

NEWS and NOTES from the HASTON LIBRARY

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NOVEMBER PROGRAMS & EVENTS

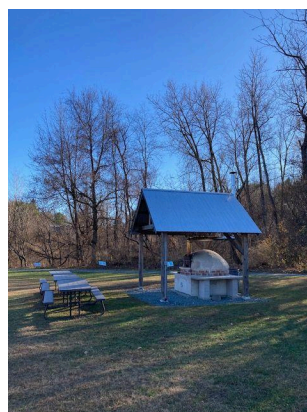
- Along with our usual Story Times (including another exciting visit by Grammie Jen) and Crossroads Book Club meetings, November also featured a show of photographs from the Franklin Central School Crossroads Photography Club. The opening reception was well-attended, and the four photographers read their artistic statements to the assembled throng. Pictured below is local photog and mentor David Pratt, who guided and advised the young shutterbugs and organized the show.



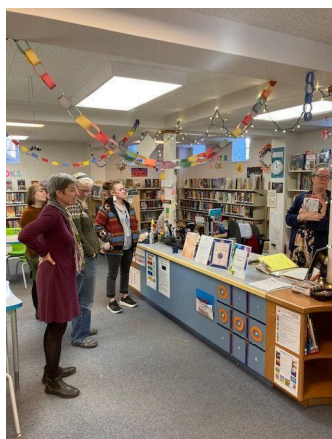
- More excitement was on tap with the return of Dinoman on November 8th! We had a great crowd of kids of all ages, who were thrilled to see the giant dinosaurs and hear tales of the Mesozoic era. (And it was clear that many of the adults on hand were tickled by Dinoman's truly Cretaceous sense of humor). A brontosaurus-sized "thank you" goes out to Bob Lisaius for another fun-filled visit, and thanks to everyone who attended!



- On November 15, in his capacity as President of the Public Libraries Section of the Vermont Library Association, Director Worman co-led a tour of six libraries in the Upper Valley of Vermont: Fairlee, Latham, Norwich, Hartland, Windsor, and Weathersfield Proctor. We were lucky enough to have a beautiful, sunny fall day during which to tour, and as usual, it was a great opportunity to hobnob with colleagues and meet some new ones. Traci Joy, director of the Hartland Library and Vice-President of the Public Libraries Section of the Vermont Library Association, was the other tour leader, and we also got to visit her library. All in all, it was a fun day and a wonderful chance to “network” and catch up with some great Vermont librarians!



We started out at the Fairlee Library. Hartland Library has a community oven!



Chatting with Erin Davison (r) of Norwich.

Traci Joy gets to “step up” in Windsor!

- We were honored to have Vermont author and historian Kevin Graffagnino come to the Town Hall on November 16th to talk about his new biography of Ira Allen. Kevin is a very affable and gregarious fellow, and he captivated his audience with all kinds of fascinating historical nuggets pertaining to Vermont's founding and the role the Allen family played in it. There were lots of questions and comments in the aftermath of his presentation, and everyone appeared to be highly engaged with the subject matter. Many thanks to Kevin for visiting us--we hope to host him again sometime soon!



- The library held two fun events on Saturday, November 23rd: Our own Miss Sierra held a Canva card crafting workshop at the library, and then in the evening, we had Paranormal Investigators of New England come to the Town Hall for a presentation and ghost hunt! We had a great turnout, and Director Worman and Miss Michelle provided chili, soup, and cornbread for the “spirited” crowd. Explorations of the Town Hall basement were undertaken, and while we have no conclusive evidence, some say that the ghost of artist and jack-of-all-trades Ray Hefflon was lurking about! A big thank you goes out to the good people of P.I.N.E. for coming up to look for some spirits of Franklin!



**Crafty cards, courtesy of Canva!
ghosts!**



Around 70 “souls” came out to look for

TREE LIGHTING/POLAR EXPRESS/LIGHTED PARADE



Be sure to join us for the annual tree lighting ceremony on Friday, December 6th! It will be held at 6 PM in front of the library. Also, we will be handing out books at the Polar Express event on Sunday, December 22nd starting at 3 PM. Sign up at the Rec Department website, as space is limited! And stick around for the Lighted Parade afterwards--it's always a great way to light up your life (or at least your holidays!)

OPERATION HAPPINESS 2024



United Way of
Northwest Vermont

We don't have any tags left... in fact, the last one was just taken! But you can support this great cause in other ways. Donate to the United Way and make a difference in kids' lives! Monetary gifts can be dropped off at the library, or mailed to: Operation Happiness, % United Way of Northwest VT, 412 Farrell St., Suite 200, South Burlington, VT 05403. (If you've taken a tag, unwrapped gifts are due back at the library by December 7th. And thank you for your generosity!)

HASTON LIBRARY

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

FOR 7TH TO 12TH GRADE
MVU

Fridays 3:00 - 5:30
Dec 6th - Feb 21st

Program Details:

- Arts & Crafts
- Space For Board Games including Magic and D&D
- Reading Time and Book Clubs
- Homework Help
- Drop-off by MVU bus to programming
- Pick-up by Guardians by 5:30

The poster features a girl with pink hair reading a book, a stack of books including one titled "MOTIVATIONS", and a chalkboard background with the program details.

LEARN HOW TO BE A GUARDIAN AD LITEM



Have you ever wondered about the Guardian ad Litem program? A GAL is a court-appointed special advocate for a child who is involved in a court case such as a custody battle. Janice Santiago, the Regional Coordinator for Franklin, Grand Isle, and Chittenden Counties, will be at the library on Thursday, December 12th from 10 to 11 AM to answer any questions you may have about what a Guardian ad Litem does, and how to become one. There is no educational or training requirement to become a GAL, as the program provides initial training, mentorship, and ongoing support. Stop by and meet Janice, and learn more about this very important volunteer program!

NEEDLE FELTING WORKSHOP



On Saturday, December 14th starting at 10:00 AM, we'll be hosting Carolyn Kittell for another fun needle felting workshop. Come on down to the library to learn how to make some cuddly and adorable little Christmas crafts! All materials will be provided. Space is limited--call 285-6505 or email the library at librarian@franklinhastonlibraryvt.org to sign up!

GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING



On Saturday, December 21st, Miss Sierra will lead a gingerbread house decorating workshop. All ages are welcome! Join us at the library at 11 AM for a fun and creative holiday activity!

REMINDER: SATURDAY MORNING COMPUTER HELP!



Do you need help with your email account, or creating a specific kind of document? Everyone is welcome to bring their computer-related questions to the library, and Miss Sierra will do her best to find a solution! Workshops include lessons on Google Docs, Canva, Chrome, Firefox, Safari, Microsoft Word & PowerPoint, and many others. Stop by between 10 AM and 12 PM on Saturdays to get the computer help you need!

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

The library will be closed on December 24th, 25th & 31st and January 1st.
We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season!

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AND UPDATES!**

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