

Hitchcock Herald

News from the Hitchcock Memorial Museum & Library in Westfield, VT



Happy New Year!

2024 was a wonderful year for the Hitchcock (keep an eye on our Facebook page for our "year in review") and we are excited for a whole new year of opportunities in 2025. We hope that you will include the Hitchcock in your plans for this year, whether you stop by for a book, a visit to the museum, or just to say hello. We look forward to seeing you!

In celebration,
Jennifer Johnson



From left to right: Beau Harris, Jenn Stelma, Carolyn Lyster, Carrie Glessner, and Jennifer Johnson at the Fairbanks

New Thursday Hours

Please note that beginning January 2, 2025, the Hitchcock will be open from 1pm-6pm on Thursdays.

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Hours:

- Tuesday 10am-3pm
- Thursday 1pm-6pm
- Sunday 11am-3pm

Holiday Open House - A Success!

On December 15th, we hosted a Holiday Open House at the Hitchcock complete with snacks, door prizes, and a visit from Cooper the Therapy Dog! Over 40 people attended the event, including Representative Mark Higley and his wife Kathy, Senator-Elect Samuel Douglass, and Audra Pitts from the *Newport Daily Express* (who wrote a wonderful article about the event!) Thank you to Lisa Brewster, Anne Moore & Cooper, Country Thyme Vermont, Berry Creek Farm, Sweet Mountain Chocolate LLC, Derby Shaw's, and all of our attendees for making this event a success!

You can view photos from our Open House and find a link to Audra's article on our Facebook page.

Visit to the Fairbanks Museum

In early December, library director Jennifer Johnson and Hitchcock board members Jenn Stelma, Carrie Glessner, and Carolyn Lyster visited Hitchcock board advisor Beau Harris at the Fairbanks Museum & Planetarium in St. Johnsbury! Beau works as the Director of Collections at the Fairbanks, which has a similar (albeit much larger) collection to the Hitchcock, including many taxidermied specimens. As such, being able to view the museum and the museum's storage facilities with Beau was informative and inspiring, and gave the group many ideas for improving the Hitchcock.

Flip this newsletter over to see a photo from our visit to the Fairbanks!

Hitchcock Awarded Spark Grant from Children's Literacy Foundation

The Hitchcock is pleased to report that in December we were awarded a Spark Grant from the Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF!) CLiF awards Spark Grants- which offer opportunities for new books and programming- to previous CLiF grant recipients. Since the Hitchcock was a recipient of a CLiF Rural Library Grant in 2015-2016, we were eligible for this grant program and eagerly applied - and we were successful! Thanks to this grant, the Hitchcock will receive \$150 worth of new children's books for our collection, and we will be able to host a family literacy program at the library with a special guest, most likely in late February. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for more details! For more information about CLiF, visit www.clifonline.org.

Resource Spotlight: Audiobooks on CD

Still have a CD player at home or in your car? You're in luck, because we have over 150 audiobooks on CD here at the Hitchcock available for check-out! We sincerely thank the libraries all over the state that donated audiobooks for our growing collection.



HITCHCOCK MEMORIAL MUSEUM & LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Jennifer Stelma - *Chair* * Carrie Glessner - *Co-Chair* * Karen Blais - *Treasurer*
Beth Berchick - *Secretary* * Carolyn Lyster - *Facilities Director*

NEXT TRUSTEE MEETING: January 14, 2025 @ 4pm