



# Haston Highlights

*Monthly Newsletter of the Haston Free Public Library*



## Library News

- The library's Strategic Planning Committee will meet on March 21st at 6:00 PM. Please speak to a staff member if you would like to be a part of this important committee.
- Check out the permanent Friends of the Library Book Sale display set up near our front door, There are some great books, DVDs and CDs available for purchase.
- Tax forms are here. We have the Massachusetts tax booklets/forms and the federal 1040 and 1040SR forms and instruction books.

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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: Fahrenheit 451  
by Ray Bradbury

Movie: The Holdovers  
(2023) Rated R

Music: Metal Health  
by Quiet Riot

### Brianna

Book: Until I am Free  
by Keisha N Blain

Music: Strange Disciple  
by Nation of Language

### Gabrielle

Book: Lessons in Chemistry  
by Bonnie Garmus

Music: At Last!  
by Etta James

### Lisa

Book: The Turn of the Key  
by Ruth Ware

Movie: Green Book  
(2018) PG-13



## Book Review

By Kirkus Reviews. Issue: February 1, 2023

### A HISTORY OF WOMEN IN 101 OBJECTS

By Annabelle Hirsch

How women have lived, loved, and survived through the ages.

Hirsch makes an engaging book debut with a feminist chronicle of women's lives from prehistoric times to the present. Focusing on women in the Western Hemisphere, the author presents 101 artifacts, featured in full-page illustrations, about which she offers richly detailed but succinct essays, smoothly translated by Updegraff. All of the objects, Hirsch explains, "have a bearing on women—the body, sex, love, work, art, politics" and "bear witness to the movements women instigated, and to all the myths to which they've been forced to conform since time immemorial."

The idiosyncratic compendium begins with a healed femur bone from 30,000 B.C., which has significant anthropological meaning; while other injured animals would die of starvation or be eaten by predators, human healing indicates caring—particularly, Hirsch argues, by grandmothers, who raised children while their daughters hunted with their sons and who "watched patiently over the injured until their bones had healed."

The author profiles iconoclasts, including novelist George Sand, represented by a replica of her right arm; Sojourner Truth, represented by a coin bearing her famous speech "Ain't I a Woman"; mythological figures Isis and Athena, represented by a statuette owned by Freud; and other famous personalities, such as Greta Garbo, whose ballpoint pen represents "the influence not just of women who acted but also of women scriptwriters": In the 1930s and '40s, women on screen "were sassy, strong-willed, brave, sometimes even bad; they were incredibly quick-witted and didn't take anything lying down."

Hirsch delves into popular culture (Aretha Franklin, Kim Kardashian), leadership (Golda Meir), philosophy (Hannah Arendt), fashion (perfumed gloves, metal corsets), and various women's protest movements: suffrage, abolition, labor, and politics, including the iconic pussyhat from 2017. Filled with illuminating anecdotes, the collection is as entertaining as it is informative.



# Adult Programs

Please register for programs by calling the library at 508-867-0208 or  
by emailing [hastonfreepubliclibrary@gmail.com](mailto:hastonfreepubliclibrary@gmail.com)



## *Discussion Groups*

### Book Group

*March 26th*

*7:00 PM*

Interpreter of  
Maladies  
by Jhumpa Lahiri

### Movie Discussion Group

*March 28th*

*6:00 PM*

Far and Away

1992

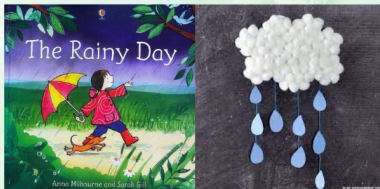
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Haston Library Children's Room

# March Storytimes

Tuesdays 10:30 am

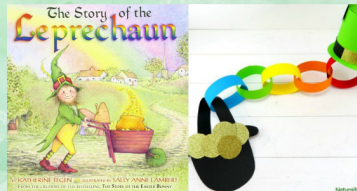
March 5



**The Rainy Day**  
Anna Milbourne

**Rain Cloud Craft**

March 12



**The Story of the Leprechaun**  
by Katherine Tegen

**Pot O' Gold Craft**

March 19



**Rechenka's Eggs**  
by Patricia Polacco

**(Fake) Egg Decorating Craft**

March 26



**Corduroy's Easter Party**  
by Don Freeman

**Bunny Craft**

161 North Main St, North Brookfield MA  
508-867-0208 [blamb@cwmmars.org](mailto:blamb@cwmmars.org)

## Children's Department

### 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

