

# The Nesmith NEWS

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## Laissez Les Bon Temps Rouler

Molly Pevna,  
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Librarian*

Or in English, “Let the good times roll,” because it’s going to be Mardi Gras! We have a lot going on this month, so get ready!



On Wednesday, February 3 we have our February Teen Takeaway Kits available for pickup during curbside hours (10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.) while supplies last. You could say that they’re the bomb, and they definitely include chocolate!



Following up on the next day, Thursday, February 4 we have a Teen Virtual Hangout at 4:00 p.m. There won’t be any kind of agenda, just register on our website to

come hangout, catch up with friends, and maybe play some games!



We can’t forget about Fat Tuesday, or as it’s better known, Mardi Gras! We’ll be having a Teen Mardi Gras Takeaway Craft available for pickup during curbside hours (10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.) on Wednesday, February 10 while supplies last.



To finish off we’ll be having our second Tween Foodie Challenge on Wednesday, February 17. The challenge kits will be available during curbside hours while supplies last. After you complete your challenge send us

a picture of your completed creation to be featured on our social media!



As always, we’ll be having our Teen Advisory Group (TAG) meeting on Tuesday, February 2 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. TAG members can register online via the link on our website. Interested in learning more about TAG, register to check out a meeting?



A note on age ranges: all “tween” events are for grades 4-8 and all “teen” events are for grades 7-12.

Questions? Email Molly at [mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org).

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## February Adult Programming

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

Happy Valentine's Day and hello, Mardi Gras! Having lived in Biloxi, Mississippi for a few years, I have fond memories of colorful parades, wonderful parties, and lots of fun during Mardi Gras season. If you've never experienced Mardi Gras, I highly recommend Biloxi's festivities. They're a bit tamer than their New Orleans neighbor, but just as much fun. Laissez les bon temps rouler!



### Nesmith Library Book Group

Virtual programming will continue, including our Nesmith Library Book Group. This month we'll meet virtually on Wednesday, February 10 at 6:30 p.m. Early that week, I'll be sending out an email with the link to our Zoom room. This month we've been reading *The Silent Patient* by Alex Michaelides. 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 second Wednes-

day of the month at 6:30 p.m. In order to participate, 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. Email me at [mschroeter@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:mschroeter@nesmithlibrary.org) or call me at the library to register.

### Scattergories on Facebook



After another successful run of Scattergories on Facebook, I've decided to make it a monthly event! On the first Monday of every month we'll be posting games at noon. Respond in the comments and see how creative you can be with your answers! Our previous games have yielded some very imaginative responses from some very ingenious players. On February 1, go to Facebook and search for Nesmith Library (@nesmithlibrary) and don't forget to like our page while you're there!

### Own Voices Tell Black History

In celebration of Black History Month, we'll be offering a self-paced, virtual program called Own Voices Tell Black History. Each Friday in February, you are invited

to participate in our recommended video series featuring authors, artists, and thinkers speaking about Black history and identity.



Use and share our links to watch a variety of informative and engaging TED Talks. View the videos any time that is convenient for you! Look for the links on February's event calendar on our website. Many thanks to our wonderful and talented Social Media/Digital Literacy Librarian, Chelsea Paige, for putting this informative program together!

### Mardi Gras Mask



On Thursday, February 11, stop by the library between the hours of 10:00 and 7:00 to pick up our adult takeaway craft, a Mardi Gras mask! We'll provide the mask and everything you need to decorate, including feathers, sequins, and glitter. You supply the creativity and the glue! There will even be a bead necklace in the kit to help you get into the Mardi Gras spir-

## February Adult Programming (Continued)

it...Let the good times roll! This takeaway craft is for Nesmith patrons ages 18 and up, and no registration is required. There is a limit of one craft per household, and they are only available until our limited supplies run out.

### The History of Agriculture as Told by Barns



Barns can tell us a great deal about the history of agriculture in New Hampshire, and on Thursday, February 25 at 6:30 p.m. we'll welcome John Porter (virtually) to share those stories. Mr. Porter's presentation will follow the progression of barn styles that evolved to handle the increased productivity required to meet the needs of a growing population and respond to changes in society caused by the

railroad and the Industrial Revolution. He will also demonstrate how these majestic barn structures represent Yankee ingenuity, hard work, and skilled craftsmanship, as well as providing a link to our past that adds to the state's scenic beauty.

John Porter was raised on a dairy farm in Lebanon, New Hampshire. He graduated from the University of New Hampshire with a B.S. Degree in Animal Science, and then went on to get a master's degree from Cornell University in Animal Nutrition and Farm Management. In 2005, he earned a master's degree in Education Administration from Bob Jones University. He served as a Dairy Specialist for the UNH Cooperative Extension from 1974 until his retirement in 2006. He still works part-time for UNH, specializing in structures and farmstead planning. In 2001, he co-authored the book *Preserving Old Barns*; in 2007, he was editor and contributing author of *The History and Economics of the New Hampshire Dairy Industry*; in 2011 he was a contributing au-

thor of *Crosscurrents of Change: Concord, N.H. in the 20th Century*; and in 2019 he published a new edition of *Preserving Old Barns: Preventing the Loss of a Valuable Resource*.

This program is made possible by a generous grant from the New Hampshire Humanities!

[www.nhhumanities.org](http://www.nhhumanities.org)



This online Zoom program is for ages 16 and up, and registration is required. Register online by visiting [www.nesmithlibrary.org/calendar](http://www.nesmithlibrary.org/calendar). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

If you have any questions about registration for any of these adult programs, please call the Nesmith Library at 432-7154 or email Adult Programming Librarian Maria at [mschroeter@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:mschroeter@nesmithlibrary.org).

## Anti-Racist Resources Statement

### Nesmith Library Staff and Trustees

During this difficult time, the Nesmith Library reaffirms our commitment to providing services, resources, and materials to meet the cultural, educational, and informational needs of our entire community. We are committed to making choices that reflect our dedication to anti-racism and equality through the programs we run, the materials we purchase, and the messages we send. We continue to listen, learn, grow, and change for the better.

We stand against oppression, racism, and injustice and encour-

age our community to stand with us. We stand with the other voices in our nation calling for immediate action to end systemic racism and discrimination. As library professionals, our role is to provide thoughtfully curated, collected, and disseminated resources and information in order to educate and facilitate change. The library staff has assembled resources to help our community understand and give voice to the issues we are facing and move forward with new perspective and purpose.

Anti-Racist Reading Lists are

for caregivers talking to children, and teen and adult readers looking to re-educate themselves on topics of racial justice.

For this book list with links to our catalog, visit our [Anti-Racist Reading Lists](#) page. Place these items on hold through our catalog to participate in curbside borrowing.

We invite input from our community on how we can engage more fully and promote a more equitable environment where everyone is treated with respect and dignity.

## Children's Takeaway Crafts and STEAM

Azra Palo,  
Head of Youth Services

### Takeaway Children's Craft

Get creative with our takeaway craft from the Nesmith Library! Stop by the library on Mondays. Call the library at 603-432-7154 when you arrive, and we will put the craft out for your child. Every Monday (see website for curbside hours). No craft on Monday, February 15. No registration necessary. Supplies are limited. All ages.

### STEAM @Nesmith Library

Pick up your supplies starting Monday, February 8! Families will

work in teams. Join us on Zoom Thursday, February 11 at 4:00 p.m. to share your creations virtually. You do not need to attend the Zoom event in order to complete the STEAM craft. Registration is required. Recommended for ages 5+. Younger siblings welcome.

Questions? Email our Head of Youth Services Azra Palo at [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org).



## Virtual Storytimes

Azra Palo

### Valentine's Day Storytime

Thursday, February 11  
6:30 p.m.  
All ages. No registration.



Join us for a special Valentine's Day Storytime on Facebook Live starting at 6:30 p.m. on our Nesmith Library Facebook Page! We will read stories, sing, and maybe dance. No registration required and all ages welcome. Join us in your jammies and hot cocoa! Questions? Email our Head of Youth Services Azra Palo [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org).

### March Storytime Kit

Pick Up: Monday, February 22  
Ages 0-5 years  
Registration required.

One storytime kit per family. Please register your family together and note the children's ages, so that we can provide the age appropriate crafts! Kits will include a virtual takeout menu, goodies, a craft for each child, and more!

Register for a storytime kit every month and join us virtually for special crafts, storytimes, and more! Questions? Email Head of Youth Services Azra Palo [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org).

### Toddler Storytime

Monday, February 8  
10:30 a.m.

Ages 18 mo-3 yrs. Siblings welcome. Registration required.

Join us for toddler time with Miss Chris! We will read stories, sing, and maybe dance. This program is for toddlers ages 18 months to 3 years supervised by an adult caregiver. Toddler storytime lasts approximately 20-25 minutes. Questions? Email Ms.

Chris at [csavukinas@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:csavukinas@nesmithlibrary.org).

### Preschool Storytime

Thursday, February 18  
10:30 a.m.  
Ages 3-5 years  
Registration required.

It's time for a special February storytime! We'll be singing songs and reading books around a special theme! So join us on Thursday, February 18 at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom. Questions? Email Molly at [mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org).

### Baby Storytime

Wednesday February 24  
10:30 a.m.

Ages 0-18 months. Siblings welcome. Registration required.

Join us for baby storytime! We will read stories, sing, and maybe dance. It is a perfect chance to virtually connect with other caregivers. This program is geared towards babies, but all are welcome to join. Questions? Email our Head of Youth Services Azra Palo [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org).

## FLOW Update

Sandy Sun,  
FLOW Publicity

Coming soon! FLOW's 2021 Book Fair and Build a Buddy event is going DIGITAL! The online book fair will be held in March. FLOW members will be given early access to shop through our website, and they will also be given codes to use for discounts.



More information will be posted on our website, [www.flowwindham.org](http://www.flowwindham.org).

Note that FLOW will not be collecting used book donations until fur-

ther notice.

Money raised from the 2020 holiday raffles earned the Nesmith Library its first study pod. Thank you to everyone!



## Dates to Remember

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| 2/1 Children's Takeaway Craft, 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.; Scattergories on Facebook begins at noon  | 2/9 Nesmith Library Board of Trustees, 6:00 p.m.   | 2/18 Virtual Preschool Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Virtual Nesmith Knitters, 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. |
| 2/2 Virtual Teen Advisory Group, 6:30 p.m.   | 2/10 Teen Mardi Gras Takeaway Craft, 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.; Virtual Nesmith Library Book Group, 6:30 p.m.                                 | 2/19 Virtual Own Voices Tell Black History, 9:00 a.m.                                     |
| 2/3 Teen February Takeaway Kit, 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.   | 2/11 Adult Takeaway Craft, 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.; Virtual STEAM @Nesmith Library, 4:00 p.m.; Virtual Valentine's Day Storytime, 6:30 p.m. | 2/22 Children's Takeaway Craft, 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.                                    |
| 2/4 Virtual Nesmith Knitters, 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.; Virtual Teen Hangout, 4:00 p.m.   | 2/12 Virtual Own Voices Tell Black History, 9:00 a.m.  | 2/24 Virtual Baby Storytime, 10:30 a.m.   |
| 2/5 Virtual Own Voices Tell Black History, 9:00 a.m.   | 2/15 Library closed for Washington's Birthday; Virtual FLOW Board, 6:30 p.m.   | 2/25 Virtual History of Agriculture as Told by Barns, 6:30 p.m.                           |
| 2/8 Children's Takeaway Craft, 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.; Pick-up for STEAM @Nesmith Library, 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.; Virtual Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. | 2/17 Tween Foodie Chal-  | 2/26 Virtual Own Voices Tell Black History, 9:00 a.m.                                     |

## Nesmith Library

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Phone:  
(603) 432-7154

Website:  
[www.nesmithlibrary.org](http://www.nesmithlibrary.org)

### Phone 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.

Sunday Closed

### Curbside Pickup Hours

Monday – Thursday  
10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Fri. 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sat. 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Sunday Closed

Nesmith Library will be  
**CLOSED**  
on Monday, February 15  
for Washington's  
Birthday.

