



# The Nesmith NEWS

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## May Adult Programming

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Adult Collection Development and  
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Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers and grandmothers, and to all of the mother figures who have had a hand in raising a child! And we welcome the unofficial start of the summer, Memorial Day!

### New Book Releases

You can tell summer is around the corner from the number of books out this month with the word "summer" in the title.

*The Summer Swap* by Sarah Morgan, *Summers at the Saint* by Mary Kay Andrews, and *This Summer Will Be Different* by Carley Fortune are all out on May 7.

Keeping with the summer theme, there are two non-fiction books that fit right in.

*Swimming Holes New England: 50 of the Best Swimming Spots* will be published on May 7, and *The New England Gardener's Year* releases on May 1. All of these are already listed in our catalog and are 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, May 8 at 6:00 p.m. Currently, the book group is not accepting new members, and the waitlist is full. However, if you are willing to travel down the road a bit to the Rodgers Memorial Library in Hudson, they have six different book groups that are open to all, and they welcome Nesmith patrons! Find out more at [www.rodgerslibrary.org/book-groups](http://www.rodgerslibrary.org/book-groups).

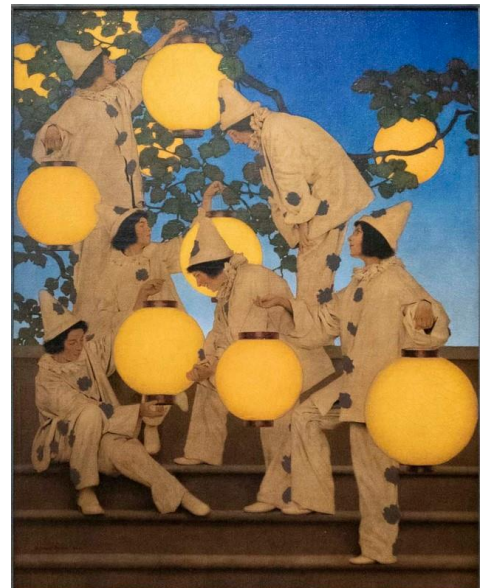
### Patriotic Clothespin Wreath

Memorial Day, Flag Day, the Fourth of July, and Labor Day are all beloved summer holidays, and on Tuesday, May 7, at 6:00 p.m., we'll be getting in the patriotic spirit by creating a large, front-door-worthy patriotic clothespin wreath. This adult craft is for Nesmith Library card holders ages 18



and up, and all supplies will be provided. Register early, because space is limited!

### Maxfield Parrish: Myth and Whimsy



Working in the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the New Hampshire artist Maxfield Parrish skyrocketed to success as an illustrator with his distinct saturated hues and neoclassical

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themes. On Wednesday, May 22 at 6:00 p.m., we welcome back (virtually via Zoom) art educator Jane Oneail to give us an overview of the artist's life, inspiration, and artistic output. Maxfield's prolific career helped to shape the Golden Age of Illustration in the US, and his fantastic landscapes and ethereal figures transported audiences to other realms.

Jane Oneail (pronounced OH-neel) is the founder of Culturally Curious, a company that curates and presents art appreciation. Jane holds a master's in art history from Boston University and a master's in education from Harvard University. Born and raised in New Hampshire, she 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 Southern New Hampshire University. For more information, visit [iamculturallycurious.com](http://iamculturallycurious.com).

## **The New Yorker Cartoonist and Bestseller Bob Eckstein Shares His Favorite Museums**

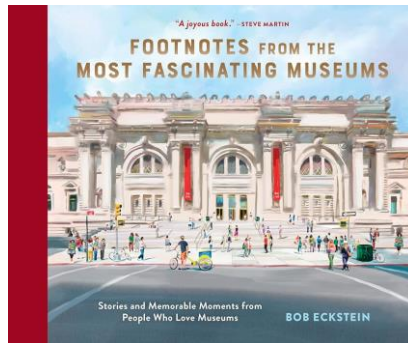
## Teen Happenings

Molly Pevna,  
Teen Services Librarian

May the spring vibes be with you. We know it's with us, otherwise how would we have all the cool programs this month!



Starting the month off strong, we are back with our Tween Creative Col-



Museum enthusiasts, this one is for you! On Wednesday, May 29 at 7:00 p.m., *The New Yorker* cartoonist and author Bob Eckstein will join us virtually on Zoom to celebrate his most recent release, *Footnotes from the Most Fascinating Museums: Stories and Memorable Moments from People Who Love Museums*. This delightful twist on an art history book is filled with lush and whimsical illustrations paired with stories and anecdotes from curators, museum workers, museum visitors, and more. The 75+ museums featured include the biggest and boldest names (MoMA, the Whitney) and the more offbeat (Museum of Bad Art, the Museum of Jurassic Technology). This promises to be a fun and fascinating conversation! This virtual program is presented in conjunction with the

laborators Club (CCC). We were so sad to cancel last month because of the snowstorm, so we're making this month epic! If you're in grades 5-8, stop by on Thursday, May 2 at 6:30 p.m. to have a combined Snack Showdown and Spa Night!

Have your friends finally gotten to you, and you want to join Teen Advisory Group (TAG)? Stop by our meeting this month on Tuesday, May 14 at 6:30 p.m. You can help make a difference in your community by making the Nesmith Library's Teen Area the best it can be, but we need teens to do it.

TAG a little too serious for you? That's okay, we have the Teen Craft Night to help you handle that end of the school year squeeze. We'll have all the comfort crafts from your child-

Ashland (Mass.) Public Library.

Bob Eckstein is an illustrator, cartoonist, writer, and snowman expert. He's done cartoons for publications like *The New York Times*, *MAD* magazine, and *The New Yorker*. He authored *The History of the Snowman* and *Footnotes from the World's Greatest Bookstores*, which became a NY Times bestseller. Bob's work has been exhibited in the Cartoon Art Museum of San Francisco, Smithsonian Institute, The Cartoon Museum of London, and Sordani Art Gallery at Wilkes University. He's been twice nominated for Gag Cartoonist of the Year by the National Cartoonists Society and has written columns and features for countless magazines. Follow Bob on X @BobEckstein and Instagram at bob\_eckstein.

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>. For more information on any of these programs, or if you have any questions, please contact Maria at [mschroter@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:mschroter@nesmithlibrary.org) or call the library at 603-432-7154.



hood and maybe some new ones, along with great snacks for you to just hang out and chill. So if snacks, crafts, and chats are your vibe, come to the Teen Craft Night on Tuesday, May 21 at 6:30 p.m.

Questions? Please reach out to Molly at [mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org).



## Monthly Children's Programs

Azra Palo,  
Head of Youth Services

### Little Explorers

Saturday, May 4 at 10:30 a.m.  
Ages 1-3 years. 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, May 4 at 10:30 a.m. 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! Questions? Email Courtney at [cwason@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:cwason@nesmithlibrary.org).

### Drop-in May Bee Craft

Wednesday, May 8 at 3:30 p.m.  
All ages. No registration required.



Join us for our monthly craft for ages 0-12 at Nesmith Library on Wednesday, May 8, between 3:30 and 4:30 p.m. This month, children will be using mixed materials to create their own fantastic bee related craft to take home! They can give it to a friend or family member or keep for themselves. While we will have an example craft, there is no right way to "bee" an artist! Not interested in making a bee-utiful craft? Use the supplies we have available at the program to make your own work of art. You bring the creativity, and we provide the supplies. Questions? Email Azra at [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org).

### May STEAM: Baking Soda Painting

Thursday, May 16 at 6:00 p.m.  
Ages 6-11. Registration required.

What happens when we mix baking soda, food coloring, and more? We will answer this question and more during our monthly STEAM program! Young scientists ages 6-11 are invited



to register for our May STEAM program at Nesmith Library on Thursday, May 16 starting promptly at 6:00 p.m. During our monthly STEAM program, children learn about the world that we live in through science and art exploration. These hands-on activities are often messy and always fun! This month we will be learning about how to paint using a different material than usual, baking soda! If the weather is nice, we will be outside in the story garden on the side of the building. If the weather ruins our outside fun, we will be inside in the multipurpose room. Registration opens Thursday, May 2. Questions? Email Azra: [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org).

### Kids' Comic Club Jr.

Monday, May 20 at 4:30 p.m.  
Ages 4-6. Registration required.



We know that kids of ALL ages love comics! This program, specially designed for children ages 4-6, will fo-

cus less on author interviews and favorite character illustrations, and more on telling stories, drawing pictures, and reading comics together! Join us on Monday, May 20 at 4:30 p.m. for a new edition of Kids' Comic Club... Junior! Each session will begin with a short read-aloud of an age-appropriate comic book or graphic novel, followed by story-making activities and drawing prompts. The event will run approximately 45 minutes. Parents are welcome to attend. Registration opens Monday, May 6. Questions? Email Courtney: [cwason@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:cwason@nesmithlibrary.org).

### Kids' Comic Club

Monday, May 20 at 6:00 p.m.  
Ages 7-11. Registration required.



Calling all young comic book lovers ages 7-11! Join us on Monday, May 20 at 6:00 p.m. for some comic fun. Inspired by the Cat Kid Comic Club Series! Each meeting has us drawing a character, watching author/illustrator interviews, following step-by-step instructions, and listening as everyone who wants to share gets a chance to show us what they have been working on. Each month 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. Registration opens Monday, May 6. Questions? Email Courtney at [cwason@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:cwason@nesmithlibrary.org).

## Special Events for Children

Azra Palo

### May Day

Wednesday, May 1 at 3:30 p.m.  
All ages. No registration required.



Wear your favorite spring outfit and join Nesmith Library for a special May Day event! Young patrons of all ages are invited to partake in our spring celebration on Wednesday, May 1, starting at 3:30 p.m. Each child will be able to enjoy a craft, bubbles, and more! If the weather is nice, we will be outside. Questions? Email Azra at [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org).

### Storytime at the Caboose

Friday, May 3 at 10:30 a.m.  
Windham Rail Trail

All ages. Registration required.

Choo, choo! It's time for a storytime at the Caboose! Join us Friday, May 3 at 10:30 a.m. for a special registered storytime on Windham Rail Trail. A very special thank you to the Windham Rail Trail Alliance for allowing us special access to the Caboose. Patrons are expected to provide their own transportation to the storytime. Due to overwhelming popularity and very limited parking, this storytime requires registration. Questions? Email Azra at [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org).

### Planting Fun with Windham Garden Club

Thursday, May 9 at 6:00 p.m.

All ages. No registration required.

Join us for a special planting fun program featuring the Windham Garden Club on Thursday, May 9 from

6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Members from the Windham Garden Club will be on hand to do a simple craft involving plants that children will be able to take home. They will share information about gardening for all ages!

The club is responsible for the beautiful flowers you see on the main library grounds. If the weather is nice, we will be outside in the story garden on the side of the building. If the weather spoils our outside fun, we will be inside in the multipurpose room!

Children of all ages are welcome to join. While registration is not required, supplies are limited. Questions? Email Azra at [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org).



### Storytime at Griffin Park

Friday, May 10 and May 17  
10:30 a.m.

Griffin Park

All ages. No registration required.

Let's get outside and enjoy some beautiful weather at Griffin Park in Windham! Join Nesmith Library Youth Staff at the pavilion on Friday, May 10 and 17, promptly at 10:30 a.m. for songs, stories, and dancing.

No registration is required. Patrons must provide their own transportation to and from Griffin Park.

Please check out our online events calendar and Nesmith Library social media the week of the event for cancellation due to weather. Questions? Email Azra at [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org).

### May Open Play

Tuesday, May 7, 14, and 21  
10:30 a.m.

Ages 0-5. No registration required.

Vacation Week Open Play was so popular, we decided to make it a regular thing in May!

Wondering what to do with all that creative energy with the warmer days? Join us at Open Play in May at Nesmith Library on Tuesday, May 7, 14, and 21, starting at 10:30 a.m.

Registration is not required, and families are welcome to drop in anytime during the one-hour time period. Stations will include activities that allow children to create, build, and more! If the weather is nice, we will be in the storytime garden. These stations will be geared towards ages 0-5 but siblings are welcome to join. Caregivers must be present with child throughout this event. Questions? Email Azra at [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org).

### Baby and Toddler Prom

Wednesday, May 22 at 10:30 a.m.  
Ages 0-3. No registration required.



You all loved last year's baby prom so much, we're bringing it back! And including toddlers! Bring your young children in their finery on Wednesday, May 22 starting at 10:30 a.m. at the Nesmith Library for an hour of dancing, playing, and photo booth fun! Geared for children ages birth to 3 years. Siblings are welcome. Bring your own snack and drinks.

Questions? Email Courtney at [cwson@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:cwson@nesmithlibrary.org).



## Libby Requires PIN Starting May 1

Starting May 1, 2024, logging into the Libby app will require a Personal Identification Number (PIN). This change is part of the Nesmith Library's efforts to ensure a consistent and convenient experience to access to our digital resources.

Don't remember your PIN? That's okay! Your PIN is typically the last four digits of your phone number, offering a simple and secure way to access our digital collection.

If you are unsure about your PIN or need assistance setting it up, our dedicated team is available to help. Whether you prefer to give us a call at 603-432-7154 or shoot us an email at [info@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:info@nesmithlibrary.org), we are here to help you make the most of our digital library services.

We understand that navigating



digital platforms can sometimes be daunting, but rest assured, we're here to make the process as smooth as possible. With this change, logging in-

to the Libby app will be as easy as turning the page of your favorite book. Happy reading!

## Friends of the Library of Windham (FLOW)

**Calling all Kids!**

Come help plant spring flowers for Nesmith Library!

May 21st from 4-5pm  
at Nesmith Library

Gardening supplies, snacks and spring themed crafts will be provided

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY OF WINDHAM PRESENT

**39TH ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL & BOOK FAIR**

Artwork by: Marley Gagne, Age 10

**SATURDAY JUNE 1, 2024**  
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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 Closures

Sunday, May 12  
Sunday, May 26  
Monday, May 27

### Dates to Remember

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| 5/1 May Day, 3:30 p.m.   | 5/9 Planting Fun with Windham Garden Club, 6:00 p.m.           | Comic Club, 6:00 p.m.   |
| 5/2 Nesmith Knitters, 12:30-2:30 p.m.; Tween Creative Collaborators Club: Spa Night, 6:30 p.m. | 5/10 Storytime at Griffin Park, 10:30-11:15 a.m.               | 5/21 May Open Play, 10:30 a.m.; Library Planter Project, 4:00 p.m.; Teen Craft Night, 6:30 pm.                    |
| 5/3 Storytime at the Windham Rail Trail Caboose, 10:30 a.m.                                    | 5/12 Mother's Day, Library Closed                              | 5/22 Baby and Toddler Prom, 10:30 a.m.; FLOW Super Raffle Deadline 11:59 p.m.; Virtual Maxfield Parish, 6:00 p.m. |
| 5/4 Little Explorers, 10:30 a.m.   | 5/13 Nesmith Library Board of Trustees, 6:30-8:00 p.m.         | 5/26-27 Library closed for Memorial Day   |
| 5/6 FLOW Membership Meeting, 6:30 p.m.   | 5/14 May Open Play, 10:30 a.m.; Teen Advisory Group, 6:30 p.m. | 5/29 Virtual Cartoonist and Bestseller Bob Eckstein, 7:00 pm.   |
| 5/7 May Open Play, 10:30 a.m.; Patriotic Clothespin Wreath Craft for Adults, 6:00-7:30 p.m.    | 5/16 Nesmith Knitters, 12:30-2:30 p.m.; May STEAM, 6:00 p.m.   | 6/1 Strawberry Festival, 11:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m., Windham High School   |
| 5/8 Drop-in Bee Craft, 3:30 p.m.; Nesmith Library Book Group, 6:00-7:30 p.m.                   | 5/17 Storytime at Griffin Park, 10:30-11:15 a.m.               |   |
|  | 5/20 Kids' Comic Club, Jr., 4:30-5:15 p.m.; Kids'              |   |

