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Library Sesquicentennial Display and Celebration

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Throughout 2021, we are celebrating 150 years of service in the Windham community! Visit the display in our magazine area to see artifacts from the three building spaces Nesmith Library has occupied, and grab a bookmark to remind you to save the date for our Sesquicentennial Celebration, Saturday, September 18, including a self-guided tour of the three locations and further activities!

One of the artifacts in this display is an invitation to the June 21, 1871 dedication and formal opening of Nesmith Library. From 1871-1899, the library was open to the public, but it was contained in an upper room at the back of Town Hall. Colonel Thomas Nesmith left a large donation to subsidize the purchase of the expanded collection and to support the library in the years to come, and his will stipulated that the Town of Windham would employ a librarian to care for the collection.

Peruse the Dedication Exercises of the Armstrong Building,

available in the Heidenblad Room or digitized through the Internet Archive (visit our website for the link: <https://www.nesmithlibrary.org/windham-nh-resources>). George Washington Armstrong pledged to build and donate a dedicated building for Nesmith Library, so that the collection could be moved out of the cramped apartments it occupied in Town Hall. On June 25, 1898, a town meeting was held at which the name of the donor was revealed and the decision to build the Armstrong Building was formalized. The Armstrong Building was dedicated and opened on January 4, 1899.

The display features a number of construction

photos from 1997, as the current Nesmith Library building was being constructed at the top of the town complex hill. The current building housing Nesmith Library was opened to the public on August 28, 1997. This photo shows (left to right) Library Director Mark Lankin, staff librarian Alberta Corvi, and library patrons Rachel Hebert and Rose Boda, along with others who attended the dedication. Read more about this day in our *Windham Independent* archives (visit our website for the link: <https://www.nesmithlibrary.org/windham-nh-resources>).

We hope to see you on Saturday, September 18 for the full Sesquicentennial Celebration!

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July Adult Programming

*Maria Schroeter,
Adult Collection Development and
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Adult Summer Reading Program

Summer reading is back and with it the chance to win great prizes just for reading! The national theme this summer is “Tails and Tales,” and registration opened on June 21 and will continue throughout the summer. Look for the Adult Summer Reading Program registration link on our website. The first 50 people to sign up can pick up a registration bag that includes Lindt chocolate (generously donated by Lindt, Master Swiss Chocolatier) and other Summer Reading swag, starting on Monday, June 28! As part of the program, you will earn a raffle ticket for each book read (and yes, audio books count) for a chance to win prizes. You must be a Nesmith Library card holder and you must register to be eligible. Once you’ve enrolled, start reading (only library materials count) and when you return your items, pick up a raffle ticket at the front desk (one ticket per item), fill out your ticket, and drop it in the container that corresponds to the prize you hope to win! Prizes include a gift certificate to the Windham Junction Country Gift Shop Kitchen (generously donated by the Windham Junction & Kitchen) and a gift card to The Copper Door (generously donated by The Copper Door). Raffles will be drawn at the Trivia Night Wrap Party on August 12.

Nesmith Library Book Group

We will continue with a combination of in person and virtual programming throughout the summer. The Nesmith Library Book Group will meet in person, if the weather cooperates. We’ll be meeting outside, under our summer reading tent, on Wednesday, July 14, and

the time will be dependent on if we are meeting in person or virtually (in person will be at 5:30 and virtually will be 6:30). Early that week, I’ll be sending out an email with the meeting information, and if necessary, with the link to our Zoom room. This month we’ve been reading *The Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman. 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 2nd Wednesday of the month. 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.

Scattergories on Facebook

Scattergories on Facebook is taking a break for the summer. Look for a special themed Scattergories to return on September 13.

Off with Their Heads!



What better time than around Bastille Day for Off with Their Heads!, a virtual presentation from our favorite art historian, Jane

Oneail! Join us virtually on Thursday, July 15 at 6:00 p.m. to learn about the art of the French Revolution. From the over-the-top-lavish lives of the royals at Versailles to portraits of revolutionary leaders to triumphant images of Napoleon, this program will examine artwork from this period of tremendous political upheaval. With works by French masters, including Elisabeth Vigee Le Brun, Jacques-Louis David, and Jean Auguste Dominique Ingres, we’ll consider the role of paintings in the struggle for power in the late 1700s and early 1800s.

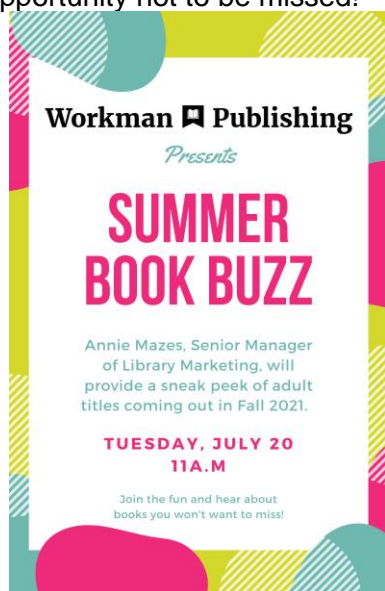
Jane Oneail is an independent scholar and holds a master’s degree in Art History from Boston University and a master’s degree in Art in Education from Harvard University. Jane is a New Hampshire native and has worked at some of the state’s most esteemed cultural institutions, including the League of 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 N.H. Institute of Art. Find out more about Jane and her art programs, on her website: iamculturallycurious.com.

Workman Publishing Book Buzz

Interested in hearing about the hottest upcoming books directly from the publisher? Then tune in for this virtual event, Workman Publishing Book Buzz, on Tuesday, July 20 at 11:00 a.m. when Annie Mazes, Senior Manager for Adult Library Marketing at Workman Publishing, gives us the inside scoop on some of their new fall

July Adult Programming (Continued)

titles! This is a special opportunity not to be missed!



Paint Your Pet Workshop

Join us on Tuesday, July 20 at 6:00 p.m. to create a painted portrait of your own lovable pet!

Artist Tif Farmakis-Day will be leading the workshop through in-class demonstrations, where you will learn the basics of drawing and acrylic painting. Bring a photo of your pet to work from or use one of the images available at the class.



Open to first-time and experienced artists, no drawing experience is required. All materials, including instructional handouts and tips, will be provided. This class will be held in our

outdoor programming tent, so dress for the weather. In the event of rain, we will meet on Thursday, July 22 instead. To see Tif's amazing art, check out her website at www.tifdoesart.com.

This month's adult programs are for ages 16 and up, and registration is required. Register online by visiting www.nesmithlibrary.org/calendar. After registering for the virtual programs, you will receive a confirmation email for each event containing information about joining the webinars.

For more information on any of these programs or if you have any questions, please contact our Adult Programming Librarian, Maria, at mschroeter@nesmithlibrary.org, or call the library at 603-432-7154.

The Sun Gets Hot

Molly Pevna,
Youth/Teen Services Librarian

Nesmith Library is a really cool spot, because Teen Summer Reading 2021 is here! Get excited because all events are live in person, outdoors under our tent, and there is no registration.

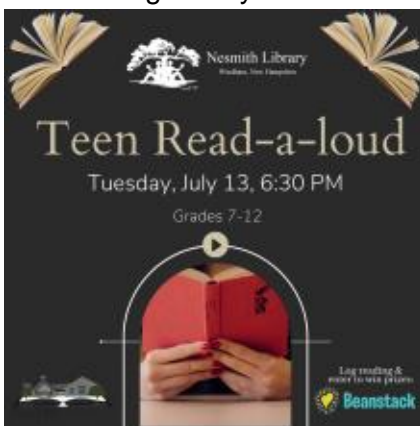
Be sure to check out our **Kick-Off Party** on June 29 at 6:30 p.m.! We'll be playing lawn games, making pocket sloths, and of course, there will be snacks.



On July 6 at 6:30 p.m., we'll be having our **Summer Reading**

Mascot Meet and Greet with Irene the mini-horse. Come visit!

Ever miss when your teacher used to read aloud to you in class? Then come to our **Teen Read-a-loud** on Tuesday, July 13 at 6:30 p.m.! We'll have snacks, so bring a blanket and get cozy.



And don't worry, we'll be having a **Tween Read-a-loud** on July 27 at 6:30 p.m. as well!

Or come make something with Jay Mankita on July 21 at 3:30 p.m. at our special **Tween STEAM Workshop**.



As always, we'll be having a teen takeaway, except it's in person! On July 7 and July 21, we'll be having a **Teen Takeaway Kit** night. We'll be meeting in the tent at 6:30 p.m. to do it together!

Children's July Programs

Azra Palo,
Head of Youth Services

Tails and Tales Children's Summer Reading Registration

Going on NOW.

Ages 0-12.

Beanstack registration.

Young Nesmith Library patrons can register online now for Summer Reading using our Beanstack software. After registering, they can immediately start logging their books to win raffle tickets towards our end-of-summer reading prizes!



Virtual Nesmith Library Children's Summer Reading Kick Off!

Thursday, July 1, 10:30 a.m.

All ages.

Registration required.

Bark like Clifford the Big Red Dog...and hop like Peter Rabbit! Steve Blunt and Marty Kelley are going to take us for a fun, upbeat sing-along safari of animal-themed tunes 'n' tales – a musical menagerie with music and movement

July Storytimes

Azra Palo

Storytime Under the Stars

Thursdays, July 15 and 29.

6:30 p.m.

All ages. No registration.

Outside (under the tent).

Come to the Nesmith Library for TWO special nights of storytime under the stars. The whole family

activities to charm even the most ferocious of little beasts! Register online through our events calendar.

Questions? Email Molly at mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org.

Meet and Greet: Lumpi (Children's Summer Reading Mascot 2021)

Wednesday, July 7, 10:30 a.m.

Ages 0-12.

No registration required.

Join us under the tent at the Nesmith Library starting at 10:30 a.m. to meet our real-life children's 2021 summer reading mascot, Lumpi the bunny! Lumpi and his owners will be available for photos, answer questions, and more! One family at a time will be allowed to pet Lumpi. Questions? Email our Head of Youth Services Azra Palo at apalo@nesmithlibrary.org.

Bedtime Kit



Mondays, July 12 and 26.

Registration required.

Takeaway (one per family).

Put the focus on family time

with Nesmith Library Bedtime Kits, full of quiet activities for settling down before bedtime. Register once for the whole family, then pick up your Bedtime Kit starting Monday, July 12. Come on in or call us (603-432-7154) when you arrive if you prefer curbside pickup, and we will bring your kit out to the table in front of our doors.

Questions? Email Molly at mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org.

Crafternoons

Mondays, July 12, 19, and 26.
2:00-4:00 p.m.

All ages.

No registration required.

Each week there will be a new craft under the tent! Supplies are limited, this program is drop in.

Questions? Email Azra at apalo@nesmithlibrary.org.

STEAM @Nesmith Library

Tuesday, July 20.

3:30-4:30 p.m.

Recommended ages: 5-12 yrs.

Registration required.

Register through our events calendar to do your kit in person (under the tent), or pick up after 3:30 p.m. to do at home!

Questions? Email our Head of Youth Services Azra Palo at apalo@nesmithlibrary.org.

is welcome to engage in stories, songs, and more!

Questions? Email Head of Youth Services Azra Palo at apalo@nesmithlibrary.org

Super Special Storytime

Friday July 30, 10:30 a.m.

All ages. No registration.



July Storytimes (Continued)

Join the entire Nesmith Library Youth Services staff for a very special storytime on Friday, July 30 starting at 10:30 a.m. under the tent! Come meet the librarians, who will be doing baby, toddler, and pre-school storytime in the fall. All are welcome, and no registration is required.

Family Storytime

Thursdays, July 8 and 22 at 10:30 a.m.

All ages.

No registration required.

Come join Miss Molly under the tent as we sing, dance, and read some books. All ages are welcome! Questions? Email

Miss Molly at mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org.

Toddler Storytime

Mondays, July 12 and 26 at 10:30 a.m.

Ages 18 months to 3 years. Siblings welcome.

No registration required. Outside (under the tent).

Join us for toddler time with Miss Chris! 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 Miss Chris at csavukinas@nesmithlibrary.org.

@nesmithlibrary.org.

Baby Storytime

Wednesdays, July 14 and 28 at 10:30 a.m.

Ages 0-18 months.

Siblings welcome.

No registration required. Outside (under the tent).

Our very youngest Nesmith Library patrons are invited to wiggle and sing with the Nesmith Library staff, under the tent, on July 14 and July 28 starting at 10:30 a.m.!

Questions? Email our Head of Youth Services Azra at apalo@nesmithlibrary.org.

Nesmith Library

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(603) 432-7154

Website:
www.nesmithlibrary.org

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.
(Curbside Only)

The Nesmith Library will be closed on Sunday, July 4 and Monday, July 5 for Independence Day.

Dates to Remember

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| 7/1 | Virtual Children's Summer Reading Kickoff, 10:30 a.m.; Virtual Nesmith Knitters, 12:30-2:30 p.m. | p.m. | 7/13 | Teen Read-a-loud, 6:30 p.m. | Workshop, 3:30 p.m.; Teen Takeaway Craft, 6:30 p.m. | |
| 7/4 | Independence Day, Library Closed | | 7/14 | Baby Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Library Book Group, 5:30/6:30 p.m. | 7/22 | Family Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Paint Your Pet Workshop Raindate, 6:00 p.m. |
| 7/5 | Federal Holiday, Library Closed | | 7/15 | Nesmith Knitters, 12:30-2:30 p.m.; Virtual "Off with Their Heads!" Program, 6:00 p.m.; Storytime Under the Stars, 6:30 p.m. | 7/26 | Pick Up Bedtime Kits, 9:00 a.m.; Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Tails and Tales Crafternoon, 2:00-4:00 p.m. |
| 7/6 | Teen Summer Reading Mascot Meet and Greet, 6:30 p.m. | | 7/19 | Tails and Tales Crafternoon, 2:00-4:00 p.m. | 7/27 | Tween Read-a-loud, 6:30 p.m. |
| 7/7 | Children's Summer Reading Mascot Meet and Greet, 10:30 a.m.; Teen Takeaway Craft, 6:30 p.m. | | 7/20 | Virtual Workman Publishing Book Buzz, 11:00 a.m.; STEAM @Nesmith Library, 3:30 p.m.; Paint Your Pet Workshop, 6:00 p.m. | 7/28 | Baby Storytime, 10:30 a.m. |
| 7/8 | Family Storytime, 10:30 a.m. | | 7/21 | Tween STEAM | 7/29 | Storytime Under the Stars, 6:30 p.m. |
| 7/12 | Pick Up Bedtime Kits, 9:00 a.m.; Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Tails and Tales Crafternoon, 2:00-4:00 | | | | 7/30 | Super Special Storytime, 10:30 a.m. |

