



# The Nesmith NEWS

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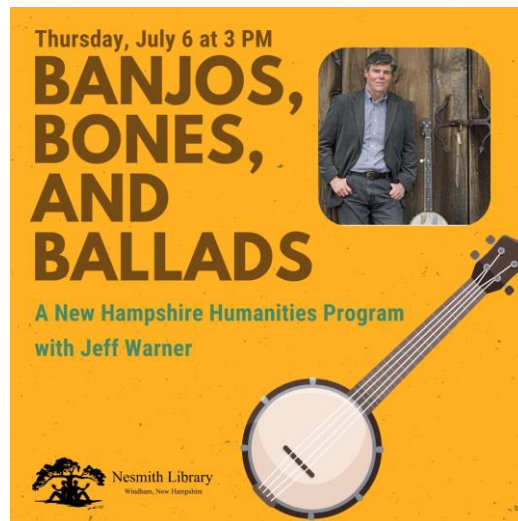
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## July Adult Programming

*Maria Schroeter,  
Adult Collection Development / Adult  
Programming Librarian*

### Banjos, Bones, and Ballads



Join us on Thursday, July 6 at 3:00 p.m. when folklorist Jeff Warner will play tavern songs, banjo tunes, 18<sup>th</sup> century New England hymns, and sailor songs, and tell humorous stories about traditional singers and their music. This New Hampshire Humanities program is for ages 10 and up, and registration is required.

Traditional songs, rich in history and a sense of place, present the latest news from the distant past, and help us to interpret present-day life with an understanding of the working people who built our country.

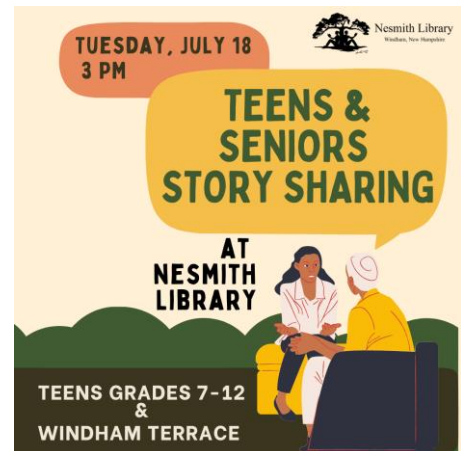
Jeff Warner connects 21<sup>st</sup> century audiences with the music and everyday lives of 19<sup>th</sup> century people. He presents musical traditions from the lumber camps of the Adirondack Mountains and the whaling ports of New England to the Outer Banks fishing villages of North Carolina. Warner accompanies his songs on concertina, banjo, guitar, and several pocket instruments, such as bones and spoons. He is a folklorist and community scholar for the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts, and a former State Arts Council fellow.

He has toured nationally for the Smithsonian Institution and has recorded for Flying Fish, Rounder Records, and other labels.

### Nesmith Library Book Group

The Nesmith Library Book Group will meet on Wednesday, July 12 at 6:00 p.m. Currently, the book group is not accepting new members, and the waitlist is full.

### Teens and Seniors Story Sharing



Do you have a story to tell or want to hear one from the people who have seen it all? Join us at the Nesmith Library on Tuesday, July 18 at 3:00 p.m. to share stories, hear stories, and be surprised at just how many people have that one crazy tale to tell.

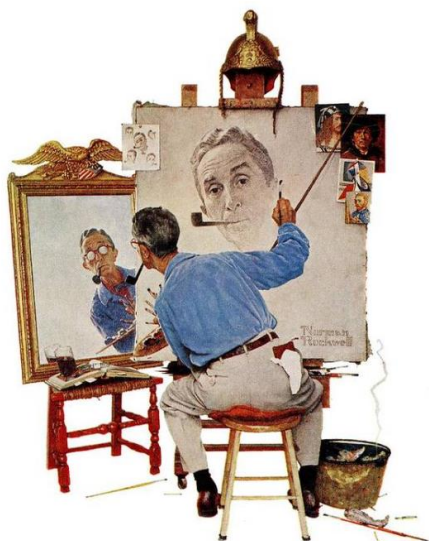
Teens going into grades 7-12 and seniors in grades 20+ (adults ages 65+) will be paired off by group. We ask anyone who joins us for this event to treat everyone with kindness and respect.

### Culturally Curious Art Series: Norman Rockwell

This is a virtual program. Please register on our website for the virtual meeting.

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Known as “America’s favorite illustrator,” Norman Rockwell is best known for his relatable scenes of modern American life with subjects selected for their broad appeal: families, holiday celebrations, and young love. Rockwell was also fond of making paintings about painting and the art world in general, topics one wouldn’t necessarily associate with commercial art for the middle class.

On Thursday, July 20 at 7:00 p.m., join the Nesmith Library in conjunction with other GMILCS libraries for the fourth event in our Culturally Curious Art Series with Jane Oneail. This virtual Zoom program considers the various ways Rockwell explored art making and museums over the course of his career, with a healthy dose of the artist’s good humor.

### **Food Preservation and Fermentation Workshop**

Join us at the Nesmith Library on Wednesday, July 26 at 6:00 p.m. for a class on food preservation, where we will learn the principles of fermentation. Emily Makrez, owner of F-Word Farm and educator on all things fermenting, farming, and foraging related, will show you how to pickle what’s in season to make the most of your harvest and prevent food waste.

The demonstration will include the basic principles of fermentation, so you will leave with the knowledge and confidence to be able to safely ferment practically anything! Emily will also

touch on the benefits of lacto-fermented food and how adding these foods to our diets are a benefit to our overall health.



Emily Makrez is the owner of F-Word Farm, a place for farming, foraging, and fermenting. Her interest in food took her to Seattle to pursue a master’s degree in nutrition at Bastyr University, but her love of New England brought her back home to start her own farm and delve deeply into the world of fermentation and foraging. Emily’s focus is on using every last bit of what nature provides and making it taste delicious.

### **Wildlife Photography with Martin Culpepper**



If you love wildlife, photography, or both, join us on Wednesday, August 2 at 6:00 p.m. when photographer Martin Culpepper shares his breathtaking animal photos with us. In addition to showing his photographs and hearing the stories behind them, Martin will cover the foundations of how to take

good wildlife images, including what equipment to buy, and how to find animals in nature.

Registration is required. Sign up early to secure your seat!

20-year-old Martin Culpepper is a wildlife photographer based out of northern Massachusetts. He has been photographing wildlife since 2016. An animal lover from childhood, he was obsessed with nature documentaries and books about wildlife (the more pictures, the better)! Martin has photographed animals from across North America, and he strives to showcase the beauty of his subjects and their environments through his photographs. Discover his work at: [www.pepperwildlife.com](http://www.pepperwildlife.com).

### **GMILCS Library Hop**

The Nesmith Library invites patrons of all ages to hop to each library in the GMILCS (Greater Manchester Integrated Library Cooperative System) consortium this summer! No registration required.

From now until August 31, visit each participating library, complete each library’s unique challenge, and earn prizes along the way. To get started, stop by the Nesmith Library to pick up your passport book and set off on your journey!

Inside your passport book, you’ll find each library’s information and challenge. After you complete a challenge, show it to a library staff member to receive a stamp or sticker in your passport book and a small prize. Once you complete all 11 challenges, present your completed passport book at your home GMILCS library to be entered into a raffle for a gift card to the Bookery Manchester.

We can’t wait to see you this summer!

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/month>.

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.



## Children's Summer Reading Program: All Together Now

Azra Palo,  
Head of Youth Services

The Nesmith Library Children's Summer Reading Program is in full swing! Library patrons are welcome to register their children ages 0-12 years on Beanstack ([nesmithlibrary.beanstack.com](https://nesmithlibrary.beanstack.com)). The more you read, the more tickets you earn towards raffle

prizes. The Nesmith Library Summer Reading Program is sponsored in large part by the Friends of the Library of Windham (FLOW). Questions? Email Azra at [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org) for information.



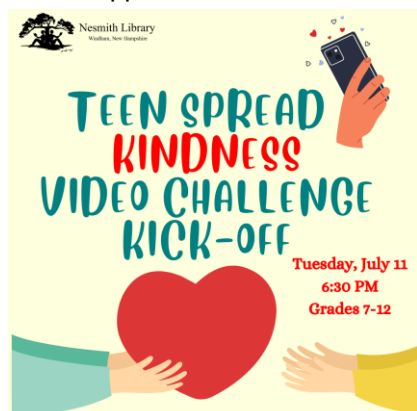
## Teen Happenings

Molly Pevna,  
Youth Services Librarian

Rain or shine, it's sure to be a great time with the start of the Teen Summer Reading Program!

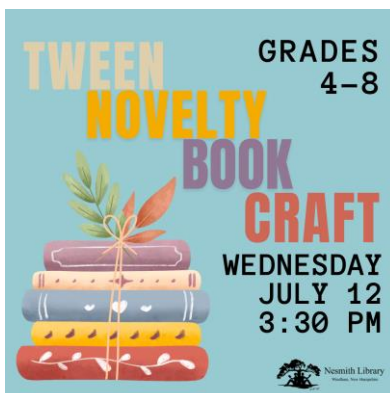


To keep things lowkey during the holiday week we have a **Teen Donut Takeaway Craft** on Wednesday, July 5, while supplies last.



Our teen patrons are always doing random acts of kindness, and we've decided to celebrate it. On Tuesday, July 11 at 6:30 p.m., we're kicking off our **Teen Spread the Kindness**

**Video Challenge.** Join us to make the big announcement video! Can't make it? That's okay, tag or DM us on social media and shine a spotlight on something you've recently done. You might get featured on the library's social media!



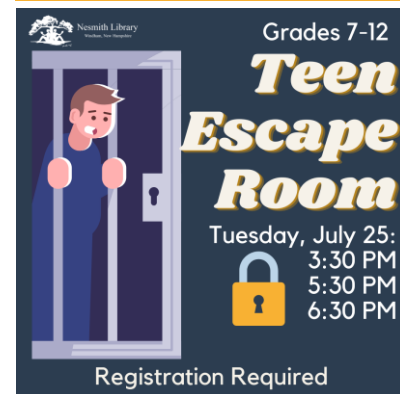
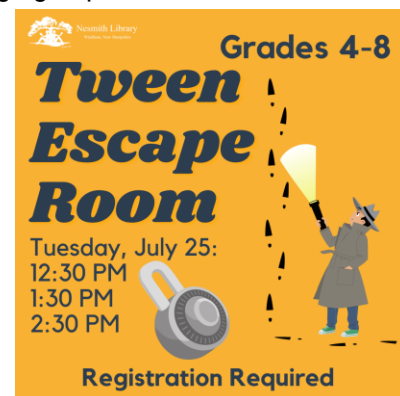
We can't leave the tweens out of the fun, so the following day, Wednesday, July 12 at 3:30 p.m., we have the **Tween Novelty Book Craft**. Come see all the ways you can really make a book have a second life.

We want to continue to celebrate the bonds that our community is able to make, so on Tuesday, July 18 at 3:00 p.m., we're inviting teens and seniors who are 65+, along with our friends at Windham Terrace, to come and share stories at the **Teens and Seniors Story Sharing** program.

Later that same day, we'll be having a low-pressure **Tween Book Club** on Tuesday, July 18 at 6:30 p.m. Bring a current read or all-time favorite book you think everyone should read.

To finish out the month, we'll be

having **Tween** and **Teen Escape Room** sessions on Tuesday, July 25. Escape Room sessions are each 45 minutes and participants are asked to arrive 10 minutes early to ensure an on-time start. Groups of up to six can sign up for the spot that best fits their age group.

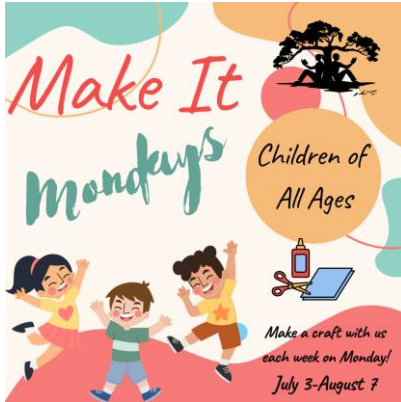


Please note, programs defined as *Tween* are for patrons going into 4-8 grade, and *Teen* is designated for patrons going into grades 7-12. Questions? Email Molly at [mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org).

## July Children's Programs

Azra Palo

### Make It Mondays



Monday, July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31  
9:00 a.m.

All ages. No registration.

Visit Nesmith Library on Mondays in July during Summer Reading for a children's craft celebrating these warmer months! Available while supplies last. Stop by and pick up a kit to take home or stay and make your craft with us!

This craft will be available all day in the Children's Room, or available as a takeaway if you prefer to pick up a kit. Please call 603-432-7154 when you arrive if you would prefer curbside pick up.

Questions? Email Azra at [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org) for more information.

### Summer Scavenger Hunt



Mon., July 3 to Sat., July 8.

All ages. No registration.

Nesmith Library Youth Services staff challenge you to complete our scavenger hunt Monday, July 3 through Saturday, July 8. Please note we will be closed Tuesday, July 4 for Independence Day. Turn in your sheet to receive a small prize at the children's desk!

Questions? Email Azra at [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org).

### Storytime at the Town Beach

Friday, July 14, 21, 28

10:30 a.m.

All ages. Windham residents only.

Bring your towels and sunscreen and join the Nesmith Library Youth Services Staff for a fun storytime with songs, stories, and dancing!

We'll be celebrating all summer with visits to Windham Town Beach Friday, July 14, July 21, and July 28 at 10:30 a.m. Our rain location will be at Nesmith Library. Check our social media (Instagram or Facebook) or visit our website for weather updates. Patrons are expected to provide their own transportation.

Please note that the Windham Town Beach is limited to Windham residents only, however, residents are welcome to bring guests.

Questions? Email Molly at [mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org) for more information.



## Special Thursday Morning Events

Azra Palo

### Magic by Fred

Thursday, July 13  
10:30 a.m.

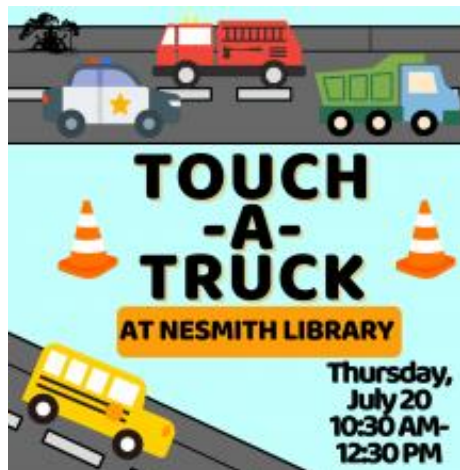
All ages. No registration.

It's an especially magical Thursday here at the Nesmith Library because our friend Magic Fred is coming for a visit! Make sure you join us on Thursday, July 13 at 10:30 a.m. to see the amazing magic for yourself!

This event is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Library of Windham (FLOW).

There will be limited parking at the Nesmith Library parking lot, so please consider carpooling or dropping off. Questions? Email

Azra at [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org) for more information.



### Touch-a-Truck

Thursday, July 20  
10:30 a.m.

All ages. No registration.

Firetrucks, police cars, and diggers, oh my! Children are welcome to visit the Nesmith Library on Thursday, July 20 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to see and explore all different kinds of vehicles. They'll be able to see and explore larger-than-life vehicles from the Windham Highway Department, see inside a school bus, or take a short stroll down Fellows Road to the police and fire stations to see what a police car and fire truck look like on the inside.

**Sensory Friendly Time:** For



those who are sensitive to flashing lights and loud noises, the first half hour of this event (10:30 to 11:00 a.m.) will be without lights or horns.

There will be limited parking in the Nesmith Library parking lot in order to make space for visiting vehicles. Please consider carpooling or dropping off. Questions? Email Molly at [mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org).

**Games on the Green**  
Thursday, July 27  
10:30 a.m.

All ages. No registration. Enjoy games on the green at the Nesmith Library! Families are invited to play lawn games and more on Thursday, July 27 starting at 10:30 a.m. Questions? Please visit Nesmith Library Youth Services in the Children's Room, call 603-432-7154, or email Azra.

There will be limited parking in the Nesmith Library parking lot. Please consider carpooling or dropping off.



## Children's Afternoon Activities

Azra Palo



**Lunch Bunch**  
Tuesday, July 11  
12:30 p.m.

Ages 0-5. No registration.

Bring your blanket and a lunch and join us on Tuesday, July 11 at 12:30 p.m. for a special summer read aloud in the story garden for ages 0-5. Siblings are welcome. If it rains, we will move the fun indoors, so check our social media and website for updates. Questions? Email Azra at [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org) for more information.

**Children's PJ Storytime with Author Matt Forrest Esenwine**

Thursday, July 13  
6:00 p.m.

All ages. No registration.

All children are invited to join us for a special evening storytime with author Matt Forrest Esenwine on Thursday, July 13 at 6:00 p.m. Matt will be doing a special reading of his book *Flashlight Night* and sharing the behind-the-scenes look at the creation of the book. Young patrons are

welcome to come in their PJs! Email Azra at [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org) or Courtney [cwason@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:cwason@nesmithlibrary.org).



**Fairy Tale Book Bingo**  
Monday, July 17  
6:00 p.m.

All ages. No registration.

Children of all ages are welcome to brush up on their fairy tales and join the Nesmith Library for Fairy Tale Book Bingo on Monday, July 17 starting at 6:00 p.m. Costumes are optional! No registration is required. Questions? Email Azra at [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org) or Courtney [cwason@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:cwason@nesmithlibrary.org) for more info.

**Tie Dye**  
Wednesday, July 12  
1:30 p.m.

Ages 6-11. No registration.

Stay groovy and join the Nesmith Library on Wednesday, July 12 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. for some cool tie dye! Bring one white article of clothing per child, and we'll have the tie dye supplies!

This program does not require registration and is geared towards youth ages 6-11.

Caregivers must remain on the library grounds while children are participating in the event. Younger siblings are also welcome, but we ask that caregivers actively assist any children under age 5.

Please watch our social media and website for updates due to the weather. Questions? Email Azra at [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org) for more information.



**Lego Drop-in**

Wednesday, July 19 & August 2  
1:30 p.m.

Ages 6-11. No registration.

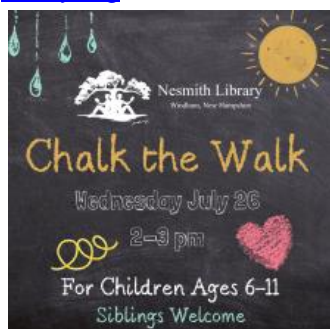
We're hosting two special summer Lego Drop-in at Nesmith Library for caregivers with children ages 6-11!

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 for the first Lego Event on Wednesday, July 19

between 1:30-2:30 p.m. to make Lego creations.

Caregivers must remain in the library while children are participating in the event. Younger siblings are also welcome, but we ask that caregivers actively assist any children under age 5. Questions? Email Azra at [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org) for more info.



## Chalk the Walk

Wednesday, July 26  
1:30 p.m.

Ages 6-11. No registration required.

Calling all young artists ages 6-11! Join the Nesmith Library on Wednesday, July 26 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. to create some concrete (and brick) chalk art. Chalk and supplies will be provided, just bring your imagination!

This program is geared towards youth ages 6-11, but siblings are welcome. Caregivers must remain on the library grounds while children are participating in the event. Younger siblings are also welcome, but we ask that caregivers actively assist any children under

age 5.

Please watch our social media and website for updates due to the weather. Questions? Email Azra at [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org) for more information.

## Tween Book Club

Wednesday, August 2  
3:30 p.m.

Grades 4-8. No registration required.

If you're going into grades 4-8, join us for the second Tween Book Club meeting for a chance to chat about a book you're obsessed with, but no one you know has read it! Bring the book that is your current obsession, the one you're currently reading, or just the one you always think about!

## Dates to Remember

7/3	Children's Make It Monday, 9:00 a.m.;	Children's Summer Reading Scavenger Hunt, 9:00 a.m.	1:30 p.m.;	Tween Novelty Book Craft, 3:30 p.m.;	Library Book Group, 6:00 p.m.	Monday, 9:00 a.m.			
7/4	Library Closed for Independence Day		7/13	Magic by Fred, 10:30 a.m.;	Children's Storytime with Author Matt Forrest Esenwine, 6:00 p.m.	7/25	Tween Escape Room, 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m.;	2:30 p.m.;	Teen Escape Room 3:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m.
7/5	Children's Scavenger Hunt, 9:00 a.m.;	Teen Donut Craft Takeaway, 9:00 a.m.	7/14	Storytime at Town Beach, 10:30 a.m.		7/26	Children's Chalk the Walk, 1:30 p.m.;	Food Preservation and Fermentation Workshop, 6:00-7:30 p.m.	
7/6	Children's Summer Reading Scavenger Hunt, 9:00 a.m.;	Banjoes, Bones, and Ballads, 3:00-4:30 p.m.	7/17	Children's Make It Monday, 9:00 a.m.;	Fairy Tale Book Bingo, 6:00 p.m.	7/27	Games on the Green, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.		
7/7	Children's Summer Reading Scavenger Hunt, 9:00 a.m.		7/18	Teens and Seniors Story Sharing, 3:00 p.m.;	Tween Book Club, 6:30 p.m.	7/28	Storytime at Town Beach, 10:30 a.m.		
7/8	Children's Summer Reading Scavenger Hunt, 9:00 a.m.		7/19	Summer Reading Lego Drop-in, 1:30 p.m.		7/31	Children's Make It Monday, 9:00 a.m.		
7/10	Children's Make It Monday, 9:00 a.m.		7/20	Touch-a-Truck, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.;	Virtual Culturally Curious Art Series, 7:00 p.m.	8/1	GenZ vs Millennial Trivia, 6:30 p.m.		
7/11	Children's Lunch Bunch, 12:30 p.m.;	Teen Spread Kindness Video Challenge, 6:30 p.m.	7/21	Storytime at Town Beach, 10:30 a.m.		8/2	Summer Reading Lego Drop-in, 1:30 p.m.;	Tween Book Club, 3:30 p.m.;	Wildlife Photographer, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
7/12	Children's Tie Dye,		7/24	Children's Make It		8/3	Wildlife Encounters, 10:30 a.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 Tuesday, July 4 for Independence Day.

