



# The Nesmith NEWS

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## From the Director's Desk

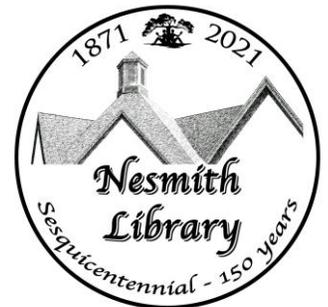
Sylvie Brikiatis,  
*Library Director*

Well, it's that time of year again! Let's take a look at the highlights of our library year. After last year's disruption to our lives, this year was a study in how to return to a new normal. We are loaning more books than before the pandemic, even as we have fewer people visiting our building for the time being. Our summer reading program was almost entirely outside, made possible on rainy days by a large event tent. In-person programs are starting to ramp up and tutors, town groups, book clubs, entrepreneurs, and anyone looking for a quiet place to work or study are returning to the library.

New services were added to the library this year as well.

made possible partly from donations from the Windham Endowment, Derry Medical Center, and FLOW. Come visit us to take advantage of these great additions to the library.

- Wifi printing from your personal device (laptop, tablet, or phone) is now available at the library, through Princh, during regular operating hours at the same cost as the library copier.
- Web chat is a new option to reach out to us with questions. Just click on the "Ask a Librarian" box on our website.
- Two new database resources have been added as well. Creative Bug for all you crafty people out there and Niche Academy tutorials to help you get the most out of our digital resources. We are continuing to evaluate our databases and will announce some other changes in the New Year.



The library's Sesquicentennial (150<sup>th</sup>) celebrations have been ongoing all year. The original Nesmith Library opened on June 21, 1871, in the upper room of Town Hall, where the kitchen is now. The library moved to the Armstrong Building in 1899 and finally to our current location in 1997. We had a lovely community gathering on September 18 to celebrate with speeches from honored guests, food trucks, the Windham community band, and a self-guided tour and scavenger hunt at all three historical locations of the library. We still have car clings available for a donation of any amount. It features a lovely seal commemorating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. And our guest book is still available to be signed. We will add it to the time capsule that will be

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- Two meeting pods for semi-private meetings are a big hit and one of them was

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sealed at the end of the year.

We welcomed a new addition to our children's room staff. Kirsten Rickershauser has been a cheerful, smiling face behind her mask.

We received a grant in the amount of \$2632.00 from IMLS (Institute of Museum and Library

Services) and the NH State Library as part of ARPA funding that allowed us to digitize two more years of the *Windham Independent*. All issues from 1968-2019 are now available to be searched and viewed on our website.

And it took three years, but our

LED conversion is complete, thanks to many small donations and a \$1500 grant from the Windham/Salem Rotary Club.

All of us here wish you a happy, healthy Holiday and New Year! Our hope is the coming year will be even more wonderful.

## Carl Heidenblad History Room

Chelsea Paige,  
Social Media / Digital Literacy  
Librarian

The Carl Heidenblad History Room at Nesmith Library features our local history reference collection. The Nesmith Library Board of Trustees is proud to dedicate this room to Carl Heidenblad in appreciation of his nearly 25 years of service. Under Carl's direction, the

Nesmith Library has succeeded in becoming a highly regarded establishment that leads the library community in public services, collections, and innovation. Carl distinguished himself as an exemplary professional and leader, and has been recognized with numerous

honors during his venerable career. We thank you for your many years of dedicated service, outstanding accomplishments, and commitment to excellence on behalf of the Nesmith Library and the State of New Hampshire library community.



## December Adult Programming

*Maria Schroeter,  
Adult Collection Development and  
Adult Programming Librarian*

Happy holidays! We're already in the midst of Hanukkah, and Christmas is coming up fast. We have some great new books to read by the fire: the latest in the Outlander series is here, *Go Tell the Bees That I Am Gone* by Diana Gabaldon; *The Christmas Promise* by Richard Paul Evans would be a great read for this time of the year; and if you love *Star Wars*, check out *Secrets of the Force: The Complete, Uncensored, Unauthorized Oral History of Star Wars* by Edward Gross. All of these are already listed in our catalog and ready for you to put on hold. If you need help putting an item on hold, just give us a call and we can walk you through it or do it for you.

### **Nesmith Library Book Group**

The Nesmith Library Book Group will meet in person, on Wednesday, December 8 at 6:00 p.m. This month we've been reading *The Brilliant Life of Eudora Honeysett* by Annie Lyons. If you didn't have a chance to read the book, no worries! Come to the meeting and start with our next book (title to be revealed shortly) and mark your calendar. We typically meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. To partici-

pate, you must have a Nesmith Library card or a card from one of the libraries in our consortium, you need to be over the age of 16, and you must register.

### **Adult Holiday Card Drop-in Craft**



Looking for some quiet, adult crafting time this holiday season? Stop by on Saturday, December 4 between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. for our Adult Holiday Card Drop-in Craft to create holiday cards using ink stamps, colored pencils, and metallic pens. Envelopes are included! No registration required.

### **Handbell Choir Concert**

On Monday, December 6, at 7:00 p.m., the First Congregational Church of Pelham English Handbell Choir rings in the Christmas season with a concert of holiday

music! If you haven't heard a handbell choir, you are in for a musical treat. No registration required.



### **Scattergories**

Check our Facebook page on Monday, December 13 at noon for a Christmas-themed Scattergories game!

All attendees are required to wear a mask for the duration of all programs taking place indoors at Nesmith Library. Masks are encouraged while using the rest of the library.

Adult programs are for ages 16 and up (unless otherwise noted).

For more information on any of these programs, or if you have any questions, please contact Maria at [mschroeter@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:mschroeter@nesmithlibrary.org) or call the library at 603-432-7154.

## Join the Friends of the Library of Windham

*Sandy Sun,  
FLOW Publicity*

Choose from a variety of memberships and payment options, starting at only \$10. The membership dues provide free and reduced-price admission to local museums and attractions with our

museum passes, the offering of academic grants, book fairs, strawberry festival, enhanced children, teens, and adult programming, library enhancements including automatic handicap accessible

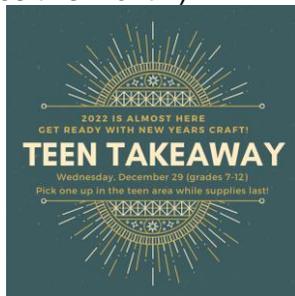
doors, projection system, portable sounds system, and much, much more. For more information, go to <https://www.flowwindham.org/become-a-member>.

## There's Gnome Time Like the Present...

Molly Pevna,  
Youth/Teen Services Librarian



To come join us for our **Gnome Tween Craft!** Happening on Wednesday, December 15 at 3:30 p.m., tweens in grades 4-8 are welcome to join us for our monthly drop-in craft (hint: we're making gnomes this month!).



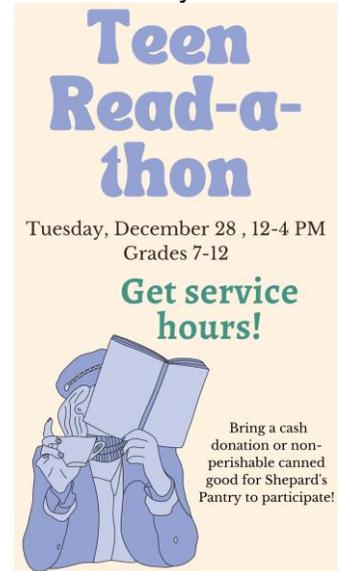
Also to celebrate the New Year,

we'll be having a **Teen Holiday Takeaway Craft**, happening on Wednesday, December 29. Drop by the teen area any time during the day and pick up your party popper kit to get ready for the New Year!

As always, we'll be having our monthly **Teen Advisory Group** meeting on the second Tuesday of the month, Tuesday, December 14 at 6:30 p.m. Want to join TAG, have questions about some of the programs or just want to learn more about the Teen Department? Email Molly at [mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org).

Did you know that it's time for the **Annual Read-a-thon!**? On Tuesday, December 28 stop by between the hours of noon and 4:00 p.m. and just read! Each hour that you read equals one service hour. To participate, please bring either a non-perishable canned good or a cash donation. All pro-

ceeds will be donated to Shepherd's Food Pantry.



Please note: All attendees of Nesmith Library indoor programs are required to wear masks for the duration of the program. Teen programs are limited to grades 7-12 and tween programs are limited to grades 4-8.

## Storytimes

Azra Palo,  
Head of Youth Services

### Toddler Storytime

Mondays, December 6 and 13  
10:30 a.m.

Ages 18 months to 3.5 years. Siblings welcome. Registration required. In person.

We will read stories, sing, and maybe dance. This program is for toddlers supervised by an adult caregiver. Toddler Storytime lasts approximately 20-25 minutes. Questions? Email Ms. Chris at [csavukinas@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:csavukinas@nesmithlibrary.org).

### Baby Storytime

Wednesdays, Dec. 1, 8, and 15  
10:30 a.m.

Ages 0-18 months. Siblings

welcome. Registration not required. In person.

All babies and their caregivers are invited to join us for Baby Storytime on Wednesday mornings at 10:30. Hosted by the Nesmith Library! Stories, songs, and dancing outdoors. Siblings are welcome. Space is limited.

Questions? Email Azra Palo at [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org).

### Preschool Storytime

Thursdays, Dec. 2, 9, and 16  
10:30 a.m.

Ages 3.5-5 years. Registration required. In person.

Join us for our second session

of Preschool Storytime at the Nesmith Library on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs, and more with Miss Molly. Registration required.

This is an independent storytime, and we ask that patrons stay on the library grounds during the program. Please know that for preschool storytime, we ask that your child be able to attend most, if not all, the storytimes. For more information about our preschool storytime, please email Molly at [mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org).

## Special Storytimes

Azra Palo

### Polar Express Storytime



Registered virtual storytime: Thursday, December 16 at 6:30 p.m.

Registered craft takeaway: pick-up starts on Monday, Decem-

ber 13 at 9:00 a.m.

All ages. Registration required. Virtual and takeaway.

Welcome aboard to the Polar Express Storytime (virtual) with the Nesmith Library on Thursday, December 16 at 6:30 p.m.! Registered families can pick up their takeaway craft starting on Monday, December 13 at 9:00 a.m. All ages are welcome to join Nesmith Library Youth staff in their pj's and with a warm drink as we read the famous picture book, sing, and dance!

Questions? Email Azra Palo [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org).

### Countdown to Noon

Thursday, December 30 at 10:30 a.m.

All ages. Registration required. In person.

All ages are invited to register for a special New Year's Storytime with Nesmith Library Youth staff on Thursday, December 30 starting at 10:30 a.m. Bring your fancy New Year's outfits as we sing, read, and welcome the new year! Questions? Email Azra Palo [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org).



## Children's Special Events and Programs

Azra Palo

### STEAM @ Nesmith Library: Legos

Thursday, December 9 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Ages 5-9 only. Registration required. In person.

Nesmith Library Youth staff invite our young patrons ages 5-9 to register for a special STEAM Lego program happening Thursday, December 9 at 6:30 p.m. For more information about our STEAM programs, email Azra Palo at [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org).

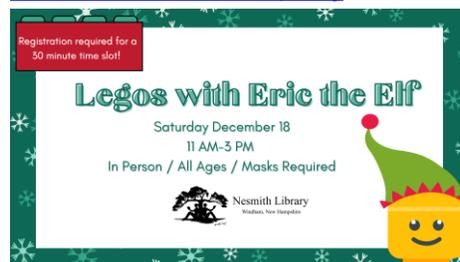
### Legos with Eric the Elf

Saturday, December 18 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

In person. All ages. Registration required.

Join the Nesmith Library on Saturday, December 18 with Eric

the Elf for some festive Lego fun! Registration is required for a 30-minute time slot. Call 603-432-7154 to reserve your slot. Questions? Please email Azra Palo at [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org).



### Winter Takeaway

Monday, December 20 9:00 a.m.

All ages. No registration required. While supplies last.

Get ready for vacation week with a special winter craft takeaway

from the Nesmith Library starting Monday, December 20 at 9:00 a.m., while supplies last! No registration is required. Questions? Please email Azra Palo at [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org).

### Winter Storytime Kit

Monday, December 27 9:00 a.m.

All ages. Registration required. Takeaway.

Our popular storytime kit is back for this holiday season! Registration is required, and kits will feature crafts and more. Families are welcome to pick up their kits starting Monday, December 27 at 9:00 a.m. Questions? Email Azra Palo at [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org).

## FLOW Volunteer Opportunities

*Sandy Sun*

The Friends of the Library of Windham (FLOW) is growing and looking for fellow members of the community to serve on our board and committees. The FLOW Board is made up of volunteers that work together to support the Nesmith Library in a variety of ways. We

meet once a month (September through May) to plan events such as the Strawberry Take-Home kits, Strawberry Festival, book fairs, and family events like the Build a Buddy Workshop. We collaborate and discuss ways to increase community awareness about all

that the Nesmith Library has to offer and how we can best support a wide range of needs. We hope that you will consider a position on our board.

For more information, please contact [flow@flowwindham.org](mailto:flow@flowwindham.org).

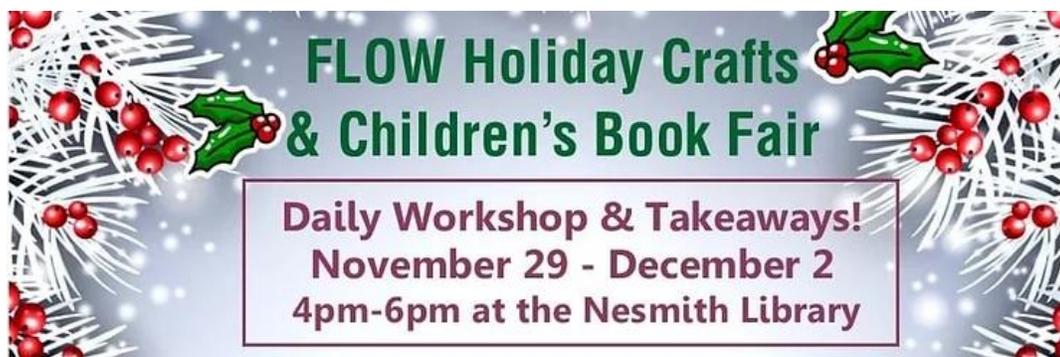
### Nesmith Library

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Twitter: @NesmithLibrary  
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Instagram: /nesmith.library/



### Service Hours

Monday – Thursday  
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 – 5:00 p.m.

## Dates to Remember

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| 12/1 Baby Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; FLOW Winter Craft Workshops, 4:00-6:00 p.m.   | @Nesmith Library: Special Lego Challenge, 6:30 p.m.   | 12/18 Legos with Eric the Elf, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. |
| 12/2 Preschool Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Nesmith Knitters, 12:30-2:30 p.m.; FLOW Winter Craft Workshops, 4:00-6:00 p.m. | 12/13 Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Library Board of Trustees, 6:00 p.m.; Pick Up / Virtual Polar Express Storytime and Craft, 6:30 p.m. | 12/20 Winter Holiday Takeaway Craft, 9:00 a.m.        |
| 12/4 Adult Holiday Card Drop-in Craft, 1:00-3:00 p.m.  | 12/14 Teen Advisory Group, 6:30 p.m.  | 12/24 Christmas Eve, Library Closed                   |
| 12/6 Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Handbell Concert, 7:00 p.m.  | 12/15 Baby Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Gnomes Tween Craft, 3:30 p.m.   | 12/25 Christmas Day, Library Closed                   |
| 12/8 Baby Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Nesmith Library Book Group, 6:00 p.m.   | 12/16 Preschool Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Nesmith Knitters, 12:30-2:30 p.m.; Pick Up/Virtual Polar Express Storytime and Craft,              | 12/27 December Winter Storytime Kit, 9:00 a.m.        |
| 12/9 Preschool Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; STEAM  |   | 12/28 Teen Read-a-thon, 12:00-4:00 p.m.               |
|  |   | 12/29 Teen Winter Takeaway, 9:00 a.m.                 |
|  |   | 12/31 New Year's Eve, Library Closed                  |
|  |   | 1/1/22 New Year's Day, Library Closed                 |

The Nesmith Library will be closed on Friday, December 24 for Christmas Eve; Saturday, December 25 for Christmas Day; Friday, December 31 for New Year's Eve; and Saturday, January 1 for New Year's Day.

