

NEWS and NOTES from the HASTON LIBRARY

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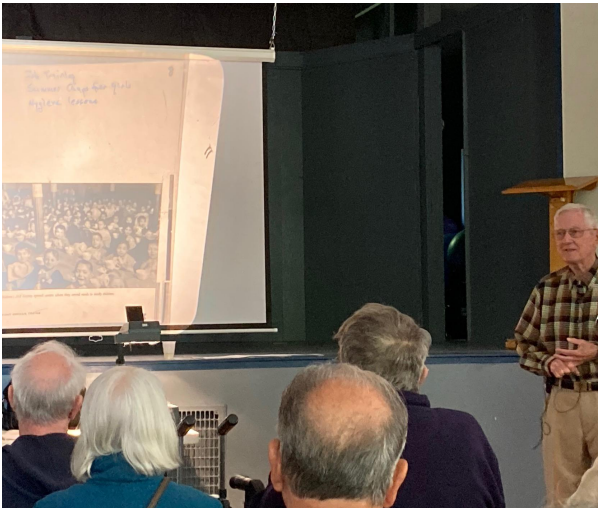


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MAY EVENTS

- On Saturday, May 13th, Dan Bean, descendant of an orphan train rider, came to the Town Hall to give a presentation on this little-known facet of local history. The event was presented by the Franklin Historical Society and the Haston Library, and we had a great turnout! Dan gave a fascinating talk about how orphans and other street urchins were shipped to different parts of the country by charitable organizations, and the successes and failures of what was an attempt by concerned citizens to better the lives of unfortunate children.



- Laura Need of Age Well stopped by the library on Thursday, May 18th with lots of information about this valuable local source of support for our aging population. Some of our neighbors dropped in and chatted with Laura and picked up some of the pamphlets and flyers that she had to offer. It was great to have her at the library for a day!

- On Saturday, May 20th, we held our first annual Nancy Magnant Plant Swap at the library. We installed a plaque in Nancy's honor on our Children's Garden, and Library Director Worman said a few words about Nancy and her connections to the library and the larger Franklin community. We were honored to have Pete & Lisa Magnant and Tim & Martha Magnant in attendance, and it was wonderful to see all of the people who came out to participate in the swap! Miss Michelle and Miss deb had a fairy garden activity for the kids as well, and a few areas of the garden were transformed into magical little fairylands. Thanks to everyone who helped out and took part!



- For the Memorial Day parade this year, we had a float with our Summer Reading theme of All Together Now. Many thanks to the kids who agreed to go for a ride in it! And thanks to all of the Trustees who helped out with the float and our book sale, which was a real success.



INTRODUCING OUR NEW STAFF MEMBER!



We are very pleased to introduce Cassandra Stanley as our new Library Clerk. Miss Cassie grew up in the library and she has family in Franklin. She'll be doing Story Time and other programming at the Haston, and she's looking forward to meeting our patrons and reading to the kids. Welcome aboard, Cass!

!SUMMER READING KICKOFF



(Art by Frank Morrison)

We'll be having our Summer Reading Kickoff event on Friday, June 23rd at 10:00 AM at the library. Come on down and bring the kids for signup, games, snacks, crafts and summer reading swag! All ages are welcome.

VERMONT READS: THE MOST COSTLY JOURNEY



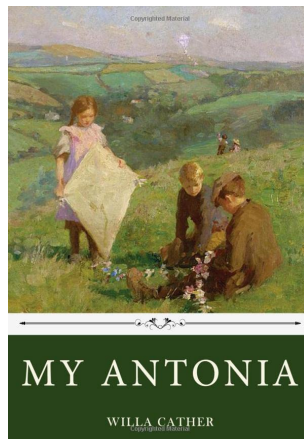
The Most Costly Journey is a non-fiction comics anthology which presents stories of survival and healing as told by Latin American migrant farmworkers in Vermont. The comics are drawn by New England cartoonists as part of the El Viaje Más Caro Project, a health care outreach effort of the Open Door Clinic and UVM Extension Bridges to Health aimed at addressing the overlooked mental health needs of vulnerable immigrants. Originally distributed to farm workers as individual Spanish language comic books, this collected edition brings the lives and voices (as well as the challenges and hardships) of these workers to an English-language audience, granting insight into the experiences and lives of the people vital to producing the food we eat. Through the support and generosity of Vermont Humanities, the Haston has free copies of the book that are available for anyone to read and share with others. We'll also be hosting a discussion group on Thursday, June 29th at 6:00 PM at the library, and all are welcome to attend and join the conversation.

MAKE MUSIC, VERMONT!



As some of you may know, June 21st is World Music Day, and the good people at Big Heavy World are again sponsoring a statewide music celebration called Make Music VT, which is aimed at getting anyone and everyone out into the community to make some music! And once again, Director Worman will be performing with all of his talented friends in Uncle John's Band as part of the festivities. We'll be setting up at around 6 PM to perform a few numbers either outside the Town Hall or within, depending on the weather.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



This month, the library's book group will be discussing My Antonia, by Willa Cather. They will meet on Thursday, June 15th 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.

GOOD CITIZEN CHALLENGE



The Haston is one of many libraries in Vermont that's promoting the Good Citizen Challenge, which is a project organized by Seven Days, the free weekly newspaper. This summer's Good Citizen Challenge asks participants to learn about their communities and current events, and find ways to lend a hand. Kids can get a scorecard from the Seven Days issue that comes out the week of June 4th, or visit the Good Citizen website: <https://goodcitizenvt.com/>. To complete the Challenge, kids have to do five activities in a row, scoring a bingo. Then they'll have a chance to win a \$100 gift card to Phoenix Books and a free trip for two to Washington, D.C. All who finish the Challenge will receive a Good Citizen sticker and patch, a pocket-size U.S. Constitution, and an invitation to a VIP reception at the Vermont Statehouse this fall. The library that helps the most K-12 students finish the Challenge and the library whose participants submit the highest quality work will each win a \$500 cash prize to be used to promote civic-themed resources or programming.

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