



Haston Highlights

Monthly Newsletter of the Haston Free Public Library



Library News

- The library will be closed on Saturday, November 11th in observance of Veterans Day. The library will be closing at 3 PM on Wednesday, November 22nd and will be closed on November 23rd in observance of Thanksgiving.
- We are looking for volunteers (ages 18+) that are available to work a regularly scheduled shift each week. Please see a staff member for more details.
- We have added some new magazine titles to our periodical collection. We now offer *Car and Driver*, *Food Network Magazine*, *Golf Digest*, *HGTV Magazine*, *Psychology Today*, *Reader's Digest-Large Print Edition*, and *Southern Living*.

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Library Hours

Monday: 1 PM–7 PM

Tuesday: 9 AM–5 PM

Wednesday: 9 AM–5 PM

Thursday: 1 PM–7 PM

Saturday: 9 AM–12 PM

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Staff Picks

Amy

Book: Making it So: A Memoir
By Patrick Stewart

Movie: Planes, Trains and Automobiles
(1987) Rated R

Brianna

Book: Never Whistle at Night: An
Indigenous Dark Fiction Anthology
Edited By Shane Hawk

Book: Our Share of Night
By Mariana Enriquez

Gabrielle

Book: The House of Eve
By Sadeqa Johnson

TV Series: Mayfair Witches
(2023)

Lisa

Book: Eleanor Oliphant Is
Completely Fine
By Gail Honeyman

Movie: March of the Wooden Soldiers
(1934) Not Rated



Book Review

By Kirkus Reviews. Issue: July 15, 2023

The Spy Coast

By Tess Gerritsen

A secret past catches up with a former CIA agent, with bloody results. Maggie Bird, age 60, is comfortably retired in Purity, Maine, where she considers herself “a small-town chicken farmer.” Out of the spy game for 16 years, she certainly doesn’t want her history to be discovered. “Here on Blackberry Farm,” she says, “I’ve found a measure of peace, even happiness.” But a woman, possibly CIA, tracks her down and asks for Maggie’s help in locating a missing agent. Soon after, the woman’s body ends up in Maggie’s driveway. So much for an uneventful retirement.

The complex plot weaves back in time to when Maggie meets her future husband, Dr. Danny Gallagher, in Bangkok. She loves him oh so much but deceives the poor man about her clandestine livelihood. But then, maybe their accidental encounter doesn’t happen by chance at all. In the present, Jo Thibodeau, Purity’s acting chief of police, is frustrated because the state police take control of the murder case. That doesn’t stop her from asking a lot of uncomfortable questions about who the hell Maggie Bird really is.

Maggie is part of the Martini Club, where she socializes with a klatch of other retired CIA agents who cheerfully deflect Thibodeau’s persistent queries. “She can’t outsmart us but she can outlast us,” Maggie thinks of the chief. The story has some nice lines as it moves to London, Bangkok, and Milan before ending in Purity: “The killer must have been in bad-breath distance of him.” And Chief Thibodeau, smelling a man’s good cooking, thinks, “Too bad she didn’t have a man at home, cooking for her.” But Maggie is a pebble in Thibodeau’s shoe, and it’s easy to imagine a series with the two of them. This is a nice take on retirement—five old spooks whose bones may ache but whose minds remain sharp.

You can expect mystery, action, and bloodshed in this exciting thriller launched straight from the peaceful shores of Maine.



Adult Programs

Please register for programs by calling the library at 508-867-0208 or by emailing hastonfreepubliclibrary@gmail.com

Thursday, November 2nd
5:30 - 6:30 PM

Planning for Medicare: Countdown to 65

Planning for Medicare-Countdown to 65 is a no-cost seminar that helps you understand your Medicare health insurance options outside of your employer-sponsored coverage, whether or not you're planning to retire.

This is a presentation and discussion led by a Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts representative in collaboration with the Hoston Free Public Library.

Topics include:• Medicare and Medicare Parts A and B, Medicare enrollment timeline, Medigap plans that supplement Medicare coverage, Medicare Advantage plans such as HMOs & PPOs, Medicare Part D prescription drug plans, Plans and programs available to early retirees, such as COBRA.

Thursday, November 9th
6:00 PM

Craft Night for Adults CD Tealight Candle Holders

Join us for this fun up-cycled craft! We will be making a lovely tea light candle holder from an old compact disc.

Discussion Groups

Book Group

November 28th, 7:00 PM

Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents

By Isabel Wilkerson



Movie Discussion Group

November 30th, 6:00 PM

Christmas in Connecticut
(1945) Not rated

While recovering in a hospital, war hero Jefferson Jones (Dennis Morgan) grows familiar with the "Diary of a Housewife" column written by Elizabeth Lane (Barbara Stanwyck). Jeff's nurse arranges with Elizabeth's publisher, Alexander Yardley (Sydney Greenstreet), for Jeff to spend the holiday at Elizabeth's bucolic Connecticut farm with her husband and child. But the column is a sham, so Yardley hastens to arrange a publicity ploy by setting up single, nondomestic Elizabeth on a country farm.

Children's Programs

Haston Library Children's Room

November Storytimes

Tuesdays 10:30 am

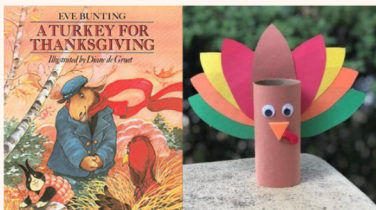
November 7



Hooray for Fall!
by Kazuo Iwamura

**Pine Cone
Painting Craft**

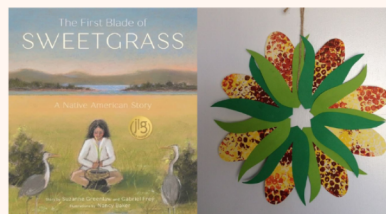
November 21



**A Turkey for
Thanksgiving**
by Eve Bunting

**Toilet Paper Roll
Turkey Craft**

November 14



**The First Blade of
Sweetgrass**
by Suzanne Greenlaw
and Gabriel Frey

**Corn Wreath
Craft**

November 28



Bear Says Thanks
by Karma Wilson

**"Thanksgiving
Leftovers"
Collage Craft**

Ongoing Programs

Art Club

Every 1st and
3rd Monday

4:00 PM to 5:00 PM



Relax and Read Tween Storytime

Every Wednesday
4:00 PM to 5:00 PM

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