

# The Nesmith NEWS

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## Happy 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Nesmith Library!

Sylvie Brikiatis,  
*Library Director*

The Nesmith Library is turning 150 in June. After receiving a donation of \$3,000 from Colonel Thomas Nesmith for the purpose of establishing a public library, Windham dedicated the Nesmith Library in June of 1871. By the end of the first fiscal year the librarian had used the majority of those funds to purchase approximately 1,600 volumes for the library and in the first eight months of existence had circulated 3,443 books! The library was located in a small corner of the upstairs

room at Town Hall until the Armstrong building was opened in 1899. And we moved to our current location in August of 1997.

Normally June would have been a great time to celebrate the library's birthday, but given the ongoing Covid guidelines we decided to move our main celebration to September. More details to come soon, but we will have a wonderful birthday celebration on Saturday, September 18. In the meantime, keep an eye out for a series of fun

articles, posts, displays, and smaller activities and events. The first of these posts was this past week. Chelsea uncovered a trend in March vs May circulation. Historically March has always had much stronger circulation than May and the community is challenged to upend this trend this year. Let's boost our May numbers this year. E-books are an easy way to get a book in hand if you can't make it into the library.

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## PLEASE CONTINUE WEARING A MASK



All visitors must wear a mask when entering the library building, per the Nesmith Library Board of Trustees and the Town of Windham's continuing mask mandate.



### CURBSIDE PICKUP CONTINUES

If you are unable to wear a mask, we are happy to provide curbside service for you! Please call us when you arrive: 603-432-7154

## May Adult Programming

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

The month of May brings us flowers (after our April showers,) but it also brings us Mother's Day and the unofficial start of summer, Memorial Day! Time to clean the grill, pull out the deck furniture, and get ready to relax outdoors with a library book!

### Nesmith Library Book Group

Virtual programming will continue, but the Nesmith Library Book Group will meet in person, if the weather cooperates. We'll be meeting outside on Wednesday, May 12, 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 *Dear Edward* by Ann Napolitano. 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 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



Scattergories on Facebook will continue! 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 smart players. On May 3, go to Facebook and search for Nesmith Library (@nesmithlibrary) and don't forget to "like" our page while you're there!

### Lyme Disease: From Prevention to Treatment



With the warmer weather ticks have made their appearance again, and with them comes the threat of Lyme disease. Join us virtually on Thursday, May 13 at 6:00 p.m., when David Hunter will present Lyme Disease: From Prevention to Treatment. Some of the topics David will cover are testing, diagnosis, co-infections, imitator illnesses, the politics of Lyme, the impact of Lyme on children, and Lyme disease support groups.

David Hunter has been a long-time Lyme activist, advocating for patients on both the state and local levels in Connecticut for seven years. He was chairman of the Committee for Education Reform for Children with Lyme Disease (CERCLD), chairman of the Tribury Lyme Disease Task Force, and facilitator for the Tribury Lyme Disease Support Group in Southbury,

Connecticut. He was a member of the Connecticut Lyme Disease Coalition, as well. Throughout his years of advocacy, David has given numerous Lyme presentations to raise public awareness and correct the many myths and misunderstandings that are associated with Lyme disease. He has also helped thousands of patients sort through their symptoms and illness and helped guide them to proper, more effective care. Now a New Hampshire resident of 11 years, David is continuing his Lyme efforts in his new home state. He is facilitator for the Greater Manchester Lyme Disease Support Group, and he is also chairman of the Bedford Lyme Disease Council. In 2010 and 2011, he served on the New Hampshire Lyme Legislation Committee that worked on the Lyme bill and got it passed into law. He was featured in the NH Chronicle program in July 2010 entitled Living with Lyme: New Hampshire's Exploding Epidemic. He also served on the New Hampshire House Lyme Disease Subcommittee and helped steward a second Lyme bill through to passage in 2015.

### Takeaway Wreath Craft



On Tuesday, May 18, get ready to celebrate the red, white, and blue holidays (Memorial Day, Flag

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Day, and the Fourth of July) with this colorful tissue-paper flower wreath. Everything you need is included in the takeaway kit: wire-wreath frame; white-tissue paper flowers; red-tissue paper flowers; blue tissue-paper flowers; and instructions. For indoor use only. This takeaway craft is for Nesmith Library patrons ages 18 and up. No registration is required. There is a limit of one craft per household, and they are only available until our limited supplies run out.

### Life Downstairs: British Servant Culture in Fact, Fiction, and Film



While master/servant narratives have been popular for centuries, there seems to be a resurgence of interest in these stories in recent years. Join us virtually on Wednesday, May 19 at 6:30 p.m.

when English professor Ann McClellan examines the reasons why these plot lines intrigue us and introduces us to some of the works that represent this genre. Many contemporary British and North American writers, filmmakers, and television executives have explored the master/servant relationship in their works. Films like *The Remains of the Day* and *Gosford Park* garnered numerous Oscar nominations and substantial box office profits. PBS created such classics as *Upstairs, Downstairs* and *Manor House*, as well as the phenomenally successful *Downton Abbey*. Even mainstream American television has piloted its own versions of the British servant in shows as wide-ranging as *The Fresh Prince of Bel Air* to reality TV's *Supernanny*. Learn more as Ann explores the history behind the rise and fall of British servants and why Americans are so fascinated by their stories on page and screen.



This online program is made possible by a generous grant from New Hampshire Humanities.

Ann McClellan is professor of English and interim provost and vice president of academic affairs at Plymouth State University where she teaches 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century British literature. She is the author of *How British Women Writers Transformed the Campus Novel* (2012), *Sherlock's World: Fanfiction and the Reimagining of BBC's Sherlock* (2018), and several articles on cultural topics ranging from servants on screen to social media, fan fiction, and Sherlock Holmes. She is currently writing a new monograph on Black Sherlock Holmes adaptations.

This month's virtual programs are 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 for each program 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](mailto:mschroeter@nesmithlibrary.org), or call the library at 432-7154.

## It's Gonna Be May!

Molly Pevna,  
Teen Services Librarian

And we have a whole heap of things happening. Like our first in person TAG meeting of the year! Molly has missed you guys a whole heck of a lot. So, we'll be having our first **Teen Advisory Group** (TAG) meeting Tuesday, May 4 at 6:30 p.m. on the library lawn. Everyone will get their own special hula hoop to sit in, so we can all safely socially distance. Masks and

registration are both also required. Don't feel quite up to in person yet? That's okay, email Molly to get the information on how to call into the meeting.

The next day, we'll also have the **May Teen Takeaway Kits**, which are spring themed! Succulents anyone? Kits can be picked up during curbside hours (10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.) on Wednesday,

May 5. Kits are available while supplies last.



To finish up the month we have the **Tween Foodie Challenge** happening on Wednesday, May

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19. Pickup will also be during curbside hours.

We'll also be having College Admissions Coach Extraordinaire Nancy Steenson again! On Tuesday, May 18 at 6:30 p.m. Nancy

will be hosting a virtual presentation via Zoom on **How to Prepare for College During a Pandemic**. Middle and high school students and parents are welcome to register.

Please note the age groups for teen programs are grades 7-12 and tween programs are grades 4-8. Questions about this or any of the programs? Email Molly at [mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org).

## May Children's Programming

Molly Pevna

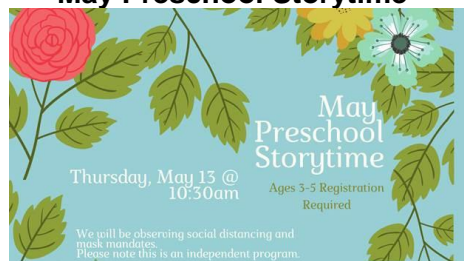
### May Takeaway Crafts



Every Monday, except May 31. No registration necessary. Supplies are limited. All ages.

Get creative with our takeaway from the Nesmith Library! Stop by the library during curbside hours to pick up yours. Call the library at 603-432-7154 when you are at the library, and we will put the craft out for your child. Questions? Email Azra Palo, Head of Youth Services, [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org).

### May Preschool Storytime



Join us for our first outdoor Preschool Storytime of the year! Stories, songs, and more with Miss Molly. Registration required. For ages 3 to 5.

Sing a song, dance a new dance, and enjoy some stories at Preschool Storytime! On Thursday, May 13, at 10:30 a.m., Miss Molly will lead us in a fun time including songs, dancing, and stories, on the outdoor lawn areas at Nesmith Library.

Registration is limited so that we can observe appropriate social distancing between children on the lawn. Participants are required to follow social distancing guidelines and mask mandates.

This program is weather-dependent: we will contact registrants if we have to cancel or reschedule. Please also note that this is an independent program. Caregivers are welcome to wait in the library or in their vehicles while their children are in the program.

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

### June Storytime Kit

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

### May STEAM Kits

Recommended for ages 5-12. Pick up your kit supplies start-

ing Monday, May 10 during curbside hours! Families will work in teams. Registration required. Questions? Email Azra Palo at [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org).

### May Toddler Time



Join us for a Toddler Time hosted by Miss Chris! Stories, songs, and dancing outdoors. Registration required, space limited.

Sing a song, dance a new dance, and enjoy some stories at an outdoor family storytime at the Nesmith Library! On Monday, May 17, at 10:30 a.m., Miss Chris will lead us in a fun storytime for families including songs, dancing, and stories, on the outdoor lawn areas of Nesmith Library.

Registration is limited so that we can observe appropriate social distancing between families on the lawn. Participants are required to follow social distancing guidelines and mask mandates.

This program is weather dependent: we will contact registrants if we have to cancel or reschedule. Questions? Email Chris at [csavukinas@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:csavukinas@nesmithlibrary.org).

## FLOW Strawberry Festival & Book Fair and Membership

Sandy Sun,  
FLOW Publicity

Although we still can't celebrate together at the Strawberry Festival this year, we are bringing the taste you know and love in a convenient ready to eat kit!

Pre-orders for the strawberry shortcake complete kits are going on through June 4. The kit includes: our freshly baked biscuits (baked safely in a commercial kitchen by the Wendy's staff), our strawberry recipe (also prepared safely in a commercial kitchen by Wendy's staff), whipped cream, and Friendly's vanilla ice cream. Kits are \$20 for a family 4 pack and \$28 for a family 6 pack. The link to pre-order the kits is:

<https://www.flowwindham.org/2021strawberryfestival>

Pick up date is June 5

from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Shaw's Market in Windham. Proceeds benefit the Nesmith Library. Supplies are limited. Pre-order your kit today. Current Friends of the Library of Windham (FLOW) members will be receiving promo codes in their email to put towards their take home kits as a membership benefit.



Thank you to the following businesses for their contributions: Wendy's restaurants, Shaw's Supermarket in Windham, Hannaford in Londonderry, Howie Glynn's in

Windham, and Market Basket in Londonderry.

Join FLOW today! Choose from a variety of memberships and payment options, starting at only \$10. Membership dues provide free and reduced-price admission to local museums and attractions, academic grants, book fairs, Strawberry Festival, enhanced programming for all ages, library enhancements including automatic handicap accessible doors, projection system, portable sounds system, and more. Click here for more information:

<https://www.flowwindham.org/become-a-member>.

## Dates to Remember

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| 5/3 Children's Takeaway Craft, 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.; Scattergories on Facebook begins at noon            | 5/12 Library Book Group, 5:30 or 6:30 p.m.   | 5/24 Children's Takeaway Craft and June Storytime Takeaway Kit, 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.    |
| 5/4 Teen Advisory Group, 6:30 p.m.   | 5/13 Preschool Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Lyme Disease, 6:00 p.m.  | 5/30 Library Closed   |
| 5/5 Teen Takeaway Kit, 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.  | 5/17 Children's Takeaway Craft, 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.; Toddler Time, 10:30 a.m.   | 5/31 Library Closed   |
| 5/6 Virtual Nesmith Knitters, 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.; Virtual Strawberry Festival Planning Committee, 6:30 p.m. | 5/18 Takeaway Wreath Craft, 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.; Nesmith Library Board of Trustees, 6:00 p.m.; Virtual Navigating College Admissions, 6:30 p.m. | 6/3 FLOW Book Fair Preview, 2:00-7:00 p.m.  |
| 5/8 Mi Libro de Espanol with Michelle Tieman, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.                                       | 5/19 Tween Foodie Challenge, 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.; Virtual Life Downstairs, 6:30 p.m.  | 6/4 FLOW Book Fair, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.  |
| 5/9 Library Closed   | 5/20 Virtual Nesmith Knit-   | 6/5 Strawberry Shortcake Kit Pick Up at Shaw's and FLOW Book Fair, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. |
| 5/10 Children's Craft and STEAM Takeaways, 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.  |  |   |

## Nesmith Library

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Windham, NH 03087

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(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.

Sun. 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

### Indoor Browsing and 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.

Sun. 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.  
(Curbside Pickup Only)

