

NEWS and NOTES from the HASTON LIBRARY

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JULY PROGRAMS & EVENTS

- July was another busy, busy month at the Haston! Highlights included a visit from the Vermont Museum of Natural History, which featured some live animals! The program was presented by Anna Caputo, and she gave a fascinating lecture on all the different ways that animals see the world.



Petting a turtle at the Town Hall.



A white snake hanging out on Anna's arm!



And a tiny raptor, to boot (a kestrel, that is).

- We had eight Story Times altogether in July, with an average of 5.875 children per session, for those of you who are keeping track!



Ms. Sierra made a river at one of her Story Time sessions.

- Thanks again to everyone who contributed to our Bake Sale on July 5th! We had lots of yummy treats for sale, and we raked in a decent amount of “dough.”



It's the most scrumptious time of the year! Trustees Brenna Sturtevant and Allison Franklin pose with some delicious goodies at our Bake Sale.

- On July 10th, the library and Dick Wright Pub co-hosted a book talk with local author & hiker Terry Lovelette, which was very interesting and thought-provoking.
- The Grade School Book Club met on July 7th and discussed Tuck Everlasting while munching on book-themed snacks. Our book club for adults met at one of the members' camps to talk about a "classic" choice: Ivanho. Our knitting group met twice, as usual, and Ms. Sierra led some fun craft workshops, teaching the children how to make beaded wind chimes and bug hotels, among other things.
- And last but not least, Carrie Cruz, aka the Planetarium Lady, returned to Franklin with her portable planetarium! She did two sessions that were all about color--in the sky that we see every day, and in outer space as well. We had a great turnout, and everyone really enjoyed Carrie's presentation!



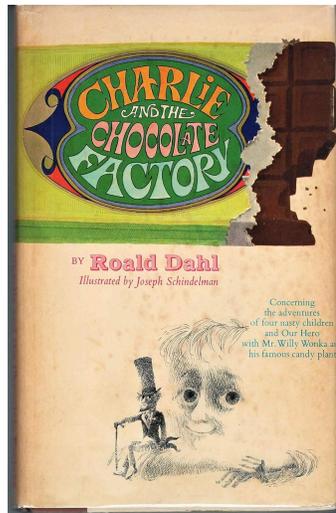
The kids love Carrie and her planetarium!

TIE DYE CRAFT W/ MS. SIERRA



Join Ms. Sierra for a fun Tie Dye Craft on Thursday, August 7 at 10 AM! If you have an article of clothing or other material you'd like to dye you can bring it, but we'll also have some t-shirts on hand for those who aren't able to bring anything.

GRADE SCHOOL BOOK CLUB



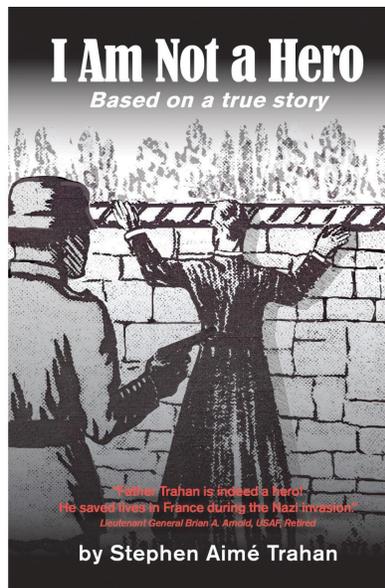
Join Ms. Sierra on Monday, August 4th at 5:00 PM at the library to discuss Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, by Roald Dahl. Snacks will be provided!

ALYX THE MAGICIAN RETURNS!



Come to the Town Hall on Wednesday, August 6th at 11 AM for the return engagement of Alyx the Magician! Alyx is a supremely talented and entertaining performer, and her tricks will amaze and confound you! It's a fun show for the whole family--don't miss it!

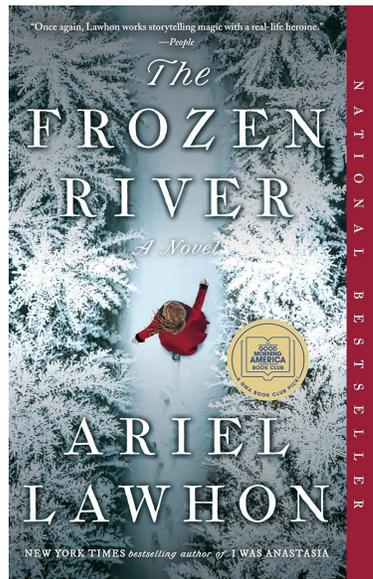
AUTHOR TALK AT THE TOWN HALL



The Haston is proud to present local author Stephen Trahan to discuss his book I Am Not a Hero. The book draws inspiration from the incredible true story of Stephen's uncle Father Aimé J. Trahan, a young American priest sent to France just before the Nazi invasion. When the German army took

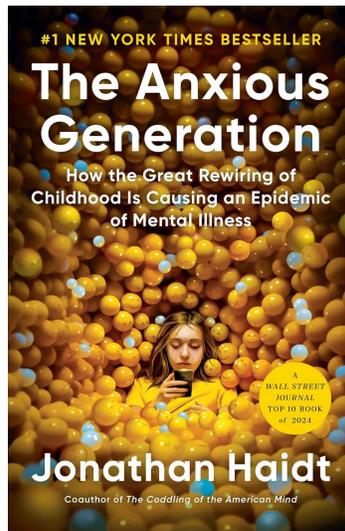
control of his town, they appointed Father Trahan as mayor, and he soon found himself leading the underground movement against the Germans. Through his surreptitious activities, he managed to save numerous lives. This gripping and suspenseful narrative provides a unique perspective of the Nazi invasion of France and the subsequent resistance, led by an American priest--a native of Highgate, Vermont. Join us at the Town Hall on Sunday, August 17th at 2:00 PM for what is sure to be a riveting discussion!

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



This month, the book discussion group will be meeting on Tuesday, August 25th at 11:00 AM to talk about The Frozen River, by Ariel Lawhon. Contact the library if you'd like to read the book and join the discussion!

THE ANXIOUS GENERATION DISCUSSION



After more than a decade of stability or improvement, the mental health of adolescents plunged in the early 2010s. Rates of depression, anxiety, self-harm, and suicide rose sharply, more than doubling on many measures. In The Anxious Generation, social psychologist Jonathan Haidt lays out the facts about the epidemic of teen mental illness that hit many countries at the same time. He then investigates the nature of childhood, including why children need play and independent exploration to mature into competent, thriving adults. Haidt shows how the “play-based childhood” began to decline in the 1980s, and how it was finally wiped out by the arrival of the “phone-based childhood” in the early 2010s. Join us at the Dick Wright Pub on Wednesday, August 20th at 6:30 PM for the first of two meetings to discuss the book. Copies are available at the library, for anyone who would like to read it and join the discussion.

GRIEF & LOSS EXERCISE

Do you have questions about hospice, end-of-life care, and other issues around grief and loss? Join Mary Pleasant, Hospice Volunteer Coordinator at VNAHSR on Monday, August 25th at 3:00 PM for a grief and loss exercise at the Dick Wright Pub. This will be the first in a five-part End-of-Life Workshop series, co-presented by VNAHSR and the library.

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