

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

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## MAY PROGRAMS & EVENTS

- The merry month of May saw us double our number of Story Times, because Miss Sierra started her Tuesday morning summer series! We averaged 5.4444 children per session, for those of you who are keeping track. (They were all above average, of course.) Miss Sierra also hosted the first meeting of the Grade School Book Club, during which the kids talked about Because of Winn-Dixie, had some book-themed snacks, and did some crafts and activities that related to the story.



Story Time with Miss Sierra... outdoors!



The grade school book club was a Winn-Winn!

- May was a busy month! We also had a program called Nature Pinch Pots, a visit from Age Well, the Crossroads Library Club, and our usual Knitting Group and Book Discussion Group. On Saturday the 17th, we held our annual Plant Swap in honor of Nancy Magnant, and in spite of the thunder, lightning, and rain, it was pretty well-attended (and all the plants got swapped). Director Worman attended the Vermont Library Association Conference at Killington on Monday the 19th, and trustee David Pratt came over and put up a wonderful display of Crossroads students' photographs on the 21st. Miss Sierra did another pony bead program on Saturday the 31st.
- Also on the 31st, Director Worman led a road trip to the "other" Haston Library--Haston Free Public Library, which is located in North

Brookfield, MA. Miss Michelle, former Haston librarian Melissa McKinstry, and friend, teacher and local historian Brian Rainville accompanied him, as we had been invited to be part of a program entitled “A Tale of Two Libraries.” Brian gave a great presentation on Franklin’s Haston, and our hosts and the audience really appreciated it. We were also able to visit the house where Elvira and Erasmus Haston lived, and we paid our respects at the family plot in a nearby graveyard. All in all, it was a really meaningful experience, and our connection with our “sister” library was deepened and strengthened. (There is a Zoom recording of the presentation, which will be sent out as soon as it is made available).



**Now that is one beautiful pinch pot!!**



**Mr. David Pratt poses with students' photos.**



**We had a very nice crowd at the Nancy Magnant Plant Swap!**





**AnnaLee Dragon, keynote speaker for the VLA conference**



**A float full of book lovers for Memorial Day!**



**Haston Free Public Library**



**There was a great turnout for "A Tale of Two Libraries"!**



**Elvira (Shedd) Haston's gravestone. Next time, we'll bring some cleaning supplies.**



## JUNE STORY TIMES W/ MISS SIERRA



## SUMMER READING KICKOFF



Join us for our Summer Reading Kickoff event on Saturday, June 21st at 11:00 AM. Bring the kids to the library for signup, games, snacks, crafts, and some fun summer reading swag! All ages are welcome.

## MAKE MUSIC VERMONT



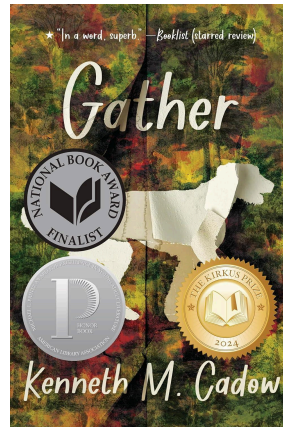
It's that time of year again--the summer solstice is on its way, which means that World Music Day is too! Once again, the library is offering up local musical outfit Uncle John's Band to celebrate Make Music Vermont, sponsored by Big Heavy World. Uncle John and his merry band of tunesmiths will be cranking out classic rock, pop, blues, folk, and bluegrass at the Dick Wright Pub on Saturday, June 21st from 7:00 PM until around 10:00 or so. Join us for an evening of snappy songs and solstice shenanigans!

## NATURE PAINTBRUSHES W/ MISS SIERRA



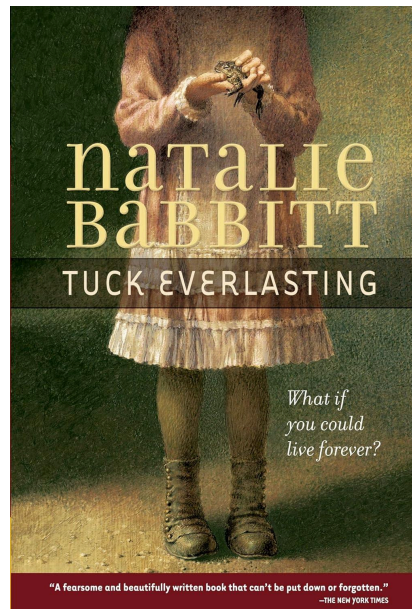
Join us at the library on Thursday, June 26th at 10 AM for a workshop on Nature Paintbrushes. They're a fun and easy craft for kids and adults alike, and Miss Sierra will show us how to make them by collecting natural materials like leaves, grasses, twigs, and flowers, then securing them to a handle with twine or string. These brushes can be used with tempera or acrylic paints for a variety of artistic projects.

## GATHER BOOK DISCUSSION



We're having a "gathering" at the library to discuss the Vermont Reads book on June 26th at 6 PM, and everyone who has read the book is welcome to join us!

## GRADE SCHOOL BOOK CLUB



The Grade School Book Club book for July is Tuck Everlasting, by Natalie Babbitt. The club is open to kids aged 9 to 12 (ish!), and it meets on the first Monday of every month. The library has multiple copies of the book available for checkout.



## **LIBRARY BENEFIT @ DUE NORTH**



Join us for a fun afternoon of live music and fine wine in support of your favorite local library! We're excited to be returning to Due North Winery for a benefit show with Uncle John's Band on Sunday, June 29th from 12 to 4 PM. We're hoping to have some food trucks on the site, too. Keep your fingers crossed for good weather--if it's lousy out, we'll make sure to try again at some point later in the summer!

**CHECK OUR WEBSITE AND FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM FOR MORE INFORMATION AND UPDATES!**

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