



The Nesmith Library

NEWS

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Library Hours

Monday – Thursday: 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Friday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Sunday: 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

The library will be closed on Monday, Oct. 11 for Columbus Day.

Adult Programs in October

Diane Mayr,
Adult Services Librarian

Saturday, Oct. 9, 1:00 p.m.

A Visit by Author John Francois

Francois is the author of the historical novel *Cajun Fire* (see “Cajun Fire” on page 2).

Wednesday, Oct. 20, 7:30 p.m.

Evening Book Discussion

Up for discussion this month is *The Hunger Moon* by Suzanne Matson. *Publisher’s Weekly* calls it a “realistic but delicately lyrical first novel.”

Friday, Oct. 22, noon

Monthly Potluck Lunch

This month’s theme is “White as a Ghost.” White cake? Cauliflower? Cream soup? It’s up to you!

Saturday, Oct. 23, time to be announced
Chinese Moon Festival

This celebration for the whole family will include Chinese orchestral music, a diabolo performer, and more!

Tuesday, Oct. 26, 7:00 p.m.

Coffee Tasting and Seminar

With roastmaster Barry Goldman of Coffee Roasters International. (This was rescheduled from Oct. 5.)

COMING IN NOVEMBER

Tuesday, Nov. 2

Election Day—VOTE!

For information about voting in Windham, please visit our website, www.nesmithlibrary.org.

Thursday, Nov. 4, 7:00 p.m.

A Visit by Author Nawal Nasrallah

Salem resident Nawal Nasrallah is the author of *Delights for the Garden of Eden: A Cookbook and a History of Iraqi Cuisine*.

New Music Program for Toddlers

Lori Morse,
Youth Services Librarian

We have a new and unique program for toddlers starting up this month at the Nesmith Library. Sarah Jane Nelson will be singing songs along with picture books as part of an interactive program for toddlers and their caregivers. This 30-minute program will be held on Thursdays at 3:00 p.m. on four non-consecutive weeks. The dates are as follows:

Thursday, Oct. 7

Thursday, Oct. 14

Thursday, Oct. 28

Thursday, Nov. 4

Pre-registration is required. Please call 432-7154 to register. This program is for children ages 18 months to 36 months accompanied by an adult. Please arrange for care of siblings.

Sarah Jane Nelson is a Music Together teacher and an early childhood music and movement instructor at Manchester Community Music School. She is currently working towards her master’s degree in early childhood education at Rivier College.

PLEASE NOTE: This program is open only to Nesmith Library cardholders.

If you have any questions or would like further information, call 432-7154 and ask for Lori Morse.

Pumpkin Fest

The Friends of the Library of Windham are hosting a Pumpkin Fest on Saturday, Oct. 16 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Nesmith Library.

Embrace this wonderful time of the year with pumpkin decorating, a hauntingly good book sale, games for the children, baked goods, and apple cider.

Children are invited to wear their Halloween costumes.

Join the fun!



Cajun Fire Author to Visit Nesmith Library

Diane Mayr

John Francois of Lafayette, Louisiana, will visit the Nesmith Library on Saturday, Oct. 9 at 1:00 p.m. Mr. Francois writes historical fiction set in the Cajun country he knows so well. His short stories have won awards in national competitions and have been published in various magazines.

Cajun Fire is Mr. Francois' second novel. It tells the story of young Marc Delaterre who leaves France in 1848 to seek his fortune and become "his own man" in rural America. *Cajun Fire* is a love story as well as a story of survival.

Books will be available for purchase and signing on the day of the visit.



New Reference Books

Lois Freeston,
Reference Librarian

The *Encyclopedia of American Education* is a three-volume set addressing the many facets of education and the education process. A significant number of Nesmith Library patrons are either educators or are pursuing an education degree, and many have questions and research projects regarding educational

methods and theories. This set should be of assistance with historical trends, standards, conflicts, biographies, legislation, standards, and more. In addition to the alphabetical entries, the third volume includes a chronology of education, significant federal education legislation from 1787 forward, and graduate school offerings in education as well as undergraduate education majors.

Another interesting new title is the *Encyclopedia of Forensic Science*. In addition to the alphabetical entries, there are 14 featured essays including "DNA Typing and Privacy," "Drug Testing in Sports," and "Careers in Forensic Science: A Reality Check." Both black-and-white illustrations and a section of color photos round out the text. With the new developments in forensic science in the news, this volume is sure to enlighten.

Meet Your Heroes

Lori Morse

The Nesmith Library, in collaboration with the Windham Police and Fire Departments and the First Teachers Project, invite you and your children to meet your heroes! Would you like to see what the inside of a police car looks like? Do you want to see a fire truck up close and have a chance to ask the firefighters about their jobs? And how would you like to listen to stories being sung at the library? Well, here's your chance! Meet us at the Nesmith Library on Wednesday, Oct. 6 at 5:15 p.m. to pick up your registration packet. Activities will begin at 5:30 p.m. and end at 7:00 p.m. This special family event is for children ages three to five years old and their caregivers. Please remember that an adult must accompany children at all times. Pre-registration is required for this event. The deadline was Sept. 29.

PLEASE NOTE: This program is only open to Windham residents.

Election Day Is Coming—What to Do If You're Still Undecided

Diane Mayr

If you're one of a handful of voters who is still undecided, you may want to visit www.candidatescorecard.com. This non-partisan site enables you to compare the presidential candidates on issues that are important to you. From the homepage, click on Issues

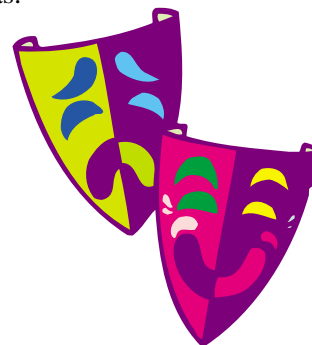
and go from there. And don't forget to vote on Nov. 2!

Focus on Magazines: Art and Culture

Lois Freeston

The library has an extensive collection of over 185 magazine titles. A magazine subject area that is perhaps lesser known is art and culture. The library subscribes to *American Art Review*, *Antiques & Collecting*, *Architectural Digest*, *The Artist's Magazine*, *Dance Magazine*, and *Smithsonian*. Of course, other titles offer articles on the world of art and culture as well, but these are devoted to that subject.

The current issue does not circulate, but all back issues of these magazines are available for checkout. Back issues are stored under the display shelves. Be sure to take advantage of this popular area of the library's collection. Check the library's website at www.nesmithlibrary.org for a listing of magazine titles available. Better yet, come in, browse, and read in the library's comfortable seating areas.



Nesmith Library Sponsors “StoryLines New England” Radio Discussion Series

Diane Mayr

The Nesmith Library will take part in a new radio series that focuses on some of the most dynamic and interesting books written about New England. “StoryLines New England” is organized by the American Library Association and is funded by a grant from the national Endowment for the Humanities. It is part of the “StoryLines America” series. “StoryLines New England” will broadcast locally on New Hampshire Public Radio (89.1 Concord and 90.3 Nashua) beginning Sunday, Oct. 3 and will run for 13 weeks.

“StoryLines New England” listeners read fiction, nonfiction, and poetry about New England; hear authors, regional historians, artists, and other special guests discuss the readings on the air; and have the opportunity to join the live discussion by calling a toll-free number. Discussions in the studio explore regional history and culture and examine contemporary issues that shape New England identity and help give residents a strong sense of place.

Each program will feature one of 13 series books, including Stephen King’s *Salem’s Lot* and *Peyton Place* by New Hampshire’s Grace Metalious. *Five Thousand Days Like This One*, a new classic of New England literature by Jane Brox of Dracut, Mass., will lead off the programs on Oct. 3. The Nesmith Library has a limited number of series books available for borrowing on a first-come, first-served basis.

To find out more about this series, including a complete program schedule, visit the StoryLines website at <http://storylines.ala.org>.

Costume and Fashion

Diane Mayr

Our display case in October will be featuring shoes! You may be inspired to read about clothing, costume, and fashion. If so, here are a few items for you to check out:



Asher, Jane. *Jane Asher’s Costume Book: Over 100 Costumes for Children and Adults and How to Make Them*. (646.4 ASH).

Bruhn, Wolfgang and Max Tilke. *A Pictorial History of Costume*. (391 BRU).

Burr, Ginger. *Fashion Secrets Mother Never Taught You*. (646.7 BUR).

Farrell-Beck, Jane and Colleen Gau. *Uplift: The Bra in America*. (391.4 FAR).

Harris, Carol. *Collecting Fashion and Accessories*. (391 HAR).

Hart, Avril and Susan North. *Fashion in Detail: From the 17th and 18th Centuries*. (391 HAR).

Karlen, Josh. *The Indispensable Guide to Classic Men’s Clothing*. (646.7 KAR).

O’Keefe, Linda. *Shoes: A Celebration of Pumps, Sandals, Slippers and More*. (391 OKE).

Les Petites Dames de Mode (The Little Ladies of Fashion) [video recording]. (391 PET).

Randhawa, Simran Preet. *Eurofashion ...Unleashing the Designer in You*. (646 RAN).

Robinson, Julian. *The Importance of Wearing Clothes*. (391 LAN).

Steele, Valerie. *The Corset: A Cultural History*. (391.4 STE).

Thomas, Beverly Jane. *A Practical Approach to Costume Design and Construction, vol. II*. (391 THO).

We also have many magazines that cover contemporary fashion such as *Glamour*, *Threads*, and *Vogue*.

And, if you’ve been collecting clothes since high school days, you may want to look for Michael Miller’s *The Absolute Beginner’s Guide to eBay* (381.17 MIL). Unless, of course, you’re waiting for the day when they will come back in fashion!

LearnATest

Lois Freeston

With many people preparing for additional education, whether as a senior in high school, as an adult learner beginning or returning to college, as a person entering a specific field, or someone seeking American citizenship, the online database LearnATest can be very useful.

LearnATest offers practice tests in the following areas: advanced placement, civil service, college entrance exams (such as the SAT and ACT), cosmetology, elementary school and middle school skills improvement, EMS, firefighter, GED, graduate school entrance exams (GMAT, GRE, LSAT, MCAT), high school improvement (including vocabulary, math skills, reading comprehension, and more), law enforcement, military, nursing, real estate, teaching, TOEFL, U.S. citizenship, and more. Tests can be started one day and finished another time (even from another computer) because each person logs in with his or her own password. LearnATest can be accessed within the library, or from home with a username available from the library.

If you are considering further education that requires entrance examinations, or if you wish to improve your current skills and gain test-taking confidence, try LearnATest. Log on to the Nesmith Library website at www.nesmithlibrary.org, click on Online Databases, and scroll down to LearnATest.

Trustees Appoint Two Assistant Library Directors

Upon the recommendation of Nesmith Library Director Carl Heidenblad, the library's board of trustees has appointed Diane Mayr and Lois Freeston to serve jointly as assistant library directors effective Sept. 1, 2004.

Diane Mayr began her employment with the library in 1986 as the children's librarian and has served most recently as acquisitions librarian and head of adult services, duties she will retain in addition to her new responsibilities as assistant director. Diane holds a master of library science degree from Columbia University.

Lois Freeston began her employment with the library in 1987 as a member of the general staff. Her interest in reference service led her to obtain her master of library science degree from Syracuse University in 1996, and she has served as reference librarian from that year forward. She will continue to serve as reference librarian in addition to her new role as assistant director.

The Nesmith Library Board of Trustees complimented Lois and Diane on their performance during the fall of 2003 and the first part of 2004, when they jointly served as acting library directors until the appointment of Carl Heidenblad as director in February, 2004.

Sundays at the Library

Since Sept. 19, 2004, the library has been open on Sunday afternoons from 1:00 to 5:00. Our new Sunday library associates are Maureen Kingsley, Beth Davis, and Cynthia Saad. They can help you with your recreational/viewing/listening needs. Please make all homework and reference requests during the weekdays.



Halloween Titles

Lori Morse

The Treasure of Alpheus Winterborn by John Bellairs (J MYS BEL)

A boy's family problems lead him to seek a buried treasure, supposedly hidden in the Hoosac Public Library. Anthony is led from one hair-raising experience to another, until he wonders if he will survive the search.

Night of the Gargoyles by Eve Bunting (J 811 BUN)

As night falls, the carved stone gargoyles decorating a museum come to life. Resentful of the human hands which have carved them and placed them on buildings where pigeons roost, the gargoyles delight in frightening the night watchman who is unable to make the museum director believe that the gargoyles have a life of their own after dark.

Bruce Coville's Book of Ghosts: Tales to Haunt You compiled by Bruce Coville (J COV)

In this collection you will meet a host of ghosts: some frightening, some lonely, and some funny.

Spooky Stories for a Dark and Stormy Night compiled by Alice Lowe (J 398.2 SPO)

A collection of more than 15 traditional and original scary stories.

Shadows and Whispers: Tales from the Other Side by Collin McDonald (J McD)

As you enter these pages, beware. Here is a place of strange shadows and fearful echoes, where nothing is certain, and things aren't always what they appear to be.

New Young Adult Books

Lori Morse

Purple Hibiscus by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie (YA ADI)

In the city of Enugu, Nigeria, fifteen-year-old Kambili and her older brother, Jaja, lead a privileged life. Their Papa is a wealthy and respected businessman, they live in a beautiful house, and they attend an exclusive missionary school. But, as Kambili reveals in her tender-voiced account, their home life is anything but harmonious. When a military coup threatens to destroy the country and Kambili and Jaja return home changed by their newfound freedom, tension within the family escalates. And Kambili must find the strength to keep her loved ones together after her mother commits a desperate act.

A Crack in the Line by Michael Lawrence (YA LAW)

Michael Lawrence's gripping thriller about a boy and a girl who are the same person—but not quite—will have you turning the pages late into the night...and talking and thinking and wondering about the shifting nature of identity, time, space, and the cracks that can appear in a train rail, a lifeline, and a family tree.

Tracker by Gary Paulsen (YA PAU)

For John Borne's family, hunting has nothing to do with sport or manliness, it's a matter of survival. Every fall, John and his grandfather go off into the woods to shoot the deer that puts meat on the table over the long Minnesota winter. But this year John's grandfather is dying, and John must hunt alone. John tracks a doe for two days, but as he closes in on his prey, he realizes he cannot shoot her. For John, the hunt is no longer about killing, it's about life.



One of Those Hideous Books Where the Mother Dies by Sonya Sones (YA SON)

Fifteen-year-old Ruby Milliken leaves her best friend, her boyfriend, her aunt, and her mother's grave in Boston and reluctantly flies to Los Angeles to live with her father, a famous movie star who divorced her mother before Ruby was born.

New Children's Fiction

Lori Morse

Peter and the Starcatchers by Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson (J BAR)

In an evocative and fast-paced adventure on the high seas and on a faraway island, an orphan boy named Peter and his mysterious new friend, Molly, overcome bands of pirates and thieves in their quest to keep a fantastical secret safe and save the world from evil.

The Talking Earth by Jean Craighead George (J GEO)

Billie Wind ventures out alone into the Florida Everglades to test the legends of her Indian ancestors and learns the importance of listening to the earth's vital messages.

The Pepins and Their Problems by Polly Horvath (J HOR)

Whether it's waking up to find toads in their shoes, becoming trapped on the roof, or searching for cheese when their cow makes only lemonade, the Pepin family always seem to get into the most bizarre scrapes. Lucky for them, they have an author with large psychic antennae and great problem-solving readers who can join the Pepins on their hilarious adventures. And they need all the help they can get!

The Akhenaten Adventure by P.B. Kerr (J KER)

Meet John and Philippa Gaunt, twelve-year old twins who one day

discover themselves to be descended from a long line of djinn. All of a sudden, they have the power to grant wishes, travel to extraordinary places (and not necessarily on public transportation), and make people and objects disappear. Luckily (and luck does have something to do with it), the twins are introduced to their eccentric djinn-uncle, Nimrod, who will teach them how to harness their newly found power. And not a moment too soon! Because John and Philippa are about to embark on a search to locate a monstrous looking (but supposed to be dead) pharaoh named Akhenaten and his tomb, which may be holding 70 lost djinn.

Museum Passes

Museum passes are available at the Nesmith Library. Passes are limited to one pass per family per day. During school vacations passes are limited to one pass per family per week. We recommend that you reserve passes in advance.

Passes must be picked up by 10:00 a.m. on the day that they are reserved. If you are unable to use your reserved passes, please contact the library since others may wish to use them. A fine of \$1.00 per day will be charged if your pass is not returned by 9:00 a.m. on the day following your reservation. Passes may be returned through the book drop if the library is closed. The Nesmith Library is not responsible for changes in a museum's rules and restrictions on pass use. We currently have passes to the following locations:

- * The Butterfly Place; Westford, Mass. (No return of pass required.)
- * The Children's Museum; Boston, Mass. (No return of pass required.)
- * The Children's Museum; Portsmouth, N.H. (No return of pass required.)

- * Currier Museum of Art; Manchester, N.H.
- * Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum; Boston, Mass.
- * Metamorphosis Children's Museum; Derry, N.H.
- * Museum of Fine Arts; Boston, Mass. (No return of pass required.)
- * Museum of Science; Boston, Mass. (No return of pass required.)
- * New England Aquarium; Boston, Mass. (No return of pass required.)
- * Seacoast Science Center; Rye, N.H.
- * New England Historic Genealogical Society; Boston, Mass.
- * New Hampshire Historical Society; Concord, N.H.

Dates to Remember

- 10/3 StoryLines New England
- 10/6 Meet Your Heroes, 5:30 – 7 p.m.
- 10/9 Author John Francois, 1 p.m.
- 10/7 Toddler Music Program, 3 p.m.
- 10/11 Columbus Day, library closed
- 10/12 Trustees Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 10/14 Toddler Music Program, 3 p.m.
- 10/16 Pumpkin Fest, 1 – 4 p.m.
- 10/20 Book Discussion, 7:30 – 9 p.m.
- 10/22 Monthly Potluck Lunch, noon
- 10/23 Chinese Moon Festival, TBA
- 10/26 Coffee Tasting and Seminar, 7 p.m.
- 10/28 Toddler Music Program, 3 p.m.
- 11/2 Election Day
- 11/4 Toddler Music Program, 3 p.m.; Author Nawal Nasrallah, 7 p.m.

