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From the Director's Desk

*Carl Heidenblad,
Library Director*

Hi everyone.
Happy spring! Who doesn't love spring? The snow is gone, and the weather is warming up. Spring is perhaps the perfect time to enjoy new clothes, or a new bicycle, or new patio furniture, a new car, or new library automation software! (I'll bet you were tracking with me until I got to the library automation software!)

But indeed the Nesmith Library recently updated its library software. The provider of our software for the past 21 years has been Follett Software Company. For about two years now, their representatives have been encouraging our library to move to their new web-based product called Destiny.

And in March that's what we did! So what does this mean for you, the users of the library? Starting out, we hope that you won't notice much difference in our operations. If that's the case it means that our staff has successfully learned how to use the new software with very few glitches that would affect you.

However, as time passes and you and we get more comfortable with the new software, we definitely hope that you will see some changes that you like. For you, the library user, most of those changes will occur in our library's electronic catalog which is easily accessed from our webpage www.nesmithlibrary.org.

When you connect with our library's catalog, I think you will quickly notice one of the important features of the

new software. Pictures of each book's book cover will appear along with the rest of the title's information. For example, go to the library's webpage and click the link for the library catalog. Type in *Cussler, Clive* and click on the tab for an author search to look for Clive's books.

Paging down through the various books that we own, you will see a title called *Fire Ice*. And you should also see a picture of what the book jacket looks like. This is called "Title Peek." A bit further in the record, if you click on that picture of the book cover, you will get a larger image of the book cover, but more importantly you will get an annotation of what the book is about, often you will be given a table of contents and other useful information. Title Peek is one of the features of our new software that I think you will enjoy using.

Soon, with the new catalog, you will be able to go in and set up your own account, which will then allow you to see what you have borrowed from the library and when it is due to be returned. What is really exciting is that soon you will be able to use that new account to renew your own books (if no one else is waiting for them) and also, to reserve books that are checked out by placing a hold on them. Then when the book is returned the software will tell us to give you a call and let you know that the book is here at the library and ready for you to borrow it. We think you will find the ability to set up your own account and its

features to be pretty exciting.

So take a look at our catalog and stay tuned as we dial in some of the new features. We'll keep you posted on our progress!

I want to finish this month's column by talking about the Big Read 2010. We were very successful in getting lots of Windham residents to read *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee. We took a look at the movie adaptation featuring Gregory Peck, and several of us enjoyed discussing both the book and the movie. I'd very much like to thank Attorney Kathleen DiFruscia for attending our discussions and for giving us many informative and helpful insights into the legal aspects that the book touches upon. Thanks to all who attended the discussion evenings that we held on March 11 and March 18!

Here in Windham, we will conclude the Big Read with a performance on Friday, April 2, 7:00 p.m. entitled *Atticus* by performer Richard Clark. He will portray Atticus Finch, the main character of *To Kill a Mockingbird*. All are welcome and I think you will find this to be an excellent evening and a fitting conclusion to the Big Read 2010 – NH Reads to *Kill a Mockingbird*.

Again, happy spring to all! The Nesmith Library staff and I hope to see you, your friends, and family soon!



From the Children's Room

Jane McCue,
Children's Librarian

Story Hour at Golden Brook School

This is a reminder to parents that all story hour sessions will be held at Golden Brook School during the first 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 Windham School District Librarian Joel Burdette will also be leading the story hours along with Jane and Karen. Parents and siblings will be able to enjoy the new conference room with coffee and refreshment provided by the Friends of the Library of Windham. These special story

hours are made possible by the First Teachers Project.

April Vacation Will Soon Be Here!

We are looking for school age children who are 6 and up to come to the library on Tuesday, April 27 at 1:00 p.m. to enjoy a one-of-a-kind performance by Alex the Jester!

This performance is absolutely guaranteed to make everyone who attends laugh out loud, and is described as "outrageous, offbeat, and full of surprises!" With his bizarre sense of humor, Alex the Jester prefers action to words, from mind-bending sight gags to amazing stunts. "When he finally clears his throat to speak, his audience is captivated. Rolling off his

tongue is a funny sounding gibberish tongue called Grammelot. This universal language has been his ticket to The Just for Laughs Comedy Festival in Montreal, The Singapore Arts Festival, Japan's World Performance Festival, and theaters from Alaska to Australia."

Registration is required. Space is limited to the multi-purpose room so make sure you stop by or call the library to reserve a spot. For more information on this amazing performer, visit his website at www.alexthejester.com

Michelle's Menagerie

On Wednesday, April 28, at 10:00 a.m., Michelle Lunceford, a wildlife educator, will host her Savanna Animal program at the Nesmith Library. This program features

the smaller, lesser known animals from the savannas around the world. Topics discussed may include migration, the two distinct seasons, and how the savanna is a transitional biome between desert and rain forest. Animals featured:

- boa constrictor
- hedgehog
- bearded dragon
- tarantula
- flat rock scorpion
- grass parakeet
- rabbit
- savanna monitor

Registration is required, and children must be 5 years of age or older to join. Don't miss this chance to see some interesting animals up close and in person!

Please stop by the front circulation desk or call 432-7154 to sign up.

Drop-in Toddler Story Time

Lori Morse,
Youth Services Librarian

Starting Monday, April 5 you can drop in at EITHER 9:30 or 10:30 a.m. for Toddler Story Time.

Toddler Story Time will run for five weeks on the following dates: April 5, April 12, April 19, May 3, and May 10.

Toddler Story Time is for children ages 18 to 36 months along with their favorite adult. Story Time with your toddler 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.

Please note: Toddler Story Time is open only to

cardholders of the Nesmith Library. Also 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.

Homeschool Program

Lori Morse

Michelle's Menagerie will be here with her desert animals on Friday, April 23 from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. Michelle has been teaching children and adults about animals and their importance in the world since

1989. Go to her website www.michellesmenagerie.com to learn more! This program is open to homeschoolers ages 3-12. Space is limited so call 432-7154 to register.



Teen Earth Day Event

Lori Morse

Celebrate the 40th anniversary of Earth Day by planting some flowers, decorating, and beautifying the

Nesmith Library for spring on Friday, April 23 from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. Enjoy snacks and beverages while you work.

We need all the hands we can get so bring a friend! For more information about Earth Day visit: www.earthday.org.

This program is for young adults ages 11-18 or in grades 5-12. Please call 432-7154 to sign up.

April is National Poetry Month

Diane Mayr,
Assistant Director and Adult
Services Librarian

April is National Poetry Month across the United States: *Inaugurated by the Academy of American Poets in 1996, National Poetry Month is now held every April, when publishers, booksellers, literary organizations, libraries, schools, and poets around the country band together to celebrate poetry and its vital place in American culture. Thousands of businesses and non-profit organizations participate through readings, festivals, book displays, workshops, and other events.*

To find out more about National Poetry Month, visit www.poets.org and click on "Poetry Near You." On the National Poetry Month page you can sign up to receive a poem-a-day in your inbox, or you can find a map of the country and

click on New Hampshire or Massachusetts to see what is going on in our area.

Come to the library and

look through our 811 section for books of American Poetry. We have books by individual poets or anthologies of poems

by many writers. Some popular American poets in our collection include Billy Collins, *Ballistics: Poems* [811.54 COL]; Ted Kooser, *Valentines* [811.54 KOO]; and Mary Oliver, *Evidence: Poems* [811.54 OLI].

Recently added to our collection is *Bright Wings: An Illustrated Anthology of Poems About Birds* [821 BRI] which is beautifully illustrated by David Sibley who also writes and illustrates bird guide books, two of which we have in 598 SIB. Popular anthologies include *Poetry 180: A Turning Back to Poetry* [811 POE] and *From Totems to Hip Hop: Poetry Across the Americas 1900-2002* [811 FRO].

Have a poetry-filled month and plan to visit us on April 29 for "Poem in Your Pocket Day."



The Reference Corner

Lois Freeston,
Assistant Director and
Reference Librarian

Have you tried the online databases available for Nesmith Library cardholders? Online databases are links to sources on the internet which you can access through the Nesmith Library website for free. Although the New Hampshire State Library has been forced to discontinue subscribing New Hampshire libraries to some databases this year, the Nesmith Library continues to subscribe to many databases on a yearly basis.

This month and the next few months we will highlight the features of some of these resources.

For those who need to do research, whether for a school or college paper, for consumer information, for medical updates,

or many other reasons, both **ElectricLibrary** and **EBSCO** are particularly useful. Both databases offer both magazine and newspaper articles, and both databases offer scholarly journal articles, which are particularly helpful to our college student clientele.

ElectricLibrary offers images, transcripts, books, maps, and audio/video clips as well. For example, do you need ideas for your next conference? Try accessing **ElectricLibrary's 101 More Great Games & Activities**. In this online book you will find a variety of activities to foster decision-making, leadership, team-building, as well as ice-breaking activities, and more.

EBSCO gives patrons free access to hundreds of magazines – including *Consumer Reports*, which is particularly popular – and access to **NoveList** which our avid readers love to use for book suggestions, reader's guides for book discussions, author read-alikes, award winners, and suggestions for teens and for children 0 to 12.

NewsBank is an online newspaper resource which gives patrons access to over 2,000 newspapers around the world, as well as military and government news sources. Patrons can access *USA Today*, *The Washington Post*, *The Concord Monitor*, *The Nashua Telegraph*, and *The Union Leader*. *The Wall Street*

Journal is available through the previous day's issue.

For those doing research, **NewsBank** offers "Special Reports" on subjects such as "Poetry Around the World," "Conflict and Terrorism," "Natural Disasters," and many other topics of current interest.

Through **NewsBank** patrons can research over 1,000 historical newspapers, along with genealogical information and obituaries.

Nesmith Library patrons can access these databases and more with user names and passwords provided by the library. Stop in for your list of codes today, and benefit from reliable resources on the web.

Quilt Raffle

Enter the Quilt Raffle to benefit of the Nesmith Library! Tickets are \$1 each, or \$5 for six tickets.

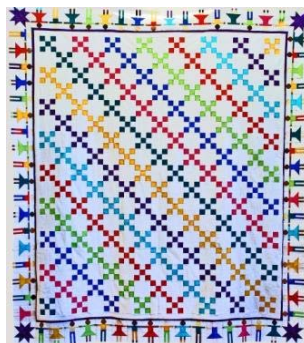
The tickets are available at the Nesmith Library, Windham Town Hall, or from any Nesmith quilter or Friends of the Library of Windham board member.

The drawing will be held on June 5, 2010, at the Strawberry Festival.

You need not be present to win.

This beautiful queen-size (84" X 93") quilt was pieced by the Nesmith Quilters, and machine quilted by Julie Crossland.

For more information about this project and the Nesmith Quilters, go to www.nesmithlibrary.org/Programs2010/quilters.htm.



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New Nonfiction Children's Titles

Jane McCue

Along the Shore by John Woodward

Amphibiana Little Newts by Meish Goldish

Animal Things to Make and Do by Rebecca Gilpin

Brown Bear: The Biggest Meat-Eater on Land by Meish Goldish

Cool Crafts with Old CDs by Carol Serrine

Cool Sets and Props: How to Stage Your Very Own Show by Karen Kenney

Just the Right Size: Why Big Animals are Big and Little Animals are Little by Nicola Davies

The Greatest Moments in Sports by Len Berman

No Easy Way: The Story of Ted Williams by Fred Bowen

The Secret World of Walter Anderson by Hester Bass

The Story of Snow: The Science of Winter's Wonder by Mark Cassino

Written in Bone: Buried

Lives of Jamestown and Colonial Maryland by Sally Walker

Animal Planet: Puppy Training and Care by Tracy Libby

Beyond the Bars: Exploring the Secrets of a Police Station by Tammy Enz

The Great Big Book of Mighty Machines by Jean Coppendale

Mike Lowell and the Boston Red Sox 2007 World Series by Michael Sandler

Human Muscles by Jodi Wheeler-Toppen

The Human Skeleton by Jody Sullivan Rake

Know Your Pet Series
Cats and Kittens by Honor Head

Extreme Pets Series
Rats
Salamanders
Snakes

Disappearing Acts Series

Katydid's Leaf Look-Alikes

Tiger Sharks Blue

Blenders

Three Toed Sloths:

Green Mammals

Toco Toucans Bright

Enough to Disappear

National Geographic for Kids Series

Frogs!

Mummies

Storms

Volcanoes!

Time for Kids Biographies

Alexander Graham Bell:

Inventor of the Telephone

Clara Barton: Angel of the Battlefield

Mythologies Series

Dragons

Fairies

Giants

Monsters

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.

The library will be closed on Sunday, April 4 for Easter.

Dates to Remember

4/1 The Big Read, 7:00 p.m.

4/2 The Big Read, 7:00 p.m.

4/4 Easter, Library Closed

4/5 Drop-in Toddler Time, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.

4/12 Drop-in Toddler Time, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.

4/13 Board of Trustees, 7:00 p.m.

4/15 Volunteer Appreciation,

2:00-4:00 p.m.

4/19 Drop-in Toddler Time, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.

4/23 Michelle's Menagerie for Homeschoolers, 1:00-2:00 p.m.; Teen Earth Day Fun, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

4/24 FLOW Scholarship Deadline

4/27 Ask the Jester, 1:00 p.m.

4/28 Michelle's Menagerie, 10:00 a.m.

4/29 Poem in Your Pocket Day

5/3 Drop-in Toddler Time, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.

5/10 Drop-in Toddler Time, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.

