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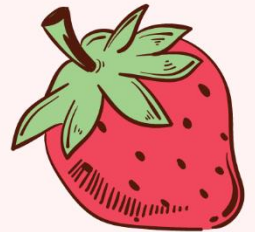
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38th Annual Strawberry Festival & Book Fair Design Contest



THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY OF WINDHAM NEED YOUNG ARTISTS (12 & UNDER) TO HELP CREATE THE OFFICIAL POSTER DESIGN FOR THE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL AND BOOK FAIR! THE WINNING DESIGN WILL BE RECOGNIZED AT THE FESTIVAL, AND THE ARTIST WILL RECEIVE A GAME BRACELET AND STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE OR MINI SUNDAE.

ALL SUBMISSIONS WILL RECEIVE A VOUCHER FOR A FREE BOOK REDEEMABLE AT THE BOOK FAIR!

THEMES INCLUDE STRAWBERRIES, BOOKS, AND WINDHAM

FOR AGES 12 AND UNDER

PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR NAME, AGE, AND PHONE NUMBER ON THE BACK OF YOUR DESIGN

USE MARKERS, CRAYONS, OR PAINT (NO PENCILS)

SUBMIT ARTWORK ON AN 8 1/2" BY 11" PIECE OF BLANK WHITE PAPER



SUBMISSIONS SHOULD BE TURNED IN BY FRIDAY APRIL 21ST, TO THE FRONT DESK OF THE NESMITH LIBRARY.

April Adult Programming

Maria Schroeter,
Adult Collection Development /
Adult Programming Librarian

Happy spring! As I write this at the end of March, the crocus in my yard are coming up, and I've seen a red-winged blackbird for the first time this year! Warmer days are on the way!

New Books

We've got some great new titles coming out this month. Dennis Lehane is back with *Small Mercies* on April 25. *Homecoming*, the highly anticipated novel by Kate Morton, will be released on April 4. There are a bunch of great cookbooks being published this month including *The Chopchop Family Cookbook: Real Food to Cook and Eat Together*, *Strawberries: 50 Tried and True Recipes*, *Milk Street Noodles: Secrets to the World's Best Noodles*; and *Super Shortcut Instant Pot*. 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, April 12 at 6:00 p.m. This month we've been reading *City of Girls* by Elizabeth Gilbert. Currently, the book group is not accepting new members, and the waitlist is full.

Welcome Home! A Home Buying Tutorial and Q&A

Have you ever considered purchasing your own home? Do rising rental costs have you concerned? Not sure where to begin? On Tuesday, April 4 at 6:00 p.m., we will host "Welcome Home! A Home Buying Tutorial" for first-time home buyers, designed by local area experts from Coldwell Banker Realty.



During this informational session and Q&A, real estate agent Brian Collins will help you discover if owning is the right choice for you, discuss the basic aspects of a mortgage (how to apply and get approved), and give you tips on how to pick the right real estate agent to help you find the perfect home. This presentation is informational rather than a sales pitch, and Brian will also discuss how to make your purchase an investment by avoiding pitfalls and costly mistakes. Light refreshments will be served. Please register if you plan to attend, and share with friends and family. All are welcome, even if they aren't Nesmith Library patrons.

Culturally Curious Art Series: Marc Chagall



Marc Chagall's colorful, abstracted paintings integrate a varie-

ty of elements from the modernist movements of the early twentieth century. On Monday, April 17 at 7:00 p.m., join us in conjunction with other GMILCS libraries for the first event in our virtual Culturally Curious Art Series with Jane Oneail. Jane's Zoom presentation, "Marc Chagall: Joy, Color, and a Celebration of Jewish Culture," will introduce us to Chagall's personal and professional resilience, his work, and favorite subjects. His work is singular among his peers for its incorporation of Jewish themes, reflecting the artist's cultural roots.

Jane Oneail is an independent scholar and holds a master's degree in Art History from Boston University and a master's degree in Art in Education from Harvard University. Jane is a New Hampshire native and has worked at some of the state's most esteemed cultural institutions, including the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen, where she served as executive director, and the Currier Museum of Art, where she held the role of senior educator. Jane has also taught at the college level for more than a decade, most recently at the N.H. Institute of Art. Find out more about Jane, and her art programs, on her website: iamculturallycurious.com.

A Beginner's Guide to Cemetery Sleuthing/virtual
Cemeteries hold invaluable clues to genealogical research. Etched in stone are names, symbols, and abbreviations that not only tell us more about our ancestors, but also about their place in time. To find out more about these gravestone etchings, join us on Thursday, April 20 at 6:00 p.m.,



on Zoom, when Erin E. Moulton presents, “A Beginner’s Guide to Cemetery Sleuthing.” A local genealogist and librarian, Erin will cover strategies to help locate your ancestor’s burial place, discuss how to make the most out of a visit, and teach you how to decipher a variety

ty of symbols. The presentation also includes a list of Erin’s favorite cemetery resources. Most of the presentation covers New England cemeteries, though many symbols can be seen nationwide. We are pleased to co-host this in-person program with the Windham Historical Society.

Erin E. Moulton writes books and tracks dead people. As a genealogist, slipping into old records and exploring past lives is something she has done for herself and for others for over 14 years. Erin is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, the New Hampshire Historical Society, the New Hampshire Society of Genealogists, and more. She serves on the landmark committee for the

Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire and is a part-time reference librarian at the Derry Public Library. She has written several books, mostly for children. You can find her online at www.erinemoulton.com.

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 or call the library at 603-432-7154.

Teen Happenings

Molly Pevna,
Youth Services Librarian

Please come back in May for updates about teen programming. April Fools! We have lots to look forward to this April!



We’re starting the month with some end-of-the-world terror! The Tween Post-Apocalypse Survival Party is happening on Wednesday, April 5 starting at 6:30 p.m. Tweens in grades 4-8 can register

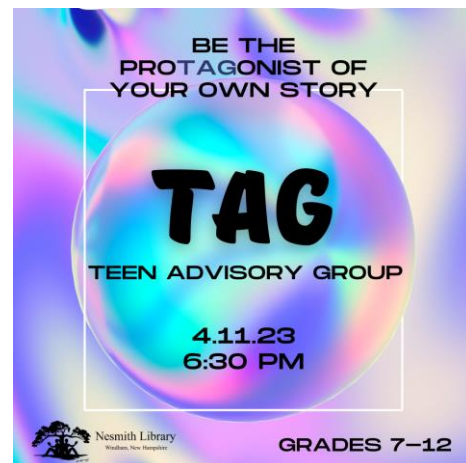
on our website to see if they’d survive.



In an attempt to help the world instead of survive its end, the Mini Upcycled Faux Succulent Teen Takeaway will be yours for the taking on Monday, April 17, starting at 9:00 a.m.

And on a much more regular note, our monthly Teen Advisory

Group meeting is on Tuesday, April 11 at 6:30 p.m. Prospective TAG members are welcome to attend.



Questions about these programs or others? Email Molly, the teen services librarian, at mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org. Please note all tween programs are for grades 4-8 and all teen programs are for grades 7-12.

Nesmith Library "Who Would Win?" Tournament Winner

Azra Palo,
Head of Youth Services

The Nesmith Library "Who Would Win?" tournament winner is: Greenland shark! Thank you to everyone who voted and checked out Who Would Win books from our display.

Did you know Greenland sharks prefer the coldest parts of the ocean, migrating to stay in frigid waters all year round? They can grow 8-14 feet in size, some of them up to 23 feet, but they are mostly scavengers and have not been recorded being hostile to humans. Slow and steady wins the race. Greenland sharks swim very

slowly, around 1.9 miles per hour! You can learn more facts about the Greenland shark from these resources:

Britannica:

<https://www.britannica.com/animal/Greenland-shark>

In our catalog, *Who Would Win Extreme Animal Rumble*:

<https://link.nesmithlibrary.org/.../Extreme.../IECEwyqrKbl/>

In our catalog, *Who Would Win Ultimate Shark Rumble*:

<https://link.nesmithlibrary.org/.../Ultimate.../HRcNb-Y9kG4/>



Storytimes

Azra Palo

Toddler Storytime

Mondays and Fridays, March 13 to April 14 at 10:30 a.m. Registration not required.

Caregivers with children ages 18 months to 3 years are invited to sing, dance, and follow along to stories and songs at the Nesmith Library. We ask that patrons please choose either Monday or Friday to attend. Siblings are also welcome. Questions? Email Chris at csavuknas@nesmithlibrary.org.

NEW All Ages Storytime

Tuesdays, March 14 to April 11 at 10:30 a.m. All ages with caregiver. No registration required.

Join us for our new storytime at the Nesmith Library on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. This all ages storytime will feature music, movement, and, of course, stories. Geared towards all ages, it will feature hands on activities such as sensory bins

or crafts. Questions? Email Azra Palo at apalo@nesmithlibrary.org.



Baby Storytime

Wednesdays, March 15 to April 12 at 10:30 a.m. Ages 0-18 months. Registration not required.

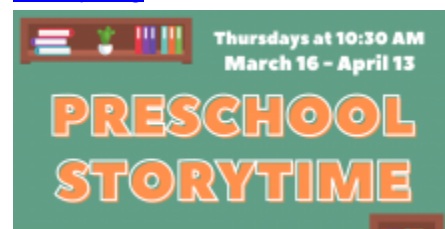
All babies and their caregivers are invited to join us Wednesday mornings at the Nesmith Library for Baby Storytime! Starting at 10:30 a.m., we will have stories, songs,

dancing, and more. Siblings are always welcome. Questions? Email Azra at apalo@nesmithlibrary.org.

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays, March 16 to April 13 at 10:30 a.m. Ages 3-5 years. Registration required.

We are inviting our preschool friends to join us for storytime! On Thursdays starting at 10:30 a.m., Miss Molly will lead us in a fun storytime including songs, dancing, and stories. This is an independent storytime. For more information about our preschool storytime, email Molly at mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org.



Monthly Children's Programs

Azra Palo

Tween: Post-Apocalypse Survival Party

Wednesday, April 5 at 6:30 p.m. Grades 4-8. Registration required. In person.

Would you really survive the end of the world? Zombies, scavenging, and chaos included, join us Wednesday, April 5, starting at 6:30 p.m. to see if you'd make it. Questions? Email Molly Pevna at mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org.

Tulip Takeaway Craft



Friday, April 7. All ages. Registration not required.

Spring has started to spring and we're all excited! Stop by Friday, April 7, starting at 9:00 a.m. to pick up your own Tulip Takeaway Craft. Available while supplies last. Questions? Email Molly Pevna at mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org.

STEAM Takeaway: Bug and Cloud Dirt



Monday, April 10. Ages 6-11. Registration required.

It is time for planting! The April STEAM kit will be available for pick up starting Monday, April 10 at 9:00 a.m. Registration is required.

Takeaway kits not picked up by Monday, April 17 will be given to someone on the waitlist. Questions? Email Azra Palo at apalo@nesmithlibrary.org.

Lego Drop-in

Thursday, April 13, 6:00-7:00 p.m. Registration not required.

Join the Nesmith Library in April for a Lego Drop-in! Stop by on Thursday, April 13 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, and we ask that adults remain the room with them for the remainder of the program. Questions? Email Azra Palo at apalo@nesmithlibrary.org.

Mr. Aaron Music at Windham High School

Azra Palo

Are you ready to rock out with Mr. Aaron and Nesmith Library? We are so excited to see all of you in the big auditorium at Windham High School, on Thursday, April 27, at 1:30 p.m.! Registration is not required.

Join award winning musician Mr. Aaron on an interactive musical journey! We'll sing, dance, and imagine our way through fun story songs and dance jams. Recently awarded "Best Children's Performer" from *New Hampshire Magazine*, Mr. Aaron never fails to delight audiences of all ages. Questions? Email Azra at apalo@nesmithlibrary.org.

"Hi Everyone! Mr. Aaron here.
I'm so excited to sing and dance
with you all! See you soon!"



Music with Mr. Aaron!

THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 1:30 PM
AT WINDHAM HIGH SCHOOL

For Caregivers with
Children of All Ages

PRESENTED BY:
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PARTICIPANTS NEED TO PROVIDE THEIR OWN TRANSPORT, MEET US THERE

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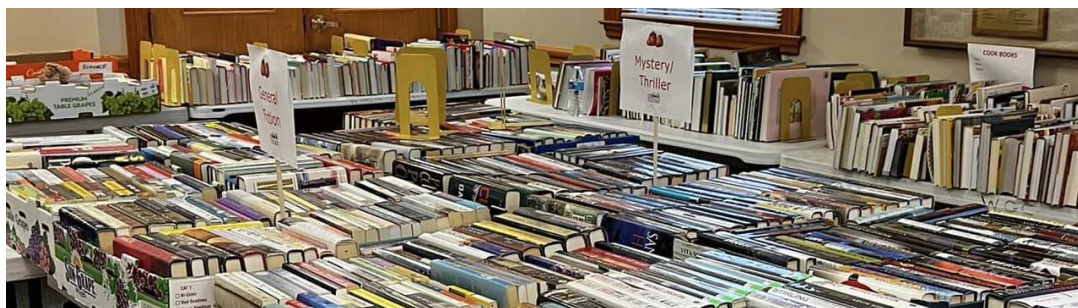
We are now accepting donations for the Friends of the Library of Windham (FLOW) book sales to support the Nesmith Library programs. We will accept current materials in **excellent condition** only – no books with tears, water or food stains, yellowed pages, mold, etc.

We are specifically looking for current bestsellers and classics (those books you had to read in high school) for adults, young adults, and young children.

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

We will NOT accept:

- Textbooks
- Encyclopedias
- Readers Digests
- Almanacs
- Magazines
- VHS tapes
- Cassettes
- DVDs
- CDs
- Books on tape



Dates to Remember

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| 4/3 | Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Library Trustees, 6:30 p.m.; FLOW Meeting, 6:30 p.m. | 4/9 | Library closed for Easter | 4/17 | Virtual Culturally Curious Art Series: Marc Chagall, 7:00 p.m. |
| 4/4 | All Ages Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Home Buying Tutorial, 6:00-7:30 p.m. | 4/10 | STEAM Takeaway, 9:00 a.m.; Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. | 4/18 | Mini Upcycled Faux Succulent Teen Takeaway, 9:00 a.m. |
| 4/5 | Baby Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Tween Post-Apocalypse Survival Party, 6:30 p.m. | 4/11 | All Ages Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Teen Advisory Group, 6:30 p.m. | 4/20 | Nesmith Knitters, 12:30-2:30 p.m.; A Beginner's Guide to Cemetery Sleuthing, 6:00-7:30 p.m. |
| 4/6 | Preschool Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Nesmith Knitters, 12:30-2:30 p.m. | 4/12 | Baby Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Library Book Group, 6:00 p.m. | 4/21 | FLOW Strawberry Festival Design Contest Deadline |
| 4/7 | Children's Tulip Takeaway Craft, 9:00 a.m.; Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. | 4/13 | Preschool Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Lego Drop-in, 6:00 p.m. | 4/27 | Music with Mr. Aaron at Windham High School, 1:30 p.m. |
| | | 4/14 | Toddler 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.

Nesmith Library will be closed on Sunday, April 9 for Easter.

