

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

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## NOVEMBER PROGRAMS & EVENTS

- Friend of the library David Pratt stopped by on November 1st with his photography class from Franklin Central School! We were happy to host him and his merry band of camera-toting kids.



- On Sunday, November 12th, Modern Times Theater brought its latest production, The Boffo Box Show, to the Town Hall. We had a great turnout, and the show was whimsical, entertaining, and fun!



- Friday, November 17th was the perfect day for a Tour of Franklin County libraries for Vermont library workers & trustees, which was co-led by Director Worman and his colleague Catherine Goldsmith, who is Director of the Starksboro Public Library. The tour group started out at the Enosburgh Public Library, then stopped at the Haston, the Swanton Public Library (which included a visit to Figgy the Bookmobile), St. Albans Free Library, and then finally the Fairfax Community Library. It was a great opportunity to meet (or in some cases re-connect) with friends from Vermont Library Land, and it was also really inspiring to see everything that Franklin County libraries have to offer!



**Starting out in Enosburgh...**



**Inside Figgy the Bookmobile!**



**Swanton's new mural**



**Clowning around in St. Albans**

- On the very next day, Saturday, November 18th, we had two programs: Carolyn Kittell led a needle felting workshop at the library with around twelve participants, and in the afternoon, historian Howard Coffin gave a talk on Vermont women and the Civil War. The needle felters made some adorable little holiday figures, including gnomes and snowmen. We're hoping to have Carolyn come back next year to do another crafting program! We hosted Howard Coffin at the FELCO Room of the Homestead, and we had a good turnout for his very interesting and entertaining talk.



**Needle felters, doing their thing and having fun!**



**Howard Coffin at the custom-crafted lectern in the FELCO Room**

# TREE LIGHTING AND POLAR EXPRESS



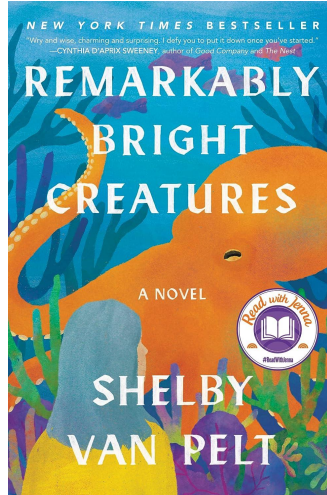
Once again, we'll be lighting up the tree with carols and candy canes as well on Friday, December 1st at 6 PM! Bring the whole family down to the library for this annual feel-good community gathering!

Also, the Franklin Recreation Department and the Haston Library will be presenting the yearly Polar Express event on Friday, December 22nd, starting at 4:30 PM in the Franklin Central School parking lot. Be sure to visit the Rec department's website to sign up, starting on Monday, December 4th! Everyone is encouraged to bring a canned good or two for the food drive, and if anyone would like to make cookies for the event, please email the Rec department ([franklinvtrecreation@gmail.com](mailto:franklinvtrecreation@gmail.com)) and let them know. And after the Polar Express, stick around for the Lighted Parade at 7:30--pre-register by emailing the Rec department if you want to be part of it!

## **BOOK TALK @ ST. ALBANS FREE LIBRARY**

The Haston and the St. Albans Free Library will be co-hosting a book talk with writer & historian Mercedes de Guardiola on Saturday, December 2nd at 1:00 PM. De Guardiola is the author of Vermont for the Vermonters: The History of Eugenics in the Green Mountain State. Join us in the Martha Dalton Room at the St. Albans Free Library for what is sure to be a fascinating discussion of one of the darker periods of Vermont history.

## BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



This month, the Haston's book group will be meeting at the library on Thursday, December 14th at 2:30 PM to discuss Remarkably Bright Creatures, by Shelby Van Pelt. Contact the library to reserve a copy of the book if you'd like to participate.

## OPERATION HAPPINESS



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 label from the front foyer, purchase whichever gifts you'd like to give, then return them to the library by Saturday, December 9th. (No need to wrap them). We appreciate your generosity!

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