

Haston Highlights

Howlarious Halloween!

On October 20th the Haston Library Facebook page (facebook.com/northbrookfieldlibrary) will host storyteller and singer Mary Jo Maichack in a 15-minute **virtual** taste of ghost stories, songs and jokes for families, recommended for children aged 5 and older (safe and fun for all ages, but little ones will be ... little ones). “Howlarious Halloween: Ghost Stories, Songs & Jokes from the Crypt” is a spooky and silly show. The link to this brief video will be posted to our Facebook page on October 20, just in time for Halloween!

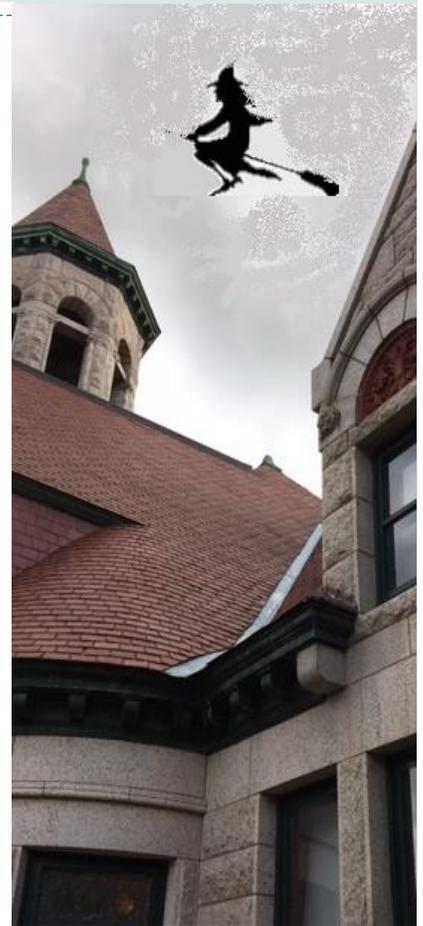
Crack up to ghost jokes, help make spooky sound effects, and be amazed by the many voices and characters in Ms. Maichack’s repertoire. Her ghost stories are funny and spooky and her singing lively. She is really fun and will make you feel the shivery joy of Halloween! The full program (on a CD by the same title), consists of 36 selections in all, lasting more than 30 minutes. Copies of the CDs will be given to the first 15 families who comment on the post with their name and email address.

Ms. Maichack has won two national awards for her storytelling CDs, and has performed some 4,000 shows in libraries, schools, festivals since 1989. She was featured several times on WGBY-PBS TV, the Connecticut Storytelling Festival, Three Apples and Mark Twain Festivals and from San Francisco to Venice, Italy.

Librarian Pat Grundman, Hall Memo-



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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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CW MARS and Evergreen News

During this pandemic libraries have worked hard to try to get their patrons the library items that they want. CW MARS made adjustments to the Evergreen catalog to help libraries and patrons feel safe about borrowing and lending materials. They extended due dates and turned off overdue reminders for items that were borrowed before March. For awhile they disabled the ability to place holds on library materials, knowing that lots of libraries were closed and unable to fill those requests. Many libraries cancelled fines (Haston Library is giving borrowers fine amnesty) or eliminated them all together. Even after holds were reinstated, CW MARS kept libraries up-to-date with information on which libraries were still closed or otherwise unable to fill patron requests. We are all—slowly—returning to normal library service!

New Catalog Feature

On October 13, the Haston Library will be adding a new feature to our online catalog: Patron Self Registration. Patron Self Registration allows you to com-

plete an online registration form (below), which is submitted to the library. Library staff will review the registration and add barcode information. When this is done, we will contact you via email or phone with your library card number and password (which you may change later.) Patrons who register in this way will not need to come into the library to request books or download e-books. We will hold the physical card at the Circulation Desk for pickup, if desired. It is our hope that this new feature will enable people who are still stuck at home to use library materials and services.

You will find the link, “Request Library Card,” at the bottom of the CWMARS catalog screen, beginning on Tuesday, October 13.

LIBRARY EXTERIOR REPAIRS UNDERWAY

At the end of September the first phase of the library exterior repairs began. The Barnard Roofing group of Raymond James Restoration started work on the repairs to the library’s roof on September 5. The roofers repaired broken and missing slate tiles as well as a couple of the copper pans and “crickets” on the front of the roof.

Phase two will be handled by the Raymond James masons, who will replace a tower window and the half-round window over the old entrance, repoint all of the mortar joints of the façade’s stonework and install sealant at the capstone joints of both the original building and the addition.

We are excited that this project is underway at last!

Request a Library Card

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Middle Name	<input type="text"/>
Last Name	<input type="text" value="CWTEST"/>
Preferred First Name	<input type="text"/>
Preferred Middle Name	<input type="text"/>
Preferred Last Name	<input type="text"/>
Street Address	<input type="text" value="123 DNE RD"/>
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City	<input type="text" value="LEOMINSTER"/>
County	<input type="text"/>
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Requested Username	<input type="text"/>

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(Example: 508-123-4567)
(Example: my_patron@netprovider.com)

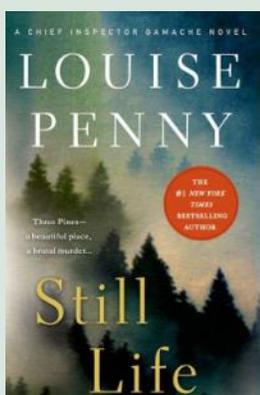
Submit this form to request a library card from your local library. Please ensure you have entered at least one form of contact (phone number and/or email address), so that staff at your local library can follow up as necessary.

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BOOK GROUP NEWS

The Haston Library Book Group is currently reading *Empires of the Word* by Nicholas Ostler, and will be discussing it at the library and via ZOOM on October 27 at 7:00.

Our November book will be *Still Life* by Louise Penny. Copies will be available at the library after October 26.



“Chief Inspector Armand Gamache of the Surêté du Québec and his team of investigators are called in to the scene of a suspicious death in a rural village south of Montreal. Jane Neal, a local fixture in the tiny hamlet of Three Pines, just north of the U.S. border, has been

found dead in the woods. The locals are certain it's a tragic hunting accident and nothing more, but Gamache smells something foul in these remote woods, and is soon certain that Jane Neal died at the hands of someone much more sinister than a careless bowhunter.

Still Life introduces not only an engaging series hero in Inspector Gamache, who commands his forces--- and this series---with integrity and quiet courage, but also a winning and talented writer of traditional mysteries in the person of Louise Penny.” —Amazon

For more information about the Book Group, please call the library at 508-867-0208.



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rial Library, Ellington, CT says, “Mary Jo has performed at our library on many occasions over the last decade. She has more energy than any performer I know. Her Halloween program is great fun! Mary Jo has a way of setting the mood of whatever story she tells. Through her voice, sound effects can take on an eerie sound that will send shivers, or she can create a cackle that can transfix you with fear. But there is always lots of laughter, too. Her mixture of age-appropriate stories and songs will be just what your audience hopes for. You can’t go wrong!”

Learn more about Maichack’s programs, residencies and workshops for all ages at her Website, www.MaryJoMaichack.com.

This program is supported in part by a grant from the North Brookfield Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.



COMCAT RETURNS

If you have been missing ComCat and the ability to request books and other materials from libraries outside the C/W MARS system, you'll be glad to know that ComCat is BACK!!

Search for your desired title in the C/W MARS Evergreen catalog first. If it doesn't appear there, scroll to the bottom of the page to find the Commonwealth Catalog button. It will take you to ComCat and to the title you want.

If you have any questions about ComCat services, check out their FAQ (<https://www.commonwealthcatalog.org/.../5f2b35cc8832094b6...>) or call us at 508-867-0208.

Haston Library Receives Donation of Children’s and Young Adult Books on the Black Experience

After the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis when the Black Lives Matter protests became more frequent, a local woman saw a list of children’s and young adult books that have been written to help fight racism. Eunice Jones of North Brookfield felt that donating these books to the library would be one way that she could help in that fight.

Some of the books are recent publications, but others were written more than a decade ago. Some of the books were already a part of our collection, but most were not. Most are not about racism, specifically, but about black children’s lives and families. All children will relate to the stories and learn more about what it’s like to be black—and that we are not so different! The books for younger

children feature beautiful illustrations.



Thanks to Eunice’s generous gift, the library has ordered and cataloged the books on the list, as well as other books by black authors, twenty in all.

You can see many of them in the picture below. A display of the books will be in the Children’s Library on the 2nd floor through the end of October. Check them out!

LIBRARY WIRELESS SERVICE

The Library offers wireless access, both inside and outside the library building. CW MARS has provided the LibraryPublicHotspot network, which covers much of the interior of the library. No password is required to use this network.

We also offer NETGEAR73 and NETGEAR73-5G. These networks are more powerful and provide much more coverage, including outside the building. They also require a password: **rapidpotato450**. It’s kind of a crazy password, but it should be pretty easy to remember!

