

**NEWS and NOTES from the HASTON
LIBRARY
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APRIL PROGRAMS & EVENTS

- We had a busy, busy April here at the Haston! We kicked it off with an Easter Weekend Story Time, featuring Grammie Jen in bunny ears. The Easter Grammie brought lots of eggs, and the kids ran around the lawn and scooped them all up! And each child received a goodie bag for their efforts. Thanks once again to Grammie Jen for another special Story Time at the library!



- On Tuesday the seventh, we brought the Crossroads kids over to the Carriage House so that they could read poems to the residents. Each child had found a poem and written one as well, with the theme being Spring for all the poems, and they made booklets with colored pictures for the residents. Once again, the Carriage House folks were very pleased to see the children from Franklin Central School, and it was a heartwarming scene to see the two generations interact.
- We welcomed historian and professor Jill Mudgett back to Franklin on April 11th, for a talk at the Town Hall called *Murder in the Vermont Woods*. Not the most pleasant of subjects, to be sure, but it certainly was a fascinating story, and it gave lots of different perspectives on life in Vermont in the late 1800s. It's always a pleasure to see Jill give a presentation, and we hope to have her back again someday!



- For Story Time on Friday the 17th, we welcomed Michelle Trayah of Northwest Counseling & Support Services to the library so that she could tell families about everything that NCSS has to offer. Michelle brought lots of fun doo-dads with her, and the kids loved it! We're so grateful to everyone at NCSS for all that they do, and the strong community partnership that we have. Thank you, Michelle!

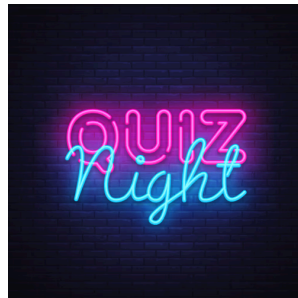


- We rounded out the month with another oOma Grennon Story Time, which was all about bats! Yes, it's true--we did get a little batty, but the wee ones certainly enjoyed it. We also hosted three tours of MVU students from the Abenaki & Local History class, taught by Mr. Brian Rainville. And finally, we also had a visit from Ms. Sullivan's second grade class at Franklin Central School. It was a real delight to see all of the students from both schools this month!



- As usual, the knitting group met twice, and our book discussion group had another lively meeting to talk about The Paris Express, by Emma Donoghue.
- Finally, one big piece of news from the month of April is that we have hired Ms. Sadie Newton as a library clerk. We are so pleased to be adding her to our team! Sadie has always been a steadfast friend and supporter of the library, and she is already coming up with lots of great ideas for summer programming. Welcome aboard, Sadie!

QUIZ FOR A CAUSE



Come and get trivial on Friday, May 1st at 7:00 p.m. at the Dick Wright Pub for a Quiz Night in support of the library! Quizmaster Wes Kempton will be our fearless leader as all the teams tussle with challenging questions from multiple categories. All proceeds from the evening will benefit the library. Thank you, Wes and Jen, for agreeing to host what's sure to be a fun and entertaining event!

PLANT SWAP



Join us at the library on Saturday, May 9th from 10 a.m. til 1 p.m. for our fourth annual Nancy Magnant Plant Swap! Bring plants, seeds, and anything else that's garden-related to the library and pick up something for your own home or garden. It's a great way to get your green thumb going for the growing season!

IN THE SHADOW OF BIG RED EYE

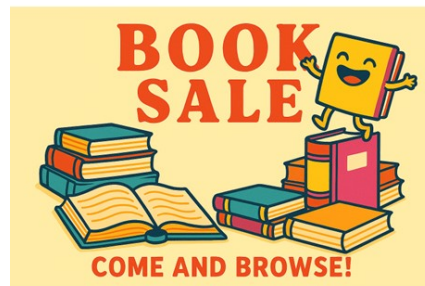


We're very excited (and maybe even a little creeped out!) to be welcoming Mike Familant to the Franklin Town Hall on Saturday, May 16th for a presentation on the search for Bigfoot! Also known as "Big Red-Eye," this mysterious creature has been hunted by Mike for the past fifteen years, from the swamps of Florida to the mountains of Maine. Mike has lots of interesting tales to tell about his adventures tracking the legendary Sasquatch, so it's sure to be a fascinating and fun evening! Doors will open at five p.m., and the show will begin at six. Don't miss it!

STORY TIME WITH OOMA GRENNON

We are happy to be welcoming oOma Grennon back to the Haston for another fun story time! She'll be joining us on Friday, May 22nd at 10 a.m. for a fun-filled session with Mr. Josh featuring songs, stories, crafts and creative play!

MEMORIAL DAY BOOK SALE



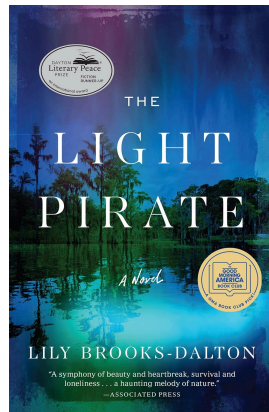
As usual, the library will be in the Memorial Day parade this year, and once again, we're setting up our Book Sale in front of the Town Hall. We'll have lots of gently used books, DVDs, and audiobooks for all ages & reading levels. Everything will be on sale by donation, with all proceeds to benefit the library.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



This month, the book group will discuss The Kitchen Front, by Jennifer Ryan. They'll meet at the library on Thursday, May 28th at 2:30 p.m. Contact the library if you'd like to read the book and join the discussion!

VERMONT READS 2025-26



We are very pleased to be welcoming professor Rachael Cohen to the library to facilitate a discussion of the 2025-26 Vermont Reads selection The Light Pirate, by Lily Brooks-Dalton. We have lots of copies of the book, so stop by the library and pick one up if you'd like to read it and join us for this event. It's not until the end of June (Saturday the 27th at 1:00, to be precise), but we wanted to get the word out this month, so that everyone has enough time to read it.

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