

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

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## **JUNE PROGRAMS & EVENTS**

- We got off to a very tasty start in the month of June, with a program on Honduran cuisine led by Milagro Amaya Turner on Saturday, June 8th. Milagro showed us how to make pupusas, and we learned how to mix the dough, fill it, and fry it up to make a delicious meal. She also regaled us with many fascinating stories from her upbringing in Honduras. It was a really fun and interesting activity for everyone who attended! Many thanks to the Homestead for allowing us to use the FELCO Room once again.



- On June 15th, we welcomed Audrey Barnier of The Tipsy Daisy to do a paint & plant workshop at the Town Hall. The weather was nice enough that Audrey was able to have everyone work outdoors, and the results were beautiful! Many thanks to our board chair deb for setting this up. We're hoping to have Audrey come back again at some point later this year to do another fun program!





- Once again, Director Worman and his merry band of music-makers descended upon the Town Hall (or at least the front steps of it) to play for Make Music Vermont, the annual celebration that occurs every June 21st. The weather was a little iffy, but we dared the rain gods to hurl some drops down on us, and they very kindly waited until we were done playing! We had a great turnout too, so thanks to everyone who came out to enjoy the sounds of Franklin's own Uncle John's Band!



- Saturday, June 22nd was damp and dreary, but we still had a few intrepid souls make their way to the library for our summer reading kickoff! We did crafts, played games, gave books away, and snacked on mini-muffins and watermelon provided by friend of the library Miss Michelle (thank you, Miss Michelle!!). All in all, it was a fun time for the kids, and the grownups too!

## STEAM-Y MONDAYS ARE BACK!



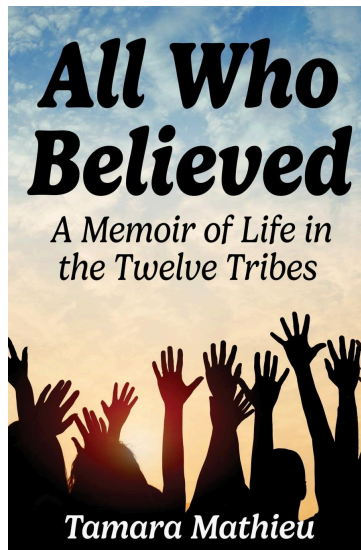
Starting on Monday, July 1st, we'll be rebooting our fun and fascinating STEAM-y Mondays program, with your host Miss Whitney. She'll be leading projects involving science, art, and other subjects to keep kids engaged and entertained! We'll meet outside on the picnic table if the weather is nice, otherwise the program will be held inside the library.

### BAKE SALE AT THE BBQ

The Haston will be holding its annual Bake Sale at the Fire Department's Bar-B-Que on Saturday, July 6th. Please be advised that the BBQ is being held from 11 AM to 1 PM this year. Stop by and pick up a yummy dessert to go with your chicken! And if you're able to bake something for us, we're looking for donations of baked goods. Call or email the library to let us know what you can bring. And thanks for supporting the library!



## BOOK TALK WITH TAMARA MATHIEU



Come to the FELCO Room at the Homestead to hear Franklin County author Tamara Mathieu speak about her book All Who Believed: A Memoir of Life in the Twelve Tribes. Tamara and her family were part of a religious community for fourteen years, and eventually left to return to the "real world." In her gripping memoir, Tamara writes about the controversial beliefs, abuse, and mind control that were all part of life in the Twelve Tribes. She will be coming to the Homestead on Sunday, July 7th at 2:00 PM, so join us for what is sure to be an intriguing and thought-provoking presentation!

## AGE WELL AT THE LIBRARY



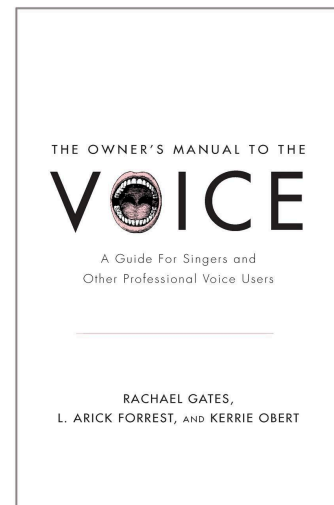
Be sure to stop by the library on Thursday, July 18th between 10 AM and 12 PM for a chat with Laura Need from Age Well! Laura will be on hand to answer your questions about this great Franklin County resource.

## **ALYX THE MAGICIAN RETURNS!**

Our friend Alyx the Magician will be coming back to Franklin to awe, inspire, and amaze with her jokes, tricks, and reading-related magic! Come to the Town Hall on Thursday, July 25th at 1:30 PM to catch this talented young lady! She puts on a fun and fascinating show for the whole family.



## **GATES REUNION EVENTS: ART SHOW & BOOK TALK**



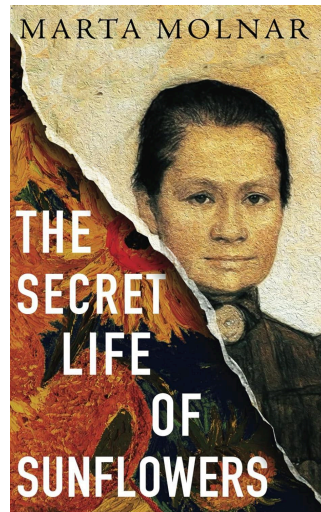
In honor of the 2024 Gates Reunion, the library is hosting two programs by members of the extended Gates clan. On Thursday, July 25th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM, the library will hold the opening reception for a show of paintings by Vera Gates. And then on Saturday, July 27th at 11:00 AM, Dr. Rachael Gates Bergan will give a talk at the Town Hall about her book The Owner's Manual to the Voice. Vera is an artist and landscape architect who divides her time between Franklin and Tucson, Arizona. She uses oil, wax, and found objects in her artistic creations. Her current body of work explores themes of justice and liberation, through symbolic abstraction. And Rachael is a singer, professor, and vocal health specialist who lives in Michigan with her family. In her talk, she'll cover topics from Anatomy through Z-packs. Actors, singers, speech-language pathologists/students, and anyone who wants to use his/her voice more effectively are welcome!

## THE PLANETARIUM LADY



Carrie Cruz, aka the Planetarium Lady, returns to Franklin on Wednesday, July 31st with her portable planetarium and more stargazing adventures! She'll be doing two sessions, at 1:30 and 2:30. Contact the library to sign up--the universe is infinite, but space in Carrie's planetarium is limited!

## BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



This month, the library's book group will be discussing The Secret Life of Sunflowers, by Marta Molnar. They will meet on Tuesday, July 30th at 2:30 PM at the library. Contact the library to reserve a copy of the book if you'd like to participate.

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