

# Haston Highlights

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW NEWSLETTER!

A lot is going on here at the Haston Free Public Library, and we want you to know about it! Every month we will publish *Haston Highlights* with information about our programs, services and initiatives. Sign up with your name and email at the main circulation desk or in the Children's Library, and we'll send you our news. Let us know what you think; email us at [hastonfreepubliclibrary@gmail.com](mailto:hastonfreepubliclibrary@gmail.com).

## LONG -RANGE PLANNING BEGINS

An ad hoc committee has been convened to create the 2020 long-range plan for the Haston Library. Libraries with long-range plans are better able to achieve their objectives and meet the needs of their communities. In addition, libraries with long-range plans become eligible to receive federal grant funding through the Library Services and Technology Act, administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

The Haston Library Long-Range Planning Committee has begun by considering S.O.A.R.—Strengths, Opportunities, Aspirations and Results. We will continue by developing a community survey, which we plan to distribute during National Library Week, April 7-13. We will follow up the survey with focus groups of North Brookfield residents. Based on the data collected, we will determine the priorities and goals of the library for the next few years.

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### HASTON LIBRARY HOURS

Monday:	1 PM—7 PM
Tuesday:	10 AM—5 PM
Wednesday:	9 AM—7 PM
Thursday:	1 PM—6 PM
Saturday:	9 AM—12 PM



## BRUINS PJ DRIVE

In partnership with the Boston Bruins and the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, the Haston Library is currently accepting donations of new pajamas for the Boston Bruins' 11th Annual PJ Drive. This drive will benefit DCF Wonderfund and Cradles to Crayons, which connect

with social service agencies to identify babies, children and teens in need. Last year Haston Library patrons donated over 100 pajamas—let's try to beat that number this year!

Donations can be dropped off on the first floor of the library until March 15<sup>th</sup>.

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### SUGGEST A BOOK

Have you ever wanted to borrow a book or DVD that this library doesn't own?

You probably know that you can place a hold on the item by going to the C/W MARS website (<https://www.cwmars.org/>) or you can ask a library staff member to place the hold for you. The turn-around time is usually just a few days.

You can also ask the library to purchase the book. Help us add to our collection by letting us know the title, author and format. If it's something you'd like, there are probably others who would like it, too!

## LEGOS FOR ALL!

LEGO, the timeless toy bricks that everyone knows and loves, has its own fan club at the Haston Library.

Meetings of the LEGO Club are held every Wednesday evening from 5:30-6:30 PM. Club members' masterpieces are displayed each week, and each week the constructions seem to get better and better! All who share a love for LEGO are welcome to come and participate.





Check out the toys in the Children's Library, like this train table donated by the O'Connor family.

## STORY TIME

Story time at the Haston Library is presented by Community Connections. Community Connections is a CFCE grant program funded by the Department of Early Education and Care.

The Read, Build, Play story time takes place from 10:15 – 11:30 AM every Tuesday morning and the Parent-Child Playgroup takes place every Wednesday morning from 9:00 – 11:00 AM.

Themes for March include weather (rainbows), transportation and zoo/jungle.

We would like to thank Community Connections for their programming and also for the use of their toys!

## THURSDAY CRAFTS



March 7 Popsicle Stick Arithmetic

*Add and subtract your way to fun!*



March 14 Shell Centerpiece

*Ocean treasures to decorate your table*

March 21 Oobleck vs. Slime

*Is it solid or liquid?? Experiment and find out!*

March 28 Spaghetti Marshmallow Tower

*Whose tower will be the strongest and tallest?*

In the Children's Library, 4-5 PM

## BE A KID AGAIN

Coloring isn't just for kids these days. Come down to the Library every Monday evening from 5:30 – 6:30 PM and join in with the Adult /Teen Coloring Group.

You can bring your own coloring books and colored pencils, or we can provide them for you.

This is a great opportunity for you to come meet other folks in the area while enjoying the calming benefits of coloring.



## BOOK SALE!

The Friends of the Library currently have a room-full of gently used books and media available for a small donation. Although we suggest \$1.00 for hardbound books and \$.50 for paperbacks and children's books, any donation is appreciated. The wide selection of items on offer surely has something for everybody and we have an especially large selection of fiction and quilting books.

Come browse our assortment of books in the meeting room on the Library's lower level. The sale will continue through March. All purchases help the Friends support library programs that patrons like you have come to know and love. Thank you!

## BOOK GROUP SELECTION FOR MARCH

*The Delight of Being Ordinary* by Roland Merullo

“Roland Merullo’s playful, eloquent, and life-affirming novel finds the Pope and the Dalai Lama teaming up for an unsanctioned road trip through the Italian countryside to rediscover the everyday joys of life that can seem, even for the two holiest men in the world, unattainable.” —*Goodreads*

Pick up a copy at the library, then join us on March 26 at 7:00 PM to discuss!



THE CW  
MARS APP  
IS HERE!

Patrons can now download the CW MARS app from the Google Play Store or the Apple App Store.

Use this app to gain quick access to our extensive library catalog, search for materials and place holds, all conveniently through your phone or tablet device!

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Our next meeting will take place on March 14 at 6:30

PM, if you would like to join us. Please help us by participating and sharing your ideas and suggestions through the course of the process. Feel free to email us at:

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## ROBOTICS BOOT CAMP—COMING THIS SUMMER!

The Haston Library has just received word that we will receive a Summer Learning Expanded grant from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners and the Institute for Museum and Library Services. With this money we are planning to offer two Monday-Thursday half-day “Robotics Boot Camps” for elementary school-age students who are residents of North Brookfield. Plans are still being finalized, but we expect that applications will be available early in April.

High school students with an interest in robotics or coding who would like to help out are encouraged to contact Dawn Thistle, Library Director.