Second Thursday Talk: February 8, 7 p.m.

Historian and filmmaker Douglas Blackmon discusses his film and Pulitzer-winning book, *Slavery by Another Name*, which chronicle the return of forced labor across the South between the Civil War and WWII, when hundreds of thousands of African-American men were convicted of trivial or trumped-up offenses—or simply kidnapped—and sold into the forced labor camps of a new system of slavery. The talk includes brief film clips. (This is our “First Wednesday” talk. It just so happens to fall on a Thursday.)

Cabin Fever Lecture Jewels of Ecuador Thursday, February 15, 7 p.m.

Come hear Hank Kaestner share highlights of his April 2017 birding trip to Ecuador. Hank saw almost 400 bird species in one week, including 45 different hummingbirds! They are the jewels of Ecuador! He managed to add 75 new species to his life list on the trip, which was set up primarily as a “target” trip to see as many new birds as possible. Sponsored by the Otter Creek Audubon Society.

Meet Your Representatives Saturday, February 24, 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.

Middlebury Representatives Amy Sheldon and Robin Scheu will be in the Vermont Room of the Ilsley library to answer questions and hear concerns of Middlebury residents.

Job Hunt Helpers (starting February 5)

Do you need help writing a resume or a cover letter? Would you like assistance searching for local job opportunities and applying for jobs online? Do you need assistance finding education and training opportunities? Our Job Hunt Helper Briana Hanley can help you find your next job.

Mondays 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., Wednesdays 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturdays 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
The Job Hunt Helper Program is offered through CCV and the Vermont Department of Libraries

Used Book Sale Saturday, February 3 11 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Beginning Tai Chi Tuesdays & Thursdays 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. February 6 – April 24

Many students of tai chi feel an enhanced sense of balance, stability, joint flexibility, awareness of surroundings, and mindfulness, all building confidence in their ability to perform daily activities. Certified Sun style instructor Jerry Henderson will introduce and guide you through basic tai chi principles, the moves of tai chi fall prevention, and related Qigong exercises. Since retiring 2 1/2 years ago Jerry has focused on applying his Taoist tai chi practice from 45 years ago to learning new skills from local teachers, workshops, study, and practice. Class size is limited. Please register through Ilsley Library 388-4095. For questions about the class contact Jerry at 453-3804 or 802-598-1830. Classes are free for those 50+, Sponsored by Ilsley Library and Age Well.

Middlebury Community Classic Film Club Friday, February 23, 3 - 5 p.m.

Film Screening: *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington*

Around the world filmmakers have contributed greatly to our shared culture by creating classic films that push our thinking and the boundaries of our understanding. Through technology, we now have greater access to these classics than ever before. The purpose of the Middlebury Community Classic Film Club (MCCFC) is to share classic films representing a diversity of topics, perspectives, and geographic origins. All are welcome to watch the film and discuss it afterwards.