

NEWS and NOTES from the HASTON LIBRARY

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SEPTEMBER PROGRAMS & EVENTS

As usual, September was a little quieter after another busy summer at the Haston, but we still managed to have a fun time or two! Mrs. Sadie and Mr. Josh hosted some fabulous Friday Story Times, and we even saw the return of Grammie Jen for a pirate-themed Story Time! It was “ARRRRguably” one of the most fun Story Times we’ve ever had.



We also hosted a Princess Party at the library, and we had our first Toddler Playgroup at the Town Hall! We’re aiming to have the playgroup become a monthly occurrence, usually on the last Saturday of the month. Be sure to check our Facebook and/or Instagram pages for updates.



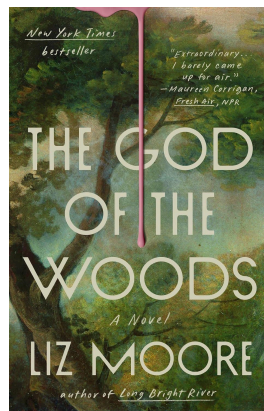
Our book discussion group gathered on Friday the 18th to talk about the novel Mrs. Dalloway, by Virginia Woolf, with twelve readers in attendance. And at the end of the month, we hosted around fifty high school students from Mr. Brian Rainville’s local history classes at MVU, and Director Worman gave tours of the library as he and Mr. Rainville talked to the students about the history of the library and the town.

CEMETERY SLEUTHING WITH ERIN MOULTON



Every cemetery is a time capsule; each headstone is covered with clues about the deceased. A simple step through the cemetery gates can be the start of an exploration of symbolism, workmanship, and local history. Join us at the Town Hall on Saturday, October 10th at 6 p.m. as librarian, historian, and genealogist Erin E. Moulton reveals the meaning behind cemetery iconography, abbreviations, epitaphs, and more. Erin's book *The Beginner's Guide to Cemetery Sleuthing: Scavenger Hunt and Workbook* will be available for purchase at the end of this program.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



This month, the book group will discuss The God of the Woods, by Liz Moore. They'll meet on Thursday, October 22nd at 2 p.m. at the library. Call or email us, if you'd like to read the book and join the discussion!

NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY BY MARIE RAINVILLE



Be sure to stop by the library in October to take a look at Marie Rainville's photographs of butterflies, caterpillars, dragonflies, and moths! They will be on display for the rest of the month.

HANNAFORD COMMUNITY BAG PROGRAM



Just a reminder that 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!

ADVANCED DIRECTIVE WORKSHOP



Once again, we are pleased to be hosting an Advance Directive workshop with Wendy Scott. Come to the library and learn how to create a plan for end-of-life care and decision-making on Thursday, October 29th 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.

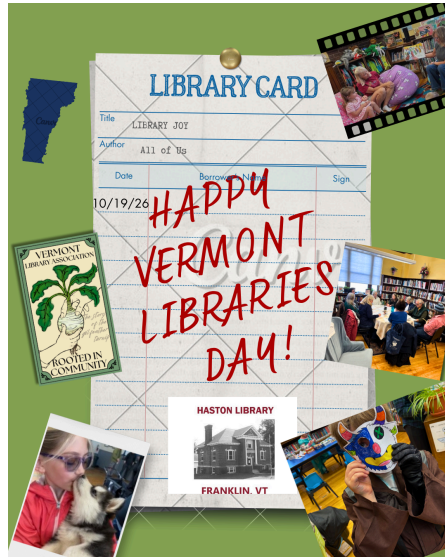
BANNED BOOKS WEEK



Since 2021, the American Library Association has recorded a dramatic increase in attempts at censorship in libraries. In 2025, 4,235 unique titles were challenged, the second-most ever (only slightly down from the record-setting number challenged in 2023). The ALA condemns censorship and defends the right of everyone to read and have free access to information, with the protections that the First Amendment guarantees.

VERMONT LIBRARIES DAY

For those of you who haven't heard, the Vermont legislature recently passed some laws regarding libraries in Vermont, one of which established the third Monday in October as Vermont Libraries Day. We're excited to be celebrating the inaugural day on the 19th! Stop by the library and get a card if you don't have one, and learn about everything the library has to offer!



TRUNK OR TREAT



The library will be taking part in Trunk or Treat again this year! We'll have lots of free books to hand out to the kids!

HALLOWEEN PARTY



Need something to do while waiting to go trick-or-treating in the evening? Look no further! Come to a Halloween Party at the Town Hall on the 31st, starting at 10 a.m.! The Hall will be filled with interactive games and activities. Feel free to wear a costume! All ages welcome. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Hope to see you there!

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