



# The Nesmith NEWS

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## LAST CHANCE: Order Your Brick(s)!

*Chelsea Paige,  
Digital Literacy Librarian*

It's been a long time coming, but we are finally approaching the date when work will begin on our brick walkway! Watch for updates from us about the construction work and our services, expected to be through April and May.

**We will stop accepting brick orders February 28!** This is your final chance to add a custom engraved brick to our front walkway.

New bricks will be laid into the refreshed walkway along with all of the existing bricks, and we will create a new map to help you locate your bricks when the work is all finished.

We are very excited to see all of the lovely new inscriptions along with the delightful variety of support represented in the bricks from 1997 when this building was built.

Any bricks currently in our walkway which are broken will be replaced with the same inscription on a fresh, unbroken brick.

We are very much looking forward to the bricks and curbs of our front walkway being



placed on re-flattened ground, making for much safer entry to our building for all, for years to come. Part of the funding for this project is from the Town of Windham, as well as fundraising through our Buy A Brick campaign, and generous donations from businesses and individuals.

### Quick Facts

Brick engravings can be one to three lines of 14 characters each (including both letters and spaces).

All inscription text will be capitalized and centered on the brick.

One line of text costs \$100, two lines of text cost \$125, and three lines cost \$150.

You can submit a

brick order form in person at Nesmith Library with cash or a check, or you can visit the Friends of the Library of Windham's website to submit your brick order and pay with a credit card: <https://www.flowindham.org/shop>.

If you have questions about brick orders, please contact us by visiting us at 8 Fellows Road, calling 603-432-7154, or emailing us at [info@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:info@nesmithlibrary.org).

# Thank You!

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## February Adult Programming

Maria Schroeter,  
Adult Collection Development /  
Adult Programming Librarian

Did you know February 1 is National Dark Chocolate Day? I didn't, but here at the library we are big dark chocolate fans.

### New Books

We've got some great new titles coming out this month. A new cozy mystery series begins with *Murder at an Irish Castle* by Ellie Brannigan out on February 7. *Wedding of the Season* by Lauren Edmondson is a whip-smart novel detailing two modern-day society families, and it's out on February 21. Also out on February 21 is *Romaine Wasn't Built in a Day: The Delightful History of Food Language* by Judith Tschann. 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, February 8 at 6:00 p.m. This month we've been reading *The Remains of the Day* by Kazuo Ishiguro. Currently, the book group is not accepting new members, but when space becomes available, I'll open it up again. If you would like to be on the wait list, send me an email!

### Stained Glass Suncatcher

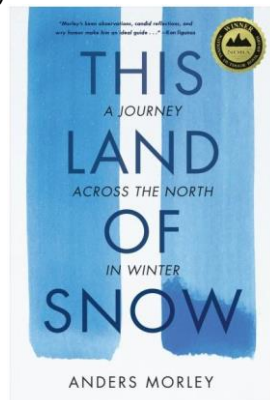
Scant though the sunshine may be this time of year, the light from this colorful glass suncatcher craft will help brighten up any wintry window! Participants are invited to create a stained glass suncatcher craft for adults on Thursday, February 2 at 6:00 p.m. Registration is open to Nesmith Library cardholders ages 18 and up. All materials will be provided,

and space is limited, so register early!



### This Land of Snow

Come along on an adventure into the depths of a northern winter! Anders Morley, winner of the 2021 National Outdoor Book Award for travel writing, will visit us on Wednesday, February 15 at 6:00 p.m. to present *This Land of Snow*, the story of his four-month journey through the wilds of northwestern Canada on cross-country skis.

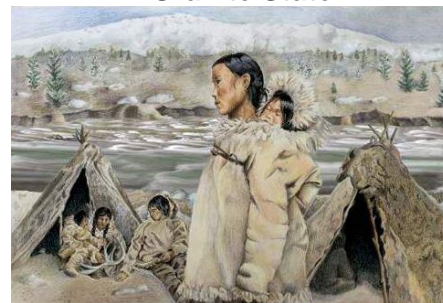


More than just a tale of adventure, *This Land of Snow* is a meditation on the coldest season and on the approach of mid-life, which Booklist's Brenda Barrera has called "a captivating memoir" and "an eloquent ode to the harsh beauty of winter." Anders will discuss and share anecdotes from his journey, read from his book,

and show photographs from along the way.

A dual citizen of the US and Canada, Anders Morley grew up in New Hampshire and began skiing at age five. After earning a master's degree from the University of St. Andrews in Scotland, he settled in Italy, where he worked as a translator and English teacher, and explored the Alps in his free time. He contributes regularly to *New Hampshire* magazine, and his work has appeared in a variety of other publications including *The Globe and Mail*, *Northern Woodlands* magazine, *Maisonneuve* magazine, and *The Aureorean*. Morley lives in northern New Hampshire.

### 12,000 Years Ago in the Granite State



(Rescheduled from January 19)

The native Abenaki people played a central role in the history of the Monadnock region, defending it against English settlement and forcing the abandonment of Keene and other Monadnock area towns during the French and Indian Wars. On Tuesday, February 21 at 6:30 p.m., Dr. Robert Goodby will be here to talk about the Abenaki, and the conventional histories that often depict the first Europeans entering an untamed, uninhabited

wilderness, rather than the homeland of people who had been there for hundreds of generations. Dr. Goodby will discuss how the real depth of Native history was revealed when an archaeological study, prior to construction of the new Keene Middle School, discovered traces of four structures dating to the end of the Ice Age. Undisturbed for 12,000 years, the site revealed information about the economy, gender roles, and household organization of the Granite State's very first inhabitants, as well as evidence of social networks that extended for hundreds of miles across northern

New England.

This program is funded with a generous grant from New Hampshire Humanities, and we are pleased to co-host this event with the Windham Historical Society.



Robert Goodby is a professor of Anthropology at Franklin Pierce University in Rindge. He holds a Ph.D. in anthropology from Brown University and has spent the last 30 years studying Native American archaeological sites in New England. In 2010, he directed the excavations of four 12,000-year-old

Paleoindian dwellings at the Tenant Swamp site in Keene, and his book, *A Deep Presence: 13,000 Years of Native American History*, was published in 2021.

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/month>.

For more information on any of these programs, or if you have any questions, please contact Maria at [mschroeter@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:m Schroeter@nesmithlibrary.org) or call the library at 603-432-7154.

## Teen Happenings

Molly Pevna,  
Youth Services Librarian

It's a LOVEly time here to check out new teen programs because we have another full month ahead of us!

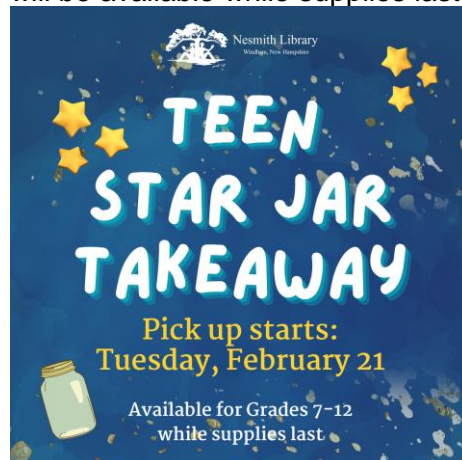
We're starting off the month with a bang...literally. On Wednesday, February 1 at 6:30 p.m., we have our Tween Blow It Up Challenge where we'll be seeing how many different ways we can make explosions. Don't worry, no books will be harmed in the making of the explosions.



Have you been looking for a new volunteer opportunity or want a voice in what happens with the teen department? Check out our Teen Advisory Board, we'll be having our monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 14 at 6:30 p.m.

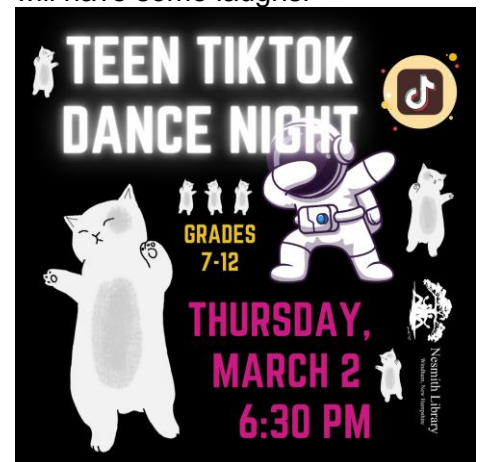
Register on our website to see what it's all about.

It's okay if you have a busy February, we'll still have a Teen Takeaway Craft. This month our Teen Star Jar Takeaway will be happening on Tuesday, February 21, starting at 9:00 a.m. The craft will be available while supplies last.



Since it's February vacation week at the end of the month, we're shaking things up a bit! On Thursday, March 2 at 6:30 p.m., we'll be shaking and shimmying to

some new and old TikTok dances. Unfortunately, we cannot promise a cringe-free environment, but we will have some laughs!



Questions about these programs or any other teen department happenings? Email Teen Librarian Molly at [mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org).

Please note that all events labeled Tween are for grades 4-8 and all events labeled Teen are for grades 7-12.

## Get Outside with the Nesmith Library StoryWalk®

Azra Palo,  
Head of Youth Services

Did you know? As of summer 2022, the Nesmith Library has a permanent StoryWalk right on our library grounds! Even during these chilly months, you can enjoy a wintry tale at your own pace. Check it out the next time you're at

the library for a program, grabbing books, or saying hello to your youth department librarians. The StoryWalk Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, Vermont, and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-

Hubbard Library. StoryWalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson. Questions? Email Head of Youth Services Azra Palo [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org).

## Storytimes

Azra Palo

### Toddler Storytime

Friday, February 3 and 24 and Monday, February 6 at 10:30 a.m. No registration required.

Caregivers with children ages 18 months to 3 years can sing, dance, and follow along to stories and songs. We ask that patrons please choose either Monday or Friday to attend. Siblings are also welcome. The next session starts Friday, February 24 at 10:30 a.m. Please note that there will be no Toddler Storytime during February vacation week (February 27 to March 3). Questions? Email Chris at [csavuknas@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:csavuknas@nesmithlibrary.org).



### Baby Storytime

Wednesday, February 1, 8, and 22 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. Siblings are always welcome. The next session starts Wednesday, February 22 at 10:30 a.m. Please note that there will be no Baby Storytime during February vacation week (February 27 to March 3). Questions? Email Kirsten at [krickershauser@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:krickershauser@nesmithlibrary.org).



### Preschool Storytime

Thursday, February 2, 9, and 23 at 10:30 a.m. Ages 3-5 years. Registration required.

We are inviting our preschool friends to join us for storytime! On Thursdays through February 9 at 10:30 a.m., Miss Molly will lead us

in a fun storytime including songs, dancing, and stories. This is an independent storytime. Registration for the next session starts Monday, February 13 at 9:00 a.m. Please note that there will be no Preschool Storytime during February vacation week (February 27 to March 3). For more information about our Preschool Storytime, please email Molly at [mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org).

### Be My Valentine Storytime

Friday, February 10 at 10:30 a.m. All ages, no registration.

Join us for a storytime for our youngest valentines at the Nesmith Library on Friday, February 10 at 10:30 a.m.! This storytime is for all dino-mite patrons and does not require registration. We will sing, dance, and read a Valentine themed book or two! Questions? Email Azra [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org).



## Monthly Children's Programs

Azra Palo

### Tween Blow It Up Challenge

Wednesday, February 1 at 6:30 p.m. Grades 4-8. Registration required.

We're blowing it up at the library this month! Drop in on Wednesday, February 1 at 6:30 p.m. to experiment with different ways to blow things up and see who can make the biggest explosion. Grades 4-8 are welcome. Questions? Email Molly at [mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org).

### Yeti Takeaway Craft



Friday, February 3. All ages. Registration not required.

Are you ready, yeti? To celebrate February, we're making our fluffy snow monster friend, the yeti! Crafts will be available starting at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, February 3, while supplies last. Questions? Email Molly at [mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org).

### STEAM Takeaway: Light Up Rose

Monday, February 6. Ages 6-11. Registration required.

It may be too cold for flowers to bloom this month, but you can create your own blooming light up

rose this month at the Nesmith Library! The February STEAM kit will be available for pick up starting Monday, February 6 at 9:00 a.m. Registration is required. Takeaway kits not picked up by Monday, February 13 will be given to someone on the waitlist. Questions? Email Azra at [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org).



### Create Club: Paper Quilling



Saturday, February 11 at 2:00 p.m. Registration required.

Young patrons aged 6-11 are invited to sign up for February's Create Club. This month we're working with paper, specifically quilling paper! Caregivers are welcome to join in or not, but they must remain in the library as their

children participate. For more information please email Kirsten at [krickershauser@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:krickershauser@nesmithlibrary.org).

### Lego Drop-in



Thursday, February 23 at 6:00-7:00 p.m. Registration not required.

Join the Nesmith Library for our Lego Drop In! Stop by on Thursday, February 23 anytime between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. as we play with Legos. Young builders will have a prompt or two to explore, but the creativity is up to them! Younger siblings are welcome, but we ask that adults remain the room with them for the remainder of the program. Questions? Email Azra [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org).

### Magic Tree House Explorers

Monday, February 27 at 6:00 p.m. Registration required.

Young patrons aged 6-11 are invited to join us Monday, February 27 at 6:00 p.m. for another warm weather themed meeting of the Magic Tree House Explorers! This exploration will take us to ancient Rome, a surprisingly colorful time just before Vesuvius's eruption. In this meeting, we'll learn a bit about Pompeii and a lot about the statues of Greece and Rome. Caregivers are welcome to join in or not, but they must remain in the library as their children participate.

## Special Events for Children

Azra Palo

### Valentine Cookies and Cards



Thursday, February 9 6:00-7:00 p.m. All ages. Registration required.

Enjoy a sweet treat that you decorate yourself and make a card for a loved one at the Nesmith Library on Thursday, February 9! Registered patrons are

welcome to drop by anytime between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. Questions? Email Azra Palo [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org). Snow date for registered patrons is Thursday, February 16, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

### Valentine's Day Dino Takeaway

Monday, February 13  
What do we all love more than anything? Dinosaurs, of course! So celebrate the holiday of love with your own Valentine's Day dinosaur craft! Pick up starts at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, February 13 at the Nesmith Library. Children

of all ages are welcome while supplies last. Questions? Email Molly at [mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org).

### February Vacation Week

Monday, February 27 to Friday, March 3.

During February vacation week join the Nesmith Library for fun activities for all ages including a visit from Squam Lake Science Center with REAL animals on Wednesday, March 1 at 10:30 a.m.! Questions? Email Azra [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org) for more information.

## Dates to Remember

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| 2/1 | Baby Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Tween Blow It Up Challenge, 6:30 p.m.  | 2/9  | Preschool Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Valentine Cookies & Cards, 6:00 p.m.  | 2/21 | Library Closed<br>Teen Star Jar Takeaway, 9:00 a.m.; 12,000 Years Ago in the Granite State, 6:30 p.m. |
| 2/2 | Preschool Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Nesmith Knitters, 12:30-2:30 p.m.; Stained Glass Suncatcher Craft for Adults, 6:00 p.m. | 2/10 | Be My Valentine Storytime, 10:30 a.m.  | 2/22 | Baby Storytime, 10:30 a.m.  |
| 2/3 | Children's Yeti Takeaway Craft, 9:00 a.m.; Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.   | 2/11 | Create Club, 2:00 p.m.   | 2/23 | Lego Drop-in 6:00 p.m.  |
| 2/6 | STEAM Takeaway, 9:00 a.m.; Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.   | 2/13 | Valentine's Day Dino Takeaway, 9:00 a.m.; Pre-school Storytime Registration, 9:00 a.m.; Library Board of Trustees, 6:30 p.m. | 2/24 | Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.   |
| 2/8 | Baby Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Library Book Group, 6:00 p.m.  | 2/14 | Teen Advisory Group, 6:30 p.m.   | 2/27 | Magic Tree House Explorers, 6:00 p.m.   |
|     |  | 2/15 | This Land of Snow, 6:00 p.m.   | 2/28 | Buy A Brick Deadline  |
|     |  | 2/16 | Nesmith Knitters, 12:30-2:30 p.m.  | 3/1  | Squam Lake Science Center Visit, 10:30 a.m.   |
|     |  | 2/20 | Presidents Day,  | 3/2  | Teen TikTok Dance Night, 6:30 p.m.  |

## Nesmith Library

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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.

Nesmith Library  
will be closed on  
Monday, February 20 for  
Presidents Day.

