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"We can't always do what we want in life," answered her father, "so we do the best we can."

– Beverly Cleary, *Ramona Forever*

New Book Releases

June book preview! Taylor Jenkins Reid, the uber-popular author of *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo*, returns on June 3 with *Atmosphere*. Kristin Harmel will release *The Stolen Life of Colette Marceau* on June 17. Biographies about two of Boston's native sons will be out this month: *Charles Sumner: Conscience of a Nation* by Zaakir Tameez (June 3) and *John Hancock: First to Sign, First to Invest in America's Independence* by Willard Sterne Randall (June 10). 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.

Craft Supply Swap

Is your craft basket overflowing? Do you have leftover craft supplies from abandoned projects? This is your chance to swap them out for something new, or to clean out your craft stockpile at our Craft Supply Swap!

Drop-Off Days: Bring in your gently used craft supplies like scrapbook materials, yarn, markers, paints, fabric, beads, and more! Drop off your items at the library on June 11 and June 12 anytime from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Sorting: Our library staff will sort the items to make sure everything is organized and ready for the swap.

Swap Day: After the sorting is done, come back on Saturday, June 14 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for our Craft Supply Swap! Browse through the selection of supplies and take home what you need — all for free!



This is a great opportunity to share your unused supplies with others, get new materials, and meet fellow crafters in your community. Teachers, this could be a great way for you to replenish your crafting reserves! Open to all! Whether you contribute craft supplies or not, you are welcome to come pick up new-to-you crafting goodies! Please bring your own tote bag to use when "shopping."

Summer Romance Beach Reads



Looking for great romantic beach-read recommendations? Then join us virtually via Zoom on Monday, June 16 at 7:00 p.m. when Romance Ambassador

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Lorelei will be chatting about the books she's looking forward to reading this summer! If your to-be-read pile isn't already overflowing, it will be! Grab a refreshing beverage and join us! This program is presented with the Ashland (Mass.) Public Library.

If you know romance, you probably know Lorelei! Lorelei has been offering book recommendations, author spotlights, giveaways, and connecting authors with readers through social

media since 2010, providing a safe and friendly environment for book lovers around the globe. Since 2015, Lorelei has hosted sold-out literary events in Orlando, Florida, partnering with the Orange County Library and, most recently, the Winter Park Library for the annual Romancing the Books Festival. She is now one of the hosts of Bookspace.world, the ultimate haven for readers and writers.

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 <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.

I Spy the Nesmith Library Children's Librarians

Azra Palo,
Head of Youth Services

As we gear up for summer programming, the Nesmith Library children's staff are spending May and June doing outreach. We will be out in the community, and you may spy one or all of us at an event or program in Windham!

If you have a student at the Windham Co-Op, you may have heard about our May visits from Azra or Joan. We entertained the students with songs, stories, and more. Thank you to the Windham Co-Op for allowing us to visit your school!

Of course, we were at the Friends of the Windham Library's Annual

Strawberry Fest on May 31 at Windham High School. Can you believe it was their 40th year hosting the event? Nesmith children's staff were there with a craft and other surprises. We welcomed all who stopped by and said, "Hi!"

The library will be at the Windham Pride Festival on Sunday, June 8 starting at noon at the Windham High School. Azra, along with other Nesmith staff, will be there, so come say, "Hi," and learn about what we have in store for the summer!

The rest of June we will be visiting various Windham daycares and Gold-

en Brook School's first grade classes to talk about all the ways our youngest patrons can engage with the library, whether it is checking out a book, attending a program, borrowing an unusual item, or something else. We love when patrons visit the library, but it is especially fun for the librarians to get a chance to go outside the Nesmith Library walls and see patrons at a variety of Windham events and community places! Questions about children's outreach? Call the library at 603-432-7154 or email Azra at apalo@nesmithlibrary.org.

Teen Happenings

Molly Pevna,
Teen Services Librarian

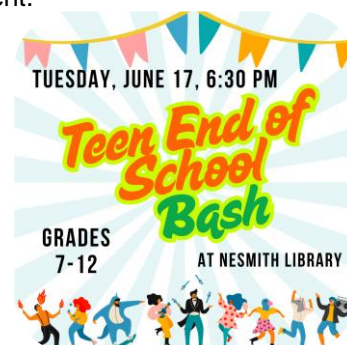


Can you believe that the school year is already over? We can because we've been getting ready for our Summer Reading Program and we're

so excited! But let's not get ahead of ourselves. Before summer reading happens, we have to have the last TAG meeting of the school year on Tuesday, June 3 at 6:30 p.m. TAG is a great opportunity for you to get involved in the library! Did you know your participation in TAG meetings and projects as an official member counts towards your service hours' requirements?

Now that school is letting out it's time to celebrate! Join us on Thursday, June 12 at 6:30 p.m. for a special Tween Night to celebrate the end of the school year with the Tween School End Celebration. Get ready for an

evening packed with fun activities, games, and maybe even some snacks! It's the perfect way to kick off your summer break with friends. Don't miss out on the end-of-year excitement.



Finals are finally done (if you'll excuse the pun and rhyme)! Kick off your break with our Teen End-of-School Bash on Tuesday, June 17, at 6:30 p.m. with an evening full of games, music, snacks, and glorious recycling of all those papers you no longer need. Hang out with friends, celebrate the start of summer, and enjoy a well-earned break after finals. Whether you're into crafts, contests, or just want to relax, we've got something for you.

It's finally time for the annual Nesmith Summer Reading Program and we're kicking it off with a bang! At-

tention all axe-cellent teens going into grades 7-12, join us on Friday, June 27 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. for a one-of-a-kind after hours registered event: a mobile axe throwing party right here at the library to celebrate the beginning of the 2025 Teen Summer Reading Program! Get ready to unleash your inner lumberjack with safe and supervised axe throwing led by professionals. Plus, fuel up with delicious pizza to keep you energized as you conquer the targets. Make sure to register beforehand and follow all instructions about participation requirements.



Questions about this or any other events? Please call the library at 603-432-7154 or email Molly at mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org.

June Children's Programs and Events

Azra Palo

Toddler Storytime

Mondays or Tuesdays, June 2–17
10:30 a.m.

Ages 18 months to 3 years.

Registration not required.

Stories, songs, games, and more are all a part of our Toddler Storytime, available Mondays or Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. June 2–17. Note that Tuesday, June 10 is outside only. If there is bad weather, the storytime will be cancelled. Toddler Storytime is geared towards ages 18 months to 3 years, but siblings are welcome. All we ask is that you only attend either the session on Monday or Tuesday, but not both. Registration is not required. Questions? Call the library at 603-432-7154 or email Joan at jcarbone@nesmithlibrary.org.

Baby Storytime



Wednesdays, June 4–18

10:30 a.m.

Ages 0-18 months.

Registration not required.

Note: Wednesday, June 11 at 10:30 a.m. will be a special storytime, our annual Baby and Toddler Prom!

Join Miss Courtney for a 20–30 minute storytime especially designed for our littlest library-goers! Using songs, bounces, rhymes, and stories, babies and their caregivers will have opportunities to have fun, gain early literacy skills, and meet new friends! While Baby Storytime is designed for our youngest friends ages birth to 18 months, siblings are welcome. Registration is not required. Questions? Call the library at 603-432-7154 or email Courtney cwason@nesmithlibrary.org.

Preschool Storytime in the Garden



Thursday, June 5, 12, and 19
10:30 a.m.

Ages 3-5. Registration required.

Weekly registration will be ongoing throughout the session.

Miss Courtney will lead us in a fun storytime outside in the garden, spe-

cially geared towards kids ages 3–5 on Thursdays in June at 10:30 a.m. We'll sing songs, read longer stories, and have fun with arts and crafts. If the weather doesn't cooperate, we'll head inside. Each week is a little different. You never know whether you'll be playing with parachutes, rhythm sticks, egg shakers, or something else! Younger siblings welcome (please register younger siblings, too). Caregivers must be present for the entire storytime. Questions? Call the library at 603-432-7154 or email Courtney at cwason@nesmithlibrary.org.

Little Explorers: Beach!

Saturday, June 7

10:30 a.m.

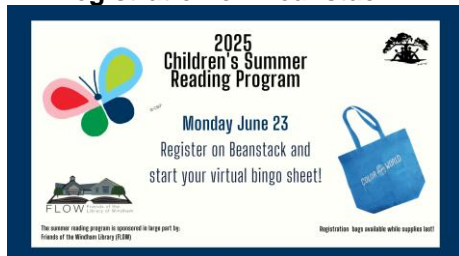
Ages 1–3. No registration.

Toddlers are natural scientists, always curious about the world around them. Invite your child to explore the world through their senses on Saturday, June 7, at 10:30 a.m. This month we will be hoping for warmer weather and the beach! This activity includes sensory bin fun for toddlers ages 1, 2, and 3 (and their caregivers) to explore the five senses together. Squish, pour, stretch, smell, and listen to gentle music while you meet other local families and have fun together! Registration is not required. Questions? Call the library at 603-432-7154 or email Courtney at cwason@nesmithlibrary.org.

Summer Reading Program 2025

Azra Palo

Children's Summer Reading Registration on Beanstack



Monday, June 23 at 9:00 a.m.
Ages 0–12. Registration required.
Virtual and in person.

The Nesmith Library Children's Summer Reading Program starts on Monday, June 23 with registration on our virtual app, Beanstack! New this year is our children's summer bingo sheet! Instead of tracking minutes, young patrons are welcome to work on a virtual bingo sheet to earn tickets towards physical prizes including Legos and gift certificates for Kendall Pond Pizza and more! Registration bags will be available starting on this day and while supplies last. Registration is rolling. For questions about Beanstack, summer reading registration, and more please contact Azra apalo@nesmithlibrary.org.

Summer Kick Off: Mini-Golf



Tuesday, June 24, 4:00–7:30 p.m.
All ages. Registration required.

The Nesmith Library is kicking off our summer programming with mini-golf! All ages are welcome to register for a 30-minute time slot on Tuesday, June 24 starting at 4:00 p.m. Nesmith Library cardholders only. The Walking Gourmet food truck will be on hand selling delicious food, or feel free to bring your own picnic. Don't forget a blanket or lawn chair. This event will be happening rain or shine. Questions? Call the library at 603-432-7154 or email Azra at apalo@nesmithlibrary.org or Maria at mschroeter@nesmithlibrary.org.

Camp Craft: Rock Painting & Popsicle Bird Feeders

Thursday, June 26 at 6:00 p.m.
Monday, June 30 at 6:00 p.m.
Ages 6–11. Registration required.

This summer join us for some old time summer crafts at the Nesmith Library! Celebrate the summer and the "Color Our World" theme with fun crafts as you cool down with our library's AC. Our first craft on Thursday, June 26 at 6:00 p.m. will be rock painting with Librarian Joan. Our next one will be popsicle bird feeders on Monday, June 30 at 6:30 p.m. with Librarian Courtney. Registration is required and opens two weeks before the event. Note this craft is for ages 6–11. Don't forget to wear something you do not mind getting messy. Questions? Call the library at 603-432-7154 or email Joan at jcarbone@nesmithlibrary.org or Courtney at cwason@nesmithlibrary.org.

Free Cart Friday

Friday, June 27
9:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
All ages. Registration not required.

Our weekly Free Cart Friday for children of all ages starts 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 and create with special STEAM-related supplies every week. One week it might be chalk, and another week it could be magnets! There is something for everyone. We will be taking a break during Fourth of July week. Questions? Call the library at 603-432-7154 or email Azra at apalo@nesmithlibrary.org.

Preschool Playtime

Thursday, June 26
10:30–11:30 a.m.
Ages 3–5. No registration.

Spend time with friends old and new at the library this summer on Thursday mornings starting on June 27 at 10:30 a.m. We'll provide the space to play and some toys to play with (crawling tubes, water table, bubbles, tents, crayons, chalk, etc.) 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 tie-dye event that day, bring a white or light-colored item of your choice (tee shirt, canvas tote, onesie, socks, etc.). Questions? Call the library at 603-432-7154 or email Courtney cwason@nesmithlibrary.org.

Summer Scavenger Hunt



Monday, June 30–Saturday, July 5
All day.

All ages. Registration not required.

We challenge children of all ages to complete our 2025 Summer Scavenger Hunt during the week of the Fourth of July! Celebrate the "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 or main circulation desk. No registration is required, and prizes are available while supplies last. Questions? Call the library 603-432-7154 or email Azra apalo@nesmithlibrary.org.

Friends of the Library of Windham

Joanne Poon,
FLOW Publicity

The Friends of the Library of Windham (FLOW) announces the 2025 scholarship winners:

Juliet White is the recipient of the Mary Long Arts Grant.
Lilah Boucher received

the Professional Studies Grant, and Sarah Guarnaccia also received the Professional Studies Grant.

**Summer Reading
Coming June 23!**



Join Nesmith Library this summer as we Color Our World with reading, creativity, and community fun! Our 2025 Summer Reading Program is packed with events, performances, raffles, and activities for children, teens, and adults. Check our event calendar for dates and times.

We've got three Summer Reading Programs in Beanstack for various ages groups.

Children's Summer Reading: Ages birth to 12 years old.

Teen Summer Reading: Grades 7–12.

Adult Summer Reading:

Ages 16+.

We know there's some overlap in these groups, but that's part of the fun! If you fall in one or more of those brackets, sign up for the Summer Reading Program that fits you best. We just ask that you only sign up for one program.

Dates to Remember

- 6/2 Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.
- 6/3 Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Teen Advisory Group, 6:30 p.m.
- 6/5 Preschool Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Nesmith Knitters, 12:30–2:30 p.m.
- 6/7 Little Explorers, 10:30 a.m.
- 6/9 Toddler Storytime, 10:30
- 6/10 Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Nesmith Library Board of Trustees, 7:00–8:15 p.m.
- 6/11 Craft Supply Swap Drop-Off, 10:00 a.m. –

- 7:00 p.m.; Baby and Toddler Prom, 10:30 a.m.; Nesmith Library Book Group, 6:00–7:30 p.m.
- 6/12 Craft Supply Swap Drop-Off, 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.; Preschool Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Tween School End Celebration, 6:30 p.m.
- 6/14 Craft Supply Swap, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- 6/15 Library closed for Father's Day
- 6/16 Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Virtual Summer Romance Beach Reads, 7:00 p.m.

- 6/17 Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Teen End-of-School Bash, 6:30 p.m.
- 6/19 Preschool Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Nesmith Knitters, 12:30–2:30 p.m.
- 6/24 Summer Reading Kick-Off: Mini Golf, 4:00–7:30 p.m.
- 6/27 Fun Cart Friday, 9:30–4:00 p.m.; Teen Summer Reading Program Kick-Off, 5:30–7:30 p.m.
- 6/30 Summer Scavenger Hunt, All Day; Kids Camp Crafts, 6:00 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
Sunday, June 15

