NEWS and NOTES from the HASTON LIBRARY

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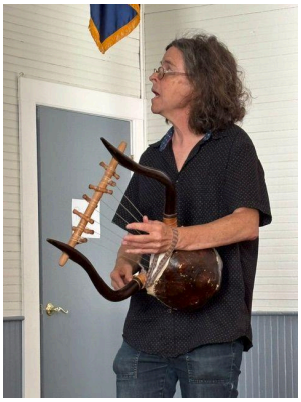
AUGUST PROGRAMS & EVENTS

We had another fun and fantastic August here at the Haston! The big event of the month was a visit from Mike & the Big Blue Trunk, who we hadn't seen in a few years. Mike had lots of fun lawn games for the kids to play, and he made all kinds of balloon animals too! Plus, we had Miss Alexa doing hair tinsel for whoever wanted to make their hair sparkle, and tons of free books to give away! All in all, it was a really great way to celebrate the end of summer and summer reading.

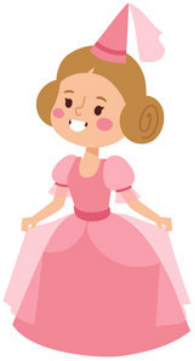
Another highlight of the month was a dog-themed Story Time, featuring our furry little friend Sully! The kids loved having him as a special guest, and he seemed pretty happy to be spending some time with us. A big thank you goes out to Janet Norcross for letting Sully visit the library!

On Thursday the 27th, Professor John Franklin, head of the Classics Department at UVM, gave a talk on the Odyssey at the Town Hall. It was a really fascinating lecture, and everyone who attended was captivated by Dr. Franklin's insights into the ancient work, the history of the region, and the recent blockbuster movie. Dr. Franklin is also a researcher and performer of ancient music, and he demonstrated how to play a lyre, the instrument that orators used to accompany themselves when reciting poems in ancient times. We're hoping to be able to host Dr. Franklin and his ancient music group in October for a performance.



Other August highlights included two more Make It Mondays; an Advanced Directive workshop led by Wendy Scott, which was attended by eight people; a total of four Story Times; and a Guardian ad Litem Q & A session with Janice Santiago. Our Book Discussion Group had a potluck at a member's camp on the lake and discussed Robinson Crusoe, by Daniel Defoe, and our Knitting Group met twice at the library. And a huge Haston thank you goes out to Janet Norcross, for cleaning up the brick sidewalk! It looks amazing!

WE'RE HAVING A PRINCESS PARTY!



Bring the kids to the library for a princess party on Saturday, September 12th at 10 AM! We'll even provide the dress-up clothes and crowns, but kids can arrive in costume if they want. Mrs. Sadie will lead a scavenger hunt, and we'll have craft activities like decorating mirrors and crowns.

TODDLER PLAYGROUP

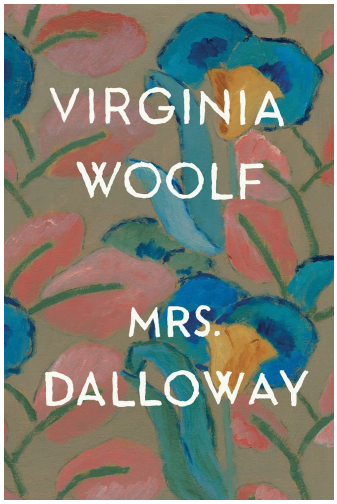
We're starting a toddler playgroup this month! Bring your little ones to the Town Hall on Saturday, September 26th between 10 and 11:30 AM for all sorts of interactive fun. Email Mrs. Sadie at sadie.hastonlibrary@ gmail.com if you have any questions, and she will be happy to answer them for you!

SEPTEMBER IS LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH!

HANNAFORD COMMUNITY BAG PROGRAM

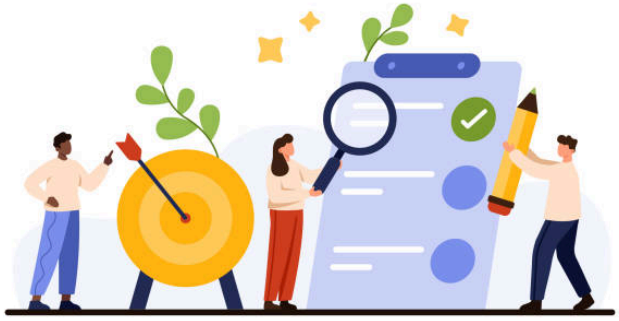
Once again, the Haston has been chosen for Hannaford's Community Bag Program! If you buy a reusable Community Bag at the Swanton Hannaford during the month of October, Hannaford will donate $1 of the $2.50 cost to the library. Thank you to Hannaford and to everyone who buys a Community Bag! We appreciate your support!

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



This month, the book group will discuss Mrs. Dalloway, by Virginia Woolf. They'll meet on Friday, September 18th at 11 AM at the library. Call or email us, if you'd like to read the book and join the discussion!

STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR 2027-29



As we slowly (or quickly?!) but surely approach the end of 2026 and our current Strategic Plan, we here at the library are starting to think about the next three years and how to plan for it. We've started meeting to discuss what we would like to include in that plan, and we would like to collect some feedback from the community, as well. There are many "moving parts" at the moment, but we still think it would be beneficial to have a few community forums over the next six months or so, to discuss the future of

the library and how we can best serve the residents of Franklin and the surrounding area. We will make sure to keep everyone informed about the process and the scheduling of these meetings.

STAY TUNED FOR A HASTON TV SHOW!

The good people at Northwest Access TV have selected the Haston Library as their newest addition to local programming! Yes, that's right--your favorite local library is going to have its own TV show! We will start filming at the end of September, in hopes of releasing the first episode at the beginning of October. We're still in the planning stages, but we hope to feature all of the programs and services that the library offers, plus reviews, interviews, a segment for kids, community news, and more! Be sure to check Facebook, Instagram, and our website for updates.

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