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July Adult Programming

Maria Schroeter, Adult Collection Development and Adult Programming Librarian

"For to be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others." – Nelson Mandela, Long Walk to Freedom

New Book Releases

July book preview! This month I am going to highlight some books that might fly under your radar but have received a lot of pre-publication buzz and great reviews. Party of Liars by Kelsey Cox (July 1): "a lavish, Texas-sized Sweet Sixteen turns deadly in this twisty, pulse-pounding new novel — serving up a fresh take on a classic locked-room whodunnit." The Lighthouse at the Edge of the World by J.R. Dawson (July 29): "At the edge of Chicago...there is a waystation for the dead. Every night, the newly-departed travel through the city to the Station, guided by its lighthouse. There, they reckon with their lives, before stepping aboard a boat to go beyond." The Lies They Told by Ellen Marie Wiseman (July 29): In rural 1930s Virginia, a young immigrant mother fights for her dignity and those she loves against America's rising eugenics movement...in this tragic and uplifting novel of social injustice, survival, and hope." Last Stop Union Station by Sarah James (July 15): "Murder, movie stars, and mystery await those who climb aboard this cross-country train, inspired by the real-life history of the Hollywood Victory Caravan." These books are listed in our catalog and are ready to put on hold. If you need help putting an item on hold, just give the library a call and we can walk you through it or do it for you.

Adult Summer Reading Program Summer Reading is underway! Be

surfice Reading is underway! Be sure to sign up for our reading challenge to earn raffle tickets for great prizes! All the information is on our Summer Reading website page, which is located under the **Books & Research** tab at <u>nesmith</u> <u>library.org</u>.



Armchair Travel to Mongolia

Tuesday, July 8 at 2 PM

Virtual on Zoom and in person at the library.

Armchair Travel to Mongolia

Professional traveler Chris McCormack joins us virtually via Zoom on Tuesday, July 8 at 2:00 p.m. to talk about his 6-week motorcycle trip across Mongolia. Come learn about this fascinating country with many different landscapes and an ancient nomadic culture. Chris's travels included a visit to one of the last reindeer herders in the world, a demonstration from the Eagle Hunters of Western Mongolia, and a journey through the Gobi Desert. His stories, accompanied with his photos, will leave you amazed! This program will also be shown in person at the library at the same time. No registration required to join us in person. This program is presented with Tewksbury Public Library.

Hidden History of Lake Winnipesaukee

Thought you knew all there was to know about New Hampshire's "Big Lake"? Think again! Lake Winnipesaukee's history goes well beyond the boating and other recreational-related activities we think of

The Hidden History of Lake Winnipesaukee

a New Hampshire Humanities Program 🔶 🏧



today, and on Wednesday, July 16 at 6:00 p.m., Glenn Knoblock will dive into that history. Glenn will discuss the real story of "America's Oldest Summer Resort" in Wolfeboro, the religious sect on Gilford's Governors Island who thought the world was ending, Massachusetts' early efforts to claim New Hampshire territory as their own, the site of the country's first college sports rivalry in Center Harbor, the Black community that once existed in Gilmanton, and the only airport of its kind in the entire country in Alton. Whether you live in the area or are a visitor from elsewhere, these fascinating and enlightening bits of history will change forever how you view our "Big Lake." This program is made possible with a grant from New Hampshire Humanities.

Book Tasting for Adults! There will be lots of advance reader copies to peruse while tucking into a sundae of your creation, and plenty of time to discuss which books you're looking forward to reading and which ones you've read and loved. Stay for the hour or just long enough to jot down your favorite titles! Everyone will leave with an advance reader copy! This event was very popular both times it was offered, so don't miss your chance to grab a free book and chat with your fellow readers.

Evening DIY Tie Dye

Stay groovy and join us on Thursday, July 24 at 6:00 p.m. for some cool tie dye! If the weather is nice, we will be outside. If the weather dampens our outside fun, we will be inside the library. No registration is required, but tie-dye supplies are limited. We ask that patrons bring their own small, white article of clothing like socks, bandana, or a t-shirt. Note: This program is intended for older children, teens, and adults. Younger children, who need an adult's help, can join us at the 10:30 a.m. session.



Book Tasting for Adults

Would you like to preview upcoming Summer/Fall 2025 book releases while enjoying an ice cream sundae bar? Then join us on Wednesday, July 23 at 6:00 p.m. for another round of



Summer Jigsaw Puzzle Race Gather your team of up to four people, and on Monday, July 28 at 6:00 p.m., join us to compete against other groups in a timed jigsaw puzzle competition! Teams will have 90 minutes to put together their puzzle. Each team will be working on an identical 500-piece puzzle provided by the library. The first team to complete their puzzle will be awarded a prize! This is a community event for amateur puzzlers. Please see our website for additional instructions.



Block Print Craft

Thought to have originated in China more than 2,000 years ago, block printing is the earliest method of printing on paper with the oldest dated printed book still in existence, the *Diamond Sutra*, printed in the year 868. On Wednesday, July 30 at 6:00 p.m. we will be trying our hand in this ancient craft. Local artist Tif Farmakis-Day will be instructing us, and all supplies will be provided. Just bring your ideas! There are limited spots for this class, so register early.

Eyes on Owls

Save the date: Saturday, August 2 at 1:00 p.m. for our live owl presentation! You will meet six live owls (from small to huge) up close. Everyone participates in a hooting lesson and learns tips on how to attract and protect owls near you. Although this is an all-ages show, the owls work best with ages 3 and older. For the safety and comfort of the owls, the presenters ask that any children that get restless be brought out of the room by their caregivers until they settle.

Adult programs are for ages 18 and up (unless otherwise noted) and registration is required for some events. To register for these programs, please visit our Events Calendar at <u>https://nesmithlibrary.org/calendar</u>. For more information on any of these programs, or if you have any questions, contact Maria at <u>mschroeter@nesmith</u> <u>library.org</u> or call the library at 603-432-7154.

Teen Happenings

Molly Pevna, Teen Services Librarian

Summer's here-and so is Summer Reading! The theme you ask? Well, it's Color Our World! So, while the sun blazes and your to-do list reads "chill, recharge, and have fun," Nesmith Library has lined up the perfect pit stops for your July journey. Whether you're trekking the Oregon Trail, racing through Mushroom Kingdom, or just looking to beat the heat indoors, we've got you covered. Haven't registered for summer reading yet? What are you waiting for?! Visit www.nesmithlibrary.beanstack.org to register and start getting access to that Teen SRP Prize Cabinet! Not to mention registration bags. You can learn more about our summer reading program on our website at https://www. nesmithlibrary.org/summerreading. Now get ready for the whirlwind of events!



It's summer reading and we need to celebrate! Stop by Nesmith Library on Tuesday, July 1 at 6:30 p.m. to help decorate the Teen Area. We'll be decorating the windows with stickers and window markers!

Tween and Teen Oregon Trail

Have you ever died of dysentery? Well, now is your chance, on the Oregon Trail no less! Stop by Nesmith Library on Wednesday, July 2 at 4:00 p.m. to try the classic game yourself. Make sure to bring a friend!

Tween Mario Video Game

It's time to play the most classic of all video games – Mario! Come have a chill afternoon playing video games with friends at the Nesmith Library on Thursday, July 3 at 4:00 p.m. We'll be playing Switch on our big screen! Game and controllers will be provided by the library.

Teen Yarn Wall Hanging Craft

Cute wall art that's environmentally friendly? Sign me up! Or just stop by the Nesmith Library on Tuesday, July 8 at 6:30 p.m. for the Teen Yarn Art Wall Hanging to make a cute neutral (or colorful, you do you) decoration that you can use for any room!

Tween Jackbox



The only thing better than playing video games with your friends? Playing video games at the Nesmith Library! We're kidding, but it is pretty fun to play video games at the library when the games allow you to see who can come up with the best burns. Welcome to Tween Jackbox at the library on Thursday, July 10 at 4:00 p.m.

Tween Woven Bookmarks

The only thing better than a bookmark you ask? A bookmark that can also turn into a bracelet! Come join us to make your own woven bookmarkbracelet at the Nesmith Library on Monday, July 14 at 4:00 p.m.

Teen Book Inspired Bouquets

What's the only thing better than flowers and books? Flowers and books together! Stop by Nesmith Library on Tuesday, July 15 at 6:30 p.m. to make your very own book inspired bouquet to bring home to brighten up your space!

Tween Weird Food Combo Night

The only thing better than snacks? Finding new snacks! Come try new and weird food combos at the Nesmith Library on Thursday, July 17 at 6:30 p.m.

Teen Improv Night

We've all heard about the cringe of a bad improv show. You know the only

time improv isn't cringe? When you're stopping by Nesmith Library on Monday, July 21 at 6:30 p.m. to laugh with friends while you're the one doing improv. Lean into the cringe, it only makes the jokes better!

Teen Canvas Sneaker Decorating

Are your white chucks kinda dusty, crusty? Those pair of slips on seen better days? Don't worry, we've got you covered. Come to the Nesmith Library on Tuesday, July 22 at 6:30 p.m. and give them a fresh new look.

Tween Improv Challenge



We've all heard about the cringe of a bad improv show. You know the only time improv isn't cringe? When you're stopping by Nesmith Library on Thursday, July 24, at 4:00 p.m. to laugh with friends while you're the one doing improv. Lean into the cringe, it only makes the jokes better!

Teen Paper Garland

We're going for the world's longest paper chain! Come help us break a record and make the Nesmith Library a little brighter on Tuesday, July 29 at 6:30 p.m. It may sound simple, but it's also so weirdly soothing.

Tween Paper Garland Craft

We're going for the world's longest paper chain! Come help us break a record and make the Nesmith Library a little more bright on Wednesday, July 30 at 4:00 p.m. It may sound simple, but it's also so weirdly soothing.

As a reminder, all tween programs are for students entering grades 5-8, and all teen programs are for students entering grades 7-12. If a program is labelled "Tween and Teen" any student entering grades 5-12 is welcome to attend.

Questions? Please call the library at 603-432-7154 or email Molly at <u>mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org</u>.

Nesmith Library Kid Librarians 2025

Azra Palo,

Head of Youth Services

Our 2025 Kid Librarian Program started in June with our first librarian, Brianna!

Brianna got a behind the scenes tour and her favorite part about the library is our new collection of Playaways. All kid librarians get a tour, along with curating their own physical and online display. Brianna loves graphic novels and books about dogs! In total, there are four kid

librarians, and they will be announced during July and August. Stay tuned!



Color Our World

Azra Palo

The Nesmith Library 2025 Summer Reading Program officially started during the last week of June with our all ages kick-off featuring a real life mini-golf course inside the library and food trucks from Walking Gourmet! There were families of all shapes and sizes enjoying our cool AC and delicious treats.

This year we will be doing a bingo sheet for children instead of tracking minutes. On Beanstack don't forget to check off your bingo squares and collect tickets towards some awesome prizes including Canobie and Storyland tickets, STEAM kits, and more! SherBert, our Squishmallow mascot, is also a prize. Your first five in a row earns you a free book and a weekly raffle in person might win you a goodie bag featuring a t-shirt you can color yourself! The Nesmith Library Summer Reading Program is generously sponsored in larger part by the Friends of the Library of Windham (FLOW).

Questions about the children's summer reading program? Call the library at 603-432-7154 or email Azra at apalo@nesmtihlibrary.org.



Wednesday Summer Performers and More

Azra Palo

Wildlife Encounters

Wednesday, July 9 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. All ages, registration required. It's time for a visit from our friends at Wildlife Encounters! On Wednesday, July 9, there will be TWO opportunities to join the Nesmith Library to learn and even pet some animal friends you've probably never met before! Registration is required and patrons must choose one time, either 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. This event is generously sponsored by FLOW. Registration opens two weeks before the event. Questions? Email Azra at apalo@nesmithlibrarv.org.

Lindsay and Her Puppet Pals Wednesday, July 16 10:30 a.m. All ages, registration required. It's time for a visit from Lindsay and Her Puppet Pals! Join us on Wednesday, July 16 at 10:30 a.m. to hang out with Lindsay as she entertains us with a fun show.



Lindsay's funny, fast-paced, and highly interactive variety show delights the young and the young at heart! Kids will meet several larger-than-life, handcrafted puppets. Perhaps a goofy moose, a heroic tiger, or a lovable bear. Oh my! Maybe a dancing robot or flamingo, an adorable mouse, a stubborn goat, a shy dragon, or a singing dinosaur! Come find out who's making an appearance this time! Lindsay has been performing full-time since 2011, presenting to several thousand children each year. Through animated storytelling and thoughtful messaging, she hopes to inspire creative play, resilience, and empathy in even the youngest. She also believes shared joy and laughter strengthen communities. Visit her website to learn more about her and her shows!

This event is generously sponsored by FLOW. Registration opens two weeks before the event. Questions? Email Azra at <u>apalo@nesmith</u> <u>library.org</u>.

> Messy Art Morning Wednesday, July 23 10:30 a.m. All ages, no registration required.



Paint? Glue? Glitter? Check, check, check! Kids of all ages are welcome to join us for this fun morning of creativity and messy art-making on Wednesday, July 23 at 10:30 a.m. You can bring your art home for yourself or give to a friend! We hope the

Reoccurring Events

Azra Palo

Preschool Playtime

- Thursdays
- 10:30 a.m.

Ages 3-5, no registration required.

Spend time with friends old and new at the library this summer on Thursday mornings at 10:30 a.m. We'll provide the space to play and some toys (crawling tubes, water table, bubbles, tents, crayons, chalk, etc.) to play with for you and all your friends.

On nice days we'll set up outdoors in the garden. On days that are too hot or too rainy we'll meet in the multipurpose room inside the library.

Intended for preschoolers, but siblings are always welcome.

This is not a storytime, so there will be no structured activities. Caregivers are expected to stay with their children for the entirety of their stay. Drop-in anytime. Stay for the whole hour or only stay for a few minutes!

Note: There will be NO Preschool Playtime on Thursday, July 24. If you would like to join us for our family tiedye event that day, bring a white or light-colored item of your choice (tshirt, canvas tote, onesie, socks, etc.).

Questions? Email Courtney at cwason@nesmithlibrary.org.

weather will be nice, if not we will be inside the multi-purpose room. Wear something you don't mind getting a bit, well, messy! We can provide smocks, if desired. Questions? Email Courtney at <u>cwason@nesmithlibrary.org</u>.

Meet the Town Vehicles

Wednesday, July 30 10:30 a.m.

All ages, no registration required. The first 30 minutes of the event (10:30 – 11:00 a.m.) will be designated as "sensory friendly" with no flashing lights, sirens, horns, or loud music.

Patrons young and old are invited to get an up close look at the essential vehicles that power our town at the event. Meet the Town Vehicles is a free, family event where kids and adults are able to touch, see, and maybe even get behind the wheel of some of their favorite town vehicles, like fire trucks, police vehicles, and highway dept vehicles. Plus, participants will have a chance to meet the people that help build, protect, and serve our community! Registration is not required for this event, however we do have limited parking at the library. Please carpool if you can!

The Nesmith NEWS

Note: We are a busy town so some of our community helpers may need to attend an emergency and may be unable to provide vehicles or staff the day of the event. Parking is limited at the library. We are grateful to have the town departments participating and ask that you be respectful of emergency lanes and only park in designated areas! Questions? Email Azra at <u>apa-</u> lo@nesmithlibrary.org.



Fun Cart Friday Fridays 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

All ages, no registration required. Our weekly Fun Cart Friday for children of all ages started Friday, June 27, and goes until August 1.

Join us in the children's room anytime between 9:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. when you can independently play or create with special STEAM related supplies every week. One week it might be chalk, and another week it could be magnets! There's something for everyone. Registration is not required. We will be taking a break during Fourth of July week. Questions? Email Azra apalo@nesmithlibrary.org.

Summer Scavenger Hunt

Mon., June 30 – Sat., July 5 All Day

All ages, no registration required. Nesmith Library Youth Services

staff challenge you to complete our Summer Scavenger Hunt, during the week of Fourth of July! Celebrate our "Color Our World" theme by finding all the art items in the children's room. Children of all ages can visit the children's room accompanied by a caregiver from Monday, June 30 through Saturday, July 5. We will be closed Friday, July 4.

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.

Silly Summer Storytime

Starts Tuesday, July 8 10:30 a.m.

All ages, no registration required. Stories, songs, games, and more are all a part of our Silly Summer Storytime – available Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. between July 8 and August 5.

This all-age storytime is great for any child who enjoys books and mu-

sic. In nice weather the storytime may be held out in the Storytime Garden! No registration required. Questions? Email Joan at <u>icarbonne@nesmith</u> library.org.



Kids Camp Crafts

Monday, July 14 and Thursday, July 10 and 31

6:00 p.m.

All ages, registration required.

This summer, join us for some kid camp crafts! Librarian Joan or Courtney will show you how to make some fun art that you can keep for yourself or give to a friend! From some sticky slime to some cute bird feeders, there's something for everyone! Registration is required and these events are geared toward ages 6-11. The days of the week will rotate, but the time is the same, 6:00 p.m.

July Dates:

Thursday, July 10: Yarn Wrapped Initials

Monday, July 14: Drinking Straw Weaving

Thursday, July 31: Giant Tissue Flowers

Questions? Email Courtney at <u>cwason@nesmithlibrary.org</u> or Joan at jcarbonne@nesmithlibrary.org.

Special Summer Fun Events

Azra Palo

Comic Club Monday, July 7 6:00 p.m. All ages, registration required.



Due to popularity of our Comic Club during the school year, we will be hosting a special summer one on Monday, July 7 at 6:00 p.m. for ages 6-11 at the Nesmith Library!

Just like during the school year we

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.

June 20, 2025 Update:

The New Hampshire State Library has received official award notification for the full and anticipated amount of Grants to States Funds through IMLS. This provides for federally funded serwill check out a video, draw, and, of course, talk about graphic novels! 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. This event does require registration. Questions? Email Courtney at <u>cwason@nesmith</u> library.org.

Morning and Evening Tie Dye Thursday, July 24 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

All ages, no registration required. Stay groovy and join Nesmith Library on Thursday, July 24 at 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. for some cool tie dye! If the weather is nice, we will be outside. If the weather ruins our outside fun, we will be inside the library. No registration is required, but tie dye supplies are limited. We ask that patrons bring their own small white article of clothing like socks, bandana, or a t-shirt.

Note: The morning tie dye program is intended for our younger patrons who need adult supervision and some extra help to tie dye! Don't forget we have an evening tie dye program for older kids, teens, and adults happening on the same day.

Questions? Email the Nesmith Library at info@nesmithlibrary.org.



vices through September 30, 2026.

The defunding and elimination of IMLS currently remains in the Federal Budget proposal, so this may be a temporary reprieve. I will continue to follow the news about how these changes could affect library service in New Hampshire and here locally in Windham.



2025 GMILCS Library Hop

The Library Hop is back and bigger than ever! This summer, hop from library to library across the GMILCS Consortium (including a brand new stop!) and take on fun, unique challenges at each one. It kicked off June 1 and runs through August 31!

Here's how to join the adventure:

Start at your home base, Nesmith Library! Pick up your official Library Hop game board. Each library listed on the board has its own minichallenges for kids, teens, and adults. Complete a challenge, show a staff member, and earn a stamp or sticker and a prize!

Complete all the challenges and bring your fin-

Dates to Remember

- 7/1–5 Summer Scavenger Hunt, All Day
- 7/1 Teen Window Decorating, 6:30 p.m.
- 7/2 Tween and Teen Oregon Trail, 4:00 p.m.
- 7/3 Drop-in Preschool Playtime, 10:30 a.m.; Nesmith Knitters, 12:30–2:30 p.m.; Tween Mario Video Game Afternoon, 4:00 p.m.
- 7/4 Library Closed
- 7/7 Kids Comic Club, 6:00 p.m.
- 7/8 Silly Summer Storytime, 10:30–11:00 a.m.; Virtual Armchair Travel to Mongolia, 2:00 p.m.; Teen Yarn Wall Hanging Craft, 6:30 p.m.
- 7/9 Wildlife Encounters, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; Nesmith Library Book Group, 6:00–7:30 p.m.
- 7/10 Drop-in Preschool Playtime, 10:30 a.m.; Tween Jackbox, 4:00 p.m.;

ished game board back to Nesmith Library to be entered into a raffle for a \$100 gift card to The Bookery in Manchester, N.H.

The grand prize drawing will take place at the end of the Library Hop, and we'll no-

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Winnipesaukee, 6:00

7/17 Drop-in Preschool Play-

time, 10:30 a.m.;

Nesmith Knitters,

Night, 6:30 p.m.

7/18 Fun Cart Friday, 9:30

a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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Canvas Sneaker Deco-

Weird Food Combo

Hidden History of Lake

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7/14 Tween Woven Book-

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tify the lucky winner.

Game boards are available now, so come grab yours and get hopping!

Stay tuned for more updates, and happy hopping from all of us at Nesmith Library!



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- ing for Adults, 6:00 p.m. 7/24 Morning DIY Tie Dye, 10:30 a.m.; Tween Improve Challenge, 4:00 p.m.; Evening DIY Tie Dye, 6:00 p.m.
- 7/25 Fun Cart Friday, 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- 7/28 Summer Jigsaw Puzzle Race, 6:00 p.m.
- 7/29 Silly Summer Storytime, 10:30–11:00 a.m.; Teen Paper Garland, 6:30 p.m.
- 7/30 Meet the Town Vehicles, 10:30 a.m. –12:00 p.m.; Tween Paper Garland Craft, 4:00 p.m. Block Print Craft, 6:00– 7:30 p.m.
- 7/31 Drop-in Preschool Playtime, 10:30 a.m.; Kids Camp Crafts, 6:00 p.m.
- 8/1 Fun Cart Friday, 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- 8/2 Eyes on Owls, 1:00 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 Friday, July 4

