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Buy-a-Brick Fundraiser



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You've been asking us when we might offer the opportunity to add more engraved bricks to our walkway, and we are excited to inform you that the time is here, and it's not too late! The Nesmith Library is still accepting brick orders for its Buy-

a-Brick fundraiser. Visit our website to submit an order form, or order online through the Friends of the Library of Windham (FLOW) website: flowwindham.org/shop.

All of our existing bricks will be lifted and relaid along with newly

purchased bricks. For complete details about the fundraiser, go to <https://nesmithlibrary.org/buy-brick-fundraiser>.

Please contact Sylvie if you have further questions at director@nesmithlibrary.org.

Photo: Cerna Family

February Adult Programming

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

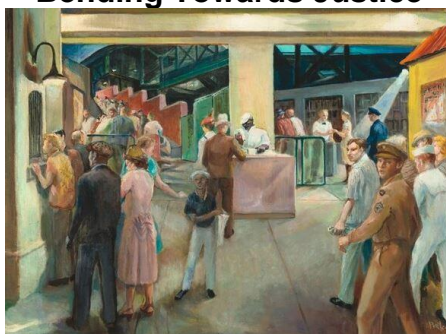
February is here already, which means we're that much closer to spring! With Valentine's Day coming up, you may want to read about relationships: *Love on Lockdown Lane* by Beth Reekles looks at the residents of an apartment building forced to quarantine for a week, without any notice, leaving various guests stranded at tenants' apartments; *Already Enough* by Lisa Olivera will lead you on a path of self-acceptance and the realization that you are already enough; and finally, *The Christie Affair* by Nina de Gramont imagines the circumstances surrounding the 11 days that Agatha Christie went missing. 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, just 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 in person (or virtually, if COVID cases dictate) on Wednesday, February 9 at 6:00 p.m. This month we've been reading *The House in the Cerulean Sea* by TJ Klune. If you didn't have a chance to read the book, no worries! Come to the meeting and start with our next book (title to be revealed shortly!) and mark your calendar. We typically meet every second Wednesday of the

month at 6:00 p.m. In order to participate, you must have a Nesmith Library card or a card from one of the libraries in our consortium, you need to be over the age of 16, and you must register.

Bending Towards Justice



Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, "The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends towards justice." Expanding on Dr. King's quote, we will host, "Bending Towards Justice: African Americans as Subject and Creators in American Art," on Wednesday, February 16 at 6:00 p.m. with our favorite art educator, Jane Oneail! In this virtual Zoom presentation, Jane will examine that arc as it relates to African American history enshrined in American art. From colonial-era portraits to 19th century and Jim Crow-era prints to 1960s Civil Rights photography, this program will provide a visual overview of African American oppression, struggle, and progress towards equality.

Jane Oneail 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 NH Institute of Art. Find out more about Jane, and her art programs, on her website: iamculturallycurious.com.

Why Does My Cat Do That?



Wondering why your cat gets the "zoomies," or how to get multiple cats to share the same space peacefully? Join us on Zoom, Thursday, February 24 at 6:00 p.m, when cat behaviorist Dr. Rachel Geller will help find solutions to your cat conundrums. Bring your questions, as the majority of the program will be a Q&A session

with Dr. Geller!

Rachel Geller, Ed.D. is a certified Cat Behavior and Retention Specialist through the Humane Society and a certified Humane Education Specialist through the Academy of Prosocial Learning. She is also a certified Pet Chaplain® through the Association of Veterinary Pastoral Education. Rachel consults with many cat shelters and is certified as a Fear Free Shelter specialist. She was on The Cat Connection Board of Directors from 2017 to 2020. Previously, she was on

the Board of Directors in the role of vice-president at the Gifford Cat Shelter for seven years. She is currently a cat behaviorist/consultant for The Cat Connection, Here Today Adopted Tomorrow Animal Sanctuary, and Baypath Humane Society, and provides cat behavior help both locally and throughout the country to her clients, including cat owners and shelters. Learn more on her website: www.drrachelcatbehavior.com.

All attendees are required to

wear a mask for the duration of all programs taking place indoors at Nesmith Library.

Adult programs are for ages 16 and up (unless otherwise noted). To register for these programs, please 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 our Adult Programming Librarian, Maria, at mschroeter@nesmithlibrary.org, or call the library at 432-7154.

Yoda One for...

Molly Pevna,
Youth/Teen Services Librarian

...our February Teen and Tween programs! It's Valentine's Day so make sure to love yourself, someone else, your pet, as long as it's someone. We'll be celebrating on Monday, February 14 with **Teen V-Day Kits** that include some goodies and craft!



Keeping up the excitement that same week, we have our

monthly **Tween Craft Kit** on Wednesday, February 16. They'll have supplies to make your own photo magnet!



To round out our month, we have the **Teen Takeaway** on Tuesday, February 22, which will be kits to decorate your own mugs to keep your hot chocolate in!

As always we'll have our

Teen Advisory Group Meeting on the second Tuesday of the month, February 8. Our TAG Meeting will be virtual over Zoom. You can find the link to register on our website's events page.

Please note that all other programs are takeaway, starting at 9:00 a.m. and are available while supplies last.

If you have questions about anything involving the Teen Department, please feel free to reach out to our Teen Librarian, Molly, at mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org!

Please note the age group for all programs marked "Tween" is grades 4-8 only and for all programs marked "Teen" is grades 7-12 only.

Youth Services Updates and Events

Azra Palo,
Head of Youth Services

Youth Unusual Items

Check out our *new* microscope with slides! We are adding more STEAM related items including a Snap Circuit and more kits including a yoga one. The library is constantly adding to our puzzle collection as well. Available items are on display near the main circulation desk and can be placed on hold by Nesmith Library cardholders.

Storytime Session #4

Registration for baby, toddler, preschool, and family storytime starts on Monday, February 28 on the Nesmith Library website. Email our Head of Youth Services, Azra Palo, apalo@nesmithlibrary.org for more details.

STEAM @ Nesmith Library

Fizzy Hearts

Monday, February 7

Ages 5-12 only. Registration required. Takeaway.

Nesmith Library Youth Staff invite our young patrons ages 5 to 12 to register for a Valentine's Day themed STEAM takeaway! Pickup starts Monday, February 7 at 9:00 a.m. For more information about our STEAM programs, email Azra Palo at apalo@nesmithlibrary.org.

Monthly Tween Event

Photo Magnet

Wednesday, February 16

Grades 4-8. No registration required. Takeaway.

This is a takeaway kit featuring a themed craft. Please

visit starting on Wednesday, February 16 to pick up your craft kit, while supplies last. What better way to celebrate your friends than to put them under glass! We're just kidding, sort of. Pick up a glass magnet bead craft to find out what we mean! You'll be able to take whatever picture of whatever you like and make it into a magnet. Masks are required for everyone entering Nesmith Library.

Monthly Create Club

Mosaics

Monday, February 28

Ages 4-9. Registration required. Takeaway.

Young patrons are invited to sign up for February's Create Club craft kit. This month, we'll be creating mosaics. For more information, please email Kirsten Rickerhauser at krickershauser@nesmithlibrary.org.

Valentine's Day Takeaway



Friday, February 11
Ages 0-12. No registration required. Takeaway.

Young Nesmith Library patrons are invited to pick up a special Valentine's Day craft takeaway starting Friday, February 11, while supplies last. No registration is required, but

supplies are limited. Questions? Email Azra Palo at apalo@nesmithlibrary.org.

Tutu Tuesday (2-22-22)

Tuesday, February 22

Ages 0-12. No registration required. Takeaway.



Join the Nesmith Library for a once in a lifetime special day! On Tutu Tuesday young patrons can grab a takeaway craft, find special activity sheets in the children's room, and even dress up in a tutu at the library! Questions? Email Azra Palo at apalo@nesmithlibrary.org.

February School Vacation Week



February 28 – March 4
Stop by the Nesmith Library during February School Vacation Week! Events include: a scavenger hunt with a prize, crafts, and a special storytime happening on Friday, March 4 at 10:30 a.m. (registration required). For more information, check out our website or email Azra apalo@nesmithlibrary.org.

FLOW Volunteer Opportunities

Sandy Sun,
FLOW Publicity



The Friends of the Library of Windham (FLOW) is growing and looking for fellow members of the community to serve on our board and committees. The FLOW

board is made up of volunteers that work together to support the Nesmith Library in a variety of ways. We meet once a month (September to May) to plan events such as the Strawberry Take-Home kits, Strawberry Festival, book fairs, and family events like the Build a Buddy Workshop. We collaborate and discuss ways to increase

community awareness about all that the Nesmith Library has to offer, and how we can best support a wide range of needs. We hope that you will consider a position on our board.

For more information visit flowwindham.org or sign our volunteer form: <https://www.flowwindham.org/copy-of-strawberry-fest-volunteer-f-1>.

Dates to Remember

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| 2/1 COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic, 3:00-7:00 p.m. | in a Bag, 9:00 a.m.;
Preschool Storytime in a Bag, 9:00 a.m.; Baby Storytime in a Bag, 9:00 a.m.; Teen V-Day Takeaway, 9:00 a.m. | 9:00 a.m.; Teen Design Your Own Mug Takeaway, 9:00 a.m.; Tutu Tuesday Children's Takeaway and Displays, 9:00 a.m. |
| 2/7 Toddler Storytime in a Bag, 9:00 a.m.; Preschool Storytime in a Bag, 9:00 a.m.; Baby Storytime in a Bag, 9:00 a.m.; STEAM Takeaway Kit, 9:00 a.m.; Board of Trustees, 6:00 p.m. | 2/16 Tween Photo Magnet Takeaway Craft, 9:00 a.m.; Virtual Bending Towards Justice, 6:00 p.m. | 2/23 Rescheduled Chunky Hand Knit Craft for Adults, 6:00 p.m. |
| 2/8 Teen Advisory Group, 6:30 p.m. | 2/21 Presidents Day, Library Closed | 2/24 Virtual "Why Does My Cat Do That?" with Cat Behaviorist Dr. Rachel Geller, 6:00 p.m. |
| 2/9 Library Book Group, 6:00 p.m. | 2/22 Toddler Storytime in a Bag, 9:00 a.m.; Preschool Storytime in a Bag, 9:00 a.m.; Baby Storytime in a Bag, | 2/28 Children's Create Club Takeaway, 9:00 a.m.; Session 4 Story-time Registration, 9:00 a.m. |
| 2/11 Valentine's Day Children's Takeaway Craft, 9:00 a.m. | | |
| 2/14 Toddler Storytime | | |

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Service Hours

Monday – Thursday
9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sat. 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sun. 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

The Nesmith Library will be closed on Monday, February 21 for Presidents Day.

