

Haston Highlights

WOW! Wowbrary Comes to North Brookfield

Beginning on Saturday, September 5, the Haston Free Public Library is excited to offer its patrons free "Wowbrary" email alerts that showcase the library's newest items each week. The alerts feature the latest best-sellers, movies, audio books, children's titles, cookbooks, mysteries, travel guides, health books, science fiction and more purchased by the library.

This is a great new way to enjoy and use your public library more. You will be amazed when you see in one place just how many great new titles we purchase each week, which you can reserve and borrow at no cost, of course. And we cover all age groups and many diverse interests.

The new Wowbrary alerts are extremely convenient and, by connecting to the C/W MARS Evergreen online catalog, quickly show what's new, whether checked out or not, all from the convenience of your home, work, or school computer. Just as when you use the C/W MARS catalog, you can immediately place a hold on any of the titles that interest you.

The alerts can help those interested in specific topics, as Haston Free Public Library children's librarian Rosemary Mackenzie points out. "It only takes a mouse click to see the newest arrivals appropriate for your child or teen. There's a separate section on parenting. Teachers can quickly spot new resources for their classes."



Wowbrary alerts are free and do not require a library card, though if you want to place a hold on an item, you will need your library card number to do so.

Wowbrary was created to make public libraries more visible and accessible to everyone. It is supported by grants, donations, sponsorships, book sale commissions and volunteers. Wowbrary is a project of Interactive Sciences, Inc., a California nonprofit 501(c)(3) public-benefit corporation that uses technology to help with social needs. Beginning in 2001, Interactive Sciences has been building experi-

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LIBRARY (PANDEMIC) HOURS

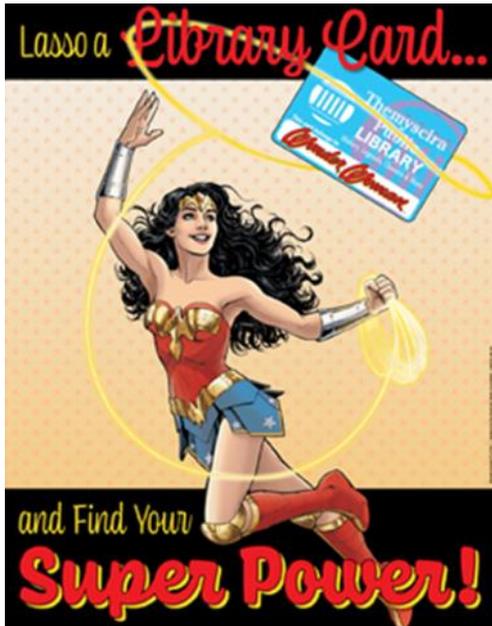
Monday:	4 PM—7 PM
Tuesday:	10 AM—1 PM
Wednesday:	4 PM—7 PM
Thursday:	10 AM—1 PM
Saturday:	9 AM—12 PM

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Library Card Sign-up Month

The most important school supply is a library card! With access to technology, innovative programming, and educational resources, a library card gives students of all ages the tools to succeed in school. September is **Library Card Sign-up Month**, a time when the Haston Library joins the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries nationwide to remind parents, caregivers and students that signing up for a library card is the first step on the path to academic achievement and lifelong learning.



There is nothing more empowering than signing up for your own library card. As novelist Eleanor Brown says, “There is no problem that a library card can’t solve.” A library card gives students access to information they need for school and provides all people opportunities to pursue their dreams and passions.

“Libraries play an important role in the education and development of children,” said Dawn Thistle, Library Director. “Although our programming has been limited or postponed due to the pandemic, we

continue to promote reading and lifelong learning for all our patrons during this difficult time.”

Since 1987, Library Card Sign-up Month has been held each September to mark the beginning of the school year.

This year, DC’s Wonder Woman is embarking on a mission to champion the power of a library card as Library Card Sign-up Month Honorary Chair. In her new role, Wonder Woman will promote the value of libraries and encourage everyone to get their very own library card. During September, stop by the library to get yours!

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Helen Foyle

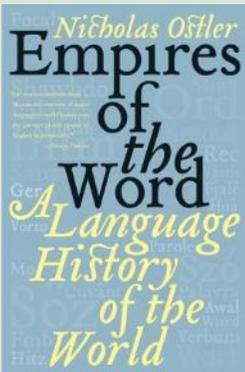
She really needs no introduction! Helen began her library career by serving as a library Trustee for a few years. Then she worked as Assistant Librarian at the Haston Library for 25 years. During those years she cataloged books, cleaned sticky stuff off children’s books, helped restart the AC system, and was an all-around jack (jane?)-of-all-libraries. We are thrilled to have her back here, adding her skills and expertise as a library volunteer. She is still cleaning the sticky stuff off children’s books, but also reading shelves and assisting with inventory. Whenever the director has questions about past library practice or customs, Helen has the answer!

Helen has lived in North Brookfield for 48 years and raised her family here.



BOOK GROUP NEWS

Our next book to read is *Empires of the Word: A Language History of the World* by Nicholas Ostler. “Nicholas Ostler’s *Empires of the Word* is the first history of the world’s great tongues, gloriously celebrating the wonder of words that binds communities together and makes possible both the living of a common history and the telling of it.” —*Goodreads*
Copies of the book will be available by September 28.



We will probably meet via ZOOM on **October 27** at 7:00 to discuss it. There are still some copies available of September’s book, *Tenth of December* by George Saunders. If you would like to join us (and to receive information on how to log into our ZOOM meetings) please send

your email address to Bob LaFlamme at ralaflamme@gmail.com or call the library (508-867-0208) for more information.

IMAGINE YOUR STORY!

Even though the pandemic kept lots of kids at home, we did have 20 participants in our Summer Reading Program. Pen and Maddie Sayer each read 36 books and Kayleigh McPartland read 28. Great job! Every child who read at least one book each week was able to take home a small prize. Next year the Summer Reading program’s theme will be “Tails and Tales!” Stay tuned!

**September 22 is
National Voter
Registration Day!
If you haven’t reg-
istered to vote yet,
now’s the time!**



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ments to research creative approaches to better connect people with the many resources available via their libraries. Wowbrary is the first of these innovations to be released for general use. As avid library fans, the staff and volunteers at Interactive Sciences are thrilled by the great interest it has aroused.

The Haston Library staff hopes that you will all like this new service! Go to www.wowbrary.org to sign up or learn more.

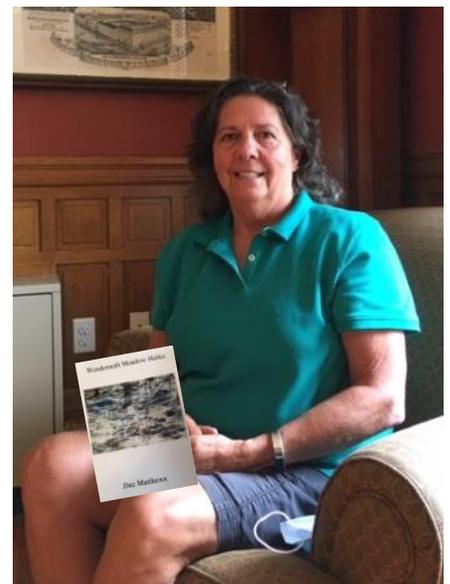
Dee Matthews Publishes Book of Haiku

Dee Matthews, a volunteer at Wendemuth Meadow (and faithful library user!) has recently published a book of poetry titled *Wendemuth Meadow Haiku*. As most North Brookfield folks know, “Wendemuth Meadow is a 35-acre parcel of an old farm’s land held in conservation restriction to be enjoyed by all.”

Inspired by the beauty of the place as she experiences it during her volunteering, and wanting to do something special during the pandemic, Dee decided to write this book. During the process she learned a lot about haiku and its traditional forms.

The book is organized by season and dedicated to fellow volunteer, Harrison (Archie) Achilles.

Congratulations, Dee, on the publication of this lovely book. And thanks for the donation!



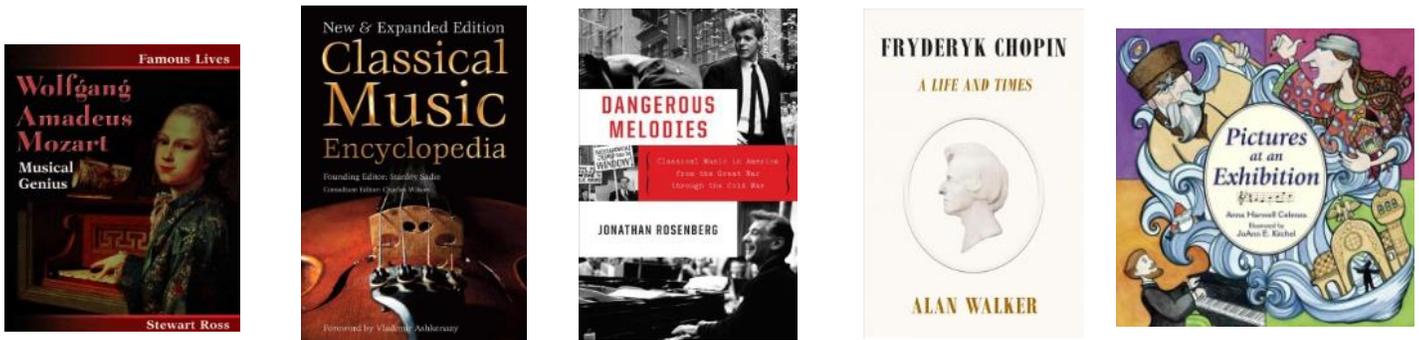
SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS

Check out our books!

- CLIMATE PREPAREDNESS WEEK, September 24-30**



- CLASSICAL MUSIC MONTH**



- HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH**



- NATIONAL SELF CARE AWARENESS MONTH**

