

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

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## MARCH PROGRAMS & EVENTS

- March blew into town like a... umm... well, like some kind of windy, snowy, and rainy animal, but as usual, we here at the library just rolled with it (not unlike a soggy tumbleweed, perhaps).
- As usual, many of our townspeople gathered on the first Tuesday of the month for Town Meeting, and the library provided a hot and tasty luncheon for all. Many thanks to everyone who contributed their delicious homemade dishes, and to all who donated to help support the library!



- Another highlight of the month was the opening of a show of Marie Rainville's photographs of winter backyard birds. The show will be up for the month of April, so stop by and take a look at some of the beautiful works by a local bird enthusiast!



- On Tuesday the 10th, the Crossroads Library Club started coming over to the library from Franklin Central School, the first of three visits during March. This semester, we have seven children, which is our largest group yet. We've been working on writing and reading poetry and doing some crafts that the kids will bring over to the Carriage House when they read their poetry to the residents there.
- Story Time highlights in March included Evelyn's Birthday Story Time (with homemade sourdough bread--and we made butter to go with it!) and another visit from Grammie Jen, who showed the kids how to make it rain in a jar!



- Our knitting group met twice, and our book discussion group had a lively "hybrid" meeting to talk about Isola, a work of historical fiction by Allegra Goodman. Altogether, we had thirteen people on Zoom and in person, which might be a record!
- Unfortunately, Janice Santiago had to cancel her Guardian ad Litem session, but we're hoping to reschedule at some point.
- And in addition as well, Director Worman attended a webinar on artificial intelligence and libraries, and he also went to a Summer Reading meetup at the Enosburgh Public Library to throw around some, er, reading ideas with other area librarians.

## **STORY TIME WITH GRAMMIE JEN!**



Bring your little peeps to the library on Friday the Third at Ten O'Clock for an Easter Egg Hunt and Story Time with Grammie Jen! There'll be lots and lots of eggs and fun stuff for the kiddos!

## **MURDER IN THE VERMONT WOODS**



Join us at the Town Hall on Saturday, April 11th at 11 AM as historian Jill Mudgett tells the story of an Indigenous man from southern New England who came to Vermont in the 19th century and was the victim of a murder. It is the story of poverty, racism, disability, and gendered violence against women, but it is also a story about Indigenous movement and choice, despite great obstacles. This talk is a presentation of Vermont Humanities and the Haston Library. It is free and open to the public, and the Town Hall is accessible to those with disabilities.

# NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

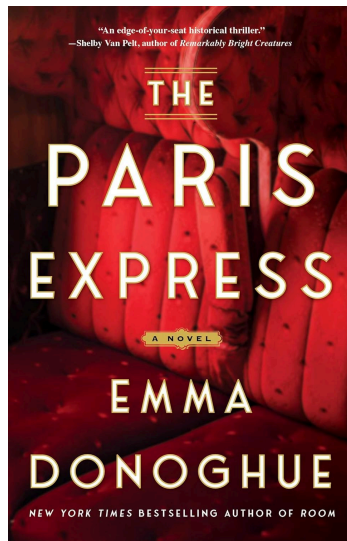


According to a press release by the American Library Association, award-winning librarian, author, and new host of the children’s program “Reading Rainbow” Mychal Threets will serve as Honorary Chair of the American Library Association’s National Library Week, April 19-25, 2026, a weeklong celebration of the important role libraries and library workers play in our schools and communities. First observed in 1958, National Library Week is an annual observance by the American Library Association and libraries across the country each April. National Library Week celebrations include Right to Read Day, April 20; National Library Workers Day, April 21; National Library Outreach Day, April 22; Take Action for Libraries Day, April 23; and the celebration of School Library Month throughout April. We encourage everyone to come on down to the Haston Library and find your joy!

## **STORY TIME WITH OOMA GRENNON!**

We’re thrilled to be welcoming oOma Grennon back to the Haston for another story time! She’ll be joining us on Friday, April 24th at 10 AM for a fun-filled session with Mr. Josh featuring songs, stories, crafts and play!

## BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



This month, the book group will discuss The Paris Express, by Emma Donoghue. They'll meet at the library on Tuesday, April 28th at 3:00 PM. Contact the library if you'd like to read the book and join the discussion!

## MVU HISTORY CLASS VISIT



We're looking forward to another visit from friend of the library Brian "BC" Rainville and his students from MVU! They'll be stopping by the library on April 28th and 29th--apparently, three sessions are required this year since there are so many kids! We're happy to accommodate everyone, though, as we're always looking for ways to collaborate with area institutions in order to strengthen community connections.

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