

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

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## NOVEMBER PROGRAMS & EVENTS

- The month of November seemed to fly right by (not unlike a wild turkey, perhaps), but we managed to do lots of interesting things as we steered the library into the winter months! We only had three Story Times, due to the Thanksgiving holiday, but they were well-attended, and all the little ones enjoyed themselves. Our board chair deb did one Story Time whilst Director Worman attended the Directors Summit in Montpelier, and hers was all about counting and included hopscotch on the floor of the library! On the second Friday of the month, Director Worman read a story by Sophie Blackall called If We Were Dogs, and then we all made dog faces out of paper plates. We also made some classic handprint turkeys on the Friday before Thanksgiving, which was lots of fun!



- We also welcomed Tim Brookes back to Franklin so that he could talk to us about his new book, By Hand, which investigates handwritten language, and how cultures create and maintain it.
- It was bittersweet to wind down our time with the Crossroads Library Club, but we'll be looking forward to welcoming them back during the spring semester! The kids made one final trip over to the Carriage House to present The Emperor's New Clothes to the residents, and then they were also part of the end-of-Crossroads celebration at the school, which Director Worman was fortunate enough to be part of.



**The Directors Summit included a celebration of the Vermont Department of Libraries' 200th birthday! We had cake and sang a library-centric version of "My Favorite Things."**

- On Thursday the 20th, Director Worman ventured forth to Waitsfield to see the film *The Librarians*, and there was a panel discussion afterwards, featuring colleagues Marie Schmukal of Warren and Randall Smathers of Rutland, plus Janique L. Robillard, one of the producers of the movie. It will be shown again in Woodstock in January, and will also be available on the PBS streaming service at some point. The film is a powerful exploration of the challenges and stresses that librarians and library systems have been facing in the last few years, as the drive to ban books has reached an all-time high in the U.S.



**Director Randall Smathers of the Rutland Free Library speaks during the panel discussion.**

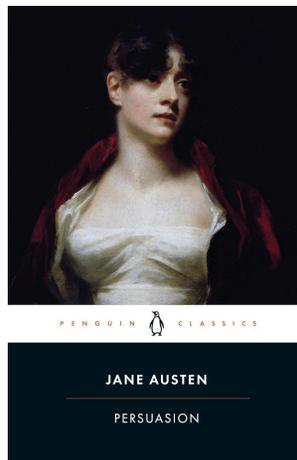
- Other highlights of the month included our Knitting Group (just one meeting this month), a book sale at the Vendor Fair (thanks to everyone who helped out, and to the Rec Department for letting us be part of it!), and an Upcycled Christmas Craft workshop with Mikhala Kaseweter of the Northwest Solid Waste District.

## OPERATION HAPPINESS



It's Operation Happiness time again! The stockings are hung in the vestibule with care. Stop by and pick up a tag, purchase the gifts, and bring them to the library by Friday, December 12th. No wrapping required! Thank you for your support.

## BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



This month, the book group is discussing Persuasion, the classic novel by Jane Austen. The meeting will be held at the library on Thursday, December 4th at 2:00 PM.

## **ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING**



Join us for the annual Tree Lighting!... and this year there will be a Fun Run beforehand, organized by our friends at the Franklin Recreation Department. The lighting will be at 6 PM on Friday, December 5th in front of the library, and will feature caroling by members of Uncle John's Band and friends!

## **NEEDLE FELTING WORKSHOP**



We're thrilled to have local crafting maven Carolyn Kittell returning to do another needle felting workshop! It's going to be held on Saturday, December 6th starting at 9 AM at the library. All materials will be provided. Call or email the library to reserve a spot--the workshop will be limited to 12 attendees.

## **GRAMMIE JEN STORY TIME!**



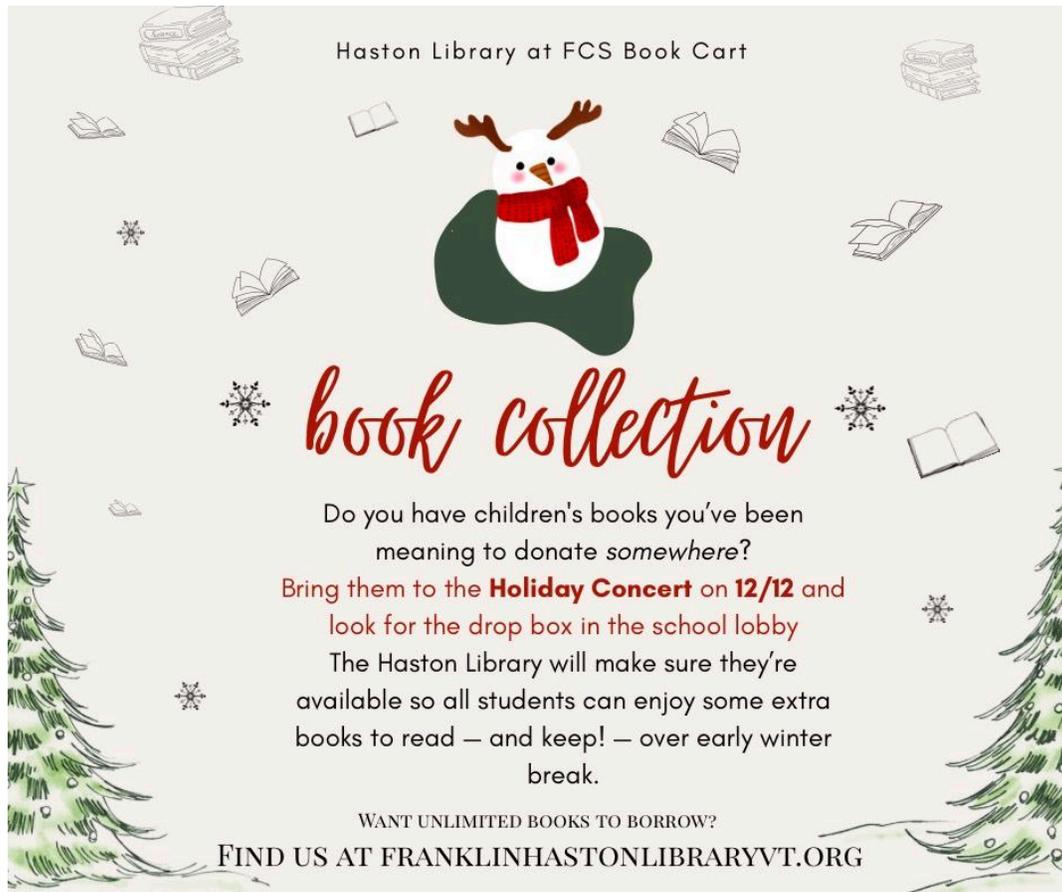
Bring the littles to the library on Friday, December 12th at 10 AM for another fabulous Story Time with Grammie Jen! We're excited to be having her back at the library, it's been a while!

## **THE POLAR EXPRESS RETURNS!**



Once again, the library is teaming up with the Recreation Department to present The Polar Express! We'll be stationed at the front of the Franklin United Church, handing out books to the kids as they pass through. The fun begins at 3:30 PM on Sunday, December 21st with hayrides starting at Franklin Central School and heading up to the church. Consult the Recreation Department's website for information on how to sign up for this fun holiday event! And be sure to stick around for the Lighted Parade, which starts right after the Polar Express wraps up.

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