



# The Nesmith NEWS

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## June Adult Programming

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

Happy Father's Day, congratulations to all the grads, and welcome summer!

### New Books

We've got some great new titles coming out this month. The always popular Riley Sager returns with another thriller, *The Only One Left*, on June 20; historical fiction author Lisa See takes us to 15<sup>th</sup> century China in *Lady Tan's Circle of Women*, out on June 6; for you non-fiction fans, *What an Owl Knows: The New Science of the World's Most Enigmatic Birds* by Jennifer Ackerman is out on June 13, and *Ice: From Mixed Drinks to Skating Rinks—a Cool History of a Hot Commodity* by Amy Brady is out on June 6. 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.

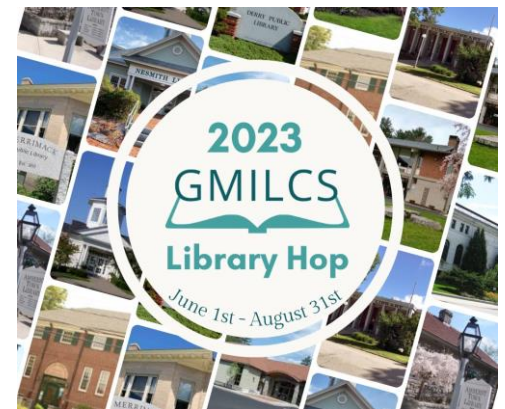
### Nesmith Library Book Group

The Nesmith Library Book Group will meet on June 14 at 6:00 p.m. Currently, the book group is not accepting new members, and the waitlist is full.

### Community Events

This month there are two community events that the Nesmith Library will be involved in: The Strawberry Festival and Book Fair, run by the Friends of the Library of Windham ([flowindham.org](http://flowindham.org)) on Saturday, June 3, and the Windham Pride Festival, run by Windham Citizens for Diversity, Equity + Inclusion ([windhamdei.org](http://windhamdei.org)) on Sunday, June 11. Both events will be held at Windham High School. Come and say hello!

## GMILCS Library Hop



The Nesmith Library invites you to hop to each library in the GMILCS consortium this summer! From June 1 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 eleven challenges, present your completed passport book at your home GMILCS library to be entered into a raffle for a gift card to Bookery Manchester. We can't wait to see you this summer!

### A Beginner's Guide to Cemetery Sleuthing

Cemeteries hold invaluable clues to genealogical research. Etched in stone are names, symbols, and ab-

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breviations that not only tell us more about our ancestors, but also about their place in time. To find out more about these gravestone etchings, join us on Thursday, June 22 at 6:00 PM when Erin E. Moulton presents "A Beginner's Guide to Cemetery Sleuthing." A local genealogist and librarian, Erin will cover strategies to help locate your ancestor's burial place, discuss how to make the most out of a visit, and teach us how to decipher a variety of symbols. The presentation also includes a list of Erin's favorite cemetery resources. Most of the presentation covers New England cemeteries, though many symbols can be seen nationwide. We are pleased to co-host this in-person program with the Windham Historical Society.



Erin E. Moulton writes books and tracks dead people. As a genealogist, slipping into old records and exploring past lives is something she has done for herself and for others for over 14 years. Erin is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, the New Hampshire Historical Society, the New Hampshire Society of Genealogists, and more. She serves on the landmark committee for the Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire and is a part-time reference librarian at the Derry Public Library.

She has written several books, mostly for children. You can find her online at [www.erinemoulton.com](http://www.erinemoulton.com).

## Adult Summer Reading



Join me for our kick-off event of the 2023 Adult Summer Reading program! Artist Tif Farmakis-Day will lead us in a paper collage workshop on Wednesday, June 28 at 6:00 p.m. All supplies will be provided. Just bring your creativity!

## George Tooker: Modern Life and Magical Realism



George Tooker often depicted the tensions of modern life and in-

human bureaucracies in his art. As a gay man who was active in the Civil Rights movement, Tooker explored boundary-breaking subjects in his work while also conjuring powerful scenes of quiet beauty. On Thursday, June 29 at 7:00 p.m., join Nesmith Library in conjunction with other GMILCS libraries for the third event in our Art Series with Jane Oneil, "George Tooker: Modern Life and Magical Realism." This virtual Zoom program introduces the artist, his life, and his remarkable body of work.

Jane Oneil is an independent scholar and holds a master's degree in Art History from Boston University and a master's degree in Art in Education from Harvard University. Jane is a New Hampshire native and has worked at some of the state's most esteemed cultural institutions including the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen, where she served as executive director, and the Currier Museum of Art, where she held the role of senior educator. Jane has also taught at the college level for more than a decade, most recently at the N.H. Institute of Art. Find out more about Jane, and her art programs, on her website: [iamculturallycurious.com](http://iamculturallycurious.com).

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.

Friends of the Library of Windham present:  
**38TH ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL & BOOK FAIR**

**Saturday  
 June 3rd  
 11am-5pm  
 Windham  
 High School**

For More Information  
[flowindham.org](http://flowindham.org)



Artwork by: Elizabeth Russell, age 9

Celebrate over 30 years of community at the Nesmith Library's largest fundraiser! Local businesses, volunteers, and sponsors come together to bring you entertainment, food, fun, and games. Come spend the day with your family and friends!

### BOOK FAIR

At Nesmith Library:  
 Wednesday May 31 from 3pm - 7:30pm  
*(Preview Day for FLOW members, Senior Citizens, and Teachers only)*  
 Thursday June 1 from 11am - 7:30pm  
 Friday June 2 from 11am - 2:30pm

At Windham High School:  
 Saturday June 3 from 11am - 4:30pm  
**\$5 Bag of Books Sale 3:30pm - 4:30pm**

### FOOD

All Purpose Baker  
 Bruno's  
 Capri Pizza  
 Celebrity Grills by Wendy's  
 Famous Strawberry Shortcakes  
 Kona Ice  
 Tropical Smoothie Cafe  
 Walking Gourmet  
 Windham Restaurant

### ENTERTAINMENT

11:30-12:00 Karate International  
 12:00-12:30 New England Dance Ensemble  
 12:30-1:00 Dance Impressions  
 1:00-1:30 Triple Threat  
 1:30-2:00 Happy Feet Dance School  
 2:00-2:30 WAG  
 2:30-3:00 Christine Morrison Academy of Celtic Dance  
 3:30-4:30 Indecisive (funk jam band)  
**DJ Tom Earley**

### ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

**DUNK TANK!** Face painting, Balloons by Michelle, cornhole, sand art, Plinko, mini golf, Inflatables - giant slide, bounce house, basketball & obstacle course, fun games, pottery demos, and more!

Community Groups: Girl Scouts, Nesmith Library Crafts for Kids and Summer Reading preview, Team 3467 Windham Windup, Windham Fire Department, Windham Historical District/Heritage Commissions, YMCA

### BERRY SWEET RAFFLES

Baron's Major Brands Basket	Happy Feet Basket	Mr. Fix It
Pearls Candy Basket	Friends' Night Out	All About You Basket
Kumo Sushi Basket	Birthday Party To Go	Cowabunga's Gift Pack
Business As Usual	Baby Game Night	Let's Read with
Take A Ride!	Utility Management Group	V. Nysten Real Estate
Classic Date Night	Basket	

Plus Art by Windham's Artists-in-residence: Steven Lawlor Jones, David Martsolf, Nancy Perkins, Neil Fallon, Lynn Chrissis, Steven Capuano, Cindy Jutras, Patrick Lord and more!

### THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS

Strawberry Level (\$2,500): Canobie Lake Veterinary Hospital, Enterprise Bank  
 Vine Level (\$800): Inspired Martial Arts, Karate International, Sun Asian Bistro  
 Blossom Level (\$500): Armstrong Law P.C., Cyr Lumber, Medicus, Windham Orthodontics  
 Leaf Level (\$300): 36creative, DOS Promotions, Inbloom Health and Medispa, Prime Butcher  
 Seedling Level (\$125): DJ Rogers Collision & Service Center, Golden Crane, Palmer Gas, RG Mobile Detail, Windham Democratic Town Committee, Windham Junction, Windham Lions Club



## Youth Department News

Azra Palo,  
Head of Youth Services

May was a busy month for the Nesmith Library Youth Department Staff! We held three Friday outdoor storytimes, twice at Griffin Park and once at the caboose on the Windham Rail Trail with a combined 375 participants! We would like to give a special thank you to Cheryl Haas from the Windham Recreation Department for letting us use Griffin Park, Mark Samsel from the Windham Rail Trail Alliance for opening the caboose again for us, and the Windham Police Department for traffic control during the Caboose Storytime.

We also held a Stuffedie Sleepover with almost 30 stuffedies on May 18! The staff had fun coming up

with photo ideas and getting the stuffedies ready for a night at the library. We posted photos of the Stuffedie Sleepover on Facebook and Instagram. The library is hoping to do another sleepover in the upcoming school year, stay tuned for more information.



Thank you to all of our patrons for your patience during our brick renovation project. We can't wait to show you the final product! As we gear up for summer reading, we are not quite yet done with special programming in June. Stop by our children's craft table during FLOW's Strawberry Fest on Saturday, June 3 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. In addition, we will be hosting our first ever Baby Prom on Wednesday, June 14 at 10:30 a.m. and our second celebration for 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten on Friday, June 9 at 10:30 a.m. For more information about our upcoming events, please check out our events calendar on our website!

## Teen Happenings

Molly Pevna,  
Youth Services Librarian

It's the official start of summer, and we're over the June with all we have going on this month. It's Pride Month and finals season, but the Teen area has you covered.

First, a bit of cheer with a Rainbow Pop-Up Card Teen Takeaway Craft on Tuesday, June 6, starting at 9:00 a.m.



And later that day, to ensure you're also set for any questions

you have about future school plans, we have "Navigating College Admissions in 2023" with Nancy Steenson on June 6 at 6:30 p.m.

Now, while our new walkways look fantastic, we did miss out on the best day of the year, so we're making up for it with a Tween May the Force Make-up Party on Wednesday, June 7 at 6:30 p.m. We'll be celebrating all things Star Wars and of course, talking about how cute Grogu is.

Our Teen Advisory Group will be having our last TAG meeting of the school year on Tuesday, June 13 at 6:30 p.m. If you're not a TAG member but want to know more, you're always welcome to come before we break for the summer.

Of course, we wouldn't be celebrating Pride with just a takeaway craft, we're also having our Teen

Rainbow Pride Party on Tuesday, June 20 at 6:30 p.m. Don't worry, we'll provide the glitter and the snacks.



Questions about these programs or anything else Teen area? Email Molly at [mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org).

## Special Storytimes

Azra Palo

**1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Celebration**  
Friday, June 9, 10:30 a.m.  
All ages. No registration.

**1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN CELEBRATION STORYTIME**

**FRIDAY JUNE 9  
10:30 AM**

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten  
Generously Sponsored in part by:



NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED  
CHILDREN OF ALL AGES WELCOME

**Beanstack**

Join Nesmith Library for our 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Celebration Storytime at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, June 9! There will be plenty of songs and stories to celebrate our graduates. You do not need to be part of 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten to join in the fun. If you are interested in learning more about our program and how to get your child involved, please check out the 1,000 Books Before

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

### Baby Prom

Wed., June 14, 10:30 a.m.  
0-18 months. No registration.



Join Nesmith Library for our first ever Baby Prom on Wednesday, June 14 at 10:30 a.m. Bring your babies in their finery and enjoy an hour of dancing, playing,

and photo booth fun! For babies ages birth to 18 months, siblings welcome. Bring your own snack and drinks. Questions? Email Azra at [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org) or Courtney at [cwason@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:cwason@nesmithlibrary.org) for more information.

### Storytime at the Town Beach

Friday, June 30, 10:30 a.m. All ages. Windham residents only.

Celebrate summer at the Town Beach with the Nesmith Library! Bring your towels and sunscreen and join us for a fun storytime with songs, stories, and dancing! Please note that the Town Beach of Windham is for Windham residents only. However, residents are welcome to bring guests. Questions? Please email Molly at [mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org) or Azra at [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org) for more information.

## Monthly Children's Programs

Azra Palo

### Ladybug Takeaway Craft

Friday, June 2. All ages. Registration not required.



Ladybugs, our favorite friends of summer, are out and about everywhere now. We're so excited, we want everyone to have one forever! Children of all ages are invited to

pick up their very own Ladybug Craft Takeaway on Friday, June 2 at Nesmith Library while supplies last. Pick-up starts at 9:00 a.m. Questions? Email Molly at [mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org).

### Lego Drop In

Thursday, June 8, 6:00-7:00 p.m. Ages 6-11. No registration.

Join the Nesmith Library for a Lego Drop In! Stop by on Thursday, June 8 anytime between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. as we play with Legos. Young builders will have a prompt or two to explore, but the creativity is up to you! Younger siblings are welcome, but we ask that adults remain the room with them for the remainder of the program. Questions? Email Azra [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org).

### STEAM Takeaway: Rainbow Beads

Monday, June 12. Ages 6-11.

It is almost summer, and the warmer weather is already here! This month's project will include colorful beads that you can turn into your own rainbow craft. The June STEAM kit will be available for pick up starting Monday, June 12 at 9:00 a.m. Please register once for the whole family and list the names of your children who are ages 6-11 on the indicated line of the registration form, so that we make sure to package up enough supplies for you! Takeaway kits not picked up by Monday, June 19 will be given to someone on the wait-list. Questions? Email Azra [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org).

## Children's Summer Reading Program

Azra Palo

### Summer Reading Registration Begins!

Monday, June 26  
9:00 a.m.

Children ages 0-12 years are invited to register on Beanstack for our Children's Summer Reading Program starting on Monday, June 26 at 9:00 a.m.! Adults and teens have their own summer reading programs as well. After registering, stop in the Nesmith Library to pick up a registration bag while supplies last! The

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

### Summer Reading Kickoff

Thursday, June 29  
10:30 a.m.

All ages. No registration required.

Join the Nesmith Library on Thursday, June 29 at 10:30 a.m. for our

2023 Children's Summer Reading Program Kick-Off with Steve Blunt! A fun, upbeat performance of songs that celebrate diversity and build community with warmth, humor, and lots of audience participation. This event is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Windham Library. Parking is limited, so please carpool if you can. Questions? Email Azra [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org) for more information.

A warm welcome to our new social media / digital literacy librarian:  
**Stephanie Rinehart**

## Dates to Remember

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| 6/1 GMILCS Library Hop, 9:00 a.m.; FLOW Book Fair, 11:00 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; Nesmith Knitters 12:30-2:30 p.m.    | 6:30 p.m.   | 6/18 Library Closed for Father's Day   |
| 6/2 Children's Ladybug Craft Takeaway, 9:00 a.m.; FLOW Book Fair, 11:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.                       | 6/7 Tween May the Force Make-Up Party, 6:30 p.m.                      | 6/20 Teen Rainbow Pride Party, 6:30 p.m.   |
| 6/3 FLOW Strawberry Festival, Windham High School, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; Book Fair, 11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. | 6/8 Lego Drop In, 6:00 p.m.   | 6/22 A Beginner's Guide to Cemetery Sleuthing, 6:00 p.m.   |
| 6/5 FLOW Meeting, 6:30 p.m.  | 6/9 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Celebration Storytime, 10:30 a.m. | 6/26 Children's Summer Reading Registration Begins, 9:00 a.m.  |
| 6/6 Rainbow Pop-Up Card Teen Takeaway, 9:00 a.m.; Navigating College Admissions in 2023,                     | 6/11 Windham Pride Festival, Windham High School, 12:00-3:00 p.m.     | 6/28 Adult Summer Reading Kickoff, 6:00 p.m.   |
|  | 6/12 STEAM Takeaway, 9:00 a.m.; Library Trustees, 6:30 p.m.           | 6/29 Summer Reading Kickoff, 10:30 a.m.; Virtual Culturally Curious Art Series: George Tooker, 7:00 p.m. |
|  | 6/13 Teen Advisory Group, 6:30 p.m.                                   | 6/30 Storytime at the Town Beach, 10:30 a.m.   |
|  | 6/14 Baby Prom, 10:30 a.m.; Library Book Group, 6:00 p.m.             |  |
|  | 6/15 Nesmith Knitters, 12:30-2:30 p.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 Sunday, June 18 for Father's Day.

