NEWS and NOTES from the HASTON LIBRARY

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OCTOBER PROGRAMS & EVENTS

October was chock fun of nutty fun and interesting events! Mrs. Sadie continued her impressive streak of engaging and delightful Story Time presentations, and for those of you who are keeping track, we averaged 8.6 children per story time in October! We were really happy to have those 2.6 new children at the library.









We also welcomed Erin E. Moulton back to Franklin on October 10th to give a talk on Cemetery Sleuthing, which was really fascinating and well-attended. Erin told us how to identify various symbols and images that one might see on a headstone, and the different ways to figure out the genealogy of those who are enjoying their eternal rest.



Our book discussion group gathered on Thursday the 22nd to talk about the novel The God of the Woods by Liz Moore, and between those present in person and online, we had twelve book discussers in attendance. And as per usual, our Knitting Group met two times and spun some yarns while needling each other in a friendly way.





Another highlight of the month was the annual Trunk or Treat event at Franklin Central School on the 25th, organized by our friends at Franklin Rec. We decided to pay tribute to the late, great musician and humanitarian Dolly Parton and her Imagination Library. A few of us got “Dollied” up and handed out free books to over two hundred kids. It was a really fun afternoon, and we saw lots of cute kids and creative costumes!! We also hosted another Advanced Directive workshop, led by Wendy Scott, and we filmed the next episode of our tv show, which will air in November. And on the last day of October, Mrs. Sadie hosted a Halloween party at the Town Hall, with help from interim trustee Corinna Stanley.







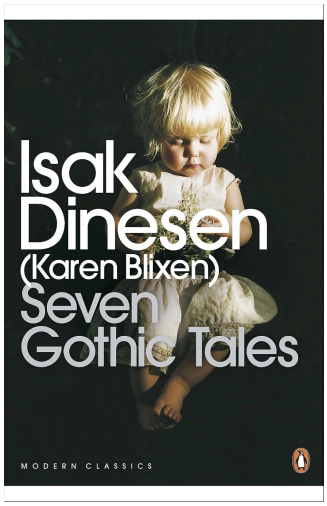
No tricks, just lots of treats and fun, creative activities at the Haston Halloween Party!

PAUL REVERE'S RUM: A CATCHY HISTORY OF ALCOHOL



We are really buzzed to be welcoming Swanton-based author Rebecca Rupp to give a talk on the history of alcohol at the FELCO Room of the Homestead on Saturday, November 14th at 5:00 p.m, because it's five o'clock somewhere. Not only will we be toasting Paul Revere, George Washington, and other distinguished connoisseurs of sophisticated adult refreshments, but our pal Dan Sartwell of Black Flannel will be present to give tastings to augment the overall experience. Becky has a Ph. D. in cell biology and biochemistry and is the author of over 300 articles for national magazines and close to twenty books for both adults and kids. Join us for what is sure to be an intoxicating history program!

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



This month, the book group will discuss Seven Gothic Tales, by Isak Dinesen. They'll meet on Thursday, November 19th at 2 p.m. at the library. Call or email us if you'd like to read the book and join the discussion!

SHOREBIRD PHOTOGRAPHS BY MARIE RAINVILLE



Our local bird enthusiast Marie Rainville is displaying more photographs at the library during the months of November and December! This time, she will be exhibiting images of shorebirds that she has taken around Franklin County. Be sure to stop by the library to see Marie's beautiful work!

BOOK SALE AT THE VENDOR & CRAFT FAIR



Once again, the library will have a table of used books for sale at the Vendor and Craft Fair on Saturday, November 14th from 9:00 until 1:00 at the Town Hall. Stop by and browse, and donate to help support the Haston!

PLAYGROUP AT THE TOWN HALL



Our next Playgroup will be on Saturday, November 28th from 10 until 11:30 a.m.! Bring your little ones to the Town Hall at 5336 Main Street for some fun interactive play and activities.

PUBLIC FACILITIES PRESERVATION GRANT

We are delighted to report that the Haston has been selected to receive a $200,000 Public Facilities Preservation Initiative Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This will give us the opportunity to have much-needed repair work done on one of the chimneys, the front steps, and the roof of the library building. Many thanks to Town Clerk Lisa Larivee for all the time and work that she put into the application process!



One final note just to wish everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving! The library will be closed on Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27th.

CHECK OUR WEBSITE AND FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM FOR MORE INFORMATION AND UPDATES!

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