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How Big Is Your Library?

*Carl Heidenblad,
Library Director*

A few weeks ago on January 21, the Nesmith Library held an open house event in recognition of Nesmith's beginning its participation in the Greater Manchester Inter Library Cooperative System (GMILCS). What a way to start the New Year! GMILCS is a group of 13 libraries which have joined together, sharing an integrated system, sharing resources, and sharing experience. By sharing, we offer more to the communities we serve.

Windham residents checking out the Nesmith Library website www.nesmithlibrary.org will discover that the Nesmith Library is using a new electronic catalog, and that it has many more features than the previous library catalog.

When you click on the library catalog link, you will find the new Polaris catalog. It looks much different than the previous catalog, and we hope that you will find the additional features to be helpful.

For instance when you

discover a book that you are interested in while looking through the catalog from home you can place a request for that book online. If the book is in at the Nesmith Library, the catalog will place a "hold" on that book for you. If you have an email on file with us, the system will email you and let you know that your book is on hold for you. If the book belongs to one of the 12 other libraries, the system will place a hold on the book for you, and let you decide where you would like to pick it up.

And yet another option is available to Nesmith borrowers. You can take your Nesmith Library card to any of the 12 GMILCS libraries and borrow from those libraries just as you would at your "home" Nesmith Library.

Remember though, a valid library card from a GMILCS member library must be presented to borrow items. Loan periods and other borrowing rules and guidelines vary by library. And materials may be returned to any partici-

pating library.

So how big is your library? Before GMILCS, Windham residents had access to 85,000 books, DVDs, CDs, and other library materials. But on January 21, Windham residents gained access to 12 other libraries and access to over 1 million library items with the technology and borrowing framework supporting this new system.

Digitally, we hope that you will visit www.nesmithlibrary.org soon. Please click on the library catalog link and check out the new GMILCS/Polaris catalog and try some of the new features. Please also continue to visit and enjoy the "bricks and mortar" library and all it has to offer! Let your friends and neighbors know that you enjoy the library, and encourage them to use our resources, and to stop by the library and/or our website and find out more about GMILCS! We hope to see you, your friends, and family soon!



Indoor Mini Golf at the Library

Coming soon! Mini golf INSIDE of the Nesmith Library! Save this date: March 10, 2012.

Sponsored by the

Friends of the Library of Windham.

Watch for more details. And you might want to do a bit of practicing...

Tech Night at the Library

Carl Heidenblad

The Nesmith Library will hold its first Tech Night of the year on Thursday February 23. There will be two sessions offered, one at 2:00 p.m., and another at 6:30 p.m. in the library's Multi-Purpose Room.

Topics to be covered that Thursday include a brief introduction to the Nesmith Library's new electronic catalog and a

brief overview of the library's participation in the Greater Manchester Library Cooperative System (GMILCS).

The remainder of the session will focus on downloading free audio books and free e-books from the Nesmith Library using the services of the NH Downloadable Books Consortium. Popular e-

readers such as the Kindle and Nook will be discussed.

Nesmith Library Director Carl Heidenblad will demonstrate how these popular devices work with the library's e-book collection. Please bring your questions and join us for this informative program on e-books and e-book readers.

If you would like to know more about GMILCS, the Nesmith Library catalog, or e-readers and accessing e-books through the Nesmith Library, please join us on the 23rd of February at either 2:00 or 6:30 p.m. for our first Tech Night of the year.

For more information please call the Nesmith Library at 432-7154.

The Reference Corner

*Lois Freeston,
Assistant Library Director /
Reference Librarian*

The Nesmith Library subscribes to a number of online databases, but the New Hampshire State Library provides several databases as well. This saves our library—that is, it saves the residents of Windham—thousands of dollars every year.

Two of the most

widely-used online databases are EBSCO and AncestryLibrary. Ancestry can be accessed only from within the library, and EBSCO can be accessed from home or from within the library.

EBSCO is a great resource for magazine and newspaper articles (includ-

ing one of the most popular, *Consumer Reports*), as well as business periodicals, health resources, and much more.

AncestryLibrary is a favorite of those researching their family histories, or anyone curious about their genealogy.

All you need to have in

order to enjoy these online resources is your library card and access code (which you can obtain from the library). If you have any difficulty using EBSCO or AncestryLibrary, or need more information, please come into the library and try them on one of our public workstations, or ask a librarian to assist you.

And the Oscar Goes to...

*Diane Mayr,
Assistant Library Director /
Adult Services Librarian*

The nominations for this year's Academy Awards were recently announced. There is a startling number of nominees for "Best Picture"—nine titles are up for the 2011 award!

Of the nine nominees, five are films based on books! They are:

Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close based on the novel of the same name by Jonathan Safran Foer [F FOE].

The Help based on the

book group favorite novel by Kathryn Stockett [F STO].

Hugo based on the children's graphic novel, *The Invention of Hugo Cabret*, by Brian Selznick [J SEL].

Moneyball based on the nonfiction title, *Moneyball: The Art of Winning an Unfair Game* [796.357 LEW].

War Horse based on the children's novel by Michael Morpurgo [J MOR].

The bookless nomi-

nees are *The Artist*, *The Descendants*, *Midnight in Paris*, and *The Tree of Life*. The winner will be announced on Sunday, February 26, and as soon as the winner is released in DVD, we will purchase it for the Library.

We have a great DVD collection of previous Academy Award winners for "Best Picture" including these from the recent past:

2000 *Gladiator*
2001 *A Beautiful Mind*
2002 *Chicago*

2003 *The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King*

2004 *Million Dollar Baby*

2005 *Crash*

2006 *The Departed*

2007 *No Country for Old Men*

2008 *Slumdog Millionaire*

2009 *The Hurt Locker*

2010 *The King's Speech*

From the Children's Room

Jane McCue,
Children's Librarian

Our Chinese New Year program was a wonderful celebration of the year of the dragon.



We had a great turnout of adults and children alike who were a fantastic audi-

ence. Thank you to the Boston Erhu Ensemble for donating their time and talent with a beautiful performance, as well as to Emily Howe who performed on an authentic Chinese instrument.

Thank you to Athena and Eleanor Chan for not only assisting in the opening introduction and history of the New Year, but also for their graceful martial

arts demonstrations. The Lion Dance was once again a highlight of the afternoon.

We would like to especially thank Li's Asian Gourmet Restaurant in Windham, Ginger Garden in Londonderry, and Derry Express for their incredibly generous and delicious food donations. The donations were abundant! Thank you to Shaw's of

Windham for the donations of oranges which symbolize good health and long life, and to the Friends of the Library of Windham for once again supporting our programs. We couldn't have done it without all of your support!

Please visit our website at www.nesmithlibrary.org to find some terrific photos from the event.

School Vacation Programs

Jane McCue

Believe it or not, it's almost time for the kids to be out of school on February vacation. Please include the Nesmith Library in your plans for the week and come to one or all of our programs, or just spend some time in the library choosing some new books or DVDs for the family.

Save the Date!

Mark your calendars for a fun program for children ages 5 and up on Tuesday morning, February 28. More details to follow as program evolves!

Local Author Sandi Hoffman Debuts Her New Children's Book

On Wednesday, February 29 at 10:30 a.m., join us as Sandi Hoffman, self-published author from Londonderry, N.H., reads from and talks about her new children's book,

Kenzie & the Pest. Following the reading, we will have a simple craft for the kids to make and bring home, and, of course, a fun snack to add to the festivities. This program is for children of all ages and their families.



Copies of *Kenzie & the Pest* will be available for purchase, and Ms. Hoffman will be on hand for book signing during the program. For more on the author and her book, visit her website at www.kenzieandthepest.com

Registration is preferred but not required. If possible, please call the library at 432-7154 to register, so that we will have enough supplies on hand.

Drop-in Crafts

The Children's Room invites you to drop in any time between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 1 for "Think Spring" themed drop-in crafts. Decorate your room by making a foot-long foam kite ornament to hang from your ceiling, and color an 11-inch kite bookmark to complete and bring home. Just for fun, we will be breaking out the ever-popular popcorn machine! Materials will be available between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m., or while supplies last. These crafts are recommended for children ages four and up accompanied by a parent or guardian. No registration is required.



Think Spring

New Non-Fiction Titles in the Children's Room

Jane McCue

"An Interactive Survival Adventure You Choose" series. Titles include:

Can You Survive Antarctica? by Rachael Hanel

Can You Survive Storm Chasing by Elizabeth Raum

Environmental Disasters by Shirley Duke

"Math Smarts" series
Addition and Subtraction Smarts! by Lucille Caron

Problem Solving and Word Problems Smarts! by Rebecca Wingard-Nelson
Adding Around the City by Rann Roberts

My Path to Math: Beginner Word Problems by Minta Berry

My Path to Math: Pat-terning by Minta Berry

Baseball: The Math of the Game by Thomas K.

Adamson

Grow It Yourself! Grow Your Own Butterfly Farm by John Malam

Cool Slumber Parties: Perfect Party Planning for Kids by Karen Latchana Kenney

Cool Sports Parties: Perfect Party Planning for Kids by Karen Latchana Kenney

Exploring the International Space Station by Laura Hamilton Waxman
Exploring the Solar System by Amanda Doering Tourville

Extraordinary Endangered Animals by Sandrine Silhol & Marie Doucedame
The Unexplained Sea Monsters by David Schach

Instant Expert Survival Skills: How to Survive in

the Wild by Simon Ellar

Saying Goodbye to Uncle Joe: What to Expect When Someone You Love Dies by Nancy Loewen

Good-bye, Jeepers: What to Expect When Your Pet Dies by Nancy Loewen

Weekends with Dad: What to Expect when Your Parents Divorce by Melissa Higgins

"Jump" series by Lynette Robbins. Titles include:

Gazelles
Grasshoppers
Kangaroos
Rabbits and Hares

"Living Large" series by Sara Antill. Titles include:

A Crocodile's Life
A Horse's Life
A Whale's Life

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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.

The library will be closed on Monday, February 20 for Washington's Birthday.

Quilt Raffle

The Nesmith Library Quilters have completed their 2011-2012 quilt and are now selling raffle tickets to win the stunning queen-size quilt. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. The drawing will be held on June 2, 2012. You need

not be present to win. Proceeds benefit the Nesmith Library.

To see photos of the quilt in progress and the final result go to:

<http://nesmithlibrary.org/Programs2011/quilters20112012.htm>.



Dates to Remember

2/2 Nesmith Knitters, 12:30-2:30 p.m.

2/3 Nesmith Quilters, 12:30-2:30 p.m.

2/6 Toddler Drop-in Story Time, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.

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2/14 Board of Trustees, 7:00 p.m.

2/16 Nesmith Knitters, 12:30-2:30 p.m.

2/17 Nesmith Quilters, 12:30-2:30 p.m.

2/20 Washington's Birthday, library closed

2/23 Tech Night, 2:30 and 6:30 p.m.

2/28 Children's program, details to be announced

2/29 Children's Author Visit, 10:30 a.m.

3/1 Drop-in Crafts, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

3/10 Indoor Mini Golf at the library

