



# The Nesmith NEWS

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## April Adult Programming

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*"In the spring, I have counted 136  
different kinds of weather inside of 24  
hours."*

— Mark Twain

### New Book Releases

Here are some of the books publishing in April! Alka Joshi, the author of *The Henna Artist*, returns on April 15 with *Six Days in Bombay*. The super popular Emily Henry brings us *Great Big Beautiful Life* on April 22. Romance writer Jasmine Guillory will release *Flirting Lessons* on April 8. Three best-selling authors will release books this month: *The Griffin Sisters' Greatest Hits* by Jennifer Weiner (April 8); *The World's Fair Quilt* by Jennifer Chiaverini (April 1); and the third entry in the Molly the Maid series by Nita Prose, *The Maid's Secret* (April 8). These books are listed in our catalog and are ready to put on hold. If you need help putting an item on hold, give the library 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 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).

### Vegetable Gardening with UNH Master Gardener Jason Phelps

Outdoor planting season is almost here, so join us on Wednesday, April 2 at 6:00 p.m. when we welcome UNH Master Gardener Jason Phelps to talk all things vegetable gardening! We will learn princi-



ples and practices for successful vegetable gardening, including how to plan a garden that produces lots of high-quality vegetables, how to expend less energy on maintenance of the garden, and how to use fewer chemical inputs. In addition, Jason will cover how to choose the ideal location, how to prepare the garden site, what and how much to grow, the timing of planting, as well as harvesting and storage of the vegetables. Growing your own vegetables is good for the body and the soul, so come get expert advice to help you be a successful gardener!

### Treasures of the Gardner Museum

The Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston houses an exquisite collection of art spanning centuries and cultures, all displayed in a stunning Venetian-style palazzo. On Tuesday, April 15 at 2:30 p.m., art historian Jane Oneail will offer a glimpse into the fascinating world of Isabella Stewart Gardner, an eccentric patron of the arts who carefully curated every aspect of her eclectic museum. From masterpieces by Rembrandt and Titian to delicate textiles and precious works on paper, the Gardner Museum in-

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vites you to explore a captivating blend of art, history, and one woman's extraordinary vision. This virtual program will also be shown at the library. No registration required to attend the in-person screening.

## Grenier Air Base: A Part of N.H. Military History

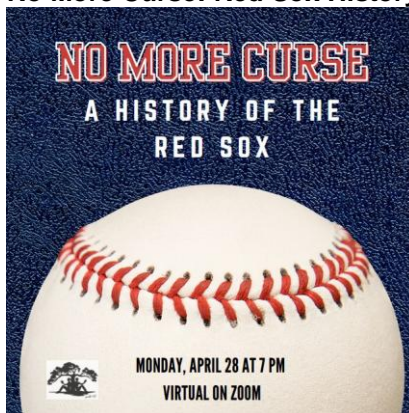
Grenier Air Base, located at the site of today's Manchester-Boston Regional Airport, was a jumping off point for tens of thousands of service personnel from 1941 to 1966. On Wednesday, April 23 at 6:00 p.m., Leah Dearborn, the associate director of the Aviation Museum of N.H. and author of *Grenier Air Base: A Beacon on the Home Front*, will be here to delve into the history of this Manchester airfield. Even though almost nothing of this military base remains, through years of research Leah was able to collect and preserve the stories of the people who served at or transitioned through Grenier. Come hear the story of this important piece of N.H. history.

## Mandala Craft

Looking for a little Zen with your crafts? Then join us on Thursday, April 24 at 6:00 p.m. when we will be creat-

ing mandalas using paint and ceramic tiles. All supplies will be provided. Just bring your creativity! Register early for this popular craft because space is limited, and wear grubby clothes or a smock.

## No More Curse: Red Sox History



On Monday, April 28 at 7:00 p.m., author David Kruh will take us out to the ballgame, virtually on Zoom! Based on his research for his musical, *The Curse is Reversed!*, David will discuss the roots of Boston baseball, and look back at the real story behind Harry Frazee and his sale of slugger Babe Ruth. Relive the (sometimes frustrating) saga of the Boston Red Sox and their ultimately successful run

for a World Series championship. This program is presented with Ashland (Mass.) Public Library.

## Armchair Travel to Western Ireland

Western Ireland is place of natural beauty with large cliffs and rugged landscapes, and on Tuesday, April 29 at 2:00 p.m., we will be visiting this gorgeous land virtually on Zoom. This one-hour visit will give us the opportunity to experience the rural life that once dominated almost all of Ireland. With a little history and stories from current residents, we will gain a new appreciation of this magical country. This program is presented with Tewksbury Public Library. This program will also be shown in person at the library at the same time. No registration required to join us in person.

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

## Teen Happenings

Molly Pevna,  
Teen Services Librarian

### Teen Advisory Group (TAG)

Grades 7-12, registration required.

The Teen Advisory Group is back!

We missed you last month, so we're back and better than ever with our April meeting on Tuesday, April 15 at 6:30 p.m. TAG is a great opportunity for you to get involved in the library! Did you know your participation in TAG meetings and projects as an official member counts towards your service hour requirements? Thinking about joining TAG but not sure what it is? Come to a meeting to learn more or reach out to Molly.

### April Tween Night

Grades 5-8, no registration.

Spring may be here, but it's still a little chilly. What better way to warm up than with a blanket you made all by yourself! Stop by our April Tween

Night on Thursday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m. to make your own blanket in just an hour! No skills necessary!

### Teen Learn to Mend Night



Grades 7-12, no registration.

We've all been there, that shirt that you love, that you wear all the time, that also has a hole in the sleeve that you've been meaning to fix for like the past year. The only thing stopping you? You need to figure out how to fix it. Well now's the time with the Teen

Learn to Mend Night on Tuesday, April 22 at 6:30 p.m. We'll be learning some basics about how to mend clothes to make them last longer and add pizzazz to your clothes along the way!

### Teen AP Test Lock-in Study Night

Grades 7-12, no registration.

\*Cue that Christmas-y tune\* It's the most stressful time of the year.... AP Test season is here, but you don't have to fear! Nesmith Library is here! While we can't guarantee you a five, we can help you try to get there with the Teen AP Lock-in Study Night on Tuesday, April 29 starting at 2:00 p.m. and going all after afternoon. We'll have specialized study areas, snacks, and pillows to cry/scream into.

Questions? Call the library at 603-432-7154 or email [mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org).

## Exciting Changes in the Children's Room!

Azra Palo,  
Head of Youth Services

Pardon our mess as we work hard to make the space even better for you and your little ones! We're currently in the middle of some fun updates, and we can't wait to share the results with you. Here's what's going on:

The Children's Graphic Novels have been moved to a new spot, making it easier for young readers to find their favorite stories.

We've separated out the Juvenile and Middle Grade Chapter Books for a clearer, more organized section.

Children's Unusual Items have moved to be closer to the Children's

Room! Take a look at our new display of Unusual Items next to the picture books.

And we've moved the Board Books outside the castle area! Now there's plenty of space inside the castle for imaginative play and exploration!

While we're getting everything into place, we appreciate your patience. Don't hesitate to ask a librarian for help! Questions about all the changes? Email Azra for more information at [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org)!



## Storytimes

Azra Palo

### Toddler Storytime

Mondays and Tuesdays  
10:30 a.m.

Ages 18 months to 3 years.

Registration not required.

Caregivers with children ages 18 months to 3 years are invited to sing, dance, and follow along to stories and songs in April, Mondays and Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. at the library! The storytime is the same for both days, and we ask that patrons choose only one day of the week to attend. Siblings are also welcome. Questions? Email Joan at [jcarbone@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:jcarbone@nesmithlibrary.org).

### Baby Storytime

Wednesdays

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 in April starting at 10:30 a.m. Courtney will have stories, songs, dancing, and more for ages 0-18 months. Siblings are always welcome. Questions? Please email Courtney at [cwason@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:cwason@nesmithlibrary.org).

### Preschool Storytime

Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

Ages 3-5. Registration required.

Courtney will lead us in a fun storytime for ages 3-5 including songs, stories, and crafts on Thursdays in April for our preschool crowd and their families! Caregivers will stay for the entire storytime, and siblings are welcome. We know that life can be unpredictable, so we made registration week to week. For more information about our preschool storytime, email Courtney [cwason@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:cwason@nesmithlibrary.org).

## Monthly Children's Programs

Azra Palo

### Little Explorers: Spring!

Saturday, April 5 at 10:30 a.m.

Ages 1-3. No 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, April 5 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. to squish, pour, stretch, smell, and listen to gentle music while meeting other local families and having fun together! Siblings welcome. Questions? Email Courtney at [cwason@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:cwason@nesmithlibrary.org).

### Perler Bead Pixel Art



Monday, April 7

4:00 p.m.

Ages 6-11. Registration required.

Join us at the Nesmith Library for a fun beaded activity on Monday, April 7 at 4:30 p.m. Using Perler beads, graph paper, and with help from an adult (with the ironing), we'll be making pixelated versions of our favorite cartoons, video game characters, and book personalities! Keep them for yourself or make gifts for your friends. 8-bit Pikachu, Link, Kirby, Harry Potter, Ninja Turtles, or whatever shapes and themes you can imagine. We'll provide some basic character patterns, but we'll also have blank graph paper on hand. Caregiver assistance may be required depending on your child's age.

and skill level. Registration is required and this program is intended for ages 6-11. Questions? Email Courtney at [cwason@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:cwason@nesmithlibrary.org).

## Drop-in Coffee Filter Flower Craft



Wednesday, April 9  
3:30 p.m.

All ages. No registration required.

Ages 0-12 are welcome to join us on Wednesday, April 9 between 3:30 and 4:30 p.m. for our spring themed craft at the Nesmith Library! This month we will be celebrating all things flowers. Come to the library and create your own work of art with coffee filters, colors, and more! 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).

## April STEAM In-Person Egg Drop



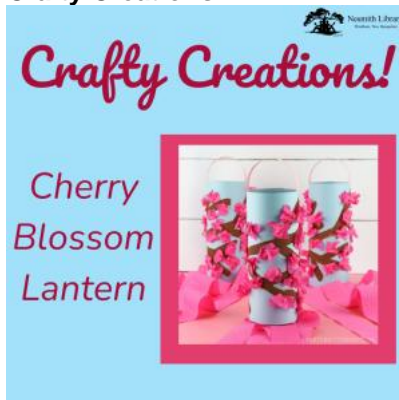
Thursday, April 10  
6:00 p.m.

Ages 8-11. Registration required.

What can we build with a few craft materials? How high can we go to drop an egg at the Nesmith Library? We will answer this question and more

during our monthly STEAM program! Young scientists ages 8-11 are invited to register for our April STEAM program at Nesmith Library on Thursday, April 10 starting promptly at 6:00 p.m. Note this STEAM event is in person. 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 building, the fragility of eggs, and how high we're allowed to drop an egg at the library! Questions? Email Azra at [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org)

## Crafty Creations



Saturday, April 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, April 19, starting at 10:00 a.m. to make their very own cherry blossom lantern. No registration required. Questions? Email Joan at [jcarbone@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:jcarbone@nesmithlibrary.org).

## Kids' Comic Club



Monday, April 21

6:00 p.m.

Ages 7-11. Registration required.

Calling all young comic book lovers ages 7-11! Join us on Monday, April 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 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 is required. Questions? Email Courtney at [cwason@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:cwason@nesmithlibrary.org).

## Free Art Friday



Friday, April 25  
10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Ages 2-5. Registration required.

Watercolors, bingo markers, or stamps – oh my! Children ages 2-5 are welcome to join us at the Nesmith Library on Friday, April 25 at 10:30 a.m. for an exploration of art. This program will not aim to produce a specific project but 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. Questions? Email Joan at [jcarbone@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:jcarbone@nesmithlibrary.org).

## Special April Vacation Events

Azra Palo

### Lego Drop-in

Wednesday, April 30 at 3:30 p.m.  
Ages 4-11. No registration.

We're hosting a special April Vacation Week Lego Drop-in for children ages 4-11! There will be a prompt or two to explore, but the creativity is up to you. No registration is required, just drop by on Wednesday, April 30 between 3:30 and 4:30 p.m. to explore with Legos. Caregivers must remain in the library while children are participating in the event. Children 5 and under must have a caregiver in the room with them. Questions? Email Azra at [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org).

### Preschool Storytime Special

Thursday, May 1 at 10:30 a.m.  
Ages 3-5. Registration required.

Miss Courtney will lead us in a fun storytime specially geared towards kids ages 3-5. For May Day, we'll be celebrating the coming of warmer weather with stories and songs about fairies and elves! Wear your wings if you have them, and join our fairy ring! We'll frolic in the garden if the weather

cooperates. Participants will make a hat or wand to take home. Younger siblings welcome (please register younger siblings, too). Caregivers must be present for the entire storytime. Questions? Email Courtney at [cwason@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:cwason@nesmithlibrary.org).



### Poop Museum

Friday, May 2 at 1:00 p.m.  
Ages 4-12. Registration required.

Join us for a special poop-tastic event hosted by Susie Macguire on Friday, May 2 at 1:00 p.m.! At the

Poop Museum, everyone learns many fantastic, fabulous and fun facts about human, animal, and insect poop, many of which truly amaze and surprise. The Poop Museum is also full of laughter ... because ... well ... our subject is poop, and Susie has found a wonderful way to blend solid science, with the hilarity that humans love, when it comes to poop. This program requires registration and is open to caregivers and their children, ages 4 and up. Questions? Email Azra at [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org).



## From the Director's Desk

Sylvie Brikiatis,  
Library Director

### Potential Impact of Executive Order Reducing the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) on Nesmith Services.

An executive order issued on Friday, March 14, 2025, calls for the reduction or elimination of functions of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). The IMLS is an independent federal agency that provides support to libraries and museums across all 50 states and U.S. territories. It administers both federal grants to states, allowing them to determine how funds are allocated, and discretionary grants to individual library entities.

The New Hampshire State Library currently relies on \$1.5 million in IMLS grant funding to support several im-

portant services throughout the state, including:

- Interlibrary loan (ILL) program, including the online catalog and van service
- Talking Books service for the blind and visually impaired
- Access to Libby, the incredibly popular eBook, eAudiobook, and digital magazine platform

### What does this mean for Nesmith Library cardholders?

In 2024, Nesmith Library circulated 1,964 items to and from fellow New Hampshire libraries through interlibrary loans. At our library, many individuals, book groups, and homeschool educators use this collaborative ILL system to request and obtain materials

they would not otherwise have access to for a variety of reasons.

Digital reading is increasingly popular among our patrons. In 2024, Nesmith Library patrons borrowed 22,247 ebooks, audiobooks, and magazines through Libby alone.

While we don't yet know exactly how or when this executive order will affect New Hampshire libraries, we do know that the IMLS funds not being available would dramatically impact those IMLS funded services.

As we receive updates from the New Hampshire State Library, we will do our best to let all our patrons know about any changes to these vital services.

Thank you for your patience and understanding!

## Friends of the Library of Windham

Joanne Poon

We are excited to announce the winners of the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Strawberry Festival and Poster Contest! This year, it was a close competition, and we ended up with a tie! Congratulations to Windham Center School students **Addie L.**, age 10, and **Paribo M-G**, age 11. These talented artists will have their designs recognized at the festival, and each will receive a game bracelet along with a delicious strawberry shortcake or mini sundae!

A big thank you to everyone who participated – your creativity truly made this year's contest a sweet success! We look forward to celebrating at the festival Saturday, May 31 at Windham High School!



## Dates to Remember

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| 4/1 Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.                                                                                                               | 4/14 Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; FLOW Strawberry Festival Meeting, 6:30–8:30 p.m.                                   | Base Military History, 6:00–7:30 p.m.                                                                                              |
| 4/2 Baby Storytime, 10:30–11:30 a.m.; Vegetable Gardening, 6:00–7:30 p.m.                                                                       | 4/15 Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Virtual Treasures of the Gardner Museum, 2:30 p.m.; Teen Advisory Group, 6:30 p.m. | 4/24 Preschool Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Mandala Craft, 6:00–7:30 p.m.                                                                |
| 4/3 Preschool Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Nesmith Knitters, 12:30–2:30 p.m.                                                                          | 4/16 Baby Storytime, 10:30–11:00 a.m.                                                                                  | 4/25 Free Art Friday, 10:30–11:00 a.m.                                                                                             |
| 4/5 Little Explorers, 10:30 a.m.                                                                                                                | 4/17 Preschool Storytime, 10:30–11:15 a.m.; Nesmith Knitters, 12:30–2:30 p.m.; April Tween Night, 6:30 p.m.            | 4/28 Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Virtual No More Curse: History of the Red Sox, 7:00 p.m.                                       |
| 4/7 Toddler Storytime, 10:30; Perler Bead Pixel Art, 4:30 p.m.; FLOW Meeting, 6:30–9:00 p.m.; Nesmith Library Board of Trustees, 7:15–8:30 p.m. | 4/19 Crafty Creations, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.                                                                          | 4/29 Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Teen AP Test Lock-in Study Night, 2:00–6:00 p.m.; Virtual Travel to Western Ireland, 2:00 p.m. |
| 4/8 Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.                                                                                                               | 4/20 Library Closed                                                                                                    | 4/30 Baby Storytime, 10:30–11:00 a.m.; Lego Drop-in, 3:30 p.m.                                                                     |
| 4/9 Baby Storytime, 10:30–11:00 a.m.; Drop-in Craft, 3:30 p.m.; Nesmith Library Book Group, 6:00–7:30 p.m.                                      | 4/21 Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Kids Comic Club, 6:00 p.m.                                                         | 5/1 Preschool Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Nesmith Knitters, 12:30–2:30 p.m.                                                             |
| 4/10 Preschool Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; STEAM: Egg Drop, 6:00 p.m.                                                                                | 4/22 Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Teen Learn to Mend Night, 6:00–7:30 p.m.                                           | 5/2 Poop Museum, 1:00 p.m.                                                                                                         |
|                                                                                                                                                 | 4/23 Baby Storytime, 10:30–11:00 a.m.; Grenier Air                                                                     | 5/3 Little Explorers, 10:30 a.m.; Spring Planting, 1:30 p.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

Nesmith Library will be closed on Sunday, April 20

