



# The Nesmith NEWS

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## September Adult Programming

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

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Summer Reading program this year. 99 adults registered, 611 books were read or listened to, and over 250 of you attended adult programs! We couldn't do it without you, and we're grateful for all our library supporters! A big thank you to FLOW (Friends of the Library of Windham) for sponsoring our programs, and to the Copper Door, Lindt USA Chocolate, Friendly Red's Tavern, and The Common Man for contributing to our prizes for adults!

### New Book Releases

Here are a few of the books releasing in September. *The Life Impossible* by Matt Haig, author of *The Midnight Library*, is releasing on Sept. 3; Richard Osman, author of the very popular *Thursday Murder Club* mysteries, is back on Sept. 17 with the first book in a new series, *We Solve Murders*; also on Sept. 17, the fabulous Dolly Parton, and her sister are bringing us a cookbook, *Good Lookin' Cookin': A Year of Meals*; and last, but definitely not least, some books about books and those who love them: *The Book Swap* by Tessa Bickers (Sept. 3,) *The Booklover's Library* by Madeline Martin (Sept. 10,) *The Bookshop Ladies* by Faith Hogan (Sept. 10,) and *The Banned Books Club* by Brenda Novak (Sept. 17). All of these are already listed in our catalog and are 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, September 11 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 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).

### Find and Identify More Birds



Back in April we had so much fun discussing birding with Heather Wolf that we had to do it again! On Monday, September 23, at 7:00 p.m., virtually on Zoom, Heather will be discussing how to find and identify more birds by picking a "patch," a place close to home where you can watch birds often. She'll be giving tips on how to pick a patch and how to use it not only as a "classroom" to become a better birder, but also as a way to connect more deeply with the nature that surrounds you. This program is presented with Ashland (Mass.) Public Library.

### History of the Kancamagus Highway



Considered to be one of the most scenic roads in America, the Kancamagus Highway draws thousands of tourists to New Hampshire annually. Join us on

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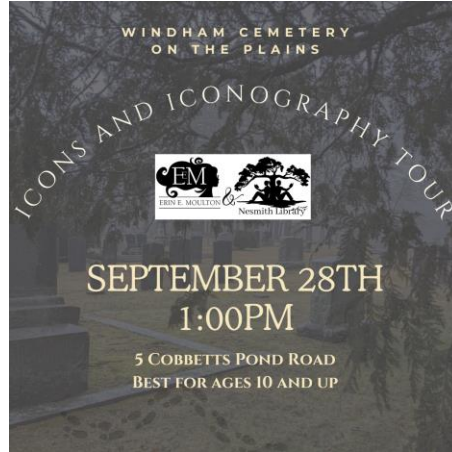
Wednesday, September 25, at 6:00 p.m., when historian and author Glenn Knoblock will delve into the history of the “Kanc.” The highway, which runs between Conway and Lincoln and through the towns of Albany and Waterville Valley, was fully opened in 1967, but the development of the highway itself took over 120 years to become a reality. Located in the Swift River Valley for much of its length, the Kancamagus is the gateway to the southern White Mountains and is not only renowned for its fall foliage views, but such celebrated natural sites as Sabbaday Falls, Lower Falls, and Rocky Gorge, to name just a few. This program is made possible through a grant from New Hampshire Humanities.



## Windham Cemetery on the Plains Icons and Iconography Tour

Do you love history? Are you curious about cemeteries? Do you like to wander among gravestones? Then meet us at Windham’s Cemetery on the Plains on Saturday, September 28, at 1:00 p.m. for an engaging and informative tour led by local researcher, librarian, author, and cemetery sleuth

Erin E. Moulton. The town cemetery is akin to a museum. It’s a community time capsule, showcasing art, artifacts, and stories. Erin will help us unearth icons and iconography of Windham’s



past. We’ll explore grave sites of early Scots, Irish settlers, Windham veterans, teachers, firefighters, and nurses. We’ll mull the meaning of the symbols and epitaphs that we see along the way and do a scavenger hunt as we go. Meet at the Cemetery on the Plains located at 5 Cobbetts Pond Road in Windham. Dress for the weather and wear comfortable shoes. If the weather is truly terrible and forces us to cancel, we will email registrants. This program is for ages 10 and up, and registration is required. Space

is limited, so register early!

## Great Boston Fires

Join us virtually on Zoom, Monday, September 30, at 7:00 p.m. when author and historian David Kruh will be looking at Boston’s devastating fires and their impact on the city. David will talk about the many “great” fires of the 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries (including the truly Great Fire of 1872) and delve into the infamous Cocoonut Grove tragedy of 1942 (which killed 492) and the Hotel Vendome fire of 1972 (which resulted in the deaths of nine firefighters). How did these fires happen? What was learned from these events? What, if anything, was done to try and prevent similar catastrophes? David’s newest slide show, filled with images from these events, answers these and other questions. The program is presented with Ashland Public Library.

Adult programs are for ages 18 and up (unless otherwise noted) and registration is required. To register for these programs, 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, our Adult Programming Librarian, at [mschroter@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:mschroter@nesmithlibrary.org) or call the library at 603-432-7154.

## Save the Dates: Book Donations

*Stephanie Rinehart-Joseph,  
Marketing Librarian*

Mark your calendars! The Friends of the Library of Windham (FLOW) will be accepting book donations at Nesmith Library on select weekends\* in September and October.

September 14 and September 15  
September 28 and September 29  
October 5 and October 6  
October 19 and October 20  
October 26 and October 27

\* Donations will be accepted only during the designated weekends.

FLOW accepts gently used books, puzzles, and games. Visit [flowwindham.org](http://flowwindham.org) for all the details about what donations are accepted.

## Goodbye Summer, Hello Fall!

*Azra Palo,  
Head of Youth Services*

We have one final Summer Reading programming update to share before we get into our fall programs and events. Congrats to our young readers for reaching 250,000 minutes of reading! As you may have seen in a couple of our photos on social media, your

hard work earned an extra prize. Librarian Azra is now sporting teal hair, chosen by you, our youngest readers. The color should last for a couple more weeks, but don’t miss the opportunity to see it in person!

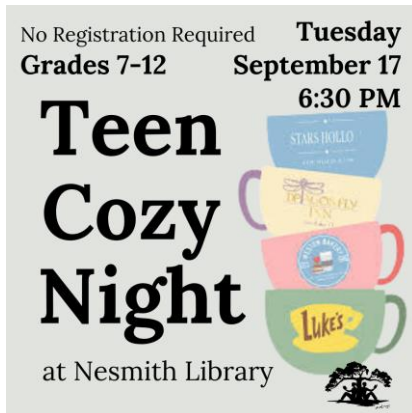




## Teen Happenings

Molly Pevna,  
Teen Services Librarian

Regardless of whether or not you're ready for fall, it's the beginning of the school year, so it means it's here. So, if that's the case...it's PSL season and we're not sorry! We're basic and we're proud! Join us for a night of warm cozy drinks at the first Teen Cozy Night of the year on Tuesday, September 17, at 6:30 p.m. at Nesmith Library. The musts for the cozy nights will be covered, including a certain Luke's Diner and Dragonfly Inn.



But before that we'll be having our first of the legendary Nesmith Tween Nights of the school year. Happening

on Thursday, September 5, at 6:30 p.m. is September's Tween Night and we are celebrating the best way we know – with ice cream!



If dairy is a no go, don't worry, come visit later in the month for our Tween Video Game Night. It's time to see if those video game skills got rusty over the summer! Join us on Tuesday, September 24, at 6:30 p.m. for some classic games on the big screen.

Are you worried about getting your service hours in? Did you know that TAG counts toward service hours after you apply and get invited to join? Come to the first Teen Advisory Group (TAG) meeting of the school year on

Tuesday, September 10, at 6:30 p.m. to figure out why we're so excited.



Busy on the 10<sup>th</sup>? Well, the second first Teen Advisory Group (TAG) meeting of the school year is on Thursday, September 26, at 6:30 p.m. Not sure you want to join but do want to learn more? Come to a meeting to check it out and do a vibe check. As a reminder, all programs labelled 'Teen' are for those in grades 7-12, and all programs labelled 'Tween' are for those in grades 5-8. Questions? Call the library at 603-432-7154 or email Molly, the Teen Services Librarian, at [mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org).

## Special Events for Children

Azra Palo

### Caboose Storytime

Friday, September 13

10:30 a.m.

All ages. Registration required.



Choo, choo! It's time for a storytime at the caboose! Join us Friday, September 13, at 10:30 a.m. for a special storytime on Windham Rail Trail. A very special thank you to the Windham Rail Trail Alliance for allowing us special access to the caboose. Patrons are expected to provide their

own transportation to the storytime.

Due to overwhelming popularity and very limited parking, this storytime requires registration. In the form, register yourself (the adult) and we will count that as one parking spot. The next question in the form will allow you to provide the number of people in the vehicle. You must be a Windham resident to reserve your spot. If you are a resident who does not have a Nesmith Library card, call the library at 603-432-7154 or email [info@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:info@nesmithlibrary.org) to register. Questions? Email Azra at [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org).

### Windham Cemetery on the Plains Icons and Iconography Tour

Saturday, September 28

1:00 p.m.

Ages 10+. Registration required.

Do you love history? Are you curious about cemeteries? Do you like to wander among gravestones? Then meet us at Windham's Cemetery on the Plains on Saturday, September 28, at 1:00 p.m. for an engaging and informative tour led by local researcher, librarian, author, and cemetery sleuth Erin E. Moulton. We ask that patrons dress for the weather and wear comfortable shoes. Registration is required with your Nesmith Library card and the event is for ages 10 and over. Patrons are responsible for their own transportation to the cemetery. If the weather is truly terrible and forces us to cancel, we will email registrants. Questions? Email Maria at [mschroeter@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:mschroeter@nesmithlibrary.org) or Azra at [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org).

## Storytimes

Azra Palo

### Toddler Storytime

Monday and Tuesdays starting September 9 and 10.

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., starting Monday, September 9 and Tuesday September 10 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 starting Sept. 11  
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 Sto-

rytime! Starting Wednesday, September 11 at 10:30 a.m., we will have stories, songs, dancing, and more for ages 0 to 18 months. Siblings are always welcome. No registration is required. Questions? Email Courtney at [cwason@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:cwason@nesmithlibrary.org).

### Preschool Storytime

Thursdays, Sept. 12 – October 17  
10:30 a.m.

Ages 3-5. Registration required.

We are inviting our preschool storytime friends and their families to join

us for our first storytime session of the school year! Thursdays, September 12 to October 17, Courtney will lead us in a fun storytime for ages 3 to 5 including songs, stories, and crafts. Caregivers will stay for the entire session and siblings are welcome as well! This event requires registration with your Nesmith Library card and registration for the entire session began on August 29. For more information about our preschool storytime, email Courtney at [cwason@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:cwason@nesmithlibrary.org).

The graphic features a clock showing 10:30 AM, three children reading books, and a calendar icon. Text includes: 'Nesmith Library Storytimes', 'Toddler: Mondays & Tuesdays\*', 'Baby: Wednesdays', 'Pre-school: Thursdays\*', and '\*Registration Required'.

## Monthly Children's Programs

Azra Palo

The graphic shows a book and an apple. Text includes: 'Story Snackers', 'Story-inspired DIY snacks!', 'Monday, Sept. 9', '4 PM - 5 PM', 'Ages 4-8', and 'Registration required'.

### Story Snackers

Monday, September 9  
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 September's treat on Monday, September 9 promptly at 4:00 p.m. Registration is required with your Nesmith Library card; registration opened on August 26. This month's treat: no-bake apple pie. Ingredients: Keebler Ready Crust mini pie crusts, apple slices, cinnamon, sugar, and whipped cream. Registration required. Questions? Email Courtney at [cwason@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:cwason@nesmithlibrary.org).

### Little Explorers

Saturday, September 14  
10:30 a.m.

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, September 14 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. 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).

### Drop-in Tote Bag Craft

Wednesday, September 11  
3:30 p.m.

All ages. No registration.

Drop in for a library themed craft at the Nesmith Library on Wednesday, September 11 between 3:30 and 4:30 p.m. Children ages 0-12 are invited to decorate a tote bag with paint sticks and markers. It will be perfect to use to hold your library books! Supplies are provided, but the creativity is up to you! No registration required for this



event, just drop in anytime between 3:30 and 4:30 p.m. Supplies are limited. Questions? Email Azra at [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org).



## September STEAM: DIY Wind Chimes

Thursday, September 19  
6:00 p.m.

Ages 8-11. Registration required.  
How does a wind chime work?

What can we use around the house to make our own DIY musical creation? We will answer this question and more during our monthly STEAM program! Young scientists ages 8-11 are invited to register for our September STEAM program at Nesmith Library on Thursday, September 19, starting promptly at 6:00 p.m. This program includes adult involved participation. The event requires registration with your Nesmith Library card, and registration opens on Thursday, September 5. Questions? Email Azra Palo at [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org).

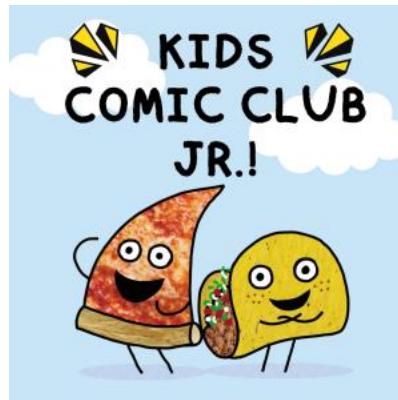


**Kids' Comic Club Jr.**  
Monday, September 23  
3:30 p.m.

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, September 23 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 Monday, September 9. Questions? Email Courtney at [cwason@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:cwason@nesmithlibrary.org).



## Kids' Comic Club

Monday, September 23  
6:00 p.m.

Ages 7-11. Registration required.

Calling all young comic book lovers ages 7-11! Join us on Monday, September 23 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 have been working on.

Each month we'll share what comics or graphic novels we've been reading, what we like (or don't) about them, and we'll work on creating our own awesome comics! Come ready to chat, draw, share, and collaborate. Registration opens Monday, September 9. Questions? Email Courtney at [cwason@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:cwason@nesmithlibrary.org).

## Free Art Friday

Friday, September 27  
10:30 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 will allow children to experiment freely with whatever medium is offered. Patrons ages 2-5 can join us on Friday, September 27 at 10:30 a.m. for some art fun! Registration with your Nesmith Library card is required and opens on Friday, September 13. Children should wear clothes they can get messy in, or bring a smock. Questions? Email Joan at [jcarbone@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:jcarbone@nesmithlibrary.org).



## Crafty Creations: Leaf Pictures

Saturday, September 28  
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, September 28, starting at 10:00 a.m. No registration required. For September, we will be making leaf pictures!



## FLOW's September Events



## Dates to Remember

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| 9/1 Library Closed  | 9/14 Little Explorers, 10:30 a.m.; Fall Planting, 1:30 p.m.; FLOW Accepting Book Donations  | 9/24 Toddler Storytime, 10:30-11:15 a.m.; Tween Video Game Night, 6:30 p.m.  |
| 9/2 Library Closed  | 9/15 FLOW Accepting Book Donations  | 9/25 Baby Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; History of the Kancamagus Highway, 6:00-7:30 p.m.   |
| 9/5 Nesmith Knitters, 12:30-2:30 p.m.; September Tween Night, 6:30 p.m.   | 9/16 Toddler Storytime, 10:30-11:15 a.m.; FLOW Meeting, 6:30 p.m.   | 9/26 Preschool Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; September Teen Advisory Group: The Sequel, 6:30 p.m.   |
| 9/7 Build a Buddy Workshop, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.  | 9/17 Toddler Storytime, 10:30-11:15 a.m.; Teen Fall Cozy Night, 6:30 p.m.   | 9/27 Free Art Friday, 10:30-11:00 a.m.   |
| 9/9 Toddler Storytime, 10:30-11:15 a.m.; Story Snackers, 4:00 p.m.  | 9/18 Baby Storytime, 10:30 a.m.   | 9/28 Crafty Creations, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.; Windham Cemetery on the Plains Icons and Iconography Tour, 1:00 p.m.; FLOW Accepting Book Donations |
| 9/10 Toddler Storytime, 10:30-11:15 a.m.; September Teen Advisory Group, 6:30 p.m.  | 9/19 Preschool Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; STEAM, 6:00 p.m.  | 9/29 FLOW Accepting Book Donations   |
| 9/11 Baby Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Drop-in Tote Bag Craft, 3:30 p.m.; Nesmith Library Book Group, 6:00-7:30 p.m.; 6:30-8:00 p.m. Library Trustees Meeting, 6:30-8:00 p.m. | 9/23 Toddler Storytime, 10:30-11:15 a.m.; Kids Comic Club, Jr., 3:30-4:15 p.m.; Kids Comic Club, 6:00 p.m.; Virtual Find and Identify More Birds, 7:00 p.m. | 9/30 Toddler Time, 10:30-11:15 a.m.; Virtual Great Boston Fires, 7:00 p.m.   |

## Nesmith Library

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Library Director:  
Sylvie Brikiatis

### 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

Sunday, September 1  
Monday, September 2

