

# Haston Highlights

## Haston Hosts Library Intern

For the months of April and May, the Haston Library has been benefiting from a North Brookfield High School internship program designed to provide participants with professional experience. The NB Public School's Internship Rationale points out that "pre-collegiate internships are also becoming increasingly more popular." Such internships "would 'very likely' or 'completely likely' land the individual a college internship." Senior Roan Testa, already a library volunteer, has decided to do her internship here.

Roan explains, "I've always gone to the public library since I was little, whether it was for storytime, Girl Scouts activities, or movie showing in the basement. For my senior year internship, I decided to ask if I could continue my volunteer work here and turn it into an (almost) full-time job. I've loved all the time I've spent here, stocking shelves, running the circulation desk, creating displays, and everything else that comes with it. I will attend Worcester State in the fall with a double English and Musical Theater major. I am hoping that my experiences here will help with my future career in English!"

Having Roan as an intern has meant that the library can tackle some projects that there isn't always enough time to do. One of those jobs is weeding, which involves removing books that are old and beat-up and that haven't circulated more recently



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### Happy Mothers' Day!

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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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than 2017. Weeding is an essential function of the library, due to the fact that space is always limited, and fiction books, especially, lose their popularity after a few years. After the books are pulled from the shelves, Library staff review them to determine whether they should be retained, re-ordered or placed in the library book sale. Right now Roan is working on the adult fiction section, after which she will help Miss Bri weed in the Children's Library. Another big project Roan will be working on is reorganizing the books in the Local History room so that it is easier to find books cataloged with the LH designation.

Roan has learned to perform many of the regular, day-to-day duties of a Circulation Librarian. If she needs a college work-study job at Worcester State, she will be well-prepared for one in the library. As far as her future in English or musical theater goes, she may discover that librarianship is also a great career! She has been a terrific addition to our team.

## (Almost) May Festival Fun!

It may have been blustery, but the atmosphere in the center of North Brookfield was buoyant! A few hundred townsfolk took time on Saturday, April 30, to wander among the vendors on the library and Congregational Church lawns. There were things to buy, food to eat, art to see, information to learn, kids crafts and games to play and music to listen to. There was something for everyone and every age!

The Friends of the Library, the Friends of the Townhouse, the Cultural Council and the Earth Day Committee worked together to organize all the various pieces of the festival, from inviting the vendors and musicians, to organizing traffic control, to arranging tours of the Town House (led by volunteers pretending to be former town officials), to posting signs, helping vendors set up, to hanging art, to picking up at 2:00 at the Festival's end. It was a wonderful example of collaboration and cooperation, from beginning to end!

We want to thank everyone who participated: all the vendors, especially those who donated door prizes; all the volunteers and members of the organizations mentioned above who contributed ideas and helped make this a very well-attended event; the musicians of Fusion Junction and Ravenwood; the Emergency Management Committee who directed traffic; the Congregational Church for letting us use their lawn, and everyone who came out to enjoy the day.

After a two-year hiatus it was a pleasure to join with all of you in celebrating Spring and so many of the people and talents that make this corner of the world a great place to live.



Night Owl Jewelry & Crafts

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Seventeen vendors offered doorprizes, and the winners are:

- Positively Perennials: Bonnie Hearnlaye
- Brookfield Orchards: Steve Bodine
- Inishowen Farms: Louise Woodard
- Brynne's Bread: Jackie Ford
- Rocky Ridge Beef Farm: John Testa
- Spencer Greenery: Margaret Hanson
- Thompson's Maple Farm: Ducati Sedlier and Courtney Ashley
- Author Kevin Flanders: Michelle Cochneune
- C & C Crafts: Mary Brodeur
- Better Bees Soaps: Chris Creelman
- Dismas Family Farm: Jane Blanchard
- 2Ellens Pottery: Kathy Castle
- Steve Eckelkamp Woodware: Darlene Foster
- East Quabbin Land Trust: Taria
- The Domesticated Wild Child: Cate Barkoskie
- Night Owl Jewelry & Crafts: Florine Martel

**Congratulations to all the winners!**



Spencer Greenery



Sparky the Firehouse Dog



Rocky Ridge Beef Farm



Brynne's Bread



Fusion Junction & Ravenwood

## LAUGHING AND LEARNING with DAVE MALOOF

On Thursday, April 28, comedian, musician and writer Dave Maloof entertained a crowd of about a dozen with his goofy comedy and music routines, while also explaining to us how jokes and comedic songs are written and describing some of the physical and psychological benefits of comedy and laughter. One of his first jokes was about his inability to understand science!



Most of his songs used new (funny!) lyrics to well-known tunes. The audience laughed hardest at his song about colon-

oscopies, but the song, “My Wife is in Love with the Dog” was also hilarious.

Sometimes it just feels good to be silly!



## MEDICARE QUESTIONS ANSWERED

On May 3, Luisa Lewis, Senior Plan Consultant, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, was at the library to explain all the various Medicare plans and Blue Cross Blue Shield options available. Next September 13, before the October open enrollment period, she'll be back for “Planning for Medicare,” a presentation and discussion geared towards individuals approaching Medicare Eligibility. Topics covered include health insurance information outside of employer sponsored coverage, such as an explanation of Medicare, the Medicare enrollment timeline, Medigap and Medicare Advantage plans and programs available to early retirees, and COBRA. This is a great presentation for seniors who may still be working and looking to transition.

If retirement and Medicare are in your near future, stay tuned for more information!

# North Brookfield Journal.

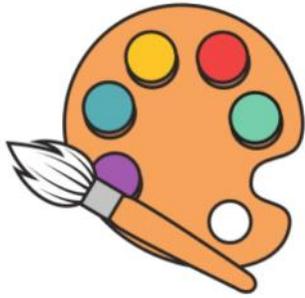
July 16, 1909

## Snakes and Strawberries.

At the risk of repeating something that very likely more experienced fruit growers than I already know, it seems that a most effective prevention of the loss of ripe strawberries by pilfering robins is that in use in my little strawberry bed. We had a few berries which we watched jealously last year but the birds made way with them before we could save them. So this year

we arranged two pieces of discarded garden hose among the plants and occasionally changed their position so that they looked not unlike large snakes. On the first morning after this was done the colony of robins on the place had a stormy meeting and expressed themselves in bird language as very wroth at the presence of their enemies, the snakes, but since then the snakes have held their ground and we have the strawberries instead of Mr. Robin and his family.

## Haston Art Club



## Fun Fused Glass

**Mark your calendars:** Our next Haston Art Club workshop will be Fun Fused Glass with Deeni Pacik Giuliano on Tuesday, May 10, at 6:00 pm. You'll be able to create your own Dichroic fused glass pendant or magnet with colorful, pre-cut glass. Open to all, aged 9 and up. There is a \$5 fee for supplies. ***Space is limited, so call the library at 508-867-0208 to register.***

“Deenie Pacik Giuliano was introduced to glass twenty years ago while working on abstract paintings after receiving her Bachelor in Arts from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. After studying glass at the School of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, Pacik enrolled in several glass internships in the New England area, then continued her studies at Pilchuck Glass School. She received her Masters in Fine Arts from the Art Institute of Boston at Lesley University, and attended Pilchuck Glass School again with a scholarship.



Deenie now lives in Rhode Island creating stained glass windows, modern fused glass, and original architectural glass art. She received the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts Professional Artist Development Grant. Her commissions include stained glass windows, etched doors, an 18-inch by 22-inch fused glass window, and an etched crossword tray made of fused glass. She exhibits in galleries and juried shows, including the Fuller Craft Museum and the Danforth Craft Show of the Danforth Museum of Art. She has taught stained glass at Franklin Pierce University, as well as fused glass and studio art at the Fuller Craft Museum, Diablo Glass School, Rhode Island School of Design

Continuing Ed, and the Boston Architectural College.

She received the Museum of Fine Arts Enterprise Design award and the Dorothy Maddy Scholarship from the Stained Glass Association of America.” For more information about Deenie’s work, go to

<https://www.deenipacik.net/>.

## How to Start and Grow Your Small Business

Join us for a fun and interactive talk designed to help you get your small business questions answered! On **May 26 at 7:00 pm**, local businesswoman, entrepreneur, and author, Dani Whitestone will discuss her new book, *The Brilliant Businesswoman: Your Guide to Entrepreneurial Success*.

"This will be a fun and lively talk to inspire and educate anyone considering starting a small business. It is especially timely since data shows a record number of businesses were started during the pandemic. I'll be sharing experience, information, and stories from my recent book "The Brilliant Businesswoman, Your Guide to Entrepreneurial Success."



***Start Making Your Dream Your Reality!***

Dani Whitestone is a business coach and consultant who helps people start and grow successful small businesses because she believes entrepreneurship is a powerful way to live your purpose. She's the founder of the Women's Small Business & Leadership Network and the sole female cofounder of TurboLaw Software which she bootstrapped to 7-figures while serving as the Director of Sales and Marketing.

Dani is a positive and passionate business geek on a mission to help people succeed and thrive in business. When not working, you'll find her walk-

ing her dogs with her amazing son and restoring her historic home in North Brookfield. You can connect with her at [www.daniwhitestone.com](http://www.daniwhitestone.com).

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### MAY BOOK GROUP

At the Book Group's next meeting on **May 31 at 7:00** we will discuss *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig.

"Between life and death there is a library, and within that library, the shelves go on forever. Every book provides a chance to try another life you could have lived. To see how things would be if you had made other choices . . . Would you have done anything different, if you had the chance to undo your regrets? ... In *The Midnight Library*, Matt Haig's enchanting new novel, Nora Seed ... must search within herself as she travels through the Midnight Library to decide what is truly fulfilling in life, and what makes it worth living in the first place." —*Goodreads*  
Copies are available in the library. Pick one up today!



### DON'T FORGET ...

to pick up your new Friends of the Haston Library book bag!

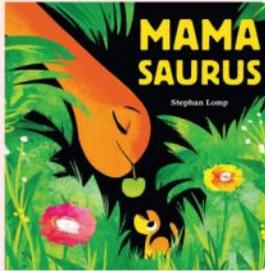
For only \$10, you can be fashionably prepared for any occasion—and help the library, too! Stop by the library to get yours.

# HASTON LIBRARY CHILDREN'S ROOM

## May Storytimes

TUESDAYS 10:30 AM

May 3

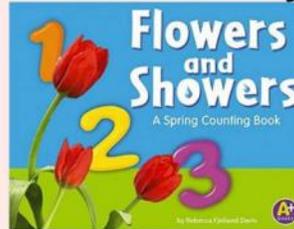


Mamasaurus  
by Stephan Lomp



Salt Dough  
Necklaces

May 10

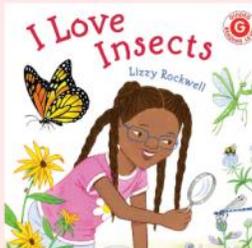


Flowers and  
Showers by  
Rebecca F. Davis



Spring Themed  
Magazine Collage

May 17



I Love Insects  
by Lizzy Rockwell



Honeycomb  
Bee Craft

May 24

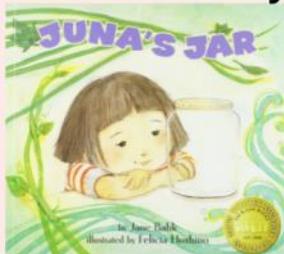


Kate, Who  
Tamed the Wind  
by Liz G. Scanlon  
and Lee White



Mini  
Windchime  
Craft

May 31



Juna's Jar  
by Jane Bahk



Pipecleaner  
Friendship  
Bracelet Craft

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