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From the Director's Desk

*Sylvie Brikiatis,
Library Director*

Well, it's that time of year again! Here is a look at our year in review for 2022.

This year was definitely a return to full programming and activities after the pandemic. Our summer reading programs were very well attended as those who tried to get parking spaces can attest to.

The Solar project was completed at the library and we had a lovely ribbon cutting ceremony at the end of the summer. Pop into the library and take a look at our real-time monitoring display of the system.

Two new databases were added to the library, this year. The first is a Proquest database that provides access to many major dailies including *The Boston Globe*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Los Angeles Times*, *New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *The Washington Post*. The other is Fold3 that provides access to military records to supplement our other genealogy resources.

The library received ARPA grant money in the amount of \$14,353.00, and we purchased the

following:

- Additional meeting pod for semi-private meetings
- Story Walk
- OWL system
- Update on digitizing the *Windham Independent*

We said good-bye to Kathy Roche on our circulation staff and welcomed Samantha Anderson in her place. Elaine Rittenhouse retired from full-time service after 28 years but remains with us part-time. Jo-Ann Houde was promoted to the full-time cataloguing position that was as a result of Elaine's shift in duties.

We successfully secured funding to move forward with relaying our brick walkway. Work will be completed in 2023.

Eagle Scout Aidan Whitaker completed his Eagle project at the library, and we now have an outdoor, full-size chess board on our side

lawn.

Girl Scout troop 10763 completed their Silver Award project at the library, rebuilding and replanting our raised beds with sustainable, perennial, pollinator attracting plants. They have a plan for indefinite up-keep!

This completes my fourth full year as library director. I am grateful for the support that the library received from the town administration as well as the residents of Windham during this year of change. It is a pleasure working with this great staff, board of trustees, Friends of the Library of Windham volunteers, and the countless other volunteers who give of their time to make the library a wonderful community asset.

We all look forward to serving our entire community in 2023!



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January Adult Programming

Maria Schroeter,
Adult Collection Development /
Adult Programming Librarian

Happy New Year! I hope you have a healthy and prosperous 2023!

New Books for January

We've got some great new titles coming out this month. The highly anticipated biography, *Spare*, from Prince Harry, the Duke of Sussex, arrives on January 10. Colleen Hoover is coming out with *Heart Bones* on January 31, and you know how popular she is. On January 3, the darkly hilarious *The Bandit Queens*, by Parini Shroff, tells the story of a young Indian woman who "finds the false rumors that she killed her husband surprisingly useful—until other women in the village start asking for her help getting rid of their own husbands." 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, 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, January 11 at 6:00 p.m. This month we've been reading *All the Children are Home* by Patry Francis. 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!

Post-Holiday Self-Care Kit



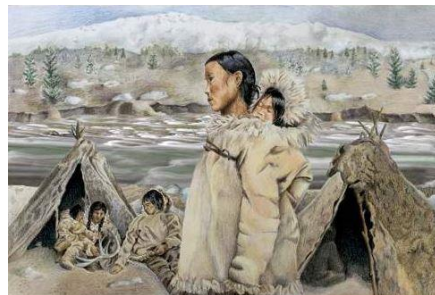
Surprise! Nesmith Library cardholders ages 18 and up can pick up a takeaway kit starting Tuesday, January 3 to provide some post-holiday self-care! Stop by the library and ask at the circulation desk for a kit, while supplies last.

Trivia Night



Trivia is back! Join us on Tuesday, January 17 at 6:00 p.m., when we'll be testing our knowledge on a variety of subjects. Grab your friends and form a team, or come on your own and play solo! Pizza and dessert will be provided.

12,000 Years Ago in the Granite State



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 Thursday, January 19 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. He is a past president of the New Hampshire Archeological Society and a former trustee of the Mount Kearsarge Indian Museum in Warner, and he served on the New Hampshire Commission on Native American Affairs. 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.

CASA Information Sessions



Have you thought about being a CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) volunteer, but were unsure what it entails or the commitment involved? On Tuesday, January 24 at 11:00 a.m., and on Wednesday, January 25 at 6:30

p.m., CASA advocates will be here to talk about their work and answer your questions. CASA volunteers are ordinary women and men who step forward to advocate in New Hampshire's court system for children who have experienced abuse and neglect. Volunteers spend time getting to know the child or children they are working with and gather information from the important adults in each child's life, so they may make qualified, unbiased recommendations to a judge about what they believe to be in the best

interests of the child. Join us to see how you can help! No registration required.

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

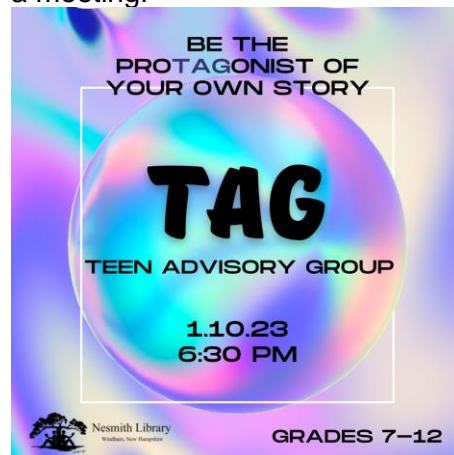
*Molly Pevna,
Youth Services Librarian*

Our New Year's resolution in the Teen Department you ask? We like to keep it at least 1080p. Our programs this month are as bright as our resolution, starting with the Tween Chocolate Olympics on Wednesday, January 4 at 6:30 p.m. Will you be able to make the most imaginative chocolate creation? You have to come to find out.



We'll be having our regular Teen Advisory Group meeting on Tuesday, January 10 at 6:30 p.m. Want to learn more about our Teen Advisory Group? Newcomers are

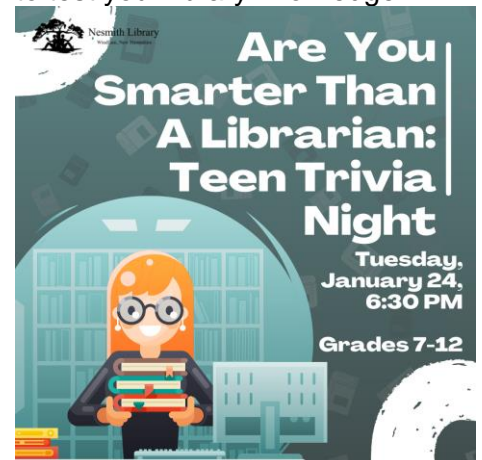
always welcome to come check out a meeting!



Following up on the next Tuesday, January 17, we'll have the Teen Snowflake Lantern Takeaway Craft. Starting at 9:00 a.m., snowflake lantern crafts will be available while supplies last.



Wrapping up the month is our Teen Trivia Night: Are you Smarter Than a Librarian? Stop by on Tuesday, January 24 at 6:30 p.m. to test your library knowledge.



Questions about any of the programs? Reach out to Molly at mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org Please note all programs labeled "teen" are for grades 7 through 12 and all "tween" programs are for grades 4 through 8.

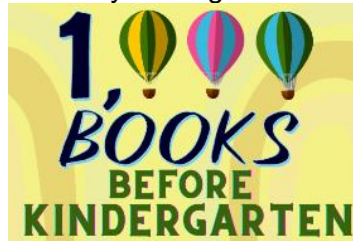
New Year, Same Great Programs!

Azra Palo,
Head of Youth Services

As we ring in 2023 at the Nesmith Library, we hope you will continue to join us in the new year for our weekly, monthly, and special programs and events in the children's room.

Don't forget about our 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program that is open to Nesmith Library patrons ages 0-5. The first 100 books earn you a tote bag and

subsequent 100 books earn you patches for your bag!



Not sure what you want to check out at the library? Pressed

for time between school events and extracurricular activities? Request a mystery bag on our website! You let us know what you like to read, listen, or watch, and we curate a special bag of items for you to pick up. Yes, it is that easy!

Questions about our children's room offerings? Email Azra Palo apalo@nesmithlibrary.org for more information.

Storytimes

Azra Palo

Toddler Storytime

Mondays and Fridays, January 6 to February 10 at 10:30 a.m. No registration required. In person.

Toddler Storytime is BACK for the school year at Nesmith Library! Caregivers with children ages 18 months to 3 years can sing, dance, and follow along to stories and songs, Mondays and Fridays at 10:30 a.m., January 6 through February 10. We ask that patrons please choose either Monday or Friday to attend. Older and younger siblings are also welcome. Questions? Email Chris at csavuknas@nesmithlibrary.org.

Baby Storytime

Wednesdays, January 4 to February 8 at 10:30 a.m. Registration not required. In person.

All babies and their caregivers are invited to join us Wednesday mornings at the Nesmith Library for Baby Storytime! Starting Wednesday, January 4 at 10:30 a.m., we will have stories, songs, dancing,

and more for ages 0-18 months. Siblings are always welcome. Questions? Email Kirsten at krickershauser@nesmithlibrary.org.

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays, January 5 to February 9 at 10:30 a.m. Registration required.

We are inviting our preschool friends to join us for storytime! On

Thursdays, starting January 5 at 10:30 a.m., Miss Molly will lead us in a fun storytime for ages 3-5 including songs, dancing, and stories. This is an independent in-person storytime. For more information about our Preschool Storytime, please email Molly at mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org.

A graphic titled 'Weekly Storytimes' on a light blue background. It features three storytime event cards. The first card is for 'TODDLER STORYTIME' on Mondays and Fridays at 10:30 AM from January 6 to February 10, for caregivers with children ages 18 months to 3 years. The second card is for 'BABY STORYTIME' on Wednesdays at 10:30 AM from January 4 to February 8, for caregivers with babies ages 0-18 months. The third card is for 'PRESCHOOL STORYTIME' on Thursdays at 10:30 AM from January 5 to February 9, for ages 3-5 years with registration required. The graphic also includes the text 'January-February' and 'Weekly Storytimes' in large, bold letters.

Monthly Children's Programs

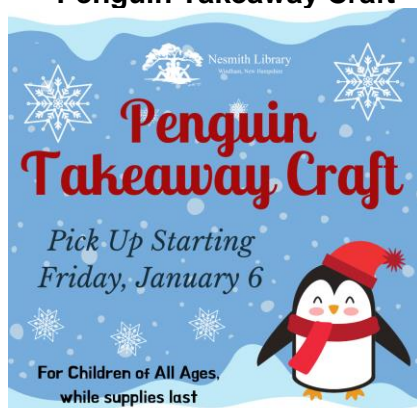
Azra Palo

Tween Chocolate Olympics

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

What's better than the World Olympics? Well, the Nesmith Tween Chocolate Olympics, of course! Visit us on Wednesday, January 4 at 6:30 p.m. to create some of the most outrageous chocolate creations this library has ever seen! How many kinds of chocolate will we have? You have to come to find out. For questions or concerns about allergens, please email Molly at mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org.

Penguin Takeaway Craft



Friday, January 6. All ages. Registration not required.

In all this cold, we need something cute and bright! So, stop by Nesmith Library on Friday, January 6 to pick up your own penguin sun-catcher! Crafts are available while supplies last. Questions? Email Molly at mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org.

STEAM Takeaway: Salt Paint

Monday, January 9. Ages 6-11. Registration required.

Roll up your sleeves and get ready to paint with salt. Yes, salt! The January STEAM kit will be available for pick up starting Monday, January 9 at 9:00 a.m. Registration is required, and families are welcome to pick up their kits starting Monday, January 9 at 9:00 a.m. Takeaway kits not picked up by Monday, January 16 will be given to someone on the waitlist. Questions? Email Azra at aplo@nesmithlibrary.org.

Create Club: Puzzle Cubes

Saturday, January 14 at 2:00 p.m. Ages 6-11. Registration re-

quired. In person.

Young patrons aged 6-11 are invited to sign up for January's Create Club. This month we're working in all three dimensions with an exciting challenge. We're going to make puzzle cubes! 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.

Magic Tree House Explorers

Monday, January 30 at 6:00 p.m. Ages 6-11. Registration required. In person.

Young patrons aged 6-11 are invited to join us Monday, January 30 at 6:00 p.m. for another warm-weather-themed meeting of the Magic Tree House Explorers! This exploration will take us to the plains of Africa, a place filled with wonderful creatures. In this meeting, we'll take our inspiration from bees and craft with flowerpots. Caregivers are welcome to join in or not, but they must remain in the library as their children participate.

Special Children's Event

Azra Palo

Make a Cat Toy for Shelter Pets!

Join the Nesmith Library on Thursday, January 12 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. to craft a cat toy for a shelter pet in need and enjoy some snacks! This program requires registration and is for children ages 6-11. Younger siblings are welcome to register as well, but will likely

need a caregiver's help to do the craft. Questions? Please email Azra apalo@nesmithlibrary.org or call the children's room at 603-432-7154.

If the weather tries to interfere with our fun, we may package up the supplies as a takeaway for you to pick up instead.



Possible Intermittent Phone and Internet Outages

Intermittent phone and internet outages are possible throughout January 2023, as a result of Town of Windham IT service providers working on upgrading our networks.

We will update our website as quickly as possible when we become aware of an outage or service issue, so that you can check before you call or visit us.

Three categories (WIFI, PUBLIC COMPUTERS, and PHONES) will display either WORKING or UNAVAILABLE to indicate its current status, along with a note of when the information was last

updated on our website.

If you would like to verify our current internet status before visiting the library, please call us first (if the phones are working). If our phones are not working and you would like to contact us, please visit the library at 8 Fellows Road during our

regular hours, email us at info@nesmithlibrary.org, or use our “Ask A Librarian” webchat when available (lower right corner of the screen on our website).

Thank you for your patience while the Town of Windham networks are being upgraded.



Dates to Remember

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| 1/1 | New Year's Day, Library Closed | Group, 6:30 p.m. | |
| 1/2 | Library Closed | 1/11 | Baby Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Library Book Group, 6:00 p.m. |
| 1/3 | Post-Holiday Self-Care Adult Takeaway Craft, 9:00 a.m. | 1/12 | Preschool Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Make a Cat Toy for Shelter Pets, 6:00 p.m. |
| 1/4 | Baby Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Tween Chocolate Olympics, 6:30 p.m. | 1/13 | Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. |
| 1/5 | Preschool Storytime, 10:30 a.m. | 1/14 | Create Club, 2:00 p.m. |
| 1/6 | Children's Penguin Takeaway Craft, 9:00 a.m.; Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. | 1/16 | MLK Jr. Day, Library Closed |
| 1/9 | STEAM Takeaway, 9:00 a.m.; Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Library Board of Trustees, 6:30 p.m. | 1/17 | Teen Snowflake Lantern Takeaway Craft, 9:00 a.m.; Adult Trivia Night, 6:00 p.m. |
| 1/10 | Teen Advisory | 1/18 | Baby Storytime, 10:30 a.m. |
| | | 1/19 | Preschool Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; |
| | | 1/20 | Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. |
| | | 1/23 | Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. |
| | | 1/24 | CASA, 11:00 a.m.; Teen Trivia Night, 6:30 p.m. |
| | | 1/25 | Baby Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; CASA, 6:30 p.m. |
| | | 1/26 | Preschool Storytime, 10:30 a.m. |
| | | 1/27 | Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. |
| | | 1/30 | Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Magic Tree House Explorers, 6:00 p.m. |

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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.

The Nesmith Library will be closed Sunday, January 1 and Monday, January 2 for New Year. It will also be closed Monday, January 16 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

