



# The Nesmith NEWS

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## Changes Coming to Hoopla

*Sylvie Brikiatis,  
Library Director*

We've had four wonderful years of providing Hoopla to Nesmith Library cardholders! This service has been so successful and popular that we find ourselves in the position of trying to make this collection available to as many of our patrons as possible, without exceeding our very generous budget focus on digital reading through Hoopla, Cloudlibrary, and Libby.

**Starting in the New Year, each library card will be able to use five borrows per month in Hoopla.** This will allow us to provide the service to a greater number of patrons, and to keep our budget in balance with the rest of our collections. For those dedicated Hoopla borrowers who regularly borrow six or more items per month, remember that Hoopla of-

fers Bonus Borrows several times per year! Items in the Bonus Borrows collection do not count against your monthly total, and do not cost the library anything per use, which is what usually happens when users borrow from the standard Hoopla collection. Bonus Borrows are a great way to supplement your digital reading, listening, or viewing, while also keeping your regular five borrows available!

If you are not familiar with Hoopla, we invite

you to check it out! Hoopla makes available a large catalog of digital content including movies, television shows, music, and comics, as well as ebooks and audiobooks. The titles are always available to borrow regardless of how many users have borrowed that item. That's right, there are no waiting lists! Please contact us if you have questions or would like some assistance setting up any of our digital services on your devices.



## Cozy Up AND Explore, with Your Library Card!

*Chelsea Page,  
Digital Literacy Librarian*

Winter makes going outside more fun or more aggravating, depending on how you feel about wintry travel and snowy sports, but we can all

agree that being the ultimate level of cozy requires a chill in the air. A warm blanket and steaming cup of tea or coffee or chocolate make for a per-

fect afternoon, and we have good news for you: your library card gives you access to all sorts of reading, entertainment, news, and more, from

your preferred device, right there in your favorite cozy spot.

No matter the weather, our digital services are accessible 24/7 from home when you sign in with your library card. Try out CloudLibrary, Libby, or Hoopla for reading and listening materials, or investigate our array of other digital services, which are available through our catalog Esources page.

**AtoZdatabases:** business and local market research, with job search, demographics, and more.

**AtoZ Food America:** Recipes and food history from across the US.

**AtoZ The World:** Travel information, history, and primary sources about the world's countries.

**Consumer Reports:** Trusted reviews and comparisons of products and services.

**CreativeBug:** Craft projects, ideas, and methods for practice, including designs, videos, and more.

**Cypress Resume:** Resume tutorial service.

**Driving Tests:** Information for state driving, exams, and practice tests.

**Fold3 Military Records Genealogy:** Add to your genealogy research about family members who served in the Armed Services.

**HeritageQuest Online:** General genealogy research, using many of the same databases as Ancestry.

**Learning Express Library:** includes College Admissions Test Prep (SAT, ACT, PSAT, AP Exams), College Student Center (skills improvement for college students), School Center (skills improvement for K-12 students), and more.

**Niche Academy Tutorials:** Easy-to-follow video and image tutorials for using our digital services, Google and Microsoft products, and more.

**NH Legal Forms**

**NH Legal Research Guides**

**NH State Laws (RSAs)**

**NoveList K-8 Plus, NoveList Plus:** Reading recommendations, advanced search based on type of

plot, setting, character, or find that book that was recommended last week on your favorite TV show.

**Transparent Languages:**

Learn a new language! Easy-to-follow lessons with plenty of practice and clear learning strategies, now including American Sign Language!

**U.S. Major Dailies Newspapers:** includes *Boston Globe*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Los Angeles Times*, *New York Times*, *New York Times Book Review*, *New York Times Magazine*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *The Washington Post*, with full access to up-to-date issues as well as historical searches.

Access all of these Esources by logging into our catalog with your library card!

If you have questions, please contact us by visiting 8 Fellows Road, calling 603-432-7154, or emailing Digital Literacy Librarian Chelsea at [cpaige@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:cpaige@nesmithlibrary.org). We are all happy to help you get the most out of your library card, especially during the winter ahead. Happy reading!

The screenshot displays the Nesmith Library website interface. At the top, the library's logo and name are visible, along with social media icons and a 'Please Call with Questions' button. A navigation menu includes links for Home, About the Library, Catalog/My Account, Events, Reading & Research, and Youth Services. The main content area features a 'Digital Reading' section with icons for Hoopla, CloudLibrary (CL), and Libby. A 'Quick Start' instruction encourages users to click the icons. Below this, a message states that borrowing ebooks and other digital content is easy with a library card, and lists the three primary services: Hoopla, CloudLibrary, and Libby. A 'Digital Resources' list is shown, including AncestryLibrary, AtoZ Food America, AtoZdatabases, Consumer Reports, Creativebug, Cypress Resume, Explora, HeritageQuest, and LearningExpress Library. An overlay titled 'Nesmith Library Patron Tutorials' is open on the right side of the page, showing a search bar and a list of tutorial topics.

## December Adult Programming

Maria Schroeter,  
Adult Collection Development /  
Adult Programming Librarian

Happy holidays! Let the decorating, celebrating, and time with friends and family begin! We've got some great new titles coming out this month. Telling the story of a Hindu perfumer and a Muslim calligrapher during Partition, the highly anticipated and glowingly reviewed *The Book of Everlasting Things* from Aanchal Malhotra will be out on December 27; Catherine Ryan Hyde's *So Long, Chester Wheeler* (out on December 6) tells the uplifting story of two unlikely road-trip companions; and on December 6, *Empire of Ice and Stone: The Disastrous and Heroic Voyage of the Karluk* by Buddy Levy explores the true, harrowing story of the ill-fated 1913 Canadian Arctic Expedition. 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 on Wednesday, December 14 at 6:00 p.m. This month we've been reading *The Small Things Like These* by Claire Keegan. Currently, the book group is not accepting new members, but when space becomes available, I'll open it up again. If you would like to be on the wait list, send me an email.

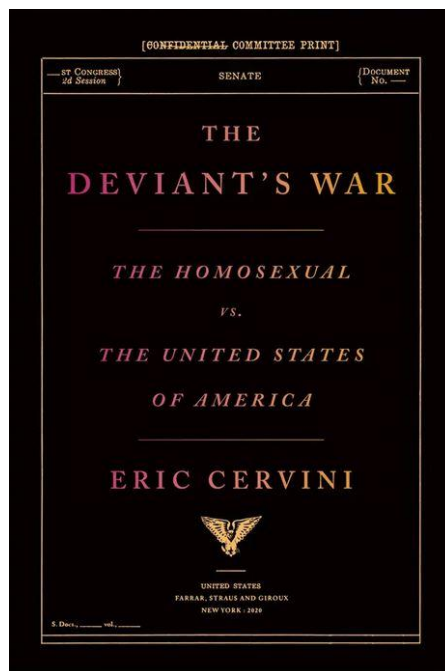
### English Handbell Choir

On Monday, December 5 at 7:00 p.m., the First Congregational Church of Pelham English Handbell Choir will "ring" in the season with a concert of holiday music at Nesmith Library! Last year's concert was such a beautiful, educational event, and we look forward

to welcoming them again to perform at the library. No registration required.



### Virtual Book Discussion with Author Eric Cervini



Join us virtually on Wednesday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m. for a Zoom discussion with award-winning author and historian Eric Cervini on his painstakingly researched and engagingly written book, *The Deviant's War: The Ho-*

*mosexual vs. the United States of America*. A *New York Times* best-seller and a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize, *The Deviant's War* uncovers the secret history of the fight for gay rights that began a generation before Stonewall, told through the life and unprecedented legal efforts of astronomer Franklin Edward Kameny. This discussion will be moderated by Jasmine Allen of PBS NH.

About the author: Eric Cervini is an award-winning historian of LGBTQ+ culture and politics. He graduated summa cum laude from Harvard College and received his Ph.D. in history from the University of Cambridge, where he was a Gates Scholar. *The Deviant's War* is his first book.

About the book: In 1957, Frank Kameny, a rising astronomer working for the U.S. Defense Department in Hawaii, received a summons to report immediately to Washington, D.C. The Pentagon had reason to believe he was a homosexual, and after a series of humiliating interviews, Kameny, like countless gay men and women before him, was promptly dismissed from his government job. Unlike many others, though, Kameny fought back. Based on firsthand accounts, recently declassified FBI records, and 40,000 personal documents, Eric Cervini's *The Deviant's War* unfolds over the course of the 1960s, as the Mattachine Society of Washington, the group Kameny founded, became the first organization to protest the systematic persecution of gay federal employees. It traces the forgotten ties that bound gay rights to the Black Freedom Movement, the New Left, lesbian activism, and



trans resistance. Above all, it is a story of America (and Washington) at a cultural and sexual crossroads; of shocking, byzantine public battles with Congress; of FBI informants; murder; betrayal; sex; love; and ultimately victory.

This program is presented by the Nashua Public Library in partnership with PBS NH and the following New England libraries: Memorial Hall Library, Manchester-by-the-Sea Public Library, Tewksbury Public Library, Rockport Public Library, Kimball Library, Beverly Public Library, Pollard Memorial Library, Nesmith Library, East Kingston Public Library, Laconia Public Library, Jaffrey Public Library, Dublin Public Library, Dover Public Library, Lane Memorial Library, Walpole Town Library, North Hampton Public Library, Etna Library, Hooksett Public Library, Belmont Public Library, Lynnfield Public Library, Newton Free Library, Groton Public Library.

## A Very Rockwell Christmas

Our favorite art educator, Jane Oneail, guides us this month through Norman Rockwell's depic-

tions of the humorous and heartwarming aspects of people coming together for the holidays. You are invited to join us in this Zoom event, on Tuesday, December 13 at 6:00 p.m. Painted over several decades, Rockwell's Christmas images capture universal scenes of celebration and joy, and have helped to shape American ideas about "the most wonderful time of the year."



Jane Oneail is an independent scholar and holds a master's de-

gree in Art History from Boston University and a master's degree in Art in Education from Harvard University. Jane is a New Hampshire native and has worked at some of the state's most esteemed cultural institutions, including the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen, where she served as executive director, and the Currier Museum of Art, where she held the role of senior educator. Jane has also taught at the college level for more than a decade, most recently at the NH Institute of Art. Find out more about Jane and her art programs on her website: [iamculturallycurious.com](http://iamculturallycurious.com).

Adult programs are for ages 16 and up (unless otherwise noted) and registration is required. To register for these programs, please visit our Events Calendar at <https://nesmithlibrary.org/calendar/month>.

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.

## Teen Happenings

Azra Palo,  
Head of Youth Services

The weather outside is frightful, but our teen programs this month are delightful! First up we have our monthly **Takeaway Teen Craft**. On Tuesday, December 6 you can pick up your own holiday ornament or DIY candle kit while supplies last.



Tweens are welcome to enjoy a warm chocolatey delight on Wednesday, December 21 starting at 6:30 p.m. with our **Tween Hot Chocolate Bar**.

Before December vacation week, teens are invited to our **First Annual Teen Holiday Party** starting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 20. If you would like to participate in the gift exchange, please bring a wrapped gift under \$10. There will be crafts and treats for everyone!

We'll be having our monthly **Teen Advisory Group** meeting on Tuesday, December 13 at 6:30 p.m. If you're interested in joining TAG and want to check out a meeting, register online and stop by! Questions about our teen or tween programming? Email Molly at [mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org).

Please note that programs labeled "teen" are for grades 7-12 only, and "tween" programs are for grades 4-8 only.

## Storytimes

Azra Palo

### Toddler Storytime

Mondays, December 5 and 12  
Fridays, December 2, 9, and 16  
10:30 a.m.

Ages 18 months to 3 years with caregiver. No registration required.

Toddler Storytime is back in person at Nesmith Library! Caregivers with children ages 18 months to 3 years can sing, dance, and follow along to stories and songs with Miss Chris, Mondays at 10:30 a.m., through December 12. Don't forget, we've added bonus Friday Toddler Storytimes in December! We ask that patrons please choose either Monday or Friday to attend. Older and young-

er siblings are also welcome. Questions? Email Chris at [csavukinas@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:csavukinas@nesmithlibrary.org).

### Baby Storytime

Wednesdays, December 7 and 14 at 10:30 a.m.

Ages 0-18 months. Registration not required.

All babies and their caregivers are invited to join us Wednesdays, December 7 and December 14 at 10:30 a.m. at the Nesmith Library for Baby Storytime! We will have stories, songs, dancing, and more for ages 0-18 months. Siblings are always welcome. Questions? Email Kirsten at [krickershauser@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:krickershauser@nesmithlibrary.org).

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

### Preschool Storytime

Thursdays, December 1, 8, and 15 at 10:30 a.m.

Ages 3-5 years. Registration required.

We are inviting our preschool friends ages 3-5 to join us for storytime! On Thursdays, December 1, 8, and 15 at 10:30 a.m., Miss Molly will lead us in a fun storytime including songs, dancing, and stories. This is an independent storytime. For more information about our Preschool Storytime, please email Molly at [mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org).

## Special Events for Children

Azra Palo

### Children's Hot Chocolate Takeaway

Monday, December 19

All ages. No registration required.

It's finally hot chocolate season! Stop by Nesmith Library on Monday, December 19 starting at 9:00 a.m. for your own hot chocolate ornament craft kit! Crafts are available while supplies last. Questions? Email Molly at [mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org).



### Mini "Gingerbread" Houses

Monday, December 15

6:00 p.m.

All ages. In person. No registration required.

Young patrons of all ages are invited to sign up to make their own gingerbread house on Thursday, December 15 at 6:00 p.m.

We will provide the graham crackers, frosting, candy, and more. We ask that participants arrive promptly at 6:00 p.m. in order to have the full experience. Patrons are only required to bring their creativity for this fun winter holiday event.

Caregivers must remain in the library while children are participating in the event, and we ask that they actively assist children under age 5.

Tag us @Nesmith.Library if you choose to put your creations on Instagram.

If the weather tries to interfere with our fun, we may package up the supplies as a takeaway for you to pick up instead. Please consider following us on Facebook and Instagram for updates as the event approaches.

For more information, email Azra at [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org).



## Monthly Children's Programs

Azra Palo

### Snowman Takeaway Craft

Friday, December 2

All ages. Registration not required.

We may not have our snowman friends here for the season, but we can get ready to welcome them with this snowman craft! Starting at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, December 2 we'll have a fluffy snowman craft available for all ages for you to take home and make. Crafts are available while supplies last. Questions? Email Molly at [mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org).

### STEAM Takeaway: Snow Globes

Monday, December 5

Ages 6-11. Registration required.

Have you ever seen a snowstorm in a jar? Now is your chance to make your very own STEAM inspired snow globe with the Nesmith Library! Registration is required and families are welcome to pick up their kits starting Monday, December 5 at 9:00 a.m. Takeaway kits not picked up by Monday, December 12 will be given to patrons on the waitlist. Questions? Email Azra at [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org).

### Create Club: Snowman Ornaments

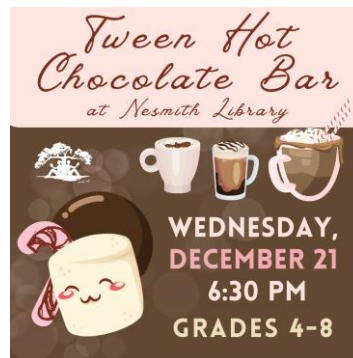
Saturday, December 17

2:00 p.m.

Ages 6-11, in person. Registration required.

Young patrons ages 6-11 are invited to sign up for December's Create Club. This month we're going to summon our winter spirits and build some snowman ornaments! Caregivers are welcome to join in or not, but they must remain in the library as their children participate. For more information, please email Kirsten at [krickershauser@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:krickershauser@nesmithlibrary.org).

### Tween Hot Chocolate Bar



Wednesday, December 21

6:30 p.m.

Grades 4-8, in person. Registration required.

Want to make the most epic hot chocolate of your life? Come see all the options you can have for your chocolatey delight on Wednesday, December 21 at 6:30 p.m. The crazier the creation, the more fun! For questions or concerns about food allergies, please email Molly at [mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org).

### Magic Tree House Explorers

Monday, December 19

6:00 p.m.

Ages 6-11, in person. Registration required.

Young patrons ages 6-11 are invited to join us Monday, December 19 at 6:00 p.m. for a surprisingly tropical meeting of the Magic Tree House Explorers! This exploration will take us back to summer, when the weather was good and the beach was a must. Caregivers are welcome to join in or not, but they must remain in the library as their children participate. Young explorers don't have to read the *Magic Tree House* books to participate, but we highly recommend the series. For more information, email Kirsten at [krickershauser@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:krickershauser@nesmithlibrary.org).

## December Vacation Week Activities

Azra Palo

### December Vacation Week Scavenger Hunt

Tuesday, December 27 through Saturday, December 31

All ages. Registration not required. In person.

Young patrons are welcome to join us at the Nesmith Library for a fun scavenger hunt during December school vacation week! Stop by

anytime between Tuesday, December 27 and Saturday, December 31 to pick up your scavenger sheet. When you complete the sheet, bring it to the children's desk and win a small prize!

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





## Visit with Snow Sisters Elsa and Anna!



Wednesday, December 28

10:30 a.m.

All ages. Registration not required. In person.

Let it go, let it go!

Meet Snow Sisters Elsa and Anna at Nesmith Library on Wednesday, December 28 at 10:30

a.m.! We'll be singing, dancing, and so much more with our special winter friends! Questions? Email Azra [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org).

## Lego Drop-in



Thursday, Dec. 29

All ages. Registration not required. In person.

Join the Nesmith Library as we celebrate New Year's Eve with a special Lego drop-in! Stop by on Thursday, December 27 anytime between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. as we enjoy a treat, a craft, and of course play with Legos! This program does not require registration, but supplies are limited. Questions? Email Azra [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org).

## Dates to Remember

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|------|---|-------|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| 12/1 | Preschool Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Nesmith Knitters, 12:30-2:30 p.m.; Holiday Luminary Craft, 6:00 p.m. | 12/12 | FLOW Winter Crafts Pick Up, 9:00 a.m.; Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Library Board of Trustees, 6:30 p.m.   | way Craft, 9:00 a.m.;                 |  |
| 12/2 | Children's Snowman Takeaway Craft, 9:00 a.m.; Friday Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.                    | 12/13 | FLOW Winter Crafts Pick Up, 9:00 a.m.; Virtual Rockwell Christmas, 6:00 p.m.; Teen Advisory Group, 6:30 p.m. | Magic Tree House Explorers, 6:00 p.m. |  |
| 12/5 | STEAM Takeaway, 9:00 a.m.; Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Handbell Choir Concert, 7:00 p.m.           | 12/14 | Baby Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Library Book Group, 6:00 p.m.  | 12/20                                 | FLOW Book Donations Deadline; Teen Holiday Party, 6:30 p.m.  |
| 12/6 | Teen Holiday Takeaway, 9:00 a.m.; FLOW meeting, 6:30 p.m.   | 12/15 | Preschool Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Nesmith Knitters, 12:30-2:30 p.m.; Mini Gingerbread Houses, 6:00 p.m.       | 12/21                                 | Tween Hot Chocolate Bar, 6:30 p.m.                           |
| 12/7 | Baby Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Virtual NH PBS Book Discussion, 7:00 p.m.                                 | 12/16 | Friday Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.   | 12/24                                 | Christmas Eve, Library Closed                                |
| 12/8 | Preschool Storytime, 10:30 a.m.   | 12/17 | Create Club, 2:00 p.m.   | 12/25                                 | Christmas, Library Closed                                    |
| 12/9 | Friday Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.  | 12/19 | Children's Hot Chocolate Take-   | 12/26                                 | Library Closed   |
|      |   |       |  | 12/27-31                              | Vacation Week Scavenger Hunt in Children's Room              |
|      |   |       |  | 12/28                                 | Snow Sisters Elsa and Anna Visit Nesmith Library, 10:30 a.m. |
|      |   |       |  | 12/29                                 | Lego Drop-in, 6:00 p.m.                                      |
|      |   |       |  | 1/1/23                                | New Year's Day, Library Closed                               |
|      |   |       |  | 1/2                                   | Library Closed   |

## Nesmith Library

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Sylvie Brikiatis

## Service Hours

Monday – Thursday  
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 – 5:00 p.m.

The Nesmith Library will be closed Saturday, December 24 through Monday, December 26 for Christmas. It will also be closed Sunday, January 1 and Monday, January 2 for New Year.

