

NEWS and NOTES from the HASTON LIBRARY

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DECEMBER PROGRAMS & EVENTS

- As usual, the month of December began on the 1st, and then on the 5th we had our annual tree lighting, in collaboration with our friends at the Recreation Department. Members of the band Uncle John's Band and special guests sang a few carols on the steps of the library. The library provided candy canes as well. We had a decent turnout, in spite of the cold weather! And the full moon provided a beautiful backdrop for the festivities, as you can see in the below photo.



- On the very next day, Saturday, December 6th, we welcomed Carolyn Kittell back to the library for another fun needle felting class. All of the participants enjoyed learning how to make adorable holiday designs with Carolyn's expert guidance!

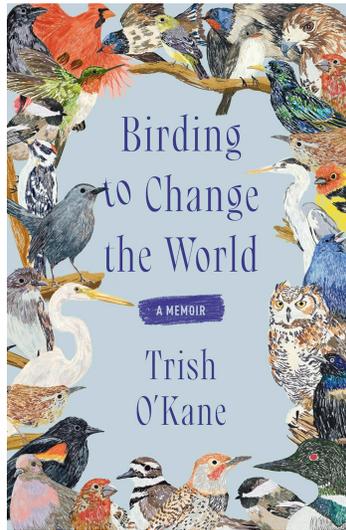


- On Friday the 12th, we were thrilled to have Grammie Jen back for another fun Story Time! She taught the kids how to make reindeer fly (well, paper ones anyway), and she showed them how to make reindeer food too. (In case you're wondering, the main ingredient is glitter.)



- And on Sunday the 21st, we helped the Rec Department with the annual Polar Express event by providing tables full of books for the children to choose from. We ended up handing out over one hundred books to the kids who attended! It was lots of fun, and a great way to celebrate the holiday season with our community.
- Other highlights of the month included our book group meeting to discuss Persuasion by Jane Austen, and our Knitting Group met twice as well.
- Finally, we would like to send out a big "Thank you!" to everyone who bought gifts for Operation Happiness this year! We had twice as many tags this time, as we were helping another community with theirs, and Franklin stepped up and filled all of the stockings. We here at the library are always impressed (but not surprised!) by this town's generosity!

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



This month, the book group is discussing Birding to Change the World, by Trish O'Kane. The meeting will be held at the library on Thursday, January 8th at 2:00 PM. Contact the library if you are interested in joining the discussion!

STORY TIME WITH GRAMMIE JEN



Bring your preschoolers to the library on Friday, January 16th at 10 AM for another fabulous Story Time with Grammie Jen! It's always a fun-filled morning when she's at the library helping out Mr. Josh with songs, stories, and other activities.

THE HILLS OF HOME: MOUNTAINS AND IDENTITY IN VERMONT HISTORY



Vermonters have strong ideas about the importance of their mountain topography. Where did our pride in Vermont's landscape come from, and why is it that we see our shared identity as rooted in the land? Evolving human ideas about the Vermont mountains form the base of this talk by historian Jill Mudgett. The story begins with the state's founders and moves forward through Vermont history to explain how environmental understandings changed over time. Mudgett offers us tools to understand the origins and meaning of our own strongly-held attachments to the Vermont landscape. Join us on Saturday, January 17th at 11:00 AM at the Town Hall for what's sure to be a fascinating talk. (This is a joint presentation of the library and Vermont Humanities, and it is free and open to the public. The Town Hall is accessible to those with disabilities.)

SPELLING BEE AT THE DWP!



Once again, the library is teaming up with the Dick Wright Pub for a spelling bee fund-raiser. All ages are welcome! We'll have three categories (Youth, Adult, and Senior), with three rounds and a final spell-off. Join us at the pub on Friday, January 30th at 6 PM and help to support the library with this fun and challenging family activity!

REMINDER: KNITTING GROUP



Our Knitting Group meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 1:00 at the library. All skill levels are welcome! Bring a project and work with other knitters as you learn, give, and receive guidance and tips. It's a great way to pass the time with some social interaction and crafting, especially during these long, cold winter months.

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