

NEWS and NOTES from the HASTON LIBRARY

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MARCH PROGRAMS & EVENTS

- March came in like a lamb, and it went out like a lion! Or maybe a lamb in lion's clothing. Either way, we didn't let the weather stop us from having another great month of Story Times and other fun & enlightening events. On Saturday the 8th, we had our very first Murder at the Haston! Luckily, it was the kind where the victim comes back to life afterwards, so no animals (human or otherwise) were harmed in the production. It was the brainchild of the multi-talented Miss Sierra, and we had lots of local talent to help us make it a fun-filled evening. Thanks to everyone who participated! We hope to have another one this summer, so stay tuned for more murderous mayhem!



- We also had a visit from Tim Brookes, of the Endangered Alphabets Project, on Saturday, March 15th. Tim gave a really fascinating talk all about the written word, and his efforts (and the work of others as well) to preserve various languages from around the world. Tim also presented us with a hand-carved plaque to display at the library, which says "Welcome" in the Abenaki language.



- And we were very pleased to host writer, historian, and genealogist Erin Moulton to give a talk on Saturday, March 29th. Erin gave a tutorial on how to do genealogical research, and she answered many questions from the assembled throng. We would love to have her back again to do another of her wonderful programs!



- Other highlights from March include Story Time with Grammie Jen, the Crossroads Book Club, and the Knitting Group, not to mention our very successful Town Meeting Luncheon on Tuesday the fourth. Many thanks to everyone who contributed to this delicious meal! Lastly (but certainly not leastly) we are happy to welcome three new trustees: Lissy Bachelder, Linda Hartman, and David Pratt. Thanks for coming on board!

JUST BEAD IT!



Bring the kids to the library for another fun workshop with Miss Sierra on Saturday, April 12th at 11 AM! She'll be teaching us how to make cute little animals using pony beads. Make a lizard, dragonfly, possum, or all three! All supplies will be provided.

STORY TIME WITH GRAMMIE JEN



We're happy to be welcoming Grammie Jen back for another fun and educational story time! Bring the littles to the library on Friday, April 18th at 10 AM for songs, stories, crafts, and more!

BUTTON MAKING WORKSHOP

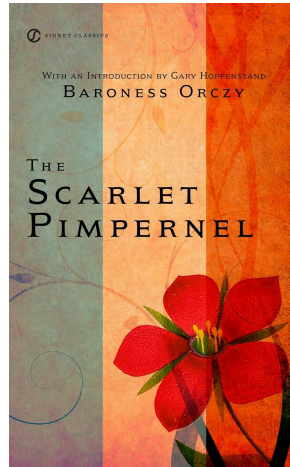
As of press time, we've ordered a button maker, but it has yet to arrive. Still, we remain hopeful that we will be able to have our button-making workshop on Saturday, April 19th at 11 AM! Stay tuned for more updates--we'll post about it on Instagram and Facebook. (In the likely event that the button maker does not arrive, we'll make bookmarks instead!)

PAPERMAKING AT THE PUB



We're thrilled to be collaborating with the Dick Wright Pub again for another fun event! Mikhala Kaseweter of the Northwest VT Solid Waste Management District will be paying us another visit, this time to show people how to make new paper from old paper! Join us at the pub on Saturday, April 26th from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. All ages welcome!

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



This month, the Haston Library's book group will be meeting at the library on Tuesday, April 15th at 2:30 PM to discuss The Scarlet Pimpernel, by Baroness Orczy. Contact the library to reserve a copy of the book if you'd like to participate!

WHAT IS IMLS, AND WHY DOES IT MATTER?



The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) is an independent agency of the United States federal government which was established in 1996 by an act of Congress. It accounts for around 30% of the budget of the Vermont Department of Libraries, which in turn helps to fund many things that Vermont library patrons rely on such as inter-library loans and

access to ebooks and audiobooks. The current administration is threatening to defund and perhaps completely dismantle the IMLS. This would represent a truly existential threat to the continued functioning of all libraries in Vermont, but especially small, rural ones like the Haston. Please contact your representative Becca Balint and your senators Bernie Sanders and Peter Welch to let them know that you stand with libraries and oppose the attempts to shutter the IMLS. As always, we appreciate your steadfast support!

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