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From the Director's Desk

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Library Director

January and February have been busy and jam packed with activity here at the library. I'll touch on more of that next time. But for this column I want to draw attention to the Big Read: N.H. Reads *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

Nesmith Library is one of more than 100 partners working with The Center for the Book at the New Hampshire State Library to bring The Big Read: N.H. Reads *To Kill a Mockingbird* to the Granite State during March 2010.

The first Big Read program to be held at the Nesmith Library will be a presentation of the film featuring an Oscar winning performance by Gregory Peck. The film will be shown in the multi-purpose room of the Nesmith Library Thursday, March 4 at 7:00 p.m.

All interested in

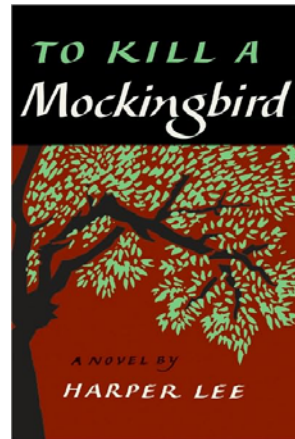
participating in the Big Read are encouraged to come Thursday evening, March 4, and see this film adaptation. Gregory Peck termed his portrayal of Atticus Finch in *To Kill a Mockingbird* as his "greatest role ever."

Copies of the book, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, are available now at the Nesmith

Library. All of the Nesmith Library's Big Read programs will take place Thursday evenings in March at 7:00 p.m. at the library.

Please save Thursday, March 4, 11, 18, and 25 and Thursday, April 1 for the Big Read. On March 11 and 18 we will discuss the book and the film. We will hold the 25th as a "rain date" and then on Thursday, April 1, we invite you to a read-through of the play. We will have multiple copies of the script available and invite readers to read a part.

Hope to see you soon! Please continue to visit and enjoy all that the library has to offer. Let your friends and neighbors know that you enjoy the library, and encourage them to use our resources. We hope to see you, your friends, and family soon!



The Reference Corner

Lois Freeston,
Assistant Director and
Reference Librarian

If you wish to enjoy an enriching afternoon, sit down at the library with the *Oxford Companion to the Book*. A combination of essays in Volume 1, and A to Z entries in Volume 2, the *Oxford Companion to the Book* will enlighten the reader on all aspects of the book from ancient to modern times, and throughout the world.

Essays on paper, printing, bookbinding, writing systems, and the sacred book

in various religious traditions are some of the subjects addressed. Essays on the history of the book in many countries give insight into origin, production, circulation, preservation, economy, and influence. Countries included are England, France, the Nordic countries, Germany, Poland, Switzerland, the Baltic States, China, and others.

Entries in the A to Z volume range from brief

definitions to essay-length presentations. For example, the entry on critical reviews of literature, its birth and development, and its influence on consumption, reads more like an essay than a dictionary excerpt.

Whether for research or pure enjoyment, the *Oxford Companion to the Book* offers an attempt, as its editors state, "to bring into the world a work worthy of its subject."

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Drop-in Toddler Story Time

Lori Morse,
Youth Services Librarian

Drop-in Toddler Story Time is for ages 18 months to 36 months with a caregiver. No registration required to participate.

Session times are Monday mornings at 10:00. Drop-in Story Times will be held on March 1, 8, and 15.

Toddler Story Time provides an opportunity for you and your child to explore the library, enjoy books together, and visit with other families. Sharing books with your child encourages healthy language development, helps you bond with your child, and

stimulates their rapidly growing minds.

We know that your time is limited and hope this program will make it easier for you to get to Toddler Story Time with your little ones.

Toddler Story Time is open only to cardholders of

the Nesmith Library.

Please note that if there is a weather-related school delay or cancellation, Toddler Story Time will be cancelled.

If you have any questions, please call 432-7154 and ask for Lori Morse or Karen Frey.

Dr. Seuss Celebration

Jane McCue,
Children's Librarian

The Nesmith Library and the Friends of the Library of Windham are teaming up for a big birthday celebration in honor of Dr. Seuss!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 6, and drop in anytime between 1:00-2:30 p.m.

The program begins at 1:00

with stories being read by the Cat in the Hat himself!

Children will then be able to move among various stations to play simple games, make crafts, and enjoy some snacks. Of course, we will be singing "Happy Birthday" to the Cat in the Hat before we

indulge in birthday cake and ice cream!

This program is for children of all ages, and NO registration is required. If you would like further information, please call the library at 432-7154 and ask for Jane McCue or Karen Frey.



Scholarships Available at Library

Forms for local scholarships usually become available at the Nesmith Library in March. Check with someone at the main circulation desk for current applications.

Windham Garden Club Scholarship

The Windham Garden Club awards two \$2,000 scholarships. Applications are available at the Nesmith Library. Letters of application must be postmarked by March 31, 2010.

Windham Woman's Club Academic Scholarship

The Windham Woman's Club awards two \$1,500 scholarships in May 2010. Applicants must be residents of Windham and must be graduating high school seniors.

The scholarships are awarded on the basis of scholastic and academic achievement and demonstrated financial need.

The scholarship is awarded conditionally upon graduation, but is not given until the winner has successfully completed the first college semester in January 2011.

Applications are available at the Nesmith Library and must be received by April 15, 2010.

Alexander Eastman Foundation

The Alexander Eastman Foundation has established a scholarship program for students pursuing further education in a health care field. The program is designed

to provide scholarship grants from \$200 to \$2,500 to health care workers who seek to upgrade their professional skills.

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants to the program must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- be currently employed as a nurse, nurse's aide, home health care provider, or allied health worker (volunteer or paid) in a health care facility in the greater Derry area including Derry, Londonderry, Windham, Chester, Hampstead, or Sandown.
- be entering or enrolled in a full-time, part-time, or short-term program of study in a health field including, but not limited to: medicine,

dentistry, nursing, medical laboratory, radiology, pharmacology, rehabilitation therapy, nutrition, health care administration, or home health care.

- be an independent student (i.e., over age 24 or have others dependent on you).

Go to the Alexander Eastman website (<http://www.alexandereastman.org/03scholar.html>) for more information.

They will accept applications until June 20, 2010.

Contact: Judy Burrows, New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, 1-800-464-6641 or email jb@nhcf.org.

Food, Glorious Food

Lois Freeston

The *Oxford Companion to American Food and Drink* is a wonderful compendium of information about food in America, and how it has impacted our culture. Certainly there has been an increase in Americans' attention to what they eat, chemical contents, nutritional value, emotional and psychological values, agricultural influences (organic or not), and even economic issues.

"Food is America's most important business and its largest export," and the place of food in America's history is examined through many of the entries in this volume.

Contributions from religious,

cultural, and ethnic groups, specific foods, biographies of chefs, food critics, cookbook authors and others, corporate histories, and political and social movements (such as temperance, Prohibition, and organic food movement) are included as well.

Curious about the history of Dunkin' Donuts or the origin of popsicles? Wondering about waxed paper or the founding of Coors Brewing Company? Spend some time with the *Oxford Companion of American Food and Drink*, and you'll be rewarded with a sumptuous array of culinary delights!

And if you love watching those Italian chefs on television, *The Oxford Companion to Italian Food* will enlighten you about the many fascinating ingredients so commonly used in these cooking shows. For example, Mascarpone is used often on *Giada in the Kitchen*, and a nice explanation of what it is, its history, and how it is used is presented in this volume. For "answers to questions great and small about Italy's rich culinary history," enjoy *The Oxford Companion to Italian Food*.

N.H. Flume Award

The Flume: New Hampshire Teen Reader's Choice Award was created in 2005 in response to a New Hampshire teen's request to have a book award geared towards high school students. This award is a state-wide venture led by a collaborative effort from school and public librarians. Each year teens nominate titles they think deserve to be recognized. Librarians narrow the group of titles to a list of 13. Teens then vote for the winning title from the list of 13.

Titles must be nominated by teens in grades 9-12, can be fiction or nonfiction books, with appeal to this age group. They must have a publication date within the last two years. If the book is part of a series, it must

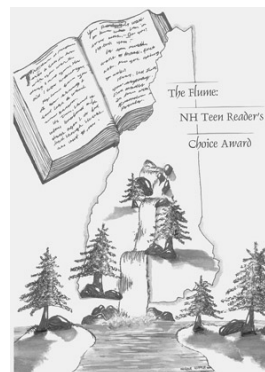
be able to stand alone, meaning a reader doesn't have to read the other books in the series to understand what's going on.

Here are this year's nominees:

- *The Christopher Killer: A Forensic Mystery* by Alane Ferguson
- *The Dangerous Days of Daniel X* by James Patterson
- *Deadline* by Chris Crutcher
- *Graceling* by Kristen Cashore
- *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins
- *I Heart You, You Haunt Me* by Lisa Schroeder
- *The Last Lecture* by Randy Pausch
- *Little Brother* by Cory

Doctorow

- *Pride of Baghdad* by Brian K. Vaughn
 - *Sold* by Patricia McCormick
 - *Testimony* by Anita Shreve
 - *Thirteen Reasons Why* by Jay Asher
 - *Waves* by Sharon Dogar
- Voting takes place in April, so read now!



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Library Hours

Mon	9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
Tue	9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
Wed	9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
Thu	9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
Fri	9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Sat	9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Sun	1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Dates to Remember

3/1	Drop-in Toddler Story Time, 10:00 a.m.	a.m.-8:00 p.m., Windham High School	3/25	p.m. The Big Read, 7:00 p.m.	
3/4	The Big Read, 7:00 p.m.	3/11	The Big Read, 7:00 p.m.	3/30	Story Hour Registration, 9:00 a.m.
3/6	Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration, 1:00-2:30 p.m.	3/15	Drop-in Toddler Story Time, 10:00 a.m.	4/1	The Big Read, 7:00 p.m.
3/8	Drop-in Toddler Story Time, 10:00 a.m.	3/16	Board of Trustees, 7:00 p.m.		
3/9	Town Election Day, 7:00	3/18	The Big Read, 7:00		

