

# Haston Highlights

## SUMMER READING STARTS JULY 6!

The kids are out of school and looking forward to an off-line summer after a tough year-and-a-half. With all the concerns about whether or not they have lost academic ground during the pandemic, it's more important than ever that they keep reading over the summer.

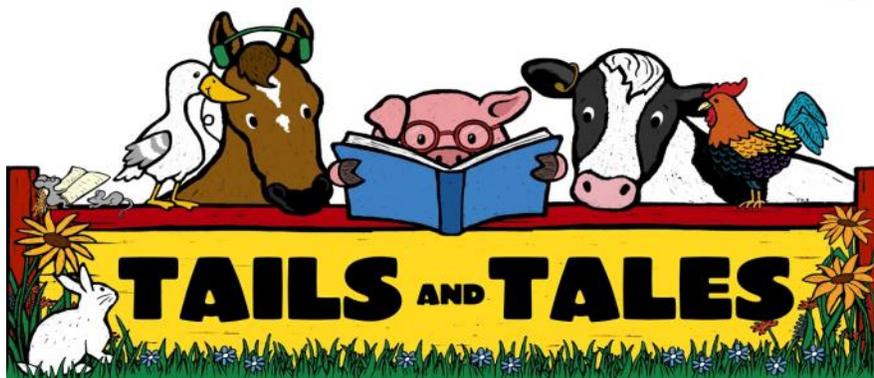
Children from 3-13 are invited to register for our Tails & Tales Summer Reading program from July 6 to August 20. All children will receive a reading log on which they can record the books they have read each week. (Parents can record the books they read to younger children.) As long as they have read at least one book for the week, children can choose a prize from our prize collection. At the end of the summer, on Saturday, August 21, we will host a Summer Reading party with additional prizes for everyone and the kids who have read the most.

Summer Reading will also feature "Maker Mondays" at 2:00, when kids can come and make, build, or experiment. Planned projects include lemon volcanoes, dinosaur egg geodes and moon phase cup kits. Tails & Tales Tuesdays will feature storytime for younger kids at 10:30 with a story and quick kid craft.

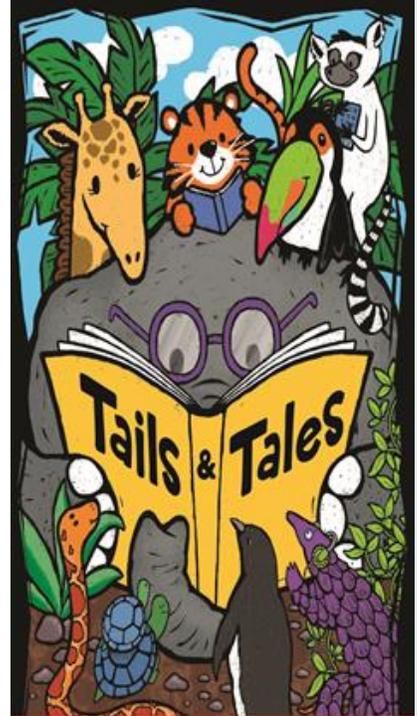
Special programs will include Henry the Juggler on July 17 at 10:00 and

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## SUMMER READING!



collaborative  
reading program

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### 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

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Ed the Wizard (with balloon animals!) on July 31 at 10:00. More programs are in the works!

To register for Summer Reading or to find out more about planned activities, please stop by or call the library at 508-867-0208.

## Saturday, July 17, 10:00 am

### **WANTED: For defying the laws of gravity**

Henry the Juggler (alias Henry Lappen) is considered armed (and legged) and dangerous. He is known to cause spontaneous outbursts of laughter. He speaks little, but says a great deal through his expression and body language (and road signs!). He has in his possession BALLS, CLUBS, RINGS, TORCHES and other apparatus of his trade. He is capable of walking on a thin wire high above the ground. He is known to change his height through the use of stilts.

**WARNING:** Henry involves innocent bystanders in his act. [You may even learn to juggle!]



## Twist Your Own Balloon Animals with Ed the Wizard!

**Saturday, July 31, 10:00 am**



For kids 7 years old and up (hands need to be big enough to twist!) Parents and younger siblings are welcome, but, parents, expect to help the younger ones. Kids will learn to make a variety of animals to take home such as a dog, mouse, cat, giraffe, bunny, and others.

**Space is limited for both programs and masks**

**are required.** To register, please call the library at 508-867-0208.

*These programs are supported in part by grants from the North Brookfield Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.*



# The LEGOman Cometh!

On Saturday, June 19, former LEGO Master Builder Dan (LEGOman) Steininger visited the Haston Library to spread the LEGO gospel to an audience of 26 true believers. Steininger began his program with a PowerPoint presentation showing many of the LEGO models he had designed or built over the years and describing how he built his LEGO career.

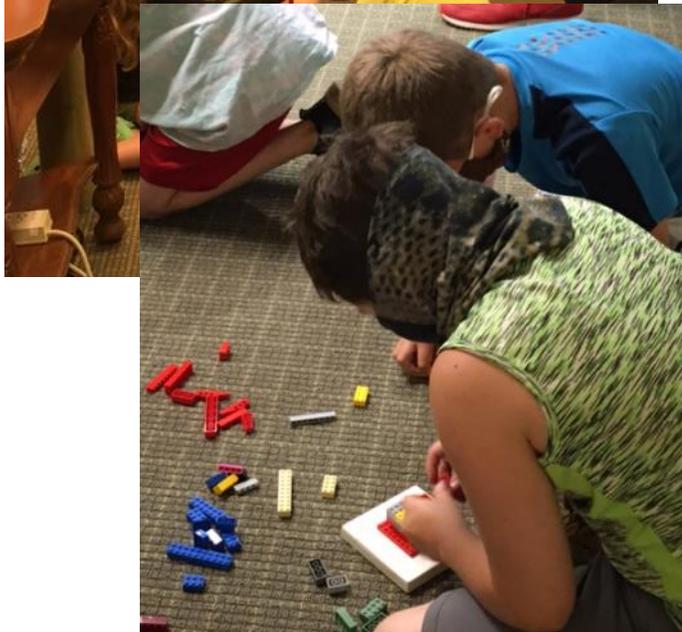
He shared several LEGO building tips, focusing on the “interlock principle,” a method of stack

ing LEGO bricks by overlapping bricks from one row on top of another row, in the same way that brick houses and block walls are built.

The real fun began when the kids separated into groups and Dan dumped a pile of LEGOs in front of them. The groups were challenged to build the highest structure they could build in 3 minutes that wouldn’t collapse when moved.

The second challenge was to use the interlock principle to build a bridge with as many layers of LEGO DUPLO blocks as possible in 5 minutes. After time was up, Dan tested each bridge’s structural integrity by adding weights until it collapsed (sometimes spectacularly!) The winning bridge was able to hold up more than 100 pounds!

Everyone had a great time, and many of



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the kids have signed up for our LEGO Club, which will meet, starting July 8, on Thursdays at 4:00 p.m. Call the library at 508-867-0208 to sign up. Join us!



## PIÑATA PARTY!

The newly-formed Haston Art (& Crafts) Club is having a Pinata Party on July 12 at 5:30 pm. Art instructor Laura Dusty will teach us how to make the armature, or understructure of a pinata, and then you will design and make your own. Different ways to decorate the pinata armature will also be covered. Participants must be able to use sharp tools, or be accompanied by someone else who can. All tools and supplies provided.

Space is limited, so please call the library at 508-867-0208 to reserve your spot.

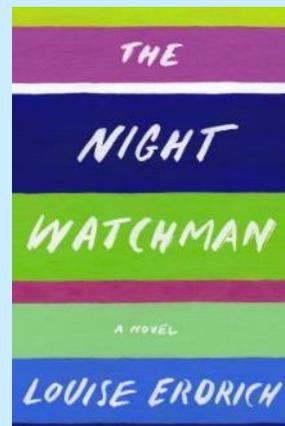


## BOOK GROUP NEWS

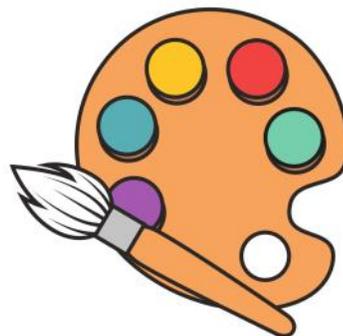
This summer the Haston Library Book Group will be serving as “beta readers” for a book by local author Jack McClintock.

We will also be reading *The Night Watchman* by Louise Erdrich. “Based on the extraordinary life of author Louise Erdrich’s grandfather who worked as a night watchman and carried the fight against Native dispossession from rural North Dakota all the way to Washington, D.C. ... Erdrich creates a fictional world populated with memorable characters who are forced to grapple with the worst and best impulses of human nature. Illuminating the loves and lives, the desires and ambitions of these characters with compassion, wit, and intelligence, *The Night Watchman* is a majestic work of fiction from this revered cultural treasure.” *GoodReads*

Copies are available in the library, so come in and get one! Call the library (508-867-0208) for more information and/or the ZOOM link.



## Haston Art Club



Meets 2nd Monday of every month  
at 5:30 pm

Bring your own project, or join us in ours!

Call 508-867-0208 to sign up or for more info.