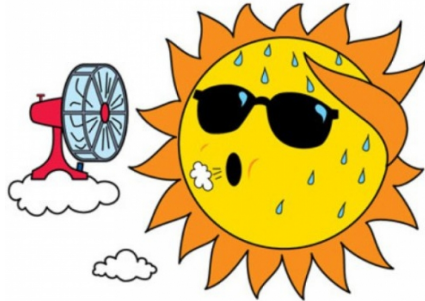


NEWS and NOTES from the HASTON LIBRARY

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JULY PROGRAMS & EVENTS

As usual, July was a busy, busy month here at the Haston! We had four fun and fabulous Make It Mondays, including a Squirtgun Painting activity that was very popular! The kids made their own paintings on canvas using squirt guns, and they also made a big mural that we put up in the library.



We had four Story Times with Mrs. Sadie and Mr. Josh in July (and the average number of children was 7.5 per session, for those of you who are keeping track). On the last day of the month, Mrs. Sadie did a “Yucky Worms” program, and the kids found out that worms aren’t so yucky after all! Especially when they’re the gummy kind...



On Sunday the 12th, we held our annual Due North Winery fundraiser with the Rec, featuring Franklin’s own Uncle John’s Band and fun

food treats from The Creemee Cart. We were lucky to have some beautiful weather, and we're grateful for all of the support we received from everyone who attended! A big thank you also goes out to Erich Marn for agreeing to host us once again.



We were happy to have Jamie Andrea Garzot give a talk about her book and her “Unconventional” life on Saturday the 25th. We had a great turnout at the Town Hall, and everyone was captivated by Jamie’s tales of her adventures as a cannabis entrepreneur in California, and by the twists and turns that her life has taken. Jamie signed and gave away a number of books, and it was a really wonderful community event altogether.



Other highlights for the month of July included our annual Bake Sale on the 4th--thanks so much to everyone who contributed!! We were lucky to have another visit from the Planetarium Lady, which was attended by kids from the Crossroads summer program. We're always happy to collaborate with FCS and other community groups! We also had Michelle Trayah of NCSS stop by for one of our Story

Times, and it was great to have her visit again. Our Knitting Group met three times, and our Book Discussion Group had eleven book discussers, with the discussed book being The Second Life of Mirielle West, by Amanda Skenandore.

MIKE & THE BIG BLUE TRUNK



August is here, and that means it's time for our end-of-Summer Reading celebration! Mike & the Big Blue Trunk will be at the library on Monday, August 10th from 10 a.m. until noon with games and balloon animals. We'll also have lots of free books to give away, plus hair tinsel for the kids by Nova Studio! It's sure to be a fun and free-wheeling celebration of summer reading at the Haston!

ADVANCE DIRECTIVE WORKSHOP

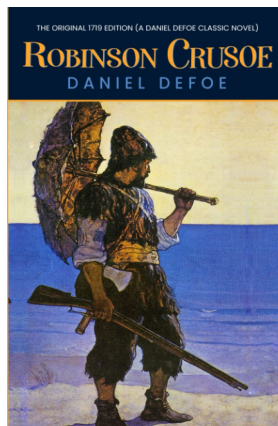
Come to the library and learn how to create a plan for end-of-life care and decision-making. We will be hosting an Advance Directive workshop with Wendy Scott on Thursday, August 13th from 1:00 until 3:00 p.m. An advance directive is a legal document that allows you to state your choices for future medical care, in the event that you become unable to speak or make decisions for yourself. It's an extremely important thing to start thinking about, regardless of your age or health concerns.

GUARDIAN AD LITEM Q&A WITH JANICE SANTIAGO



We're happy to be having Janice Santiago return to the library for another question and answer session about being a Guardian ad Litem. She'll be at the library from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 20th. Vermont Guardians ad Litem are trained volunteers who advocate for the best interests of children involved in court proceedings. GALs gather information, listen carefully, and help the court understand a child's needs. Come to the library and ask Janice any questions you may have about this very important volunteer service.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



This month, the book group will discuss Robinson Crusoe, by Daniel Defoe. They'll meet on Monday, August 24th at noon at 421 Patton Shore Road for a potluck along with the discussion. Contact the library for directions, if you'd like to read the book and join in!

AN ODYSSEY TALK



Director Christopher Nolan's version of Homer's Odyssey has become a worldwide phenomenon, quickly approaching ticket sales of \$1 billion against a \$250 million production budget. Join us at the Town Hall on Thursday, August 27th at 11 a.m. for a journey through the Odyssey with UVM professor Dr. John Franklin. Dr. Franklin is the head of the Classics Department at UVM, and he will talk about a number of topics having to do with the original work, as well as the film adaptation. It's sure to be a fascinating discussion, whether you've seen the movie or not!

REMINDERS: READ & WIN/ SUMMER PASSPORT

Once again, the Haston is participating in Read & Win, for kids in grades K-8. Just read three books by August 15th and win admission to the Champlain Valley Fair, a free book, a \$5 ride ticket, and even a free ice cream! Stop by the library to pick up a voucher, fill it out with the three book titles, and return it to the library to get your ribbon to present at the fair. Also, the libraries of Franklin County are sponsoring a Summer Passport Program, to encourage everyone to visit all of the libraries in the county. Pick up a passport at any library and get it stamped at all thirteen Franklin County libraries to be eligible for prizes!

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