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May Adult Programming

*Maria Schroeter,
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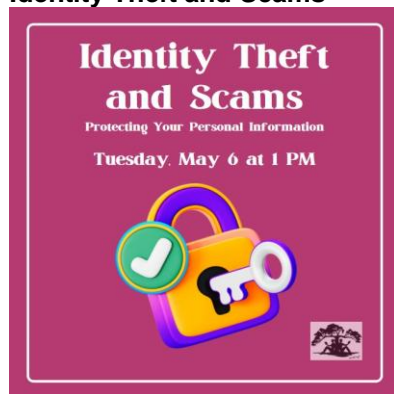
"My mom smiled at me. Her smile kind of hugged me."

— R.J. Palacio, *Wonder*

New Book Releases

May book preview! Martha Hall Kelly, the author of *The Lilac Girls*, returns on May 27 with *The Martha's Vineyard Beach and Book Club*. Jessica Anya Blau, the author of one of my favorite books, *Mary Jane*, will release *Shopgirls* on May 6. *My Friends*, by Fredrik Backman, the super-popular author of *A Man Called Ove*, will be out on May 6 as well. *Mark Twain*, by biographer Ron Chernow, will publish on May 13. 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.

Identity Theft and Scams



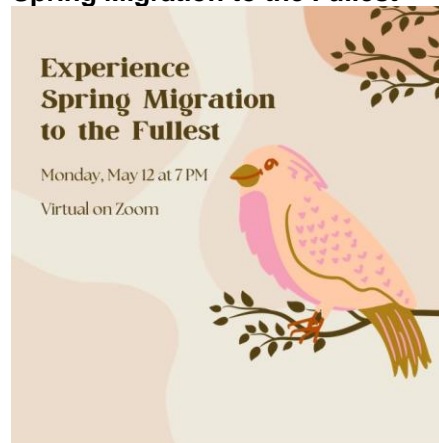
According to the Federal Trade Commission, people reported losing \$10 billion to scams in 2023. On Tuesday, May 6 at 1:00 p.m., we will welcome consumer law professionals from 603 Legal Aid to discuss the growing risks of fraud and identity theft, focusing on how personal information is stolen and misused by criminals. They will teach us how to identify red flags, secure sensitive information, and respond to potential threats.

Don't miss this chance to learn how to protect yourself from consumer fraud.

The Final Phase of Life

Join us on Wednesday, May 7 at 6:00 p.m. for a meaningful conversation with hospice nurse and author Ellie Atherton. Ellie will give us practical guidance on preparing for the final phase of life, covering several topics, including when to start planning, understanding Advance Directives, becoming a caregiver, and recognizing the phases of death. This program will offer space to speak freely about a topic that isn't usually discussed. We hope attendees leave with a better understanding of the last days of life and feel a bit more prepared for what may lie ahead.

Spring Migration to the Fullest



It's peak bird watching season, and on Monday, May 12 at 7:00 p.m., we will welcome virtually on Zoom, birder and author Heather Wolf as she shares tips for jumping into spring bird migration! Learn how to find migrating birds and witness their fascinating behaviors, as well as cue into birds that will be breeding and raising young in your area. This program will serve as a great precursor to our in-person bird walk with Steve Hale the following day! See our calendar for more de-

tails. This program is presented with the Ashland Public Library.

Bird Walk at Foster's Pond

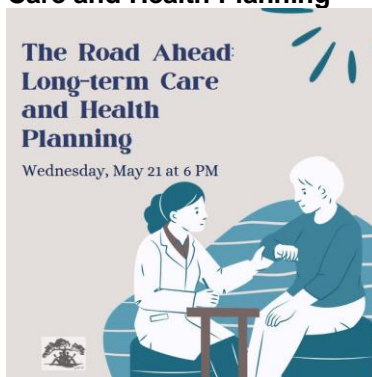
Steve Hale from Open World Explorers will be back to lead us on another wonderful bird walk! On Tuesday, May 13 at 7:30 a.m., we will be taking a leisurely stroll around Foster's Pond to identify as many birds as we can during their spring migration. This always-popular event will fill quickly, so register early! Bring your binoculars and bug spray. If you don't have binoculars, Steve will have a limited number to share with the group. We walk rain or shine, so dress accordingly and wear comfortable shoes. This walk is in a wooded area, so the path is unpaved and may have roots to navigate, but it is an easy walk. In case of a thunderstorm, we will cancel, and the walk will be rescheduled. Meet in the Foster's Pond parking lot across from 35 Nashua Road and next to Nashua Road Field.

Inspired Garden Design

On Tuesday, May 13 at 6:00 p.m., expert gardener, author, and garden-design consultant Kerry Ann Mendez will join us virtually on Zoom to talk all things garden design. Stunning gardens will be our classroom for emphasizing striking design essentials that

elevate gardens from ordinary to sublime, regardless of the hardiness zone or sunlight conditions. Kerry Ann will teach us design elements including texture, movement, color, repetition, focal points, and vertical elements. Tune in to see how you can take your garden to the next level! This program is presented with Groton Public Library.

The Road Ahead: Long Term Care and Health Planning



Long-term care planning can be overwhelming, so we've asked a specialist in the field to help us navigate the process. Windham native Patrick Stap will be here on Wednesday, May 21 at 6:00 p.m. to highlight some of the key elements: the cost of long-term care; strategies for creating long-term care income; managing Medicare

premiums; and legal documents to have in place. Bring your questions and join us!

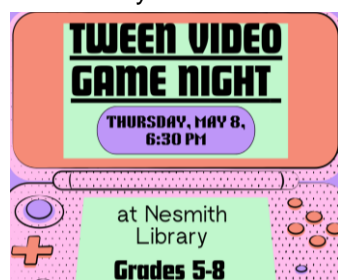
Patrick Stap is a long-term care planning specialist and the owner of a financial planning practice. A native of Windham, New Hampshire, Patrick is dedicated to helping individuals and families navigate the complexities of aging with confidence and clarity. His professional experience includes years in the Medicaid and Medicare planning space, as well as in investment management. He is an alumnus of the American College of Financial Services, and a strong advocate for financial engagement with the community, volunteering for programs such as VITA with his practice. He currently resides in Concord, N.H., with his wife and their two spirited Boston Terriers.

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.

Teen Happenings

Molly Pevna,
Teen Services Librarian

Are you ready for the end of the school year? It's almost here and we're so excited! Teen librarian Molly will be visiting the schools to let them know about our Teen Summer Reading Program, and we'll be topping off the month with the Strawberry Festival on May 31! But don't you fear, we'll still have programs happening at the Nesmith Library.



It's time to blow off some steam from all that extra work school has been giving you with the May Tween Video Game Night on Thursday, May 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the library. We'll be playing Switch on our big screen! Game and controllers will be provided by the library. Grades 5-8. No registration required.



May the urge to volunteer at your local library be with you on Tuesday, May 20 at 6:30 p.m., because we have our monthly Teen Advisory Group meeting happening at Nesmith Library! 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? Thinking about joining TAG, but you're not really sure what it is? Come to a meeting to learn more or reach out to Molly, the teen services librarian. TAG is for students in grades 7-12, and registration is required.

Kid Librarians

Azra Palo,
Head of Youth Services

Calling all lovers of stories, adventures, and everything in between. This is your chance to become a real-life librarian at Nesmith Library. Yup, you read that right! We are on the lookout for super awesome Kid Librarians to join our team during our summer of Color Our World programming. The selected Kid Librarians will be able to

make their own book displays, get a behind-the-scenes tour, and more! Nesmith Library patrons ages 5-11 are invited to apply online starting May 1 through May 24.

Check out our website for more information or email Azra at apalo@nesmithlibrary.org. Good luck young readers!



Storytimes

Azra Palo

Toddler Storytime

Mondays and Tuesdays
10:30 a.m.

Ages 18 months to 3 years.

Registration not required.

Caregivers with children ages 18 months to 3 years are invited to sing, dance, and follow along to stories and songs in May, Mondays and Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. at the library! The storytime is the same for both days, and we ask that patrons choose only one day of the week to attend. Siblings are also welcome. Questions? Email Joan at jcarboney@nesmithlibrary.org.

Baby Storytime

Wednesdays
10:30 a.m.

Ages 0-18 months.

Registration not required.

All babies and their caregivers are invited to join us Wednesday mornings at the Nesmith Library for Baby Storytime in May starting at 10:30 a.m. Courtney will have stories, songs, dancing, and more for ages 0-18 months. Siblings are always welcome. Questions? Please email Courtney at cwason@nesmithlibrary.org.

Preschool Storytime Special: Fairies and Elves



Thursday, May 1 at 10:30 a.m.

Ages 3-5. Registration required.

Miss Courtney will lead us in a fun storytime specially geared towards kids ages 3-5 on Thursday, May 1 at 10:30 a.m. For May Day we'll be celebrating the coming of warmer weather with stories and songs about fairies and elves! Wear your wings if you have them, and join our fairy ring! We'll frolic in the garden if the weather cooperates. Participants will make a hat or wand to take home. Caregivers will stay for the entire storytime, and siblings are welcome as well. Registration is required. For more information about our preschool storytime please email Courtney at cwason@nesmithlibrary.org.

Preschool Storytime in the Garden

Thursdays, May 15, 22, and 29
10:30 a.m.

Ages 3-5. Registration required.

Miss Courtney will lead us in a fun storytime outside in the garden, specially geared towards kids ages 3-5. We'll sing songs, read longer stories, and have fun with arts and crafts. If the weather does not cooperate, we'll head inside. Please note that due to the FLOW Book Fair happening that week, Thursday, May 29 will be outside only. Registrants will be notified if it is cancelled. Each week is a little different! You never know whether you'll be playing with parachutes, rhythm sticks, egg shakers, or something else! Caregivers will stay for the entire storytime and siblings are welcome as

well. We know that life can be unpredictable, so we made registration week to week for our families. For more information about our preschool storytime email Courtney at cwason@nesmithlibrary.org.

Storytime at the Caboose

Friday, May 30
10:30 a.m.

All ages. Registration required.

Windham Rail Trail Caboose.

Choo, choo! It's time for a storytime at the Caboose! Join us Friday, May 30 at 10:30 a.m. for a special storytime at 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.

Note: Due to overwhelming popularity and very limited parking, this storytime requires registration. In the registration form, register yourself (the adult), and we will count that as one parking spot. The next question in the form asks you to provide the number of people in the vehicle. You must be a Windham resident in order to reserve your spot. If you are a resident who does not have a Nesmith Library card, please call the library at 603-432-7154 or email info@nesmithlibrary.org to register.

For more information about the Windham Rail Trail Alliance, please visit their website.

Questions? Email Azra at apalo@nesmithlibrary.org.

Monthly Children's Programs

Azra Palo

Drop-in Craft



Wednesday, May 14 at 3:30 p.m.
All ages. No registration required.

Spring is here, so let's cheer with some butterflies and strawberries! Children of all ages are welcome to join us on Wednesday, May 14, between 3:30 and 4:30 p.m. to make their own butterfly ornament to take home or give to someone else! While you're here, help our friends with decorating strawberries for the Strawberry Festival happening on Saturday, May 31. While we will have example crafts, there is no one way to do this. You bring the creativity, and we provide the supplies. No registration required. Questions? Email Azra at apalo@nesmithlibrary.org.

May STEAM: Spring Slime

Thursday, May 15 at 6:00 p.m.
Ages 8-11. Registration required.

What bugs are slimy? What ingredients do you need to make sticky slime? We will answer these questions and more during our monthly STEAM program! Young scientists ages 8-11 are invited to register for our May STEAM program at Nesmith Li-

brary on Thursday, May 15 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 spring and bugs while making slime! Questions? Email Azra at apalo@nesmithlibrary.org

Crafty Creations



Saturday, May 17
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Ages 4-10. No registration.

Stop by the Children's Room and explore new ways to create art with unexpected materials! Kids ages 4-10 are invited to join us for Crafty Creations on Saturday, May 17, starting at 10:00 a.m. to make their very own coffee filter butterfly. No registration required. Questions? Email Joan at jcarbone@nesmithlibrary.org.

Kids' Comic Club

Monday, May 19 at 6:00 p.m.
Ages 6-11. Registration required.
Calling all young comic book lov-

ers ages 6-11! Join us on Monday, May 19 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 is required. Questions? Email Courtney at cwason@nesmithlibrary.org.

Free Art Friday

Friday, May 23
10:30 – 11:00 a.m.
Ages 2-5. Registration required.
Watercolors, bingo markers, or stamps – oh my! Children ages 2-5 are welcome to join us at the Nesmith Library on Friday, May 23 at 10:30 a.m. for an exploration of art. This program will not aim to produce a specific project but will allow children to experiment freely with whatever medium is offered. Children should wear clothes they can get messy in or bring a smock. This event requires registration. Questions? Email Joan at jcarbone@nesmithlibrary.org.

Special Events for Children

Azra Palo

Poop Museum

Friday, May 2 at 1:00 p.m.
Ages 4-12. Registration required.

Join us for a special poop-tastic event at the Nesmith Library hosted by Susie Macguire on Friday, May 2 at 1:00 p.m. At the Poop Museum, everyone learns many fantastic, fabulous, and fun facts about human, animal, and insect poop, many of which truly amaze and surprise. The Poop Museum is also full of laughter because our subject is poop, and Susie has found a wonderful way to blend solid science

with the hilarity that humans love when it comes to poop. This program requires registration and is open to caregivers and their children, ages four and up. Questions? Email Azra at apalo@nesmithlibrary.org.

Children's Zen Gardening with the Windham Garden Club

Thursday, May 22 at 6:00 p.m.
Ages 4-11. Registration required.
Join us for a special zen planting program featuring the Windham Garden Club on Thursday, May 22, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Come to the library

to help add your own special mark on our garden and make a little zen garden to take home! Supplies will be provided, and registration is required. A member from the garden club will be on hand to show young nature lovers our beautiful flowers, bushes, and more and guide them to adding a little extra color to our library garden. Inside the library kids will make their own mini zen gardens complete with rakes, sand, pebbles, and more. Questions? Email Azra apalo@nesmithlibrary.org.

Help to make the FLOW
40th Annual Strawberry Festival
May 31, 2025 at WHS
THE BEST ONE YET!

I WOULD LIKE TO HELP BY...

Baking and/or slicing strawberries (Thursday-Friday)		<u>bit.ly/3DrD0qB</u>
Being at the event itself, helping with things like: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face painting • Inflatables in gym • Games • Crafts (Saturday)		<u>https://rb.gy/eqerl2</u>
Setting up and cleaning up before, during, and after the festival (Friday-Saturday)		<u>bit.ly/4iqC0Ha</u>
Volunteering at the Book Sale: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set up • Pre-sale at Nesmith • Sale at festival • Clean up (Tuesday-Saturday)		<u>bit.ly/4i6E4PG</u>
Prepping and selling shortcakes the day of the event (Saturday)		<u>bit.ly/4htc3k3</u>

Questions? Email: flow@flowwindham.org

Friends of the Library of Windham



Addie, Age 10 of Windham Center School



WINDHAM'S 40TH STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL & BOOK FAIR

SATURDAY
MAY 31, 2025
11AM - 5PM
WINDHAM HIGH SCHOOL



RAFFLES



SHORTCAKES



BOOK FAIR



FOOD TRUCKS



INFLATABLES

Dates to Remember

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| 5/1 Preschool Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Nesmith Knitters, 12:30–2:30 p.m. | 5/13 Bird Walk at Foster's Pond, 7:30–9:30 a.m.; Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Virtual Inspired Garden Design, 6:00 p.m.; Nesmith Library Board of Trustees, 7:00–8:15 p.m. | 5/20 Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Teen Advisory Group, 6:30 p.m. |
| 5/2 Poop Museum, 1:00 p.m. | 5/14 Baby Storytime, 10:30–11:00 a.m.; Drop-in Craft, 3:30 p.m.; Nesmith Library Book Group, 6:00–7:30 p.m. | 5/21 Baby Storytime, 10:30–11:00 a.m.; Road Ahead: Long-Term Care and Health Planning, 6:00 p.m. |
| 5/3 Children's Spring Flowers Planting, 1:30 p.m. | 5/15 Preschool Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Nesmith Knitters, 12:30–2:30 p.m.; STEAM: Spring Slime, 6:00 p.m. | 5/22 Preschool Storytime, 10:30–11:15 a.m.; Children's Zen Gardening, 6:00 p.m. |
| 5/5 Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; FLOW Meeting, 6:30–9:00 p.m. | 5/17 Crafty Creations, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. | 5/23 Free Art Friday, 10:30–11:00 a.m. |
| 5/6 Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Identity Theft and Scams, 1:00 p.m. | 5/19 Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Kids Comic Club, 6:00 p.m.; FLOW Strawberry Festival Meeting, 6:30–8:30 p.m. | 5/25 Library Closed |
| 5/7 Baby Storytime, 10:30–11:30 a.m.; Final Phase of Life, 6:00 p.m. | | 5/26 Library Closed |
| 5/8 Tween Video Game Night, 6:30 p.m. | | 5/28 Baby Storytime, 10:30–11:00 a.m. |
| 5/11 Library Closed | | 5/29 Preschool Storytime, 10:30 a.m. |
| 5/12 Toddler Storytime, 10:30; Virtual Spring Migration, 7:00 p.m.; FLOW Strawberry Festival Meeting, 6:30–8:30 | | 5/30 Storytime at the Caboose, 10:30 a.m. |
| | | 5/31 FLOW 40 th Anniversary Strawberry Festival and Book Fair, 11:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. |

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Library Director:
Sylvie Brikiatis

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, May 11; Sunday, May 25; and Monday, May 26

