

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

**SEPTEMBER 2025**



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## AUGUST PROGRAMS & EVENTS

- We had a magical August, since our old friend Alyx the Magician returned to the Town Hall for another spectacular show! We didn't have a huge crowd, but all of the kids who attended were thrilled by Alyx's tricks, jokes, and books that she talked about. It's always a treat to have her come up to Franklin!



Alyx was back, working her magic.



A pet skunk?! Hmm, maybe it's a puppet...

- Another highlight of the month was a Tie Dye Workshop with Ms. Sierra, which was very well-attended!



Everyone was "dye-ing" to make a colorful design.

- On August 17th, local author Stephen Aimé Trahan joined us at the library for a talk about his book I Am Not a Hero, which is the story of his great uncle who was a priest and led a small town's resistance against the Nazis in France during World War II. It was a fascinating and very moving presentation, and everyone engaged in a prolonged discussion about the book and the events it described.
- We also had a great discussion concerning the book The Anxious Generation on August 20th at the Dick Wright Pub. We're going to schedule part two of the discussion--time and date to be determined! Keep an eye out on our social media accounts and the library website.
- Once again we held eight Story Times in the month, with an average of 6.375 children per session--a slight improvement over July!
- The Grade School Book Club met on August 4th, and the kids discussed Charlie and the Chocolate Factory while scarfing up lots of chocolate, of course!
- On August 25th, our book club for adults met to discuss The Frozen River, by Ariel Lawhon, and the club members posed for a group photo. They're still going strong after more than fifteen years of meeting and discussing books!



- Other August highlights included our usual two meetings of the Knitting Group, two beading workshops, Janice Santiago with information about the Guardian ad Litem program, and a very intense Grief and Loss Exercise, facilitated by Emma Gerrard and Mary Pleasant of VNAHSR.

## IMPORTANT DATES IN SEPTEMBER



- September 1: Ginger Cat Appreciation Day
- September 2: National Blueberry Popsicle Day
- September 5: National 401(k) Day
- September 6: National Read a Book Day
- September 7: National Beer Lovers Day
- September 12: National Day of Encouragement
- September 16: National Play-Doh Day
- September 18: National Cheeseburger Day
- September 21: Wife Appreciation Day
- September 26: Hug a Vegetarian Day

## OUR WORLD OF WEATHER



Join us at the Town Hall on Thursday, September 18 at 6:30 PM as National Weather Service meteorologist Robert Haynes gives a

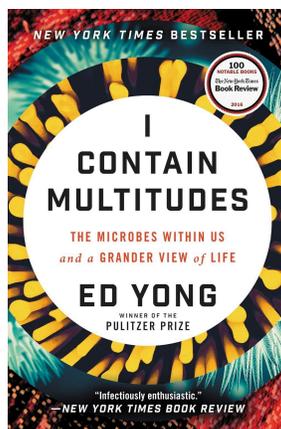
presentation about his work as a weather forecaster. Learn about how forecasts are made and alerts are issued in northern Vermont and New York State. This program is free and open to the public.

## HOSPICE 101



For the second installment of our collaboration with VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region, we will be welcoming Traci Osterhoudt to the Town Hall to give a presentation on everything you'd like to know about hospice. Join us at 3:00 PM on Thursday, September 25 to find out answers to any questions you may have about this very important service. (Many thanks to Emma Gerrard for helping to facilitate this series!)

## BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



This month, the book discussion group will be meeting on Thursday, September 25th at 2:30 PM to talk about I Contain Multitudes, by Ed Yong. Contact the library if you'd like to read the book and join the discussion!

## SO LONG, MS. SIERRA



This past Tuesday, September 2nd, marked the last and final day of Ms. Sierra's employment with the Haston Library. She did her Tuesday Story Time, which was well-attended as usual, and the assembled children made a banner-sized painting as their last activity with Ms. Sierra before she returns to Maine to start her "dream job." We will miss her, and we wish her all the best!



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