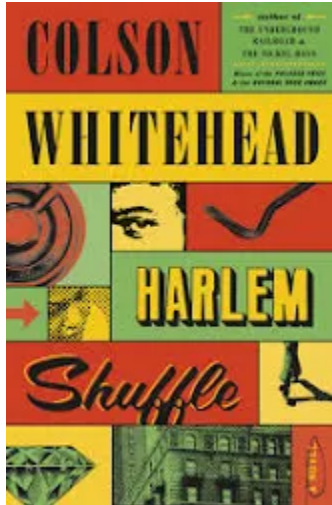


**OKAY, MAYBE THIS DOESN'T QUALIFY AS
"NEWS," BUT TAKE A LOOK AT THE
CHRISTMAS CACTUS THAT'S CURRENTLY
BLOOMING IN THE LIBRARY!!**



Although maybe we should call it a Halloween cactus...

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



This month, the library's book group will be discussing Harlem Shuffle, by Colson Whitehead. Contact the library to reserve a copy of the book if you'd like to participate. The group is planning to meet on Tuesday, November 15th at 4 PM at the library.

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