

Haston Highlights

JUDGE REACHES OUT TO N. BROOKFIELD

Did you know that March is Judicial Outreach Month in Massachusetts? National Judicial Outreach Month is the Trial Court's annual community outreach effort when judges engage with communities across the Commonwealth about the importance of an impartial and independent judiciary governed by the Rule of Law. In 2019, 180 judges participated in more than 200 National Judicial Outreach events. These numbers are a true testament to the importance of these programs. According to the American Bar Association, "One of the most effective ways to promote public understanding and commitment to preserving the Rule of Law is for the public to meet the dedicated public servants who are America's

judges and to appreciate their unwavering commitment to fairness, impartiality, and the rule of law."

On **Tuesday, March 22 at 6:30 p.m.** the Haston Library will be visited by the Hon. Maura K. McCarthy, First Justice of the East Brookfield District Court. Judge McCarthy will tell us about the activities of the District Court and describe a judge's typical day at the Court, including examples of the kinds of cases she adjudicates.

Judge McCarthy is a product of Central Mass., by way of Rochdale, MA. She attended public high school and the College of the Holy Cross, after which she worked full-time at Aetna Property & Casualty while attending law school. She served as Assistant District Attorney under John J. Conte

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Judge Maura McCarthy



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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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Dawn Thistle, Editor

Lotus Flower Lantern Virtual Workshop

The Haston Art Club, together with the Korean Spirit and Culture Promotion Project (“KSCPP”) is sponsoring a virtual Zoom class to create a lotus flower lantern on **Wednesday, March 9, at 5:30 p.m.** This program involves making a traditional Korean lotus lantern followed by the showing of a short documentary film. KSCPP is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization founded by Kim Jae Woong in 2005 to encourage education and the sharing of cultural values. In the case of Korea, these cultural values are encapsulated in the nation’s founding philosophy of “Hongik Ingan” (“Live for the benefit of all mankind”).



According to our instructor, Younhee Shin, the purpose of this project is “not nationalistic, or to produce propaganda. Rather, we hope to repay the debt of gratitude our country owes to those from other countries. In particular, we are indebted for the noble sacrifices and support given by many nations and individuals during the tragic Korean War of 1950, and in the reconstruction of Korea in the years that followed. By sharing the noble spirit and example of figures from our history, and the cultural legacies of the country, both of which have languished in obscurity for many years, we hope to continue to make a positive contribution to the world.”



This workshop will be presented via ZOOM. Attendees are asked to register and pay \$8 for the lantern kit. If you prefer to make your lantern at home, just pick up your kit here at the library, and we will send you the ZOOM meeting invitation. If you would like to make the lantern here at the library, we can do it as a group, using a laptop with camera and a projector to interact with the instructor.

To register for the workshop, please call the library at 508-867-0208.

Community Connections Returns to Haston!

After some ups and downs and ins and outs, the Parent-Child Playgroup will once again meet here in the library. Miss Patty will be here with her stories, crafts, and free-play time on Wednesdays from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Come join the fun! [And don’t forget Haston Story Time on Tuesdays from 10:30 to 11:30—see the March schedule on p. 5.]



MARCH

BOOK GROUP SELECTION

For March, the Haston Book Group will be reading a selection of short stories. They are:

Honore de Balzac: “La Grande Breteche”

Anton Chekov: “Vanka”

Fjodor Dostojevsky: “The Christmas Tree and a Wedding”

Shirley Jackson: “The Lottery”



BALZAC



WELTY

Franz Kafka: “The Knock at the Manor Gate”

Jumpa Lahiri: “Hell-Heaven”

Leo Tolstoy: “God Sees the Truth, but Waits”

Eudora Welty: “A Piece of News”

“Short stories are tiny windows into other worlds and other minds and other dreams. They are journeys you can make to the far side of the universe and still be back in time for dinner.” — NEIL

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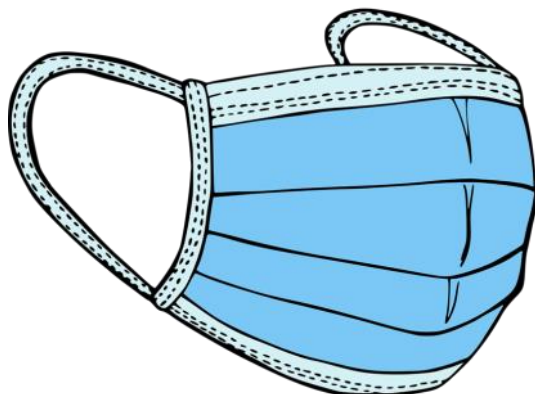
We'll be discussing these stories on **March 29 at 7:00** in the library and via ZOOM. Copies are available in the library. Call (508-867-0208) for more information and/or the ZOOM link.

The Brilliant Businesswoman

On **Wednesday, March 16 at 6:00 p.m.**, local businesswoman, entrepreneur and author, Dani Whitestone will discuss her new book, *The Brilliant Businesswoman: Your Guide to Entrepreneurial Success*.

Dani helps women entrepreneurs launch and grow successful small businesses. She's the founder of the Women's Small Business & Leadership Network and the sole female cofounder of TurboLaw Software. She's a positive and passionate business geek with a mission to help women live life on their own terms! Come and learn some tips for becoming a successful woman entrepreneur.

Call the library at 508-867-0208 to register.



Face masks are still

RECOMMENDED for use in the Library

If you are fully vaccinated, you are no longer **REQUIRED** to wear a face mask in the library. If you are unvaccinated, please continue to wear a mask.

BOSTON BRUINS PJ DRIVE

Don't forget to donate some PJs to the Bruins PJ Drive. You have until March 31! So far, we've collected more than 30 and are well on our way to our goal of 50 PJs. Is 75 possible? 100? Let's try!

As a reminder, we are looking for brand new pajamas, appropriate for all seasons, from sizes 2T through adult medium.

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)



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** (www.cradlestocrayons.org/boston/pjdrive/) to provide a child with a pair of pajamas!

Thanks for your generosity!



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and Joseph D. Early, Jr. for 18 years. Her assignments in the District Attorney's Office included prosecution of Major Felonies in the District and Superior Courts, including persons charged with murder, drug abuse, domestic violence, disabled person crimes, elder abuse, child abuse, and sexual assaults. She was Chief of the Child Abuse/ Sexual Assault Unit until her appointment to the District Court in 2012. In 2013, Judge McCarthy was appointed and remains the Presiding Justice of the East Brookfield District Court. Recognizing a need in our community, she established a successful drug court in 2015.

We are privileged to participate in this outreach program and hope this presentation will be a valuable experience for all involved. It is a unique opportunity to learn about the work of the judicial branch of government directly from a judge who addresses a variety of challenging matters presented to her court on a daily basis.

Haston Seed Catalog

Well, we have ordered a bunch of new seeds, and I, for one, am planning out my garden. I mostly plant vegetables, but over the past couple of years I have enjoyed planting annual flowers that attract bees and butterflies.

What do you like to plant? Flowers, herbs or vegetables? We have all kinds of seeds available, as well as LOADS of books on gardening.

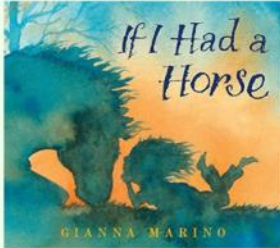
I'm also planning a program or two on gardening, so keep an eye on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/northbrookfieldlibrary) for more information. Let me know if there is a particular gardening topic that you'd like to hear about!

HASTON LIBRARY CHILDREN'S ROOM

MARCH STORYTIMES

TUESDAYS 10:30 AM

March 1

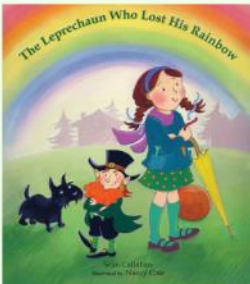


If I Had A Horse
by Gianna Marino



Horse Silhouette
Painting

March 15

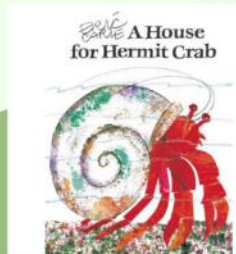


The Leprechaun Who
Lost His Rainbow
by Sean Callahan



Rainbow
Mobile Craft

March 29

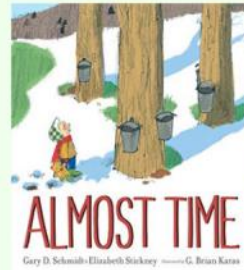


A House For
Hermit Crab
by Eric Carle



Hermit Crab
House Decorating
Craft

March 8



Almost Time
by Gary D. Schmidt



Felt Pancakes and
Syrup Craft

March 22



When Spring Comes
by Kevin Henkes



Cupcake Liner
Flower Craft

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