



# The Nesmith NEWS

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## October Adult Programming

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Adult Collection Development and  
Adult Programming Librarian*

My favorite season is here, and I am loving the cooler temps and beautifully colored leaves. Makes me want a cup of tea, a cozy blanket, and a book!

### New Book Releases

Speaking of books, here are a few of the books releasing in October. *The Blue Hour* by Paula Hawkins, author of *The Girl on the Train*, is releasing on Oct. 29. Freida McFadden's latest, *The Boyfriend*, is publishing on Oct. 1. This cookbook (Oct. 22) speaks to me, *The "I Don't Want to Cook" Book: Dinners Done in One Pot: 100 Low-Prep, No-Mess Recipes for Your Skillet, Sheet Pan, Pressure Cooker, and More!* Christmas and Hanukkah books are starting to publish: *The December Market* by Raeanne Thayne (Oct. 8), *The Merry Matchmaker* by Sheila Roberts (Oct. 1), *Most Wonderful* by Georgia Clark (Oct. 15), and *Love You a Latke* by Amanda Elliot (Oct. 8). 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.

### Nesmith Library Book Group

The Nesmith Library Book Group will meet on Wednesday, October 9 at 6:00 p.m. Currently, the book group is not accepting new members, and the waitlist is full. However, if you are willing to travel down the road a bit to the Rodgers Memorial Library in Hudson, they have six different book groups and a crime podcast club that are open to all, and they welcome Nesmith patrons! Find out more at [www.rodgerslibrary.org/book-groups](http://www.rodgerslibrary.org/book-groups).

### Virtual Visit to The Strong National Museum of Play

We love museum talks, and this one is guaranteed to be fun – it's The Strong National Museum of Play in Rochester, N.Y.! On Tuesday, October 1, at 7:00 p.m.,



Christopher Bensch, Vice President for Collections, will lead us on a virtual tour showing what's new and awesome at the museum. In June 2023, The Strong opened a 90,000 square foot expansion that takes the museum experience to a new level. This presentation will share some of the creative thinking and innovative design that shaped the resulting building, exhibits, and experiences that will delight millions of visitors in the years ahead. Come get a glimpse inside the processes and explore the results that fill the only museum of its kind in the world. Visit The Strong's website at [www.museumofplay.org](http://www.museumofplay.org). This program is presented with Ashland (Mass.) Public Library.

### Medicare Essentials

Whether you are new to Medicare or have been on it for years, there are a lot of changes coming in 2025. Are you ready? Join us on Thursday, October 3, at 6:00 p.m. when Nesmith Library welcomes Dr. Tanya Feke for an engaging and interactive talk about Medicare. Not only will you learn the basics about how the Medicare program works, you will learn tips on how to pick the best Medicare plan, where you can cut out-of-pocket costs, and what changes are coming in 2025. Be sure to bring your questions!

### Virtual Have a Green Holiday Season

Embracing the rhythms of winter is key to creating eco-conscious holiday traditions. Rather than getting carried away by the holiday rush, use this time as an opportunity to create the kind of holiday season you truly want – one focused on the magic of family

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and togetherness. Join us virtually via Zoom on Monday, October 7, at 7:00 p.m. when we welcome Sarah Robertson-Barnes, founder of the Sustainable in the Suburbs blog, to learn how a low-waste holiday season is possible. Whether you have kids of your own, kids in your life, or love being a kid yourself during the holidays, Sarah has some suggestions for how to lower your ecological footprint this year. This program is presented with Ashland Public Library.

### Virtual *The Booklover's Library*

This one is for book lovers everywhere! On Thursday, October 10, at 7:00 p.m., we'll be chatting virtually via Zoom with author Madeline Martin about her newest release, *The Booklover's Library*, as well as several of her other book-related titles such as *The Keeper of Hidden Books* and *The Librarian Spy*. We hope you can join us for this fun and fascinating conversation. The program is presented with Ashland Public Library.

### Virtual Art History's Best Dressed



Satins, silks, velvets, and furs — through the years, artists have flattered their subjects with beautiful clothes rendered with awe-inspiring detail, and on Wednesday, October 16, at 6:00 pm., Jane Oneail will be joining us virtually via Zoom to tell us all about these gorgeous outfits. This lighthearted program reviews some of the great fashions throughout the history of painting, with a few wardrobe malfunctions thrown in for good measure!

### Virtual Monster Romance Authors



Monster romance lovers, join us virtually via Zoom on Monday, October 21, at 7:00 p.m. when we welcome authors Kass O'Shine, Lyonne Riley, and Ami Wright as they talk about the rise of monster romances, their favorite monsters to write (and match up with a hero/heroine), diversity in the genre, their publishing journeys, and so much more. This program is presented with Ashland Public Library.

### Virtual History of Shipwrecks

We learned so much from Greg Ketchen during our last session on the history of the Coast Guard, we just had to have him back! On Thursday, October 24, at 1:00 p.m., Greg will be joining us virtually via Zoom to talk primarily about historic shipwrecks that have occurred south and east of Massachusetts. The region has been called the Graveyard of the North Atlantic with over 3,000 wrecks here since European sailors first began exploring the shores of the western Atlantic. Because of the hazards experienced by early coastal and trans-Atlantic ships while sailing these waters, Massachusetts was the 18<sup>th</sup> century birthplace of the modern United States Coast Guard. Advances in navigation, weather forecasting, response resources, and vessel technology over the past two centuries may have reduced the risks but have not eliminated them. The presentation will include an overview of shipwrecks, their causes, and the evolution of response resources and programs. This program is presented with Ashland Public Library.

### Virtual Even More Haunted Lighthouses of New England

We had such a blast visiting haunted lighthouses with Jeremy D'Entremont last October that we just

had to do it again! He's working on a new program with even more stories, more ghosts, and more sightings! Join us virtually via Zoom on Monday, October 28, at 7:00 p.m. to be among the first to hear these new spooky tales. Lighthouses and ghost stories often seem to go hand in hand. In the past, Jeremy has discussed the lovelorn spirit known as Ernie at Connecticut's New London Ledge Light and the piano playing ghost of Maine's Seguin Light, as well as the mysterious Woman in White in the Isles of Shoals, and the spirit of a drowned lighthouse keeper at Penfield Reef in Connecticut. This time, who knows what fascinating and haunting tales Jeremy will come up with!



### Live Clue: An Interactive Game

Have you played the board game Clue? Do you like mysteries? Then join us on Tuesday, October 29, at 6:00 p.m. when we play Live Clue! The library will become Tudor Manor and we will work together to find out who killed Mr. Boddy. We'll start with pizza and then move on to the game. This event is for teens and adults ages 14 and up, and costumes are welcome!

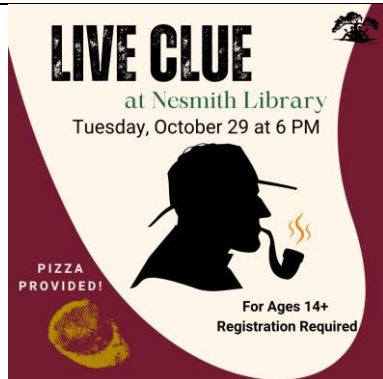
### Job Search Strategies

Searching for a job can be difficult, so on Wednesday, October 30 at 6:00 p.m., we will welcome expert career consultant Alison Miller to discuss the current job market, and provide the tools and strategies needed to navigate it. Alison will also provide her best resume and interview tips and host a Q&A at the end of the presentation.

Adult programs are for ages 18 and up (unless otherwise noted) and registration is required. To register, please visit our Events Calendar at <https://nesmithlibrary.org/calendar>. For more information on any of these programs, or if you have any questions, please contact Maria at [mschroter@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:mschroter@nesmithlibrary.org) or call the library at 603-432-7154.

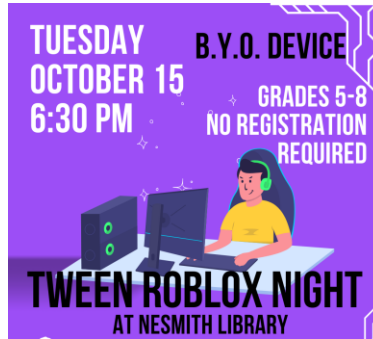
## Teen Happenings

Molly Pevna,  
Teen Services Librarian



The Sanderson Sisters are coming to town soon because it's officially Spooky Season, and we're celebrating with a bang! For those in high school and up (14+), we're doing something special for the season, Live Clue at Nesmith Library on Tuesday, October 29 at 6:00 p.m. If you've ever played the board game, get ready for it to come to life where the entire library is your game board. Registration is required, but you get pizza for your troubles. The pizza is at 6:00 p.m., and the game starts at 6:30 p.m.

Not quite old enough for Live Clue? We got you something just as good. Tweens can stop by on Tuesday, October 15 at 6:30 p.m. for Tween Roblox Night. No registration is required but participants must already

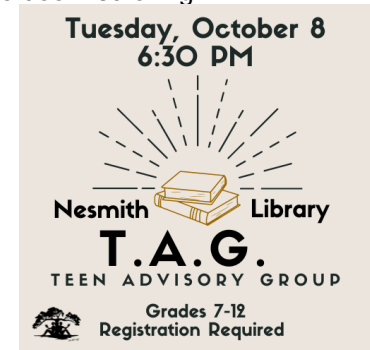


have a registered account on Roblox with their parents' or guardians' permission and are encouraged to bring their own devices with chargers.



If games aren't quite your style, but you seem to be spending just as much time online, come to the October Tween Night on Thursday, October 10 at 6:30 p.m. to learn how to stop the doom scroll. We've all been there, two

hours deep into scrolling, and you decide to ignore the timer you set just one more time. But maybe there is a way to stop the scrolling from turning into doom scrolling.



Now you're thinking about how much time you spent on your phone today and feeling bad about it, don't! Instead register for the next TAG meeting on Tuesday, October 8 at 6:30 p.m. We'll be honing in on what projects we want to do this year and helping everyone get those service hours.

As a reminder, all programs labelled teen are for grades 7-12 and tween programs are for grades 5-8. Questions about these or any other teen programs? Please call the library at 603-432-7154 or email Molly at [mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org).

## 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

Azra Palo,  
Head of Youth Services

If you have been to the Children's Room recently, you may have noticed a colorful addition to one of our walls! This school year the Nesmith Library Children's Room has made a colorful change to our 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Program.



**Don't worry – the tote bags and patches are sticking around!**

Collecting your patches to add to your 1BBK tote remains unchanged.

Haven't gotten a bag yet? If you've read at least 100 books, you can collect your bag and your very first patch at Nesmith Library in the Children's Room!

**Now for the multi-colored update!**

Starting in September, if you have read at least 100 books, your child gets to add a butterfly with their name to the rainbow wall! Our librarian Joan worked her creative magic, and we're

eager to start filling the rainbow with butterflies!

**Not sure how this rainbow works? Let me explain!**

As your child moves towards 1,000 books, the butterfly with their name moves along the rainbow. At 100 books, you and your child get to decorate your blank butterfly! Then you leave it in our trusty hands at the children's desk, and we will laminate it and add it to the wall.

Questions about the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Program? Email Azra at [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org).

## Storytimes

Azra Palo

### Toddler Storytime

Monday and Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Ages 18 months to 3 years. Registration required.

Caregivers with children ages 18 months to 3 years are invited to sing, dance, and follow along to stories and songs, Mondays and Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. at the Nesmith Library. We ask that patrons choose only one day of the week to attend. Siblings are also welcome. Patrons can register with their Nesmith Library card. Registration is week to week and opens up two weeks before the storytime date. Questions? Email Joan at [jcarbone@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:jcarbone@nesmithlibrary.org).

### Baby Storytime

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Ages 0-18 months. Registration not required.

All babies and their caregivers are invited to join us Wednesday mornings at the Nesmith Library for Baby Storytime! We will have stories, songs, dancing, and more for ages 0 to 18 months. Siblings are always welcome. Questions? Email Courtney at [cwason@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:cwason@nesmithlibrary.org).

### Preschool Storytime

Thursdays, September 12 to October 17 and Thursdays, October 31 to November 21 at 10:30 a.m.

Ages 3-5. Registration required.

We are inviting our young friends and their families to join us for our school year sessions of Preschool Storytime at the Nesmith Library. Thursdays, September 12 to October 17, Courtney will lead us in a fun storytime for ages 3-5, including songs, stories, and crafts. The next session will be October 31 to November 21. Caregivers will stay for the entire session and siblings are welcome as well. Preschool Storytime requires registration with your Nesmith Library card. For more information about this storytime, email Courtney at [cwason@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:cwason@nesmithlibrary.org).

## Monthly Children's Programs

Azra Palo

### Little Explorers

Saturday, October 5

10:30 a.m.-noon

Ages 1-3. Registration required.

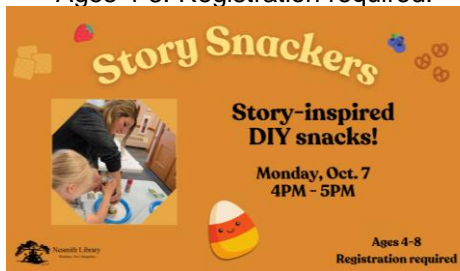
Toddlers are natural scientists, always curious about the world around them. This program includes sensory bin fun for toddlers ages 1, 2, and 3 (and their caregivers) to explore the five senses together. Drop in anytime on Saturday, October 5 from 10:30 a.m. to noon to squish, pour, stretch, smell, and listen to gentle music while you meet other local families and have fun together! Siblings welcome. Questions? Email Courtney at [cwason@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:cwason@nesmithlibrary.org).

### Story Snackers

Monday, October 7

4:00 p.m.

Ages 4-8. Registration required.



Children ages 4-8 and their caregivers are invited to join us one Monday per

month for a no-bake/no-cook DIY snack afternoon! We'll gather for a story, then work together creating yummy snacks that are inspired by the book. Parents and caregivers, we'll need your help, as this is a hands-on activity. Wear something you don't mind getting a little messy! Join us at the Nesmith Library for October's treat on Monday, October 7 promptly at 4:00 p.m. Registration is required with your Nesmith Library card, and registration opened on September 23. This month's treat: no-bake apple pie. Ingredients: Indoor S'mores! Ingredients: Hannaford-brand honey graham crackers, Hershey's chocolate, Marshmallow Fluff. Questions? Email Courtney at [cwason@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:cwason@nesmithlibrary.org).

### Drop-in Buttons and Pumpkin Craft

Wednesday, October 9

3:30 p.m.

All ages. No registration.

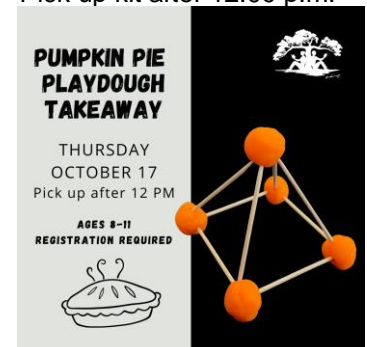
Our monthly children's craft is back for the 2024-2025 school year! Ages 0-12 are welcome to join us on Wednesday, October 9, between 3:30 and 4:30 p.m. This month we will be celebrating all things fall! Specifically, all things pumpkin. Come to the Nesmith Library and create your own work of art with orange and green but-

tons to create your own pumpkin. Our younger friends will have non-button options available. While we will have an example craft, there is no one way to do this! You bring the creativity, and we provide the supplies. This craft is perfect to give to a loved one or keep for yourself! Questions? Email Azra at [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org).

### October STEAM Takeaway: Pumpkin Pie Playdough

Thursday, October 17

Pick up kit after 12:00 p.m.



This event has been moved to a takeaway due to the Golden Brook School Trunk or Treat happening on the same day and time. We hope to see you there! What can we build using playdough? Wait, how do we even make playdough? We will answer these questions and more during our

monthly STEAM program. Young scientists ages 8-11 are invited to register for our October STEAM Program at the Nesmith Library. Pick up your registered kit any time after 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 17. During our monthly STEAM program, children learn about the world that we live in through science and art exploration. These hands-on activities are often messy and always fun! This month we will be learning about the ingredients needed to make playdough and how to make that lovely pumpkin scent! In addition, we will be using the play dough to build and learn about the building blocks of architecture. The kit will include supplies, list of other basic items you will need on hand, instructions, prompts, and more! This event requires registration with your Nesmith Library card and registration opens on Thursday, October 3. Questions? Email Azra, [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org).

### Free Art Friday

Friday, October 18  
10:30 – 11:00 a.m.  
Ages 2-5. Registration required.  
Watercolors or bingo markers or stamps – oh my! Join us for a free exploration with art! This program will not aim to produce a specific project but

## Special Events for Children

Azra Palo

### Halloween Party

Thursday, October 24  
6:00 p.m.  
Ages 5-12. Registration required.  
Families with children ages 5-12 are invited to join Nesmith Library for a Halloween party on Thursday, October 24, starting at 6:00 p.m. Costumes are optional and fall themed clothing is always welcome. This party will include go at your own pace stations featuring lawn style games, coloring, and more! Halloween friendly music will be playing, and there will be opportunities for photo fun. Siblings are welcome, but please note the party will feature games best suited for ages 5 to 12. This event requires registration with

will allow children to experiment freely with whatever medium is offered. Children should wear clothes they can get messy in or bring a smock. This event requires registration with your Nesmith Library card, and registration opens on Friday, October 4. Questions? Email Joan at [jcarbone@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:jcarbone@nesmithlibrary.org).

### Crafty Creations

Saturday, October 19  
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Ages 4-10. No registration.  
Stop by the Children's Room and explore new ways to create art with unexpected materials! Kids ages 4-10 are invited to join us for Crafty Creations on Saturday, October 19, starting at 10:00 a.m. No registration required. Questions? Email Joan at [jcarbone@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:jcarbone@nesmithlibrary.org).

### Kids' Comic Club Jr.

Monday, October 21  
3:30 p.m.  
Ages 4-6. Registration required.  
We know that kids of ALL ages love comics! This program, specially designed for children ages 4-6, will focus less on author interviews and favorite character illustrations, and more on telling stories, drawing pictures, and reading comics together! Join us on Monday, October 21 promptly at

3:30 p.m. for a newer edition of Kids' Comic Club...Junior! Each session will begin with a short read-aloud of an age-appropriate comic book or graphic novel, followed by story-making activities and drawing prompts. The event will run approximately 45 minutes. Parents are welcome to attend. Registration opens on Monday, October 7. Questions? Email Courtney at [cwason@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:cwason@nesmithlibrary.org).

### Kids' Comic Club

Monday, October 21  
6:00 p.m.  
Ages 7-11. Registration required.  
Calling all young comic book lovers ages 7-11! Join us on Monday, October 21 at 6:00 p.m. for some comic fun inspired by the Cat Kid Comic Club series! Each meeting has us drawing a character, watching author/illustrator interviews, following step-by-step instructions, and listening as everyone who wants to share gets a chance to show us what they've been working on. We'll share what comics or graphic novels we've been reading, what we like (or don't) about them, and create our own awesome comics! Come ready to chat, draw, share, and collaborate. Registration opens Monday, October 7. Questions? Email Courtney at [cwason@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:cwason@nesmithlibrary.org).

your Nesmith Library card, and registration opens Thursday, October 10. Questions? Email Azra at [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org).

### Halloween Parade and Storytime

Monday, October 25  
10:30 a.m.  
All ages. No registration.  
Trick or treat, it's time for Halloween! Come join us for a special storytime and parade to celebrate Halloween at Nesmith Library on Friday, October 25 at 10:30 a.m. We will be singing, dancing, reading stories, and having a parade to trick-or-treat around the library. Of course, costumes are encouraged! Questions?

Email Joan at [jcarbone@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:jcarbone@nesmithlibrary.org).



## FLOW Accepting Book Donations on Select Weekends

Joanne Poon,  
FLOW Publicity

The Friends of the Library of Windham (FLOW) will be accepting book donations on select weekends in October at the library. We will be accepting donations for the FLOW book sales to support various programs at the Nesmith Library.

We will accept current materials in excellent condition only (i.e., no tears, water or food stains, yellowed pages, mold, etc.). We are specifically looking for current bestsellers and classics (those books you had to read



in high school) for adults, young adults, and children.

We can also take complete puzzles and games with no missing pieces.

We will NOT accept textbooks, encyclopedias, Read-

er's Digests condensed books, almanacs, magazines, VHS tapes or cassettes, DVDs, CDs, and books on tape.

Donations will be accepted on the following Saturdays and Sundays in October:

Oct. 5 and Oct. 6

Oct. 19 and Oct. 20

Oct. 26 and Oct. 27

Collection times will run on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Sunday from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## Dates to Remember

10/1 Toddler Storytime, 10:30-11:15 a.m.; Centrepiece Craft, 6:00 p.m.; Virtual Visit to the Strong National Museum of Play, 7:00 p.m.

10/2 Baby Storytime, 10:30 a.m.;

10/3 Preschool Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Nesmith Knitters, 12:30-2:30 p.m.; Medicare Essentials, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

10/5 Little Explorers, 10:30 a.m.; FLOW Accepting Book Donations

10/6 FLOW Accepting Book Donations

10/7 Toddler Storytime, 10:30-11:15 a.m.; Story Snackers, 4:00 p.m.; FLOW Meeting, 6:30 p.m.; Virtual Green Holiday Season, 7:00 p.m.

10/8 Toddler Storytime, 10:30-11:15 a.m.; Teen Advisory Group, 6:30 p.m.

10/9 Baby Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Drop-in Craft, 3:30 p.m.; Library Book Group, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

10/10 Preschool Storytime,

10:30 a.m.; October Tween Night, 6:30 p.m.; Virtual Book-lover's Library, 7:00 p.m.

10/14 Library Closed

10/15 Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Library Trustees, 6:30-8:00 p.m.; Tween Roblox Night, 6:30 p.m.

10/16 Baby Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Virtual Art History's Best Dressed, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

10/17 October STEAM Takeaway, All Day; Preschool Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Nesmith Knitters, 12:30-2:30 p.m.

10/18 Free Art Friday, 10:30-11:00 a.m.

10/19 Crafty Creations, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.; FLOW Accepting Book Donations

10/20 FLOW Accepting Book Donations

10/21 Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Kids Comic Club, Jr., 10:30-11:15

a.m.; Kids Comic Club, 6:00 p.m.; FLOW Strawberry Festival Meeting, 6:30 p.m.; Virtual Monster Romance, 7:00 p.m.

10/22 Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.

10/23 Baby Storytime, 10:30 a.m.

10/24 Virtual History of Shipwrecks, 1:00 p.m.; Children's Halloween Party, 6:00 p.m.

10/25 Halloween Parade and Storytime, 10:30 a.m.

10/26 FLOW Accepting Book Donations

10/27 FLOW Accepting Book Donations

10/28 Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Virtual Even More Haunted Light-houses, 7:00 p.m.

10/29 Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Live Clue, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

10/30 Baby Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Job Search Strategies, 7:00 p.m.

10/31 Preschool Storytime, 10:30 a.m.

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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.

### Library Closings

Monday, October 14  
Monday, November 11

