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*The Athenæum will be closed Saturday December 24, Monday December 26,
Saturday December 30 and Monday January 1 for the Holidays.*

December Greetings!

As we approach the holiday season I am grateful for many things in my own life, among them: several new babies have come (or are due within days) into my extended family, despite age appropriate aches and pains I'm in decent health; I work with dedicated, kind, considerate and intelligent folks here; the Trustees of this institution are diligent in their work of keeping the Athenæum strong and prosperous, and we have dozens of volunteers who help keep the wheels turning. All this brings me great joy, particularly when considering the hardship and deprivation that is so prevalent in the world.

I am also grateful for your support of the Athenæum, and I don't mean only your financial support. Having worked here since 2004 I have known some of you a long time. Often, the best part of my day is saying hello to you and asking about your spouse or partner, discussing a new book, or trash talking the Yankees (moderate apologies to the pinstripe fans among you).

The staff and I wish you a meaningful holiday time, with peace and friendship in your families and among your friends. We all have so much to be thankful for.

Best wishes.

Bob Joly

**First Wednesdays:
Changing Times: Reconciliation or Retribution
Wednesday, December 7, 7 pm**



Changing racial demographics predict that those who identify as white will be in the minority by 2050. Reverend Dr. Arnold Isidore Thomas considers whether Vermont—one of the whitest states in the nation—is prepared to confront the growing presence of people of color within its own borders. He reflects on the recent ideological civil war that aims to maintain the status quo.

About Rev. Dr. Arnold Isidore Thomas

Rev. Thomas is a United Church of Christ minister serving as pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Jericho, Vermont. He and his family have lived in Vermont for over twenty years. He arrived as Conference Minister of the Vermont Conference of United Church of Christ, the first African American denominational leader in the state. He was the co-founder of the Center for the Study of Science and Religion, a cooperative program of the Riverside Church in New York City and Columbia University, and currently moderates The Talk, formerly the Racism in America Forum, a webinar addressing bias and bigotry in the nation and state and ways to address them.

Statewide Underwriters:

Vermont Department of Libraries; Institute of Museum and Library Services





Please contact us at info@vermonthumanities.org for information on disability services. To request a specific accommodation, contact us at least three weeks prior to the event. Vermont Humanities strives to provide accommodations whenever possible. This event is free and ADA accessible.

St. J Sparkles Holiday Celebration at the Athenaeum Saturday, December 10



**Children's Library
10 & 11 am, 12 & 1 pm
Holiday Storytimes**

**Athenaeum Hall, (2nd Floor), 2 pm
Holiday Concert**

- *St. Johnsbury Academy Hilltones*
- *Nat Tripp Reading from "A Child's Christmas in Wales" by Dylan Thomas*
- *Bill Tobin, Harpist*

*Afternoon program and refreshments sponsored by the Friends of the
Athenaeum and the St. Johnsbury Athenaeum.*

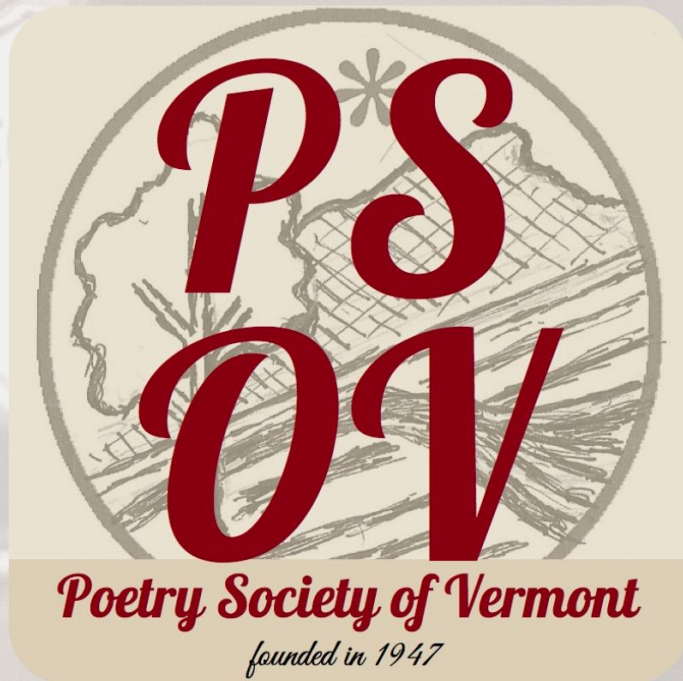
**Holiday Music with the
Kingdom Mountain Dulcimers**

Wednesday, December 14, 1 pm
1st Floor Art Gallery



Come enjoy holiday and traditional tunes with the Kingdom Mountain Dulcimers.

Poetry Society of Vermont's 75th Anniversary
Wednesday, December 14, 7 pm



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

RUTLAND FREE LIBRARY

10 Court St, Rutland
802.773.1860 | rutlandfree.org
Saturday, November 19, 1 pm

BENNINGTON FREE LIBRARY

101 Silver St, Bennington
802.442.9051 | benningtonfreelibrary.org
Saturday, November 19, 2 pm

BURLINGTON FLETCHER FREE LIBRARY

232 College St, Burlington
802.865.7211 | fletcherfree.org
Tuesday, December 6, 6:30 pm

NORMAN WILLIAMS PUBLIC LIBRARY

10 The Green, Woodstock
802.457.2295 | normanwilliams.org
Tuesday, December 13, 5:30 pm

ST. JOHNSBURY ATHENAEUM

1171 Main St, St. Johnsbury
802.745.1392 | stjathenaeum.org
Wednesday, December 14, 7:00 pm

KELLOGG-HUBBARD LIBRARY

135 Main St, Montpelier
802.223.3338 | kellogghubbard.org
Monday, January 23, 6:30 pm

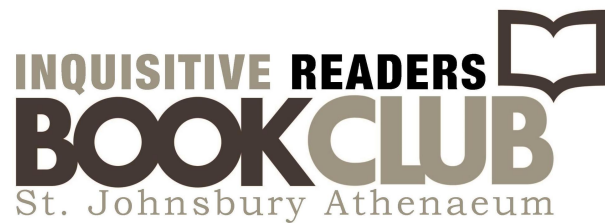
The public is
warmly invited
to celebrate
with readings
around the
state!

For more information & to RSVP:

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Inquisitive Readers Book Club Thursday, December 15, 6 pm



Looking for an in-person Book Club? Inquisitive Readers Book Club will be meeting the 3rd Thursday of each month.

Contact the Book Club facilitator Maurine Hennings at Henningsmh@yahoo.com to indicate your interest.

Copies of the book are now available at the 2nd floor circulation desk.

Upcoming Books:

Dec. 15: The Most Costly Journey: Vermont Reads Book

The World Among the Caucasus Mountains Wednesday, December 21, 7 pm



Join us for a presentation and Q&A session on the Republic of Georgia. Visiting student Nikoloz Gvasalia from Tbilisi State University will share about the culture, customs and life from his home country.

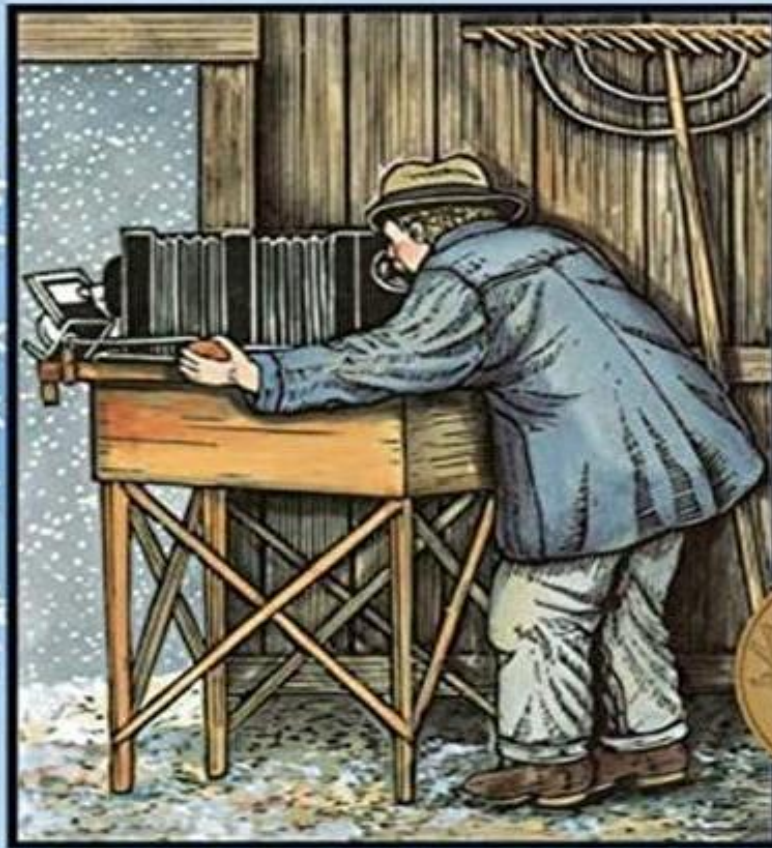
This lecture is in conjunction with our temporary exhibit *Let's Build a Roof over the World* from the Fermata Arts Foundation.

This event is free and ADA accessible.

Youth Events

Homeschool Book Club
Tuesday, December 13, 1:30 pm

SNOWFLAKE BENTLEY



"Inspiring."

— School Library Journal

Jacqueline Briggs Martin *Illustrated by Mary Azarian*

December 13

Join us in the Children's Library for a read aloud and discussion of *Snowflake Bentley*. Reading will be followed by a themed activity. For ages 6-10, siblings welcome.

For more information about this event contact Becky Hatfield, Youth Service Librarian by email: bhatfield@stjathenaeum.org or by phone: 802-745-1391.

Sing-a-Long with

**"Music Man" Ed Morgan
First Friday Storytimes
December 2, 10 am**



Ed Morgan is better known simply as "The Music Man." For over 10 years he has delighted kids and grownups alike with his interactive blend of original & traditional children's songs. Singing and dancing for kids ages 1-99!

Join us in the Children's Library the first Friday of the month to listen & sing-a-long with the Music Man.

Contact Becky Hatfield, Youth Services Librarian by email: bhatfield@stjathenaeum.org or by phone: 802-745-1391.

Acorn Club Storytime Mondays @ 2 pm & Fridays @ 10 am*



Join us at the Athenaeum for 30 minutes of stories, songs and play. Each child will receive a coloring sheet.

For ages up to 5 years old with caregiver. Older sibling welcome.

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StoryTime Backpacks

Nature Trail

Bug





Tree

Bird

BOOKS SONGS FINGERPLAYS & MORE

Our Bags are Packed and Ready to Read!

Visit the Children's Library to check out one of our storytime backpacks. All kits includes 6 thematic books, activity guides and a manipulative toy. For ages birth to five.

Current themes include:

Mindfulness
Family

Emotions
Food

To check out your backpack, contact Becky Hatfield, Youth Service Librarian by email: bhatfield@stjathenaeum.org or by phone: 802-745-1391.

Support the Athenaeum

Your investment in the Athenaeum supports events, buys books and other library materials, maintains the unique art gallery, and allows us to continue serving St. Johnsbury, the Northeast Kingdom, and visitors from around the world.



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