

NEWS and NOTES from the HASTON LIBRARY

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JANUARY PROGRAMS & EVENTS



- On Saturday, January 20th, local crafter Carolyn Kittell came to the library to lead another felting workshop, and we had a great turnout (even though the temperature was in the single digits--luckily, that didn't deter anyone!) The workshop focused on using the needle felting process to "paint" with wool. There were some really beautiful results, as you can see in the photo above, and everyone enjoyed learning the process of turning wool into gorgeous works of art!



- We also hosted historian Amanda Kay Gustin of the Vermont Historical Society to give a talk on the Morgan horse on Saturday, January 27th. The talk was very well-attended, and Amanda kept

everyone enthralled with the history of how the Morgan horse came to be.

- Story Times continued on Friday mornings in January, with our new staff member Sierra Tibbits reading stories and leading crafts, and Director Worman tuning up the guitar and singing songs with the children. Sierra is doing a great job, and we're really happy that she has joined the library team!



THE MANY MEANINGS OF MAPLE



Come to the FELCO Room at the Homestead on Saturday, February 10th at 11 AM to hear Champlain College professor Michael Lange's presentation on The Many Meanings of Maple. Maple is enormously important to Vermont's economy, ecology, and heritage, and as another sugaring season gets underway in northern Vermont, Michael will give a

talk based on over five years of research among sugarmakers all over the state. Rather than discussing the practical aspects of sugaring, he focuses on how and why maple has become so important to Vermont's identity, and how it helps to shape who we are as Vermonters. We'll enjoy some maple-based goodies after the talk as well! It's sure to be a sweet time for all.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

NATIONAL BESTSELLER

A hymn of love to the world.
—ELIZABETH GILBERT

BRAIDING SWEETGRASS



Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge,
and the Teachings of Plants

ROBIN WALL KIMMERER

This month, the Haston Library's book group will be meeting at the library on Thursday, February 22nd at 2:30 PM to discuss Braiding Sweetgrass, by Robin Wall Kimmerer. Contact the library to reserve a copy of the book if you'd like to participate!

SIBER SLED DOGS ARE COMING!



Come to the Town Hall on Saturday, February 24th at 10:30 to meet a team of sled dogs! Milagro Amayo Turner moved to Cambridge, Vermont and fell in love with the snow and winter from the moment she arrived and discovered the wonders of the cold season. Milagro shares her love of snow and her passion for Huskies and dog sledding with people of all ages during visits at libraries throughout Vermont. She has also released a book about her sled dogs that is soon to be part of the Haston's collection! Bring the whole family for a fun and educational experience with Milagro's Siberian huskies.

WHAT IS... A LEAP DAY??



As many people may or may not know, or even care, every four years we have a Leap Year, which means a day is added to the end of February. This

day, February 29th, is called Leap Day. The extra day is a corrective measure that synchronizes the calendar with the earth's almost year-long orbit around the sun. Without Leap Day, a few hours would cumulatively disappear every year, eventually throwing off our calendar and seasons. We'd end up having professional football being played in February! Oh, wait a minute...

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