

**NEWS and NOTES from the HASTON
LIBRARY
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APRIL PROGRAMS & EVENTS

- The Crossroads Book Club met three more times in April, and we continued reading Ice Dogs, which is an exciting Alaskan adventure involving a young girl and her beloved sled dogs. The book club is a great way for kids to improve their reading and comprehension. We'll have one more meeting at the library in May as the spring semester starts to wind down.



- Speaking of beloved sled dogs... On Saturday, April 13th, the Town Hall was the site of an onslaught of cuddly sweetness! Milagro Amaya Turner brought her litter of sled dog puppies for kids and adults alike to hold, pet, and in some cases even kiss! We had around forty people attend, and thankfully there were no reports of anyone being overcome with Acute Cuteness Overload. (Many thanks to Lee Barton for all the great photos).



- We had a great turnout for our Earth Day Story Time on Saturday, April 20th. Mr. Josh and Miss Sierra sang songs with the kids, read about our home planet, and did a craft. And many thanks to friend of the library Miss Michelle, who made a delicious snack of Dirt and Worms! (It was actually chocolate pudding, crumbled Oreos, and gummy worms, but don't tell the kids!) All in all it was a fun time for everyone, and we were happy to have so many kids at the library for the event.



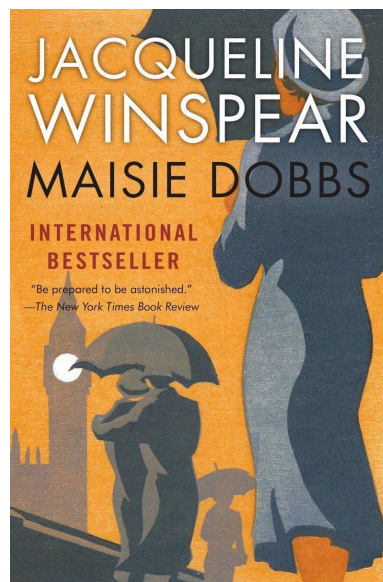
FRANKLIN COMMUNITY VOICES

Please join us on Tuesday, May 14th from 6:30 to 9:00 PM at the Town Hall for the third and final round of Franklin Community Voices! We will be building “action plans” for community priorities around childcare, communications, and lake health. Pizza, drinks, and dessert will be provided, and childcare will be available. All community members are welcome and encouraged to attend.



We're having our second annual Nancy Magnant Plant Swap at the library on Saturday, May 18th starting at 10 AM. Please bring plants, seed packets, and anything else that's gardening-related and suitable for swapping. It's a great way to kick-start your gardening plans for the spring and summer months!

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



This month, the Haston Library's book group will be meeting at the library on Thursday, May 23rd at 2:30 PM to discuss Maisie Dobbs, by Jacqueline Winspear. Contact the library to reserve a copy of the book if you'd like to participate.

SUMMER PREVIEW



The theme for Summer Reading this year is Adventure Begins at Your Library, which is true year round, not just in the summer months! Keep an eye out for our float in the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 27th, and be sure to stop by our 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 the return of our friends Alyx the Magician, and the Planetarium Lady. 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 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. As of July 1st, 2024, the position will be approximately twelve hours per week and will be under the supervision of the library director. The ideal candidate will have

library work experience as well as experience working with children. They must have excellent communication skills and good computer skills.

Please email resume and at least two references to:
librarian@franklinhastonlibraryvt.org

AN ECLIPSE, AND A LOSS

In Memoriam: Eugenia “Nini” Worman

by Library Director Josh Worman



The library co-hosted an eclipse event with Franklin Rec on Monday, April 8th, but sadly, I was unable to attend. My mother, Eugenia “Nini” Worman, had been in declining health for a few weeks, and she eventually entered hospice care at the family home on Middle Road. My two brothers, one of my sisters, her husband, and I all witnessed totality together on the front lawn (and of course, we were all blown away by the whole thing). We then spent the rest of the afternoon at my mom’s bedside. I was holding her hand as she slipped away at around 6:15 that evening.

Nini was a teacher, a great writer, and a lover of books, libraries, music, movies, gardening, swimming, and running (always with my dad, of course). She raised five children on limited means, and eventually went back to school and earned a Masters in Special Education. She taught at Franklin, Fairfield, and Sheldon, and her career spanned more than twenty years. She had a mischievous sense of humor, and a soft spot for any

child in need. Nini served as a trustee of the Haston Library at two different times, in the late 1960s and again in the early 2000s. Her signature is on the wall here at the library, in a framed tribute to another trustee.

Michelle and I (and Ollie) and my four siblings miss her terribly. The house has never felt so empty.

There will be a memorial service for Nini at Grace Episcopal Church in Sheldon, VT on Saturday, June 1st, 2024 at 3:00 PM, with a reception to follow at The Abbey. Donations in her memory may be sent to the Haston Library and/or Grace Episcopal Church.



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