

NEWS and NOTES from the HASTON LIBRARY

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AUGUST PROGRAMS & EVENTS

- Our pal Mike Clough from the Southern Vermont Natural History Museum returned to Franklin for a program at the Town Hall on Saturday, August 10th. As usual, Mike brought some of his rescued friends, including a snake, an owl, a hawk, and even an opossum! Everyone was delighted with Mike's stories and tips for finding and identifying wild animals, and we even got to pet the snake. It wasn't that slimy, actually! Thanks to everyone who attended, and a big thank you to Mike as well of course, for treating us to another great program filled with his usual wit and charm!



- On Saturday, August 24th, we welcomed No Strings Marionette Co. back to Franklin for their performance of a show entitled *Nick of Time*. It was a wild ride through space and time, with lots of twists and turns (and expert puppetry, of course!) Everyone enjoyed the show, and the kids were fascinated by all the hand-crafted puppets.



- And on Saturday, August 31st, we hosted Amanda Kay Gustin at the Town Hall to give her talk entitled “VT vs. Hollywood: 100 Years of Vermont in Film.” Amanda is a dynamic and entertaining speaker, and her subject was well-researched. It was a really fascinating subject that captivated the audience, and we had a lively discussion during the question and answer period. Many thanks to Amanda, Vermont Humanities, and all the people who attended!



BACK TO SCHOOL CARNIVAL



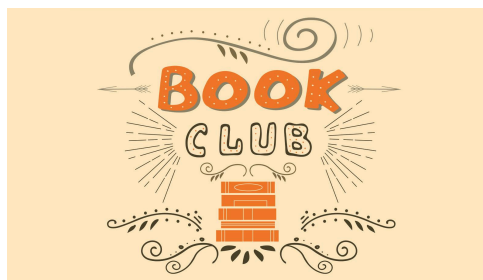
Join the Recreation Department and the library for a back-to-school carnival on Saturday, September 7th! We'll be down behind the school at the Rec fields from 2:00 until 5:00, and we'll have a table set up for some rock painting for the kiddos. There will also be lawn games, a bouncy obstacle course, face painting, and refreshments. Come and have some fun as we celebrate the start of another school year!

ARSL CONFERENCE



Your library director is very excited to be attending his first Association of Small and Rural Libraries (ARSL) conference this month! It will be held in Springfield, MA this year, conveniently within driving distance. There will be lots of interesting workshops, talks, and plenty of presentations and booths set up for all the vendors who will be pestering the poor librarians to spend money that they haven't budgeted for! Director Worman is also totally psyched to be visiting the OTHER Haston Library (which he likes to think of as the "lesser" one, but don't tell them!), which is located in North Brookfield, MA, in the general vicinity of Springfield. It's sure to be a fun and fascinating trip, with plenty of hob-nobbing and "networking" with other small, rural librarians from around the country!

CROSSROADS BOOK CLUB



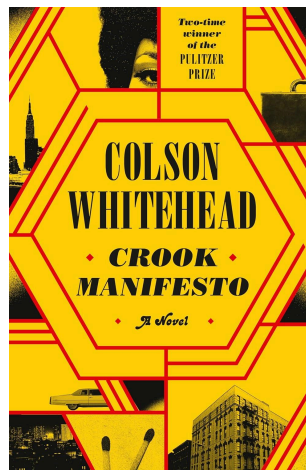
We are happy to be welcoming back the Crossroads kids this fall for another fun book club! The kids will be coming over to the library once a week, and we'll be reading poetry and short stories this time, with Miss Connie leading the way. We're also hoping to visit the Homestead a few times, so we can read and do some crafts with the residents there!

TAI CHI FOR SENIORS



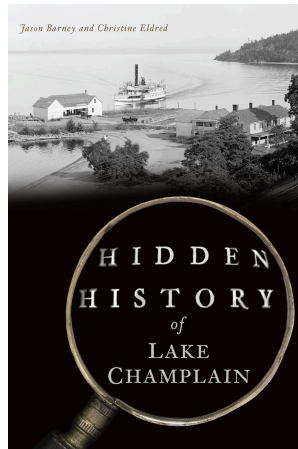
Once again, friend of the library Nilah Cote will be leading Tai Chi classes at the Town Hall this fall! Starting October 1st, she will be holding the classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 to 11:30 AM. Tai chi is a great way to increase strength, maintain balance, and relieve stress. Send an email to nilah.cote@gmail.com if you have any questions!

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



This month, the Haston's book group will be discussing Crook Manifesto, by Colson Whitehead. They will meet at the library on Tuesday, September 24th at 3 PM. Contact the library to reserve a copy of the book if you'd like to participate.

BOOK TALK WITH CHRISTINE ELDRED & JAY BARNEY



We are hoping to host Christine Eldred and Jay Barney this month to talk about their book Hidden History of Lake Champlain, but at press time, we do not have a date & time nailed down. Stay tuned, though, and keep an eye out on our website and Facebook for an update!

IN MEMORIAM



The staff and trustees of the Haston Library were saddened to hear of the passing of Judith Martin, who served as librarian from 1987 until 2001. Judith was a great lover of books and enjoyed serving the Franklin community for many years. A Celebration of Life for Judith will be held on Sunday, September 8th, from 1:00 to 4:00 PM at the VFW Post #778, 8 Merchants Row, Swanton, VT. A complete obituary can be found here: <https://www.gossfs.com/obituaries/judith-martin>

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