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February Adult Programming

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This is a leap year, so there will be a 29th day this month. Happy Birthday to all those born on Feb. 29! You get to celebrate on your actual birthday this year.

New Book Releases

There are some great new books hitting the shelf in February. *The Fox Wife* by Yangsze Choo (Feb. 13) is a story of “old loves and second chances, the depths of maternal love, and ancient folktales that may very well be true.” *The Hidden Life of Cecily Larson* by Ellen Baker (Feb. 20) tells the story of 94-year-old Cecily, who was abandoned at 4, and how a recently taken DNA test “throws into question everything about the family she’s raised and claimed as her own for nearly 70 years.” And finally, *The Deerfield Massacre: A Surprise Attack, a Forced March, and the Fight for Survival in Early America* by James Swanson (Feb. 27) is a true telling of the 1704 attack in Massachusetts, when Indians and their French allies slaughtered or captured the small outpost’s inhabitants. 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, Feb. 14 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 6 different book groups that are open to all, and they welcome Nesmith patrons! Find out more at www.rodgerslibrary.org/book-groups.

Cultural Passport Series

This month we are pleased to partner with Tewksbury (Mass.) Public Library to bring a Cultural Passport series to the library. These daytime virtual Zoom pro-

grams will explore travel, history, art, gardening, and wildlife. Three of these programs will also be shown at the library, so you can watch on our big screen or watch from your home! The simulcast programs are:

“Before Busing: A History of Boston’s Long Black Freedom Struggle” on Friday, Feb. 2 at 10:30 a.m.



“Armchair Travel to Switzerland: Historic Cities and Alpine Visit” on Tuesday, Feb. 20 at 12:30 p.m.



“Armchair Tour of the Codman Estate in Lincoln, Mass.” on Tuesday, Feb. 27 at 12:30 p.m.



Light refreshments will be served at these screenings. The other programs in this series will be offered only on Zoom.

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“Safe Harbor: The Maritime Underground Railroad in Boston” on Tuesday, Feb. 6 at 12:30 p.m.

“Japanese American Internment Through the Archives of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library” on Tuesday, Feb. 13 at 12:30 p.m.

“Sight and Sound: The Integration of Montage and Music in American Film” on Wednesday, Feb. 14 at 10:30 a.m.

“Creative Couples of Paris: Elisabeth Le Brun and Elizabeth Gard” on Thursday, Feb. 15 at 10:30 a.m.

“Hydrangea Ps and Qs: Planting, pH, Pruning, Problems and Your Questions” on Wednesday, Feb. 28 at 10:30 a.m.

“Tracking Beavers, Raccoons, Coyotes, and Other Wild Mammals in Winter” on Thursday, Feb. 29 at 10:30 a.m.

Our website [Events Calendar](#) has full descriptions and links to register.

Valentine’s Day Crafts for Adults



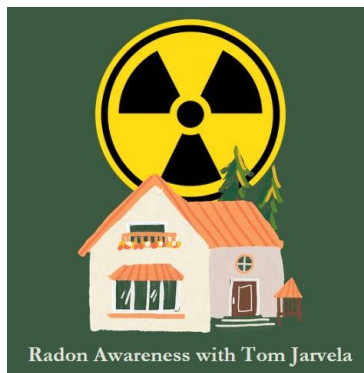
Join us on Wednesday, Feb. 7 at 6:00 p.m. for a Valentine’s Day craft for adults. We’ll be making a colorful candy heart garland and a whimsical “LOVE” canvas. All supplies will be provided, and registration is required. This program is for ages 18 and up, and space is limited, so register early!

The Globemakers



Join us virtually via Zoom on Thursday, Feb. 22, at 2:00 p.m. when Peter Bellerby, founder of Bellerby & Co. Globemakers, takes us on a visual tour through the history of globemaking; how it almost became a lost art; and how he is bringing it back, one beautiful hand-painted globe at a time. His book, *The Globemakers: The Curious Story of an Ancient Craft*, is a full-color photographic portrait of a fantastic art and an enlightening exploration of globes, or “earth apples,” as they were first known. When Peter set out to make a globe for his father’s 80th birthday, after failing to find a suitable one to purchase, he had no idea where the process would lead. He went on to establish Bellerby & Co, one of the only artisan globemakers in the world. The Globemakers brings us inside Peter’s gorgeous studio to learn how he and his team of cartographers and artists bring these stunning objects to life. Presented in conjunction with Ashland (Mass.) Public Library.

Radon Awareness



How much radon is safe for your family to breathe? Tom Jarvela, the founder of [radonlibrary.com](#), will be here on Thursday, Feb. 22 at 6:00 p.m. to answer this question and talk about radon and how you can test for it in your home. Tom found that he and his family were breathing VERY elevated levels of radon, a radioactive, naturally occurring, colorless, and odorless gas. Long term exposure to radon increases the risk of lung cancer, and the only way to know if the air in your home is safe is to test for radon. Nationally, it is estimated that 1 of every 15 homes has elevated levels of radon, but in New Hampshire, it is estimated that 3 in 10 homes have elevated radon. Join us to learn more about the importance of testing for radon and how to test your home for FREE!

Tom Jarvela is a New Hampshire native who currently lives in Stratham with his wife and two young children. An outdoor enthusiast, you’ll often find him running and biking on the trails around the seacoast. He spent years promoting sustainable commuting in the greater seacoast region as a member of the Commute Smart Seacoast advisory board. In 2021, his family discovered that their home had very elevated levels of radon. Having remediated their own radon issues, he founded [radonlibrary.com](#), an organization dedicated to working collaboratively with libraries to promote radon awareness in the Granite State.

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 or call the library at 603-432-7154.

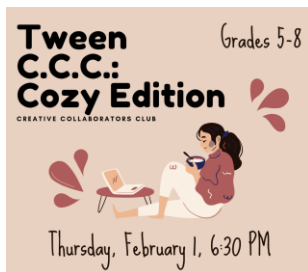
FLOW Academic Grants

The Friends of the Library of Windham (FLOW) is pleased to offer three distinct grants to Windham residents. These grants are a one-time award ranging from \$1,500 to \$2,500. Two of the awards are for high school seniors in pursuit of a four-year degree at a college or university and the other is for a high school senior with plans to attend a community college or trade school. Go to <https://www.flowwindham.org/scholarships> for more information and applications.

Teen Happenings

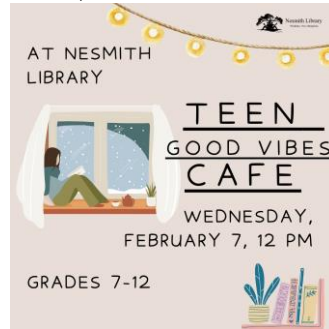
Molly Pevna,
Teen Services Librarian

It's February on a leap year, and we're taking advantage of all that extra time this month! Escape the winter blues and recharge your inner sparkle at the Nesmith Library's **Tween Creative Collaborators Club (CCC): Cozy Edition!** On Thursday, Feb. 1, at 6:30 p.m., join us for a night of cozy creativity and bookish comfort. Wear your comfy self-care essentials (cozy pjs, fuzzy socks, etc.) to help enhance the vibe.



The following Wednesday, it's a half day and we're celebrating. Welcome to the **Teen Good Vibes Cafe**, a

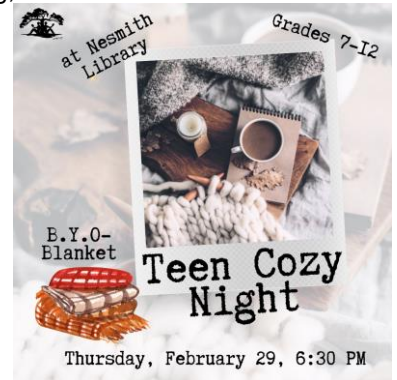
pop-up event designed for total recharge and connection on Wednesday, Feb. 7, at noon.



Following that up, we have not one, but two **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)** meetings this month! Want to shape the future of the library for teens? Join the TAG meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 13 and 27, at 6:30 p.m.

Wrapping up the month we're having a celebration of all things cozy, but for the teens this time. Craving cozy vibes and good company? Escape the

winter chill and dive into a night of warmth, laughter, and all things cozy at the **Teen Cozy Night** on Thursday, Feb. 29, at 6:30 p.m. We'll have a hot chocolate bar, DIY self-care kit making, and all the snacks.



Want to learn more about these events or have questions? You can call the library at 603-432-7154 or email Molly at mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org.

WINDHAM'S
LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

Join us for cultural activities and crafts, light refreshments from local restaurants, and entertainment

February 10, 2024
10 am to 12:30 pm
Windham High School Cafeteria
64 London Bridge Road, Windham

Register at: 

FREE ADMISSION

Please register at <https://windham.recdesk.com/Community/Home> or use QR code to register

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Offered in conjunction with Windham Recreation

CHILDREN'S STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL POSTER DECORATING WORKSHOP

Saturday February 10, 2024
2pm - 3:30pm
multipurpose room
Nesmith Library

Strawberry themed snacks and art supplies will be provided



Special Events for Children

Azra Palo,
Head of Youth Services

Valentine's Cookie and Cards

Thursday, Feb. 8

6:00 p.m.

Ages 4-11. Registration required.
Hearts, treats, and more at

Nesmith Library! Young patrons ages 4-11 are invited to partake in our Valentine Cookies and Card event on Thursday, Feb. 8, starting at 6:00 p.m. Each child will be able to decorate and enjoy a cookie while crafting a beautiful card to take home to give to a friend or family member. Treats will be provided, so please email Azra if you have any allergy concerns. Registration started Jan. 25. Questions? Email Azra at apalo@nesmithlibrary.org.



Animal Winter Tracks Storytime

Friday, Feb. 23

10:30 a.m.

Ages 0-5. No registration required.
Brr! It's time for a special winter

storytime at the Nesmith Library on Friday, Feb. 23, at 10:30 a.m. Ages 0-5 years are welcome to first join us inside where we will read, sing, and dance!

Weather permitting, we will bring the fun outside with play and more. We will see all the different ways animals leave their footprints during the colder seasons, talk about our favorite winter animals, and create a craft to bring home!

Participants will be emailed if the program is cancelled due to weather. Registration opens Friday, Feb. 9.

Questions? Please email Azra at apalo@nesmithlibrary.org.

Monthly Children's Programs

Azra Palo

Little Explorers

Saturday, Feb. 3

10:30-11:30 a.m.

1-3 years. No registration required.



Toddlers are natural scientists, always curious about the world around them. This program includes sensory bin fun for toddlers ages 1 through 3 (and their caregivers) to explore the 5 senses together. Drop in anytime on Saturday, Feb. 3 between 10:30 and 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.

Drop-in Heart Craft

Wednesday, Feb. 14

3:30-4:30 p.m.

All ages. No registration required.
Drop in for a heart-themed craft at

the Nesmith Library on Wednesday, Feb. 14 between 3:30 and 4:30 p.m. This month, children will be using mixed materials to create their own fantastic heart-related craft to take home! They can give it to a friend or family member for Valentine's Day or keep for themselves. You bring the creativity, and we provide the supplies. No registration required. Questions? Email Azra, aplo@nesmithlibrary.org.

Create Club

Saturday, Feb. 17

2:00 p.m.

Ages 6-11. Registration required.

Children ages 6 to 11 can make art at Nesmith Library's Create Club on Saturday, Feb. 17 at 2:00 p.m. It's never too late to share a sweet card with a friend. Pull tabs, die cuts, multiple pop-up layers, and googly eyes come together to make a fun card! Join us in making two cards – an adorable puppy and rainbow hearts. Caregivers are welcome to join in or sit it out, but they must remain in the library as the children are participating in the event. Registration opens up on Saturday, Feb. 3. Questions? Email Kristina at kyoung@nesmithlibrary.org.

February STEAM: Fizzy Hearts

Thursday, Feb. 15

6:00 p.m.

6-11 years. Registration required.

Fizzle, fizzle, pop! How do we make the fizziest bath bomb? We will answer this question and more during our monthly STEAM program! Young scientists ages 6-11 are invited to our February STEAM program on Thursday, Feb. 15, starting promptly at 6:00 p.m. During our STEAM programs, 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 chemical reactions and making our own unique bath bombs to take home. Registration opens on Thursday, Feb. 1. Questions? Email Azra at apalo@nesmithlibrary.org.



February School Vacation Week Programs

Azra Palo

February Scavenger Hunt

Monday, Feb. 26 – Friday, Mar. 1
All ages. No registration required.



Nesmith Library Youth Services staff challenge you to complete our Scavenger Hunt, celebrating February Vacation Week! Children ages 0-12 can visit the Children's Room accompanied by a caregiver from Monday, Feb. 25 through Friday, Mar. 1. Turn in your completed sheet to receive a small prize at the children's desk. No registration is required, and prizes are available while supplies last. Questions? Email Azra at apalo@nesmithlibrary.org.

Lego Drop-In

Tuesday, Feb. 27
3:30 p.m.

Ages 4-11. No registration.

We're hosting a special February Vacation Week Lego Drop-in at Nesmith Library, 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 Nesmith Library on Tuesday, Feb. 27 between 3:30 and 4:30 p.m. to explore with Legos. Participants will have the option to display a Lego creation for the week in the Children's Room. 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.



Kids' Comic Club, Jr.

Monday, Feb. 26
3:30-4:15 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, Feb. 26, at 3:30 p.m. for a new 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, Feb. 12. Questions? Email Courtney, cwason@nesmithlibrary.org.

Kids' Comic Club

Monday, Feb. 26
6:00 p.m.

Ages 7-11. Registration required.

Calling all young comic book lovers ages 7-11! Join us on Monday, Feb. 26 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, Feb. 12. Questions? Email Courtney at cwason@nesmithlibrary.org.

Snow Party!

Wednesday, Feb. 28
10:30 a.m.

All ages. No registration required.

We're celebrating the season of SNOW with a party dedicated to those chilly flakes on Wednesday, Feb. 28 starting at 10:30 a.m.! In addition to music, dancing, and snow-themed games, we'll also have an easy art project to make and take home. Make the most of your February vacation by visiting Nesmith Library. Children of all ages are welcome to attend this event. Caregivers must be present. Questions? Email Courtney at cwason@nesmithlibrary.org.

Open Play (Feb. Vacation Week)

Thursday, Feb. 29
10:30 a.m.

Ages 0-5. No registration required.



Wondering what to do with all that creative energy over winter vacation? Join us at this special open play at Nesmith Library on Thursday, Feb. 29, at 10:30 a.m.! Registration is not required, and families are welcome to drop in anytime during the one-hour time period. Stations will include activities that allow children to create, build, and more! These stations will be geared towards ages 0-5, but siblings are welcome to join. Questions? Email Courtney, cwason@nesmithlibrary.org.

Storytimes

Azra Palo

Toddler Storytime

Mondays and Tuesdays, Feb. 5-13, 10:30 a.m.
Ages 18 months – 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 on Mondays and Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. We ask that patrons choose only one day of the week to attend. Siblings are also welcome. Registration is for the entire session. Questions? Email Kristina at kyoung@nesmithlibrary.org.

Baby Storytime

Wednesdays, Feb. 7-14, 10:30 a.m.

Ages 0-18 months.
No registration 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 for ages 0-18 months. Siblings are always welcome. Questions? Please email Courtney at cwason@nesmithlibrary.org.

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays, Feb. 1-15, 10:30 a.m.

Ages 3-5 years.
Registration required.

We invite our preschool friends to join us for storytime, which occurs on Thursdays through Feb. 15, at 10:30 a.m. Courtney will lead the fun for ages 3-5 with songs, stories, and crafts. This is an independent storytime. For more information, please email Courtney at cwason@nesmithlibrary.org.

Dates to Remember

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| <p>2/1 Preschool Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Nesmith Knitters, 12:30-2:20 p.m.; Tween Creative Collaborators Club, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>2/2 Virtual Cultural Passport: Before Busing, 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>2/3 Little Explorers, 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>2/5 Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; FLOW Meeting, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>2/6 Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Virtual Cultural Passport: Safe Harbor, 12:30 p.m.</p> <p>2/7 Baby Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Teen Good Vibes Café, 12:00-1:30 p.m.; Valentine's Day Crafts for Adults, 6:00-7:30 p.m.</p> <p>2/8 Preschool Storytime, 10:30-11:15 a.m.; Valentine Cookies and Cards, 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>2/10 Lunar New Year Celebration, 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Windham</p> | <p>High School; Children's Strawberry Festival Poster Decorating Workshop, 2:00-3:30 p.m.</p> <p>2/12 Preschool Storytime, 10:30-11:15 a.m.; Library Board of Trustees, 6:30-8:00 p.m.</p> <p>2/13 Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Virtual Cultural Passport: Japanese American Internment, 12:30 p.m.; February TAG, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>2/14 Baby Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Virtual Cultural Passport: Sight & Sound, 10:30 a.m.; Drop-in Heart Craft, 3:30 p.m.; Library Book Group, 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>2/15 Preschool Storytime, 10:30-11:15 a.m.; Virtual Cultural Passport: Couples of Paris, 10:30 a.m.; Nesmith Knitters, 12:30-2:30 p.m.; February STEAM, 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>2/17 Create Club, 2:00 p.m.</p> <p>2/19 Library closed for Pres-</p> | <p>idents Day</p> <p>2/20 Virtual Cultural Passport to Switzerland, 12:30 p.m.</p> <p>2/22 Virtual Globemakers Program, 2:00 p.m.; Radon Awareness, 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>2/23 Animal Winter Tracks, 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>2/26-3/1 February Scavenger Hunt, all day</p> <p>2/26 Kids Comic Club, Jr. 3:30-4:15 p.m.; Kids Comic Club, 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>2/27 Virtual Cultural Passport: Tour of Codman Estate, 12:30 p.m.; Lego Drop-in, 3:30 p.m.; February TAG: The Sequel, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>2/28 Snow Party, 10:30 a.m.; Virtual Cultural Passport: Hydrangeas Ps and Qs, 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>2/29 Open Play, 10:30 a.m.; Virtual Cultural Passport: Wild Mammals in Winter, 10:30 a.m.; Teen Cozy Night, 6:30 p.m.</p> |
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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 Monday, Feb. 19 for Presidents Day.

