

# Haston Highlights

## Kanopy: Streaming Soon!

Soon to be streaming: thoughtful entertainment with Kanopy. Thanks to a consortial agreement among many CW MARS libraries, the library will be able to provide access to Kanopy.

**What is Kanopy?** Kanopy is a video streaming service that provides instant access to thousands of critically acclaimed movies, documentaries and kids' favorites. Offering what the New York Times calls "a garden of cinematic delights," Kanopy showcases more than 30,000



films, including award-winning documentaries, rare and hard-to-find titles, film festival favorites, indie and classic gems, and world cinema with collections from A24, Kino Lorber, Music Box Films, Samuel Goldwyn, The Orchard, The Great Courses, PBS and thousands of independent filmmakers. Kanopy also offers Kanopy Kids and the Great Courses.

**How can you access Kanopy?** There are no commercials or fees for users - we have it covered! All you will need is a library card to get started. Once we get the system up and running, you'll be able to stream Kanopy on any of your favorite devices. Kanopy is accessible via mobile and tablet apps for iPhone and Android. You can also access Kanopy on your desktop, and smartTV apps like Roku, Apple TV and Fire Stick.

**How does it work?** Once you have selected a film, you will have between 48 and 72 hours to watch it, de-

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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

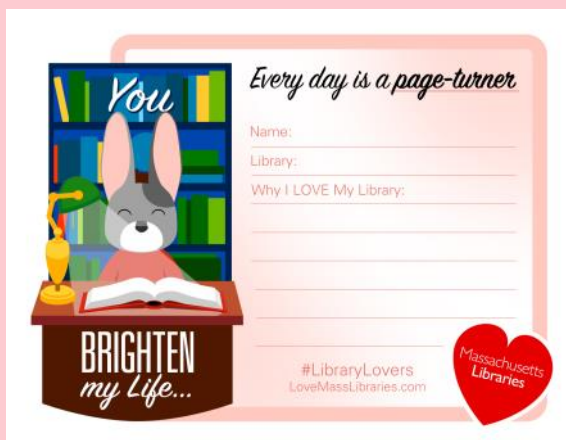
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## L♥VE LETTERS F♥R THE LIBRARY!

Here in Massachusetts, we L♥VE our Libraries. Massachusetts Libraries play a vital role in ensuring all residents have equal access to information. Libraries are meeting places, community centers, and resources for everyone. During our busy everyday lives, we don't always get a chance to let our libraries, local government or state legislators know how much we care about them. But, in recognition of Valentine's Day, residents from across the Commonwealth are coming together to show libraries some love. Here, you'll find a showcase of images and videos, featuring all the things to love about local libraries: <https://www.lovemasslibraries.com/>

What do you love about the Haston Library? What critical service does it provide to you or your family? Let us know by using the link above and uploading a photo or video valentine. We'll share it with the library community and with state and local officials. Just take a photo of your valentine and click on the UPLOAD button. You can even use one of the provided templates (below) for your valentine. And thanks!



## NEWS FROM CW MARS

CW MARS recently announced that over TWO million eBooks and Audiobooks were checked out in 2021. CW MARS continues to see increases in usage of electronic content, and 2021 reached a record-breaking two million digital book checkouts. For CW MARS, this milestone illustrates the continued growth and importance of library digital lending of ebooks and audiobooks, especially after a prolonged period of building closures due to the global pandemic. CW MARS, a consortium consisting of 155 libraries in Central and Western Massachusetts, is one of 121 public library systems worldwide that surpassed one million checkouts.

CW MARS member libraries have been providing readers 24/7 access to ebooks and audiobooks for several years through the award-winning [Libby app](#), the library reading app created by [OverDrive](#). Reader interest and usage has grown every year. Member libraries with the highest electronic circulation include Worcester Public Library, Shrewsbury Public Library, Jones Library in Amherst, and the Forbes Library in Northampton.

“It’s exciting that our consortium is on its fourth year straight of hitting over 1 million checkouts during a calendar year, with 2021 being the highest record to date!” said Brittany McDougal, Director of the Oxford Free Public Library and President of the CW MARS Executive Committee. “This past year has proven how important e-content continues to

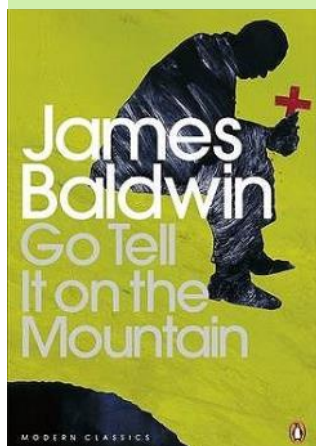
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## FEBRUARY

### BOOK GROUP SELECTION

For February, the Haston Book Group will be reading the classic *Go Tell It On the Mountain* by James Baldwin.

“*Go Tell It On The Mountain*, first published in 1953, is Baldwin's first major work, a semi-autobiographical novel that has established itself as an American classic. With lyrical precision, psychological directness, resonating symbolic power, and a rage that is at once unrelenting and compassionate, Baldwin chronicles a fourteen-year-old boy's discovery of the terms of his identity as the stepson of the minister of a storefront Pentecostal church in Harlem one Saturday in March of 1935. Baldwin's rendering of his protagonist's spiritual, sexual, and moral struggle of self-invention opened new possibilities in the American language and in the way Americans understand themselves.” — *GoodReads*



We'll be discussing the book on February 22 at 7:00 in the library and via ZOOM. Copies are available in the library. Call (508-867-0208) for more information and/or the ZOOM link.

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pending on the film. Each patron will be limited to 2 films per month.

Kanopy Kids supports early literacy, STEM skills, empathy, critical thinking and other important educational topics. Patrons who select Kanopy Kids content will have access for 30 days, as will those who select

## Haston Art Club



Mark your calendars for an exciting Haston Art Club project: On Wednesday, March 9 at 5:30 pm we will be making Lotus Flower Lanterns with Younhee Shin via ZOOM!

Participants may join us here in the library, where we will follow Younhee's instruction on the video screen in the Community Meeting Room, or you can pick up your kit and ZOOM from the comfort of your own home.

To register, please call the library at 508-867-0208 or email Dawn at [dthistle@cwmars.org](mailto:dthistle@cwmars.org) to receive the ZOOM link. Each kit is \$8.00 and will need to be picked up at the library if you will be joining the class from home.



## Haston Seed Catalog

Does all this snow and ice have you dreaming about your garden? Are you already planning what you will plant?

Don't forget that we have lots of seeds available for you to take, free of charge. And if you would like to donate seeds, we can use any flower, herb or vegetable seeds that you'd like to add to our selection.

I can't wait to get out in the sun and the soil! How about you?



## BOSTON BRUINS PJ DRIVE

From February 1 through March 31, Cradles to Crayons®, the Boston Bruins, Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, and Wonderfund are coming together again to collect new pajamas for local children living in low-income and homeless situations.

**Altogether, they are looking to collect  
5,000 pairs of pajamas.**

By supporting this drive, you will directly supply new pajamas to the children who need them most so they can stay warm while sleeping.

### What we are collecting:

We are looking for brand new pajamas, appropriate for all seasons, from sizes 2T through adult medium. Please do not give pajamas that include any family or holiday references, and refer to our [Quality = Dignity guidelines](#).

Our most needed sizes are:

- Girls: 5/6 (child S), 7/8 (child M), 14/16 (child XL/adult S), 18/20 (child XXL/adult M)
- Boys: 7/8 (child M), 14/16 (child XL/adult S), 18/20 (child XXL/adult M)

**Let's see if we can exceed our local,  
Haston Library goal of 50 PJs!**

Just looking to contribute to the cause? Make an individual donation by donating through our Amazon Wish List (beginning on February 1) or make a [\*\*\\$10 donation\*\*](#) to provide a child with a pair of pajamas!

*Thanks for your generosity!*



## ASIAN FOLKTALES

The storytelling event originally scheduled for January 22 has now been re-scheduled for Saturday, February 26 at 10:00 a.m. in the Children's Library. Award winning Japanese storyteller Motoko Dworkin will enchant her audience with her program of "Stories from Asia." Using traditional song, origami, and some humor, she weaves together multicultural Asian folktales. For more information on Motoko Dworkin, visit her website at [motoko.folktales.net](http://motoko.folktales.net).

To register for this program, call the library at 508-867-0208 or talk to Miss Bri in the children's library. We are so excited to have her perform!

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be for our patrons. With some libraries still being closed well into 2021 due to the pandemic, OverDrive was able to help fill the needs of our patrons, digitally. We can't wait to see what 2022 has in store!"

The highest-circulating title CW MARS readers borrowed in 2021 was *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah. See our [Top Titles in 2021](#) for more details on the most popular titles.

Readers in Massachusetts just need a valid library card from a CW MARS member library to access digital books from CW MARS's OverDrive-powered digital collection. Readers can use any major device, including Apple(R), Android™, Chromebook™ and Kindle(R) (US only).



## CW MARS TOP TEN TITLES

The top ten highest circulating books in CW MARS for 2021 (includes checkouts on physical books, ebooks, audiobooks, and videos) are: *The Four Winds*, *The Midnight Library*, *Anxious People*, *The Vanishing Half*, *The Guest List*, *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents*, *News of the World*, *Time for Mercy*, *Golden Girl*, and *The Last Thing He Told Me*.

For more detailed top ten lists by format (physical or electronic), go to <https://www.cwmars.org/explore/most-requested-titles/top-titles-in-2021>.



## DEB'S DISPLAY DESIGNS

Once again Deb Hill has created a beautiful arrangement for our entrance display case. The New England Wildlife exhibit features many books and videos from our children's and adult collections, but it is Deb's beautiful drawings of animals that really catch the eye. We are so lucky that Deb shares her amazing talent with us!



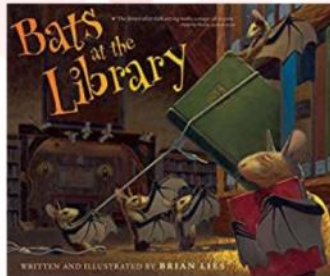


# HASTON LIBRARY CHILDREN'S ROOM

## February Storytimes

February 1

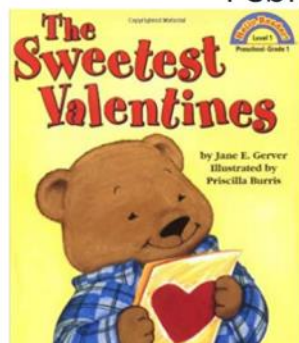
Bats at the Library  
by Brian Lies



Make and  
Decorate  
Watercolor  
Bookmarks

February 8

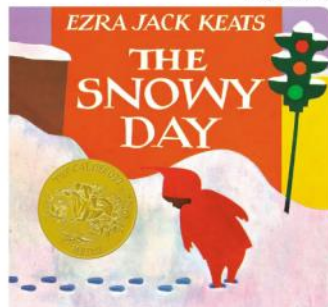
The Sweetest  
Valentines by  
Jane E. Gerver



Valentine Card  
Craft Station

February 15

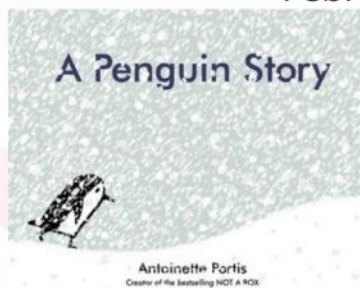
The Snowy Day  
by Ezra Jack Keats



Cotton Ball  
Snowman  
Craft

February 22

A Penguin Story  
by Antoinette  
Portis



Paper Penguin  
Craft

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