



# The Nesmith NEWS

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## From the Director's Desk

*Carl Heidenblad,  
Library Director*

The other day, Terrie, our circulation supervisor, generated a report for me that I found so interesting I wanted to share it with you.

The report was from Library Insight, the software that we use to manage the museum pass collection. The title of the report is "Patrons' Savings Provided by Museum Pass Circulation."

First, a little background information on museum passes here at the library. The Friends of the Library of Windham provide the Nesmith Library with 15 museum passes. These passes are quite expensive and the Friends of the library generously provide them for the community's benefit, year after year.

Let's use the Museum of Science in Boston as an example. The Museum of Science charges adults \$19; seniors \$17; and children \$16, for a day's admission to the exhibit hall. But, if you borrow a pass from the library, the pass admits up to 4 individuals into the exhibit hall for a reduced admission fee of \$5.00 each! The cost for a family of 4 (two adults, 2 children) at the regular rate would be \$70. With the library pass, that family gets to save \$50!

The report on "Patrons' Savings Provided by Museum Pass Circulation" looks at the number of times each pass was checked out. (Passes are checked out to one person at a time) Then it makes three calculations: A minimum savings as if just 1

person borrowed each pass; an average savings; and a maximum savings as if the maximum number of people allowed used each pass.

The bottom line is pretty impressive. For the period March 1 through March 31, 2009, the museum passes were borrowed 73 times. The minimum savings would be \$751.20. The average savings would be \$1,798.00. And the maximum savings possible would have been \$2,844.80! Quite a savings for Windham residents I think! And that is in just one month's time.

This feature has not been in place long enough to accurately predict the community's savings over year's time, but let's "guesstimate". If the monthly savings were to average \$1500 a month using the average savings calculations, that would represent a benefit to residents of \$18,000 saved

in a 12-month period!

I'll finish with two final points. Please thank and give every consideration to support the Friends of the Library of Windham in their efforts, as that support will be returned to the community many fold.

And certainly, if you and your family are planning to take in any of the area museums, make your first stop at the library or the library's Web page [www.nesmithlibrary.org](http://www.nesmithlibrary.org) and check out the collection of museum passes made possible by the Friends of the Library. Not only will you have a great outing, but you'll enjoy savings as well.

The library staff and I hope that you, your family and friends will visit the library soon and take advantage of the museum passes and all the value that Nesmith Library has to offer. Enjoy!



## Books into Movies

*Diane Mayr,  
Assistant Director /  
Adult Services Librarian*

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Now's the time to pick up these books so that you can read them BEFORE the movie comes out. After a film is released, it is sometimes months before the book is available:

*Angels and Demons* by Dan Brown [F BRO]. This companion to *The DaVinci Code* will be in theaters starting May 15.

*The Taking of Pelham 1 2 3* by John Godey [F GOD] came out back in the early 70s, and in 1974 was made into a movie starring Walter Matthau. The new version, hitting theaters on June 12, stars Denzel Washington, John Travolta, and James Gandolfini.

The ever-popular Jodi Picoult will see her book, *My*

*Sister's Keeper*, [F PIC] transformed on June 26. We can't keep Picoult's books on the shelves as is. I can't imagine what the demand will be once a whole new audience is introduced to her! The movie stars Cameron Diaz, but the real star will be the "sisters."

A young adult novel, *I Love You, Beth Cooper*, by Larry Doyle [YA DOY] will be released in film form on July 10.

Also coming out in July is another Harry Potter movie, *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*, [J ROW and YA ROW] due out on July 15. Daniel Radcliffe as Harry will be in his sixth year at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

The following films came

out within the last year and are also based on books: *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas: A Fable* by John Boyne [J BOY], "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button," a short story by F. Scott Fitzgerald found in *Novels and Stories, 1920-1922* [F FIT], *Choke* by Chuck Palahniuk [F PAL], *The Reader* by Bernhard Schlink [F SCH], *Slumdog Millionaire* (originally titled *Q & A*) by Vikas Swarup [F SWA], and *Revolutionary Road* by Richard Yates [F YAT]. *Revolutionary Road* has been constantly in circulation since the film was released, so we added a second copy – if you hurry, it might still be on the shelf!

## The Reference Corner

*Lois Freeston,  
Assistant Director /  
Reference Librarian*

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*The Grove Encyclopedia of Classical Art and Architecture* covers subjects from "Abacus" to "Zygouries," archaeological sites from Afghanistan to Ukraine, artists, vase painters, painters, deities, and more.

With new archaeological discoveries, the study of antiquities is ever-changing, influencing contemporary art and architecture and the further study of ancient civilizations.

*The Historical Dictionary*

*of Renaissance Art* focuses on one of the most popular periods of Western art, a bridging from antiquity to a "period of nearly frantic innovation and creativity," affecting painting, sculpture, and architecture.

There are entries on significant painters, sculptors, and architects, as well as their patrons (emperors, kings, and others), themes, techniques, and technical terms.

Oxford's *A Dictionary of Architecture and Landscape*

*Architecture* will assist both the professional who studies architectural plans, and even the homeowner interested in various styles of molding, for example, or bricks (did you know that there are over 16 types?). Drawings include building parts such as roof structure or trusses, arches, and stairs. Brief biographies of architect-related individuals, architectural terms, styles, building types, and movements are included as well.



## Made in New Hampshire

*Lois Freeston*

Each year the New Hampshire's Own organization prints the *New Hampshire Products and Services Directory*. The library has a 2009 print copy, but the directory is also available online at [www.nhmade.com/](http://www.nhmade.com/). The website includes links to coupons for New Hampshire products and services, has fun links like "Favorite Recipes from Our NH Made Members," and a NH Wine and Cheese Trail Map, plus links to other related New Hampshire organizations

such as the NH Farmers' Market Association and the NH Farm to Restaurant Connection.

Unless you have attended the annual League of New Hampshire Craftsmen fair at Lake Sunapee State Park in August, you may be amazed at the variety and quality of items made and sold in New Hampshire.

In addition to the wonderful honeys, jams, seasonings, baked goods, dairy and farm products, the directory lists fine art, clothing, candles, baskets,

jewelry, metalwork, and so much more.

There are sections on stores and outdoor markets, restaurants and lodging, attractions and tours, and services.

Most entries include phone numbers and websites. Visit a few websites and you will appreciate the talent and creativity of New Hampshire residents! At this beautiful time of year in New Hampshire, consider visiting and supporting some of these local crafters and entrepreneurs.



## Optelec Reader

*Lois Freeston*

Several years ago the Windham Lions Club generously donated an Optelec Reader to the Nesmith Library. This machine can be used by the vision-impaired for reading novels, magazines, checkbooks, or to view whatever item one needs enlarged. If you or someone you know has impaired vision, we hope you will come into the library to see or use this machine. It magnifies the subject in color, too, and is easy to use.

Even for those who have no vision problem, this

machine can be handy – try it for assisting with a splinter removal, to fix your glasses, or to thread a needle!

Other areas that serve the vision-impaired are the library's large print collection and audio books on CDs. Fiction and non-fiction titles are available. Large print dictionaries are available for circulation as well as in reference.

For additional services, contact the Library Services to Persons with Disabilities Section of the New Hampshire State Library directly, online at [www.nh.gov/nhsl/talking\\_books/index.html](http://www.nh.gov/nhsl/talking_books/index.html), or by calling 1-

800-491-4200.

Library Services to Persons with Disabilities serves almost 2,000 N.H. people and lends over 90,000 books each year. It costs eligible borrowers nothing – no rental fees, no equipment fees, no late fines, no postage fees. They lend a wide variety of special videos, and audio books and magazines, too, recorded by professional actors, along with the equipment to play them. Most of these are produced by the Library of Congress and a full catalog is available online.

## From the Children's Room

Jane McCue  
Children's Librarian

### Story Hour at Golden Brook School

A reminder to parents that all story hour sessions will be held at Golden Brook School during the second week of May. Parents should bring the children DIRECTLY to Golden Brook School at their scheduled time and not to the Nesmith Library. We will be greeting you in the front lobby, and escorting the children as a group into the school library. Library aide Katy Smith and school district librarian Joel Burdette will also be leading the story hours along with Jane and Karen. Debra Armfield, principal of Golden Brook School, will be talking with the parents about reading readiness and child

development while the children are in story hour. These special story hours are made possible and sponsored by the First Teacher's Project.

### The First Teacher's Project Presents: Golden Brook School Kindergarten Kickoff

If you have a child entering kindergarten for the 2009-2010 school year, please join us for an evening of fun, friendship, and the opportunity to enjoy a wonderful time with your child. This event takes place on Tuesday, May 5 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Golden Brook School and features award winning performer Ben Rudnick and Friends.

Please contact either

Golden Brook School at 898-9586 to register or send an email to [limucci@windhamsd.org](mailto:limucci@windhamsd.org) and provide your child's name, date of birth, parent name(s) that will be attending and telephone number.

### Summer Reading Program

Please mark your calendars for Thursday, June 25 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. when we kick back and kick off this year's Summer Reading Program, "Summertime and the Reading is Easy!" Look for more details in the upcoming papers and pick up a complete summer brochure at the annual Strawberry Festival on Saturday, June 6.



## New J Non-Fiction

Jane McCue

### "How to Play Like A Pro" Series

*Baseball Skills* by Dave McMahon  
*Basketball Skills* by Tom Robinson  
*Football Skills* by Marty Gitlin  
*Hockey Skills* by James MacDonald  
*Soccer Skills* by Chris Roselius

### "Superstars of Pro Football" Series

*Randy Moss* by David Robson  
*Tom Brady* by Calvin Craig Miller

### "Health Zone" Series

*Keep Your Cool! What YOU Should KNOW about STRESS* by Sandy Donovan  
*Stay Clear! What YOU should KNOW about SKIN CARE* by Sandy Donovan  
*Stay Fit! How YOU Can GET in SHAPE* by Matt Doeden

*TAKE a Stand! What YOU Can DO about Bullying* by Carrie Golus

### "Write Your Own" Series

*Autobiography*  
*Graphic Novels*  
*Mystery*

### "Know Your Sport" Series by

Clive Gifford  
*Judo*  
*Soccer*  
*Tennis*  
*Track Athletics*

### "QEB Magic Handbook" by

Joe Fullman  
*Card Tricks*  
*Coin and Rope Tricks*  
*Sleight of Hand*

### "QEB Animal Lives" by Sally

Morgan  
*Cheetahs*  
*Dolphins and Porpoises*  
*Frogs and Toads*  
*Wild Horses*

"QEB Planet Earth" by Steve Parker  
*Deserts*  
*Oceans*  
*Polar Regions*

### Misc Non-Fiction Titles

*Climate Crisis: The Science of Global Warming* by Don Nardo  
*The Cuckoo's Haiku and Other Birding Poems* by Michael J. Rosen  
*Cure Quest: The Science of Stem Cell Research* by Don Nardo  
*DK One Million Things: a Visual Dictionary*  
*Discovering Space: The Sun* by Ian Graham  
*Eyewitness Climate Change* by John Woodward  
*Eyewitness Great Musicians* by Robert Ziegler  
*The Greatest Hockey Records* by Matt Doeden  
*The Kids' Guide to Paper Airplanes* by Christopher L. Harbo

## Strawberry Festival and Book Fair

The Friends of the Library of Windham (FLOW) are preparing for Windham's largest community event – the Strawberry Festival. The 2009 festival takes place on Saturday, June 6 from 10:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the grounds of the Nesmith Library.

### Raffles

Each year excitement surrounds the festival's raffle table. Last year donors contributed more than \$4,000 worth of prizes. Windham is filled with amazing businesses, boutiques, restaurants, salons, and more. If you own a business or are an individual with a unique raffle offering, please consider adding your gift to this year's raffle table.

### Games

We are bringing back many of the most popular festival games plus a few more. The children will enjoy: Mini & Giant Moon Walks, Inflatable Slide, Basketball Toss, Soccer Kick, Duck Pond, Froggy Fling, Dart Board, and the Windham Police and Fire Departments will be providing children's activities too. Don't forget the Dunking Tank! It's sure to make a splash when our local "dunkees" take their turns on the throne. Some of the dunkees we've "invited" include: Dr. Frank Bass, Bruce Anderson, Mike

Hatem, Dennis Senibaldi, Deb Armfield, Andy Desrosiers, Windham Town Beach lifeguards, and more! A complete schedule will be published a week before the festival.

### Food

Food is an important part of any great festival and have we got food. Our local "chefs" will be grilling hot dogs and hamburgers at our Chuck Wagon Grills. If you are looking for a more sophisticated culinary delight, then mosey on over to one of the food stands sponsored by the Common Man, Gourmet Grille, or Village Bean. Our pizza vendor this year is Capri Pizza, yum, yum! We will have some tasty treats for the children including popcorn, cotton candy, slushes, dough boys, and pretzels. Also, we will have our first ever Mini Shortcakes Table. Children will be able to create their very own shortcakes/sundaes to eat.

Our 10th Annual Pie Eating contest starts at 1:00 p.m. and will include several age categories. The pies have been donated by Table Talk Pie Company. All winners will receive a Chunky's gift certificate.

### Entertainment

If it is entertainment you want, you will not be disappointed. This year's

line-up is incredible! DJ Mike Mell of New Style Entertainment will keep the fun going by supplying music for the day and letting everyone know what's going on throughout the festival. The entertainment begins with an opening ceremony provided by the Boy Scouts, followed by the Windham Community Concert Band, Windham Swing Band, Karate International, Junior Hurricane Drumline of Windham, Dance Impressions, Golden Crane, Windham's Got Talent Show, Three Left Feet – Canine Freestyle & Drill Team, raffle announcements, and a closing ceremony by the Boy Scouts. Ongoing entertainment includes: face painting, balloon animals, sand art, and jousting!

### Shortcake Shuttles and Rain Plan

For your convenience, "Shortcake Shuttles" to and from the festival will be picking up/dropping off at the Windham Center School or the Rte.111 Park & Ride. The shuttles will run continuously from 10:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

In the case of rain, the festival will be held at the Windham Center School and the Book Fair will remain at the Nesmith Library.

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[www.nesmithlibrary.org](http://www.nesmithlibrary.org)

### Library Hours

Mon-Thurs	9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
Friday	9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Sunday	1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

## Dates to Remember

5/7 Nesmith Knitters, 12:30-2:30 p.m.	5/25 Memorial Day, library closed
5/12 Board of Trustees, 7:00 p.m.	6/6 Strawberry Festival, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
5/21 Nesmith Knitters, 12:30-2:30 p.m.	6/11 Nesmith Knitters, 12:30- 2:30 p.m.

