

NEWS and NOTES from the HASTON LIBRARY

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WHAT WERE WE UP TO IN SEPTEMBER?

- We were thrilled to take part in the Back to School Carnival down at the athletic fields behind Franklin Central School on Saturday, September 7th! Our trusty trustee Allison manned (or perhaps womanned) the rock-painting table, and we had lots of kids stop by to get creative with paint and some hand-picked rocks, courtesy of Director Worman and Miss Michelle!



- Director Worman was excited to attend his first out-of-state conference September 12th through the 14th--the annual gathering of the Association for Rural & Small Libraries (otherwise known as ARSL), which was held in Springfield, MA. On the way there, he had a chance to visit the “other” Haston, which is located in North Brookfield, MA. The Haston family funded not one but two libraries, which is a testament to both their thrift and their generosity towards two communities that they held dear. The conference itself was a great opportunity to meet librarians from all over the country (including Texas, California, Oregon, and even Hawaii!), and there were many interesting and stimulating presentations and workshops. Director Worman had time to hobnob with some of his favorite library colleagues from Vermont as well, which was a treat! All in all, it was a great trip, and an honor to be able to take part.



The sign outside the "other" Haston floor



Some beautiful tile work on the main floor



A portrait of Elvira Haston library!)



Street view (it's a bit larger than our



Celebrated author Celeste Ng gave the keynote address on the first day of the conference.



These three librarians, from Idaho, Ohio, and Iowa, have courageously served their communities in the face of many challenges. Their stories were really inspiring.



AnnaLee Dragon, Executive Director of the New York State Library Association, gave a great talk on leading with emotional intelligence.

- In other September news, the Crossroads Book Club met at the Haston on Tuesday, September 17 and again on the 24th. The children are reading poetry this time, and we're also making side trips to the Homestead to read to the residents there and to share crafts!
- We were really jazzed to have Grammie Jen (aka Jen Dewing) lead our Story Time on Friday, September 27th! After Mr. Josh played guitar and sang with the assembled kiddos, Grammie Jen read a story and led a craft--and she even provided a delicious snack! We're looking forward to having her come back for another Story Time in October.



NORTHERN NY & VT LIBRARY CRAWL

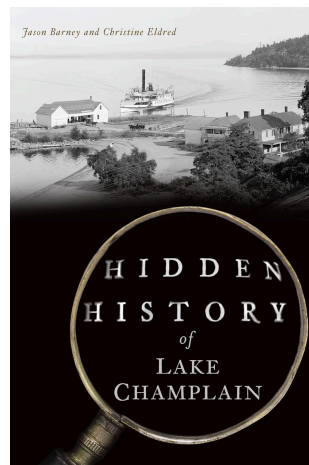
Some of our esteemed colleagues over in New York State have organized a library crawl, and the Haston is part of it! During the month of October, visit one of the 45 participating libraries in northern New York and Vermont and ask the librarian to stamp your passport. Anyone who visits five or more libraries during the crawl is eligible to enter a drawing for a prize! More information (including a map of participating libraries) can be found here: <https://cefls.org/library-crawl/>

AGE WELL RETURNS TO THE LIBRARY



We're happy to be welcoming Laura Need of Age Well back to the library for another informative visit! She'll be stopping by on Thursday, October 10th from 10 AM until 12 noon. Come on down and chat with Laura, and learn about what Age Well has to offer!

BOOK TALK W/ JAY BARNEY & CHRISTINE ELDRED



The Haston is pleased to be hosting Christine Eldred and Jay Barney to talk about their new book [Hidden History of Lake Champlain](#). Join us on Saturday, October 19th at 11 AM at the Town Hall for what's sure to be a fascinating and informative discussion of some local history!

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



This month, the Haston's book group will be discussing The Last Bookshop in London, by Madeline Martin. They will meet at the library on Tuesday, October 22nd at 3:30 PM. Contact the library to reserve a copy of the book if you'd like to participate.

THE RETURN OF THE PUPPIES!



We're doggone excited to be welcoming the Siber Sled Dog puppies back to Franklin! They'll be cavorting around the FELCO Room at the Homestead on Saturday, October 26th, starting at 10:30 AM. We'll have two times available (10:30 and 11:00), with a limit of 30 people per session, so be sure to call or email the library to sign up for an overdose of cuddly cuteness!

TRUNK OR TREAT



Join the library, Franklin Rec, and the rest of the community for our annual Trunk or Treat celebration! It will be held in the Franklin Central School parking lot on Sunday, October 27th, starting at 5:00 PM. We will be handing out books (and maybe even a little candy!) to all the kids who attend.

REMINDER: TAI CHI FOR SENIORS & THE HOMESTEAD QUILT RAFFLE

Just a friendly reminder that Nilah Côté is leading Tai Chi classes at the Town Hall this fall 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.

Also, the Homestead is holding a quilt raffle, and tickets are available at the library for \$1.00 apiece, or six for \$5.00. The quilt was machine quilted and donated by Wendy Sargeant to raise money for the Franklin Homestead & Carriage House. The winning raffle ticket will be drawn on October 21st, 2024.

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