

NEWS and NOTES from the HASTON LIBRARY

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SEPTEMBER PROGRAMS & EVENTS

- As usual, September brought some quieter days to the Haston, but we still had some lively Story Times and engaging programs! On Thursday the 18th, meteorologist Robert Haynes gave a talk at the Town Hall entitled *Our World of Weather*. It was a fascinating exploration of how forecasts are made, as well as all of the planning and data collection that goes into reporting on the weather and issuing alerts. There were lots of good questions, and interesting conversation as well. We hope to have Robert back again soon!



- Another highlight of the month was the Back-to-School Carnival, which was organized by the Rec Department and held on Saturday, September 13th at the sports fields behind the school. The library had a table at which kids could stop by and make some rock paintings. Many thanks to our Trustees and to the Rec for facilitating another fun and creative afternoon for everyone!



- We also held our second installment of the End-of-Life workshop series that the library has been co-sponsoring with the cooperation of Emma Gerrard and the VNAHSR. For the second workshop, Traci Osterhoudt gave a presentation at the Town Hall called Hospice 101, which covered the topic of hospice care in depth. Traci answered questions and gave a comprehensive overview of the very important services that hospice workers provide.
- On September 25th, our book club met to discuss I Contain Multitudes, by Ed Yong, which is a fascinating exploration of the countless microbes that live and work with us every day.
- As usual, the Knitting Club met twice, and we also hosted eighteen MVU students on Thursday the 18th for a tour of the library building, led by Brian Rainville and Director Worman.



- And on the final day of the month, the Crossroads Library Club traipsed over to the Carriage House to read to the residents and hand out the “ugly duckling” crafts that they had made. The kids also interviewed the residents, who were delighted with all of the attention!

GRIEF TIMELINE WORKSHOP



Exploration of grief starts from within. Join us for an interactive and reflective sharing experience with Mary Pleasant, which will leave you with a deeper understanding of why you grieve the way you do. This is the third installment of our collaboration with VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region, and it will be held at the library on Tuesday, October 7th at 2:00 PM.

SOULSPUN KITCHEN WITH ERIN E. MOULTON



Community and church cookbooks are treasures that give us a glimpse of female groups encapsulated in a place and time. Besides delicious treats, these recipe books can be a springboard to historical and genealogical adventure. Join us at the FELCO Room at the Homestead on Sunday, October 12th at 1:00 as we welcome Erin E. Moulton back to Franklin for another great program. We'll explore recipes for Ghorabie, Pacific Slope Punch, and Maple Creams in search of clues to unlock the stories of those

gone by. Attendees are encouraged to bring a cherished cookbook or recipe to share with the group.

REBELS IN VERMONT!: THE ST. ALBANS RAID

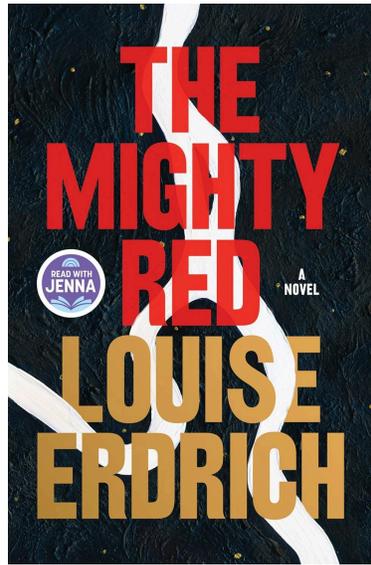


Join us at the Town Hall on Wednesday, October 22nd at 6:00 PM as we welcome historian and author Kevin Graffignino back to Franklin for what's sure to be another fascinating presentation! In October of 1896, Confederate soldiers attacked the village of St. Albans. They robbed banks, tried to set fire to the commercial district, shot and killed one person, and fled to Canada with \$227,000. The Raid sent shock waves through Vermont and the rest of the Union. *Rebels in Vermont!: The St. Albans Raid* details the events of the raid, and also looks at the lives and careers of the Confederate participants, providing more of a Southern perspective than most Vermont versions of the story.

TRUNK OR TREAT!

It's almost time for another Trunk or Treat celebration! Sponsored by Franklin Rec, it will be held in the Franklin Central School parking lot on Sunday, October 26th, starting at 5:00 PM. We will be handing out books (and candy, of course!) to all the kids who attend.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



This month, the book discussion group will be meeting on Thursday, October 30th at 2:00 PM to talk about The Mighty Red, by Louise Erdrich. Contact the library if you'd like to read the book and join the discussion!

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS & SUBS!



Do you have some extra time on your hands, and would like to put it to good use? The Haston is looking for some friendly, community-minded subs and volunteers to help out at the library! Also, if you're crafty and would like to lead a workshop of some sort, or would like to help out with Story Time, please reach out to us! Send an email to librarian@franklinhastonlibraryvt.org and let us know how you'd like to contribute to furthering the library's mission. Thank you!

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