

NEWS and NOTES from the HASTON LIBRARY

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WHAT WAS GOING ON IN APRIL?

- On Monday, April 3rd, the Vermont Library Association held their annual convention, this time at the DoubleTree by Hilton in South Burlington. The Vermont School Library Association had theirs at the same time, so the hotel convention space was pretty much wall-to-wall with Vermont library workers of all stripes! There were too many panels and workshops to choose from, but choose we did, irregardless. One panel featured our old pal Bill Mares, who has come up to Franklin to do programs a couple of times. It was about a group called Braver Angels, which is attempting to bridge the “blue/red divide” to depolarize America. One of my favorite events of the day happened during the lunch hour, when hosts Jane Lindholm and Melody Bodette gave a presentation about their popular podcast But Why? (Lunch was pretty tasty too!) All in all, it was a fun and informative day, and it was great to see colleagues from around the state and catch up with everything that’s going on in VT Library Land.





- We had a fun and educational Earth Day Story Time on Saturday, April 22nd! Miss Michelle stopped by once again, and she showed the kids how to make “seed bombs” out of paper and wildflower seeds. And your Director read a story and told the assembled children some facts about the Earth, along with some really terrible jokes and riddles that everyone seemed to enjoy!
- And on Sunday, April 30th, author and photographer Caleb Kenna came to the Town Hall to give a talk about his book Art From Above Vermont. Caleb showed us many beautiful photographs and explained how he took them, and he also talked about other aspects of his development as a photographer. Then we all went outside, and he flew a drone over the town of Franklin and took a few photos--including some of the library!

Here are some of the photographs that Caleb took...



The Town Green, churches, and Town Hall, with the Pinnacle in the distance.



Main Street, looking north, with the Town Hall in the foreground.



The Haston Library from above!

AGE WELL AT THE LIBRARY...RESCHEDULED



Laura Need, Nutrition & Wellness Coordinator from Age Well, was unable to come to the Haston in April due to illness, but luckily, she's feeling better and was willing to reschedule. She'll be at the Haston on Thursday, May 18th, from 11:00 until 3:00. Stop by the library and learn more about what Age Well has to offer!

ORPHAN TRAIN RIDERS: A TALK BY DAN BEAN



On November 11th, 1905, a train arrived late in the afternoon at the station in Enosburg Falls, Vermont. Among the passengers disembarking were eight children--seven girls and one boy, accompanied by their supervisors. Within a short time, all the children had been handed over to local couples and left with them for an unknown future. Who were these children? Where did they come from? Dan Bean, descendant of an orphan train rider, will answer these and other questions in a talk at the Franklin Town Hall on Saturday, May 13th at 10 AM. This event is presented by the Franklin Historical Society and the Haston Library, and it is free and open to the public. The Town Hall is accessible to persons with disabilities. Refreshments will be available by donation. Come and join us for what promises to be a fascinating discussion about a little-known facet of local history!



We're having our annual Plant Swap on Saturday, May 20th starting at 10 AM, and we are pleased to announce that it is being named in honor of Nancy Magnant. Nancy was a library trustee, an avid gardener, a mentor to many young people, and a treasured and much-loved member of the community. We will be installing a plaque in the Children's Garden as one small token of our appreciation for everything she contributed to the town and the people of Franklin. Please bring plants, seed packets, and anything else that's gardening-related and suitable for swapping. We'll also have a fairy garden activity for the kids, so it promises to be a fun time for the whole family!

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



This month, the library's book group will be discussing We Are Not Like Them, by Christine Pride and Jo Piazza. They will meet on Thursday, May 18th at 3:30 PM at the library and on Facebook Messenger. Contact the library to reserve a copy of the book if you'd like to participate!

SUMMER PREVIEW



(Art by Frank Morrison)

The theme for Summer Reading this year is All Together Now, which means we'll be focusing on kindness, friendship, and unity as we encourage a lifelong love of reading and learning. Keep an eye out for our float in the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 29th! We'll also be having a book sale that day, which will be set up in front of the Town Hall. We've already gotten some great programs lined up for the summer, including our friends from Modern Times Theater, Alyx the Magician, and the Southern Vermont Natural History Museum. There'll be more activities and events to come, so stay tuned to the website, Facebook and future newsletters for more information!

WE'RE LOOKING FOR A CLERK!



The Haston Library is seeking a part-time library clerk to help with summer programming, with the possibility of longer-term employment. Responsibilities include conducting a weekly children's story time and

assisting in the planning and execution of programs for children and young adults, as well as filling in at the circulation desk as needed. The position will be approximately four hours per week and will be under the supervision of the Director. The ideal candidate will have library work experience as well as experience working with children. They must have excellent communication skills and basic computer skills.

Please email resume and at least two references to:
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