

# **NEWS and NOTES from the HASTON LIBRARY**

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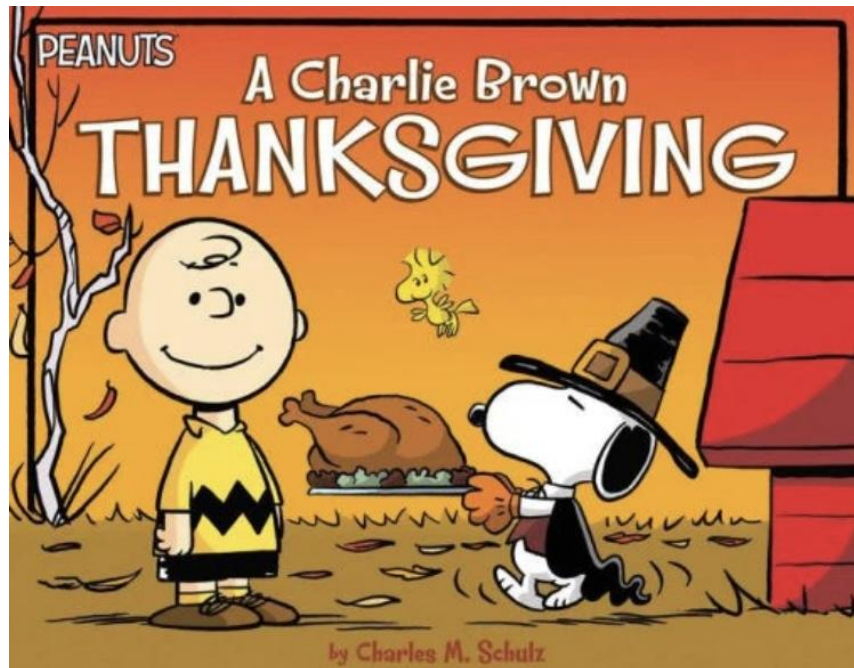
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## WHAT WERE WE UP TO IN NOVEMBER?



We were honored to host writer and historian Christine Hadsel at the Town Hall on Saturday, November 5th to hear her talk about Vermont's historic theater curtains. Once again, the weather was mild and the wild game was calling, yet we still had a decent-sized crowd! And as a special bonus, we were able to see the Town Hall's curtain (painted by local legend and jack-of-all-trades Ray Hefflon) unfurled in all its glory! (Many thanks to Dave Bennion for making that happen). Christine gave a really fascinating talk that covered both the history and variety of theater curtains in Vermont, and also the challenges and complications involved in the maintenance and preservation of these valuable historical treasures. (For anyone who might have missed the talk, or is just curious, Christine's book [Suspended Worlds: Historic Theater Scenery in Northern New England](#) is available at the Haston for checkout).



We also had a special screening of *A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving*, on November 22nd, and we enjoyed a “meal” of popcorn, pretzels, and jellybeans, just like the Peanuts gang has during their unorthodox holiday! (We didn’t have enough toasters, or actually any toasters, so there wasn’t any toast with margarine). We’re hoping to show the Peanuts Christmas special during the run-up to the holiday, so keep an eye out for that too!

## OPERATION HAPPINESS



**United Way of  
Northwest Vermont**

Once again, the Haston is participating in Operation Happiness, which is a United Way program that brings gifts to children in need. Stop by the library and choose a mini-stocking from the front foyer, purchase whichever gifts you’d like to give, then return them to the library by Saturday, December 10th. (No need to wrap them). We appreciate your generosity!

## TREE LIGHTING AND POLAR EXPRESS



Please join us for the annual tree lighting (with free candy canes for the kids, and some caroling too!) on Friday, December 2nd at 6:00 PM in front of the library.

And the Polar Express event, which is organized by the Franklin Recreation Department, will be held on Friday, December 16th, starting at 4:30 PM in the Franklin Central School parking lot. We've got lots of books to give out, so be sure to visit the Franklin Rec website to sign up! (You can click on the link below):

[Franklin Recreation Department: Polar Express & Lighted Parade](#)

## SPOTLIGHT ON: GALE'S CHILTON LIBRARY

Just for your information, Gale's *Chilton Library*, available through Vermont Online Library, was updated on November 1st. Chilton provides repair and maintenance guides for a wide range of cars and trucks, and it can be accessed under Resources/Gale Pages on the library's website. The update improves the interface and search and adds better videos, animations, and VIN searching. [Read more at Gale's page.](#)

## BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



This month, the library's book group will be discussing Montana 1948, by Larry Watson. They'll be meeting on Tuesday, December 13th 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!

**CHECK OUR WEBSITE AND "LIKE" US ON FACEBOOK FOR MORE INFORMATION AND UPDATES!**

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