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Buy a Brick Fundraiser

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Our Buy a Brick Fundraiser remains open while our project planning and bid process are ongoing. This is good news if you haven't yet submitted your brick orders. Please do so as soon as possible, since this helps us to assess our fundraising needs and plan for construction. Thank you to everyone who has already supported

our project. We are still hoping for the project work to be done this year.

Please visit our website for more information, and please share with anyone who may not have seen our updates: <https://nesmithlibrary.org/buy-brick-fundraiser>.

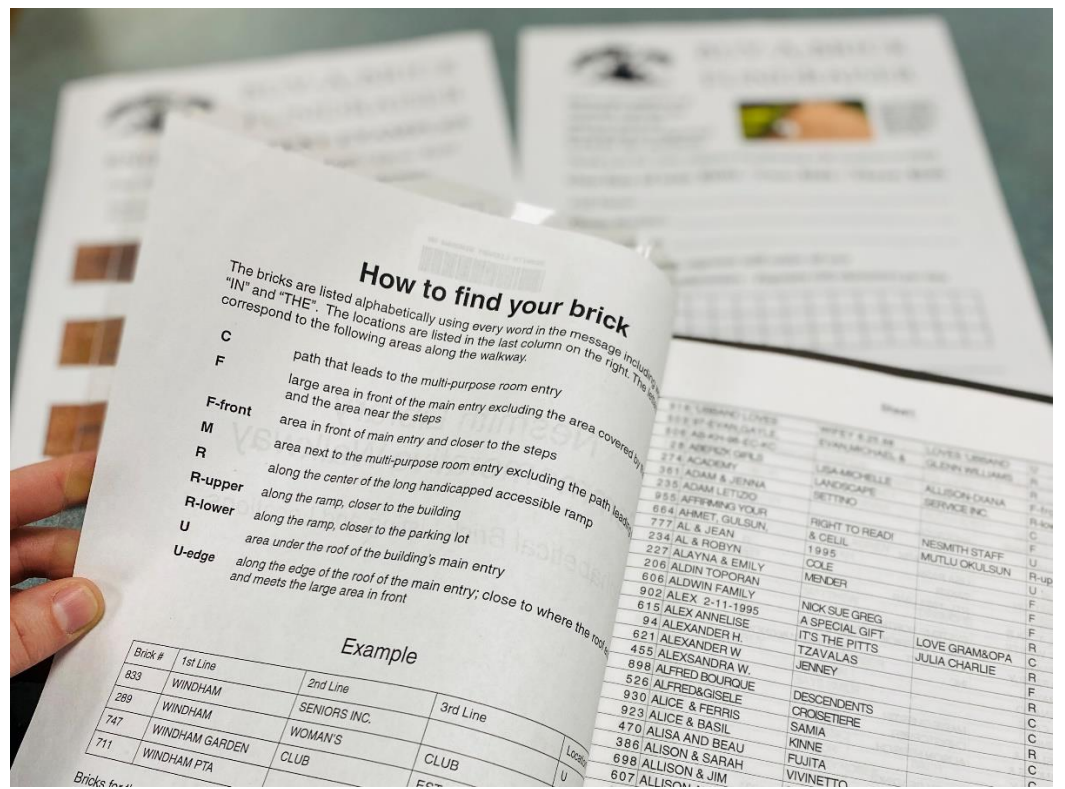
You can also go directly to the Friends of the Library of Windham website if you

would like to pay with a credit card: <https://www.flowwindham.org/shop>.

Pictured below is the folder at our front circulation desk, which contains the list and map of all of the bricks that are currently in our walkway. We plan to update the map when the new bricks are added so that everyone can locate their bricks going forward as well.

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May Adult Programming

Maria Schroeter,
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Happy Mother's Day, and we welcome the unofficial start of summer with Memorial Day! We've got some great new titles coming out this month: *The Book Woman's Daughter* by Kim Michele Richardson, the sequel to the bestselling *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek*; *Meant to Be* by Emily Giffin, an against-all-odds love story; and *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt, that the publisher describes as a "charming, witty and compulsively readable exploration of friendship, reckoning, and hope that traces a widow's unlikely connection with a giant Pacific octopus." 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.

Library Book Group

The Nesmith Library Book Group will meet in person on Wednesday, May 11 at 6:00 p.m. This month we've been reading *Rock Paper Scissors* by Alice Feeney. 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. 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.

N.H. Civil War Monuments

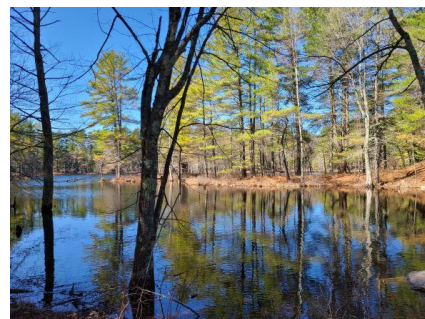


New Hampshire towns did not erect monuments to prior wars, but the emotional and family toll, unprecedented in American history, drove the decision to honor our local soldiers and sailors of the Civil War. On Thursday, May 5 at 6:30 p.m., local historian George Morrison will take us on a tour of these memorials during Vanished Veterans: New Hampshire Civil War Monuments and Memorials, a New Hampshire Humanities program, co-hosted by the Windham Historical Society. From Seabrook to Colebrook, Berlin to Hinsdale, along Main Streets and 19th-century dirt roads, in city parks and on town greens, in libraries and town halls, and in cemeteries prominent and obscure, Mr. Morrison located, inventoried, and photographed the fascinating variety of New Hampshire's Civil War memorials. He shares his dis-

coveries, from the earliest obelisks, to statuary and artillery, to murals, cast iron, stained glass, and buildings from the 1860s through the 1920s.

First-born son of a naval-aviator-turned-marine-biologist and a librarian, George Morrison's first grade teacher had him lecture in middle school science classes. When his favorite sixth grade teacher predicted he'd become either a teacher or priest, he was unconvinced. After earning a B.A., History, UNH, 1982, he served 30 years as a high school teacher. A long-time researcher of unpublished primary sources, he has contributed to the work of aviation historians and artists in several countries. A life-long photographer, historian, and motorcyclist, he traveled over 18,000 miles in the course of this project, which was sparked after noticing a puzzling 1918 monument inscription. This program is made possible through a grant from New Hampshire Humanities.

Bird Walk at Foster's Pond



Join us on Thursday, May 12 at 8:00 a.m., when Steve Hale

from Open World Explorers guides us on a one-hour bird walk at the Foster's Pond Trail in Windham! We'll meet at the parking lot at the Nashua Road Courts and start our walk promptly at 8:00 a.m., rain or shine. Since we'll be looking for birds in their natural habitat, quiet is a must, so this is an adults-only program. Dress appropriately for the weather, and don't forget your binoculars and bird guides!

Steve Hale of Open World Explorers holds university degrees in marine biology, evolutionary biology, and ecology. He has lived in New Hampshire over 20 years and has explored most of the state. An avid hiker, birder, and experienced naturalist, Steve loves to share his experience and knowledge with

others eager to learn. In April 2016, Steve formed Open World Explorers to more fully share his knowledge and experiences in ecology, ornithology, and Earth science, and to help others find personal value in the natural history and landscape of the area.

Patriotic Centerpiece Craft



On Wednesday, May 25 at 6:00 p.m., get creative with us just in time for our national summer holidays! We'll be making a festive patriotic center-

piece craft, which will include two paper pennants that we'll be crafting by hand, as well as additional red, white, and blue decorations! All materials will be provided. Just bring your creativity and your patriotic spirit! Registration is required. Contact us if you register but can't attend so that we can make space for another attendee.

Adult programs are for ages 16 and up (unless otherwise noted). 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.

May Programs for Teens

*Molly Pevna,
Youth/Teen Services Librarian*

"It's gonna be May!" So it's time to get excited for our last full month of teen programs before it's time for summer reading. Can you believe it?



To start the month strong, we're having our regular Teen Advisory Group meeting on Tuesday, May 10 at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested in TAG, but not sure you want to join, you're

welcome to sit in on a meeting to get to know what we're about.



As we get to the middle of the month we'll be having our monthly Tween Game and Make, where we play some video games, eat snacks, and also do some crafts. If you're interested in joining us, we'll meet on Wednesday, May 18, at 3:30 p.m. No registration is

necessary to participate, just stop on by.

To round out the month we'll be having a Teen String Art Takeaway Craft on Tuesday, May 31. It will be available starting at 9:00 a.m., while supplies last.

Questions about any of our programs or the teen department in general? Email the teen librarian, Molly, at mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org.

Please note: any programs labeled "Teen" are for grades 7-12, and any programs labeled "Tween" are for grades 4-8.

Nesmith Library Youth Services

Azra Palo,
Head of Youth Services

1000 Books Before Kindergarten



Our first ever 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Celebration

will be happening Saturday, May 7 from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. Any participant is welcome to stop by, do a craft, and enjoy a treat! Questions? Email Azra Palo apalo@nesmithlibrary.org.

Lego Book Challenge

With special thanks to Eric DeLong, the Nesmith Library had our first Lego Book Challenge! Eric is the town of

Windham's IT director and the one responsible for the iSpy December Lego display every year. Families were invited to use a book made of Legos and create a special literary scene. These creations will be available in the front display cabinet starting in May, so make sure you come and check them out!

Storytime Session #5

Azra Palo

Online registration is open for Nesmith Library Toddler and Preschool Storytimes. Please see the website for details about our registrations and (non-registered) weekly baby and family storytimes. Note that families can only attend one weekly storytime per session. If you have questions about our storytimes, please email Azra Palo apalo@nesmithlibrary.org.

Toddler Storytime

Mondays starting May 2
10:30 a.m.
Ages 18 months – 3.5 years.
Siblings welcome.
Registration required. In person.
Session #5 of Toddler Storytime starts Monday, May 2 at 10:30 a.m. Registration is weekly and opens up the week before a storytime. 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.

Baby Storytime

Wednesdays starting May 4
10:30 a.m.
Ages 0-18 months.
Siblings welcome. In person. Registration not required.
All babies and their caregivers are invited to join us for our last session of Baby Storytime for the school year starting Wednesday, May 4 at 10:30 a.m. for ages 0-18 months hosted by the Nesmith Library. Stories, songs, and dancing. Siblings are welcome. Space is limited. Questions? Email Kirsten at krickershauser@nesmithlibrary.org.

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays starting May 5
10:30 a.m.
Ages 3.5-5 years.
Registration required. In person.
Join us for our fifth session of Preschool Storytime at the Nesmith Library starting Thursday, May 5 at 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs, and more with Miss Molly. Registration required. For ages 3-5 years. This is an independent storytime, and we ask that patrons stay on the library grounds during the program. Please know that for Preschool Storytime, we ask that your child be able to attend most, if not all, the storytimes. For more information about our Preschool Storytime, please email Molly at mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org.

Family Storytime

Fridays starting May 6
10:30 a.m.

Ages 0-5 years.

No registration required. In person.

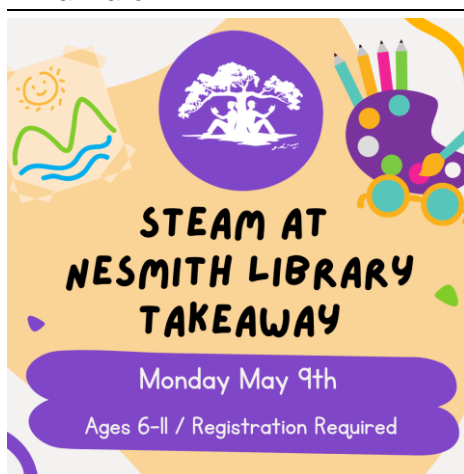
Join us for Family Storytime for our last session for the school year starting Friday, May 6 at 10:30 a.m. Families with

young ones ages 0-5 years are welcome to stop by (no registration needed) for a relaxed storytime with songs and books that fit all age groups. Questions? Please email Azra Palo atapalo@nesmithlibrary.org for more information.



Monthly Children's Events

Azra Palo



STEAM @ Nesmith Library

Baking Soda Paint

Monday, May 9

9:00 a.m.

Ages 6-11 suggested.

Registration required.

Takeaway.

Nesmith Library patrons are invited to register for our monthly STEAM Takeaway! May will be the last monthly STEAM craft until fall 2022. Don't worry, we will have STEAM activities during the summer, so stay tuned. Patrons will be able to pick up this painting craft starting Monday, May 9 at 9:00 a.m. For more

information about our STEAM programs, email Azra Palo at apalo@nesmithlibrary.org.

Monthly Tween Event

Video Games and Craft

Wednesday, May 18

3:30 PM

Grades 4-8.

No registration required. In person.

It's always the same dilemma: wanting to play video games and craft all at the same time! Well, here is the answer to your problem! Stop by Wednesday, March 18 at 3:30 p.m. to make your own personalized craft and play a couple of rounds of your favorite classic video games!

Create Club

Saturday, May 21

2:00 p.m.

Ages 6-11

Registration required. In person.

Young patrons aged 6-11 are invited to sign up for May's Create Club. This is the last

Create Club before we pause for the summer, and we'll be working with a little-known craft supply – the clothespin! With them, we will make and paint adorable little hedgehogs. Caregivers are welcome to join in or not, but they must remain in the library as their children participate.



Please note: We will be using acrylic paint for this craft, so be sure to dress accordingly.

For more information please email Kirsten Rickershauser at krickershauser@nesmithlibrary.org.

37th Annual Strawberry Festival and Book Fair

37th ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL AND BOOK FAIR

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library of Windham (FLOW)

Join us for music, entertainment, books, games, food, raffles, homemade strawberry shortcakes, and more!

When: Saturday June 4, 2022 from 12:00pm to 6:00pm

Where: Windham High School – 64 London Bridge Road

Festival activities are planned for both inside and on the school's grounds. In the event of rain, all activities will be moved inside.

Please visit www.flowwindham.org for more information.

Dates to Remember

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| 5/2 Toddler Storytime, 10:30-11:30 a.m. | 5/10 Teen Advisory Group, 6:30 p.m. | a.m. |
| 5/4 Baby Storytime, 10:30-11:30 a.m. | 5/11 Baby Storytime, 10:30-11:30 a.m.; | 5/20 Family Storytime, 10:30-11:30 a.m. |
| 5/5 Preschool Storytime, 10:30-11:30 a.m.; | N.H. Library Book Group, 6:00 p.m. | 5/21 Create Club, 2:00-3:00 p.m. |
| Civil War Monuments, 6:30 p.m. | 5/12 Bird Walk at Foster's Pond Trail, 8:00 a.m.; | 5/23 Toddler Storytime, 10:30-11:30 a.m. |
| 5/6 Family Storytime, 10:30-11:30 a.m. | Pre-school Storytime, 10:30-11:30 a.m. | 5/25 Baby Storytime, 10:30-11:30 a.m.; |
| 5/7 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Celebration, 1:00 p.m. | 5/13 Family Storytime, 10:30-11:30 a.m. | Patriotic Craft for Adults, 6:00 p.m. |
| 5/8 Library closed for Mother's Day | 5/16 Toddler Storytime, 10:30-11:30 a.m. | 5/26 Preschool Storytime, 10:30-11:30 a.m. |
| 5/9 STEAM Takeaway, 9:00 a.m.; | Toddler Storytime, 10:30-11:30 a.m.; | 5/27 Family Storytime, 10:30-11:30 a.m. |
| Toddler Storytime, 10:30-11:30 a.m.; | Baby Storytime, 10:30-11:30 a.m.; | 5/29-30 Library closed for Memorial Day |
| Library Board of Trustees, 6:30 p.m. | Tween Game & Make Afternoon, 3:30-4:30 p.m. | 5/31 Teen String Art, 9:00 a.m. |
| | 5/19 Preschool Storytime, 10:30-11:30 | 6/4 Strawberry Festival (see above) |

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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.

The Nesmith Library will be closed on Sunday, May 8 for Mother's Day and Sunday, May 29 and Monday, May 30 for Memorial Day.

