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Brick Fundraiser Update

Sylvie Brikiatis,
Library Director

As many of you know, the Nesmith Library has had an ongoing campaign to raise money by selling engraved bricks to help offset the cost of redoing our brick walkways. We started this campaign last fall, so I thought I would give everyone a little update on where we are in the process. Unfortunately, this project has been affected by the changes brought by the pandemic and the economic climate. The initial rough estimates that I received early on

in this process no longer reflect the real cost. Everything from the cost of materials to the cost of labor has increased. I am actively looking for funding alternatives to complete the brick project, but it will not be completed as early as I had hoped.

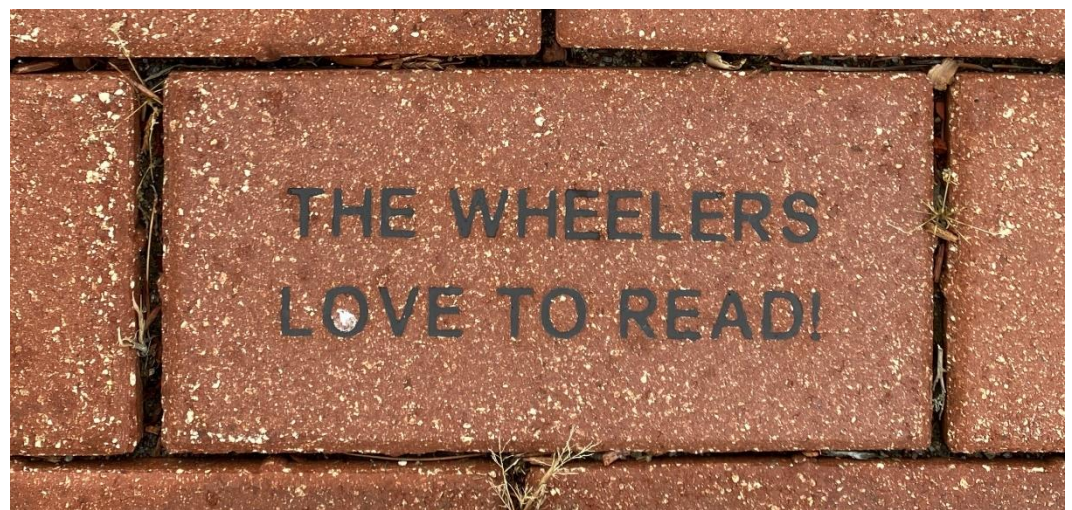
On the plus side, this means that anyone who has not purchased a brick and would like to do so, still has time to get their order in. Our fundraising efforts have been right on track and in a pre-pandemic world we

would have had enough funding to proceed. We are using some of the funds raised to purchase pavers now and lock in the price, and hopefully we will be underway with the full project soon.

On a separate note, it has been wonderful to see the library back to normal, with a full slate of programming and traffic through our building close to pre-pandemic levels. I look forward to seeing everyone this summer.

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July Adult Programming

Maria Schroeter,
Adult Collection Development /
Adult Programming Librarian

Happy Fourth of July! Be safe, enjoy some good food, and hopefully the skies will be clear for parades and fireworks. We've got some great new titles coming out this month. *The It Girl*, the latest from best-selling thriller author Ruth Ware, will be out on July 12. Jennifer Chiaverini is back with *Switchboard Soldiers*, a novel that tells the story of the women of the US Army Signal Corps during WWI. And from Paul Hollywood, a judge on *The Great British Bake Off*, comes *Bake: My Best Ever Recipes*. 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.

Adult Summer Reading

A reminder that Summer Reading registration began on Monday, June 27! Adults can register online using Beanstack, or in person at the library, and then visit the library to pick up a registration bag, while supplies last! There will be raffle drawings at the end of the summer, and a few surprise ones at select programs! Details are on our website: www.nesmithlibrary.org.

Library Book Group

The Nesmith Library Book Group will meet in person on Wednesday, July 13 at 6:00 p.m. This month we've been

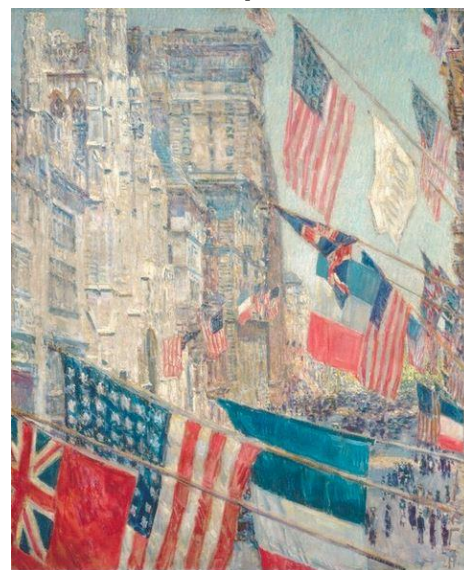
reading *The Forest of Vanishing Stars* by Kristin Harmel. If you didn't have a chance to read the book, no worries! Come to the meeting and start with our next book (title to be revealed shortly!) and mark your calendar. We typically meet every second Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. To participate, you must have a Nesmith Library card or a card from one of the libraries in our consortium, you need to be over age 16, and you must register.

(Virtual) Summer Soups from the Garden with Liz Barbour



Summer soups need to be quick, easy, and nutritious. Add in freshly harvested herbs and vegetables from your garden or local farm stand and you are on your way to something wonderful! Join us (virtually on Zoom) on Tuesday, July 12 at 6:00 p.m., when Liz Barbour from The Creative Feast demonstrates two delicious soup recipes you can have on the dinner table in minutes. For more information about Liz, visit her website: www.thecreativefeast.com.

(Virtual) Childe Hassam and American Impressionism



Learn more about the Impressionist style in America and its leading practitioner, Childe Hassam, when we welcome back art educator Jane Oneail for a virtual Zoom program on Thursday, July 21, at 6:00 p.m. Follow the artist from his European training, to the Old Lyme Art Colony, to the Isles of Shoals as he captured the beauty of the New England coast and inspired his fellow Impressionists.

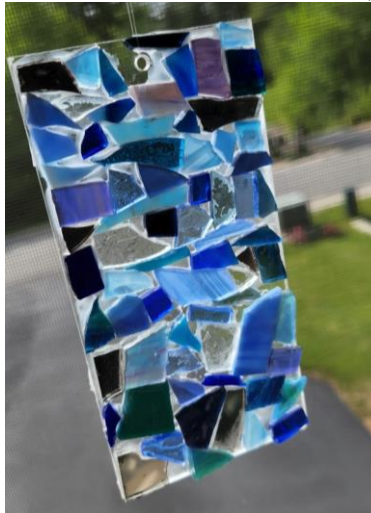
Jane Oneail is an independent scholar and holds a master's degree in Art History from Boston University and a master's degree in Art in Education from Harvard University. Jane is a New Hampshire native and has worked at some of the state's most esteemed cultural institutions, including the

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: www.iamculturallycurious.com.

Rectangle Sun Catchers

On Wednesday, July 27 at 6:00 p.m., Kitri and Leslie from Ways of Color will teach us to create a fantastic stained-glass craft at Nesmith Library! We'll be making Rectangle Sun

Catchers using real glass and your creativity! This class is open to adult Nesmith Library card holders of all skill levels,



and all materials will be provided. This always popular

program is for Nesmith card holders only and has limited capacity, so register early. To see Ways of Color's amazing art, check out their website at www.waysofcolor.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 or call the library at 603-432-7154.

July Events for Teens and Tweens

Molly Pevna,
Youth/Teen Services Librarian

Tides ebb and flow, as seasons come and go. We hope you have registered for our Oceans of Possibilities Summer Reading Program. You can register on Beanstack and start writing Book Bucks reviews at any time this summer to earn prizes, both from the prize cabinet and by entering our end of summer prize raffle drawings.

Our **Teen Mermaid Scrub Takeaway** kit will be as good for your skin as a relaxing soak. Visit us to pick up your kit starting Tuesday, July 5 while supplies last. Create your very own **Teen Captain's Log** on Tuesday, July 12, 6:30 p.m. to learn bullet journaling to help track emotions, create daily

routines and rituals, and help keep yourself on course.



Tweens (grades 4-8) are invited to our **Percy Jackson Party** on Tuesday, July 19, 6:30 p.m. for Percy Jackson trivia, crafts, blue snacks, and of course, Pin the Eye on the Cyclops!

Our very special **Bermuda Triangle Escape Room** will take place on Tuesday, July 26. There will be an hour for tweens to register and attend from 5:30-6:30 p.m., and an hour for teens to register and attend from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Please visit <https://nesmithlibrary.org/calendar/> to register and challenge yourself to complete our Escape Room!

Questions about any of our programs or teen services in general? Please email Molly at mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org. Note that any programs labeled *Teen* are for grades 7-12 and any programs labeled *Tween* are for grades 4-8.

From the Children's Room

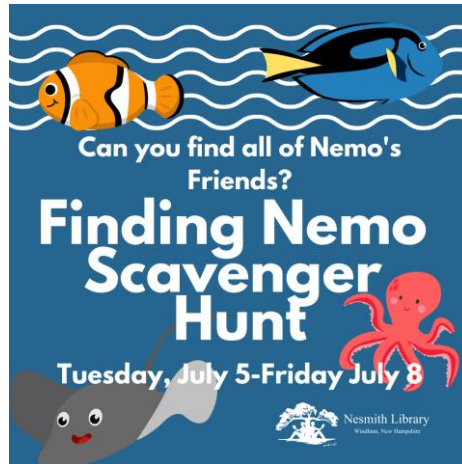
Molly Pevna

Splash into Summer Reading with us! Children of all ages and caregivers can enjoy a wide variety of events with us this summer, and we hope you will register on Beanstack to log your reading and enter our prize raffle drawings!

We're hosting **Storytime at the Town Beach** on Fridays, July 1, 15, and 22 at 10:30 a.m. Attendees must provide their own transportation and meet us at the Windham Town Beach at 45 Cobbetts Pond Road. The Town Beach and this storytime are open to Windham residents. Non-residents may attend as guests of a Windham resident, who is also in attendance. If there is rain, meet us at Nesmith Library instead for a beach themed indoor storytime!



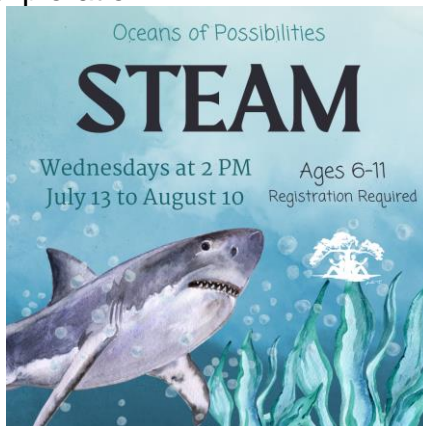
Nesmith Library is closed on Sunday, July 3 and Monday, July 4, but when we reopen, please visit the Children's Room for a **Finding Nemo Scavenger Hunt** from Tuesday, July 5 through Friday, July 8. Complete the scavenger hunt page and turn it in for a small prize while supplies last!



On Mondays, July 11, 18, and 25, visit us for each week's ocean themed craft on **Make It Mondays!** Stop by and pick up a kit to take home, or stay and make your craft with us!

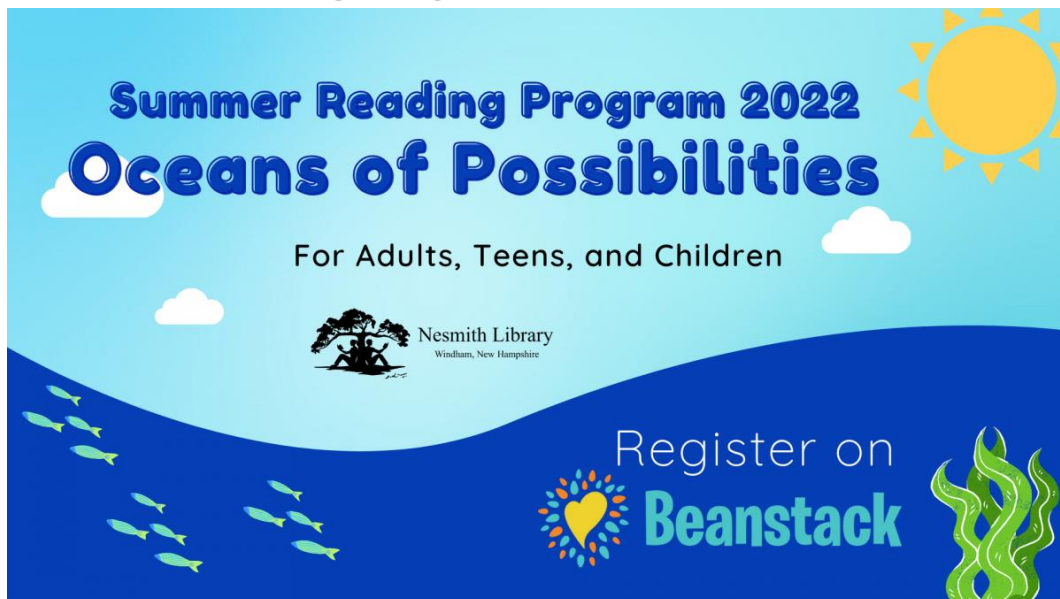


STEAM continues this summer with our Oceans of Possibilities theme. Caregivers should register and attend with children ages 6-11 each week on Wednesdays, July 13, 20, and 27 at 2:00 p.m. for science experiments and crafts celebrating ocean life and exploration.



We have some thrilling Thursday special events planned for you this summer! Children ages 0-5 can enjoy a **Camping Evening Storytime** with us on Thursdays, July 7 and 28 at 6:30 p.m. for s'mores, pretend campfires, and stories in our pajamas! On Thursday, July 14 at 10:30 a.m., children of all ages are invited to attend with a caregiver for **Wildlife Encounters**, to meet and learn about animals you've probably never gotten to pet before! Nesmith Library is excited to host town departments and local businesses for **Touch-a-Truck**, on Thursday, July 21 at 10:30 a.m.! You'll be able to see and explore larger than life vehicles from the Windham Highway Department, peek inside a limo, or take a stroll down to the police and fire stations further down Fellows Road to see what a police car and fire truck look like on the inside. We hope to "sea" children of all ages for the **Marine Animals: Whales and Seals** interactive presentation with the UNH Marine Docents, on Thursday, July 28 at 10:30 a.m. We will learn about how marine mammals stay warm, how big they are, and how they eat. We'll be exploring these topics with hands-on activities such as blubber gloves, feeding frenzy, and measuring a whale! Questions about any of our programs or youth services in general? Please email Molly at mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org.

Summer Reading Program 2022



Dates to Remember

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| 7/1 Storytime at the Town Beach, 10:30 a.m. | 9:00 a.m. | Impressionism, 6:00 p.m. |
| 7/3-4 Library closed for Independence Day | 7/12 Summer Soups, 6:00 p.m.; Teen Captain's Log, 6:30 p.m. | 7/22 Storytime at the Town Beach, 10:30 a.m. |
| 7/5 Children's Finding Nemo Scavenger Hunt, 9:00 a.m.; Teen Mermaid Scrub Takeaway, 9:00 a.m. | 7/13 STEAM: Oceans of Possibilities, 2:00 p.m.; Library Book Group, 6:00 p.m. | 7/25 Make It Mondays: Children's Craft, 9:00 a.m. |
| 7/6 Children's Finding Nemo Scavenger Hunt, 9:00 a.m. | 7/14 Wildlife Encounters, 10:30 a.m. | 7/26 Tween Bermuda Triangle Escape Room, 5:30 p.m.; Teen Bermuda Triangle Escape Room, 6:30 p.m. |
| 7/7 Children's Finding Nemo Scavenger Hunt, 9:00 a.m.; Nesmith Knitters, 12:30-2:30 p.m.; Camping Evening Storytime, 6:30 p.m. | 7/15 Storytime at the Town Beach, 10:30 a.m. | 7/27 STEAM: Oceans of Possibilities, 2:00 p.m.; Stained Glass Craft for Adults, 6:00 p.m. |
| 7/8 Children's Finding Nemo Scavenger Hunt, 9:00 a.m. | 7/18 Make It Mondays: Children's Craft, 9:00 a.m. | 7/28 Marine Animals: Whales and Seals, 10:30 a.m.; Camping Evening Storytime, 6:30 p.m. |
| 7/11 Make It Mondays: Children's Craft, | 7/19 Tween Percy Jackson Party, 6:30 p.m. | |
| | 7/20 STEAM: Oceans of Possibilities, 2:00 p.m. | |
| | 7/21 Touch-a-Truck, 10:30 a.m.; Virtual Childe Hassam and American | |

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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.

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