

# Hitchcock Herald

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



## Expanding Access (and Our Bathroom!)

We are thrilled to share two exciting pieces of news that will improve access to library services for the community!

- **Beginning October 7, 2025, the Hitchcock will be a member of the statewide interlibrary loan courier system.** This will give patrons access to a wider range of items (books, audiobooks, DVDs, etc.) at a lower cost to taxpayers. While we have been participating in interlibrary loan up to this point, we have had to utilize USPS to send items back and forth, which quickly adds up cost-wise. Being a part of the courier system by sharing a stop with the Dailey Memorial Library in Derby will lower our costs and allow for more robust usage of the interlibrary loan service!
- **In mid-January 2026, the youth library will be undergoing some renovations!** In addition to our bathroom and doorway being expanded, changes will be made to the shelving configuration in the room to make it more inviting and accessible to our younger patrons. We anticipate the library being closed for about two weeks during these renovations so that the renovators can work safely and comfortably. More information about the renovation will be forthcoming, so keep an eye on this newsletter and our Facebook page!

**And don't forget: we are now open on Saturdays from 10:00am-2:00pm to make visiting even more convenient! We hope to see you soon!**

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### Hours:

- Tuesday 10am-3pm
- Thursday 1pm-6pm
- Saturday 10am-2pm
- Sunday 11am-3pm

## Mid-Autumn Festival Calligraphy Workshop

We had a great time at our Chinese calligraphy workshop on September 27 at the Westfield Community Center! Participants learned from artist Jojo Liu (with us via Zoom) who demonstrated basic strokes and then how to write "Happy Mid-Autumn Festival" in Chinese characters. Participants wrote this phrase first on their practice sheets and then on paper fans to celebrate the holiday!

We still have brushes, ink, and fans available at the library if anyone would like to try their hand at Chinese calligraphy. These will be available by donation depending on how many materials are taken. Contact us for more information!



## Homeschool Book Swap & Ice Cream Social

Our Homeschool Book Swap & Ice Cream Social on September 9 was a huge success! Over 30 caregivers and kiddos of all ages joined us for outside games, books, and ice cream.

Thank you to the Gunther Family for not only coming up with the idea for the event, but for all of their hard work to make the event a success. Homeschool families, please keep an eye on our Facebook page for more events! Additionally, families are welcome to stop by the library at any time to peruse the free books for youth that were left over from the event.



## ABLE Library

The ABLE Library, administered by the Vermont Department of Libraries, is a service available to all Vermonters who are blind, visually-impaired, or otherwise unable to access traditional print materials. Patrons of the ABLE Library can receive a free talking book machine and talking books sent directly to their home, as well as access to the BARD mobile app. If this sounds like a service that may be of value to you or someone you know, stop by the Hitchcock for an application and a demo of the talking book machine!



For more information about the ABLE Library, visit:  
<https://libraries.vermont.gov/able-library>

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**NEXT TRUSTEE MEETING: October 14, 2025 @ 4pm**