

NEWS and NOTES from the HASTON LIBRARY

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JANUARY PROGRAMS & EVENTS

- As in years past, January began with New Year's Day, and the library was closed.
- On January 2nd, we were open, but it was very cold and no one showed up for Story Time.
- Did I mention that it was cold?
- Anyway, from that point on, the month continued apace, as months are wont to do, and our Book Group met in a "hybrid" Zoom and live meeting, with ten people attending altogether on Thursday, January 8th. The book Birding to Change the World by Trish O'Kane was discussed, and much chirping ensued. Our Knitting Group met twice as well, with knitted brows, and they needled each other occasionally.
- Thanks to the wonderful and glorious Vermont Humanities Speakers Bureau program, we were able to host teacher and speaker Jill Mudgett on Saturday, January 17th at the Town Hall. Jill gave a lecture on the Vermont landscape, and how it has shaped and been shaped by the residents thereon through the last few centuries. It was a fascinating talk, and well-attended to boot. We'll be having Jill back again in April to give her Vermont murder mystery presentation called *Murder in the Vermont Woods*. You won't want to miss it--Jill is a captivating speaker, and it's sure to be an intriguing talk!



(photo credit: J.M. Worman)

- January also saw two special guests for Story Time! On Friday the 23rd, Grammie Jen returned and did a fun presentation that was all about Winnie the Pooh, who is celebrating his 100th birthday this year. And on Friday the 30th, oOma Grennon did a Story Time that was also about poo--the kind that critters leave behind! The kids loved it, of course, and they all “scat-turd” around the library to look for different kinds of animal excrement (don’t worry, it wasn’t real--we just used images of dung). (Once again, it was a frigid Friday, but we still had ten little tykes and their minders!)

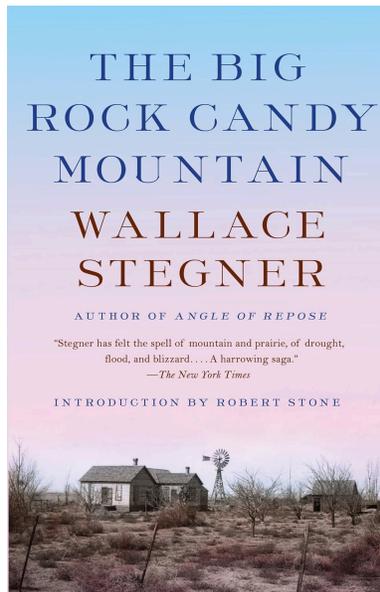


- Also on the 30th, we held our second annual Spelling Bee at the Dick Wright Pub, and it was a “bee”-utiful community event! Lots of people came out to support the library, which we really appreciated. And we crowned three spelling champions, Jacoby Newton, Krista Ellsworth-Spooner, and Martha Magnant, with Martha being the overall winner. Congratulations to all who participated, and a big thank you Jen Raynak & the Pub, and to everyone who donated to the cause!



From left, we have Krista, Jacoby, and Martha, along with our illustrious emcee and word pronouncer Wesley Kempton.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



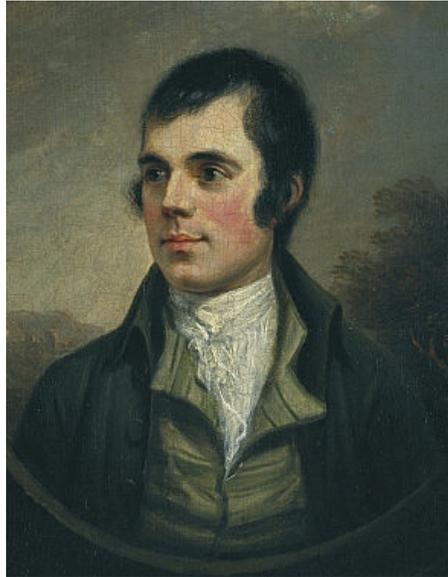
This month, the book group is discussing The Big Rock Candy Mountain, by Wallace Stegner. The meeting will be held at the library on Thursday, February 19th at 2:00 PM. Contact the library if you'd like to read the book and join the discussion!

STORY TIME WITH GRAMMIE JEN



Bring your tiny tots to the library on Friday, February 13th at 10 AM for a fun and fabulous Valentine's Day Story Time with Grammie Jen! We'll have our hearts on our sleeves as we sing songs, read stories, do crafts, and play games.

BURNS NIGHT!

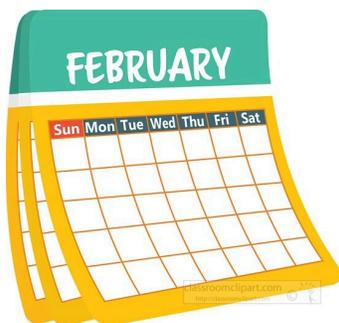


To the people of Scotland (and those of Scottish ancestry), Robert “Rabbie” Burns is a national hero. Known as “The Ploughman Poet,” he wrote hundreds of poems and songs, including “A Red, Red Rose” and “Auld Lang Syne,” and although he lived a shortish and tempestuous life, he is much-loved and celebrated--to the extent that there’s even a night named in his honor. (It’s usually on his birthday, which falls on January 25th, but Burns Night can be celebrated at any point in January or February, according to this writer and his fellow fans of Burns). This year, the library will be celebrating Burns Night at the Dick Wright Pub starting at 6 PM on Wednesday, February 18th. Come and take part in the celebration and hear the “Address to a Haggis,” among other delicious poetic morsels (and you can even try some vegetarian haggis if you dare!)

TOWN MEETING LUNCHEON

Once again, the library will be putting on the annual luncheon for Town Meeting on Tuesday, March 3rd. We’ll be sending out an online “meal train”-style signup system later in the month, but if anyone would like to contribute a homemade dish or supplies, you can also just call the library at 285-6505 to let us know what you’d like to add to the menu.

IMPORTANT DATES IN FEBRUARY



- Take Your Child to the Library Day--Saturday, February 7th
- The Puppy Bowl--Sunday, February 8th
- National Guitar Day--Wednesday, February 11th
- Galentine's Day--Friday, February 13th
- National Gumdrop Day--Sunday, February 15th
- Chinese New Year--Tuesday, February 17th
- National Clam Chowder Day--Wednesday, February 25th
- National Tell a Fairy Tale Day--Thursday, February 26th
- National Public Sleeping Day--Saturday, February 28th

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