



# The Nesmith NEWS

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## From the Director's Desk: The Census Is Coming

*Sylvie Brikiatis,  
Library Director*

The 2020 Census will be conducted this year starting in mid-March. Here's what you need to know.

**For the first time the Census will be collected primarily online.** Most people will receive a mailer at their home address that includes an access code and directions for logging on to the Census.

**Didn't receive or lost a code?** No worries! You can use your street address as an identifier.

**Don't have internet access at home or are uncomfortable responding online?** We will be helping people access the form at the library. There will also be a dedicated terminal at the Town Clerk's office starting March 12.

**Prefer not to respond online?** You can request a paper form or respond by phone. We'd be happy to help you access whatever format you prefer.

**Why is it important to respond to the Census?** Census information is used to determine the number of seats each state has in the House of Representatives. They are also used to draw congressional and state legislative districts. Results determine how hundreds of billions of dollars in

federal funding are allocated for things like school, infrastructure, family services, and over 100 other federally funded programs including Medicaid, Head Start, community mental health services, and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

**Is your information secure?** All responses are confidential and data is not shared with other government agencies except in aggregate form. Census workers take a lifetime oath to protect census responses.

If you have any other questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact us, come in and speak with a librarian or visit [www.2020census.gov](http://www.2020census.gov). We have a wealth of information about the census and how it is used.

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## Tax Forms and Instructions Available



Currently available for pick up at the library are:

- 1040 and 1040-SR Instruction Booklets (includes instructions for Schedules 1-3)
- State of Massachusetts Form 1-NR/PY
- Combined Form: 1040, 1040-SR, and Schedules 1-3 in a single booklet

Use our public access computers and our printer (10¢/page for black and white) to print any IRS form or instructions.

## March Adult Programming

Maria Schroeter,  
Adult Programming Librarian

Happy Saint Patrick's Day! May the luck of the Irish be with you all year long!

First, some housekeeping... unfortunately, our Learn to Knit group has disbanded. There wasn't enough interest to keep it going every month. Thanks to all who participated, and a special thanks to Rhenea Regan and the members of the Nesmith Knitters who generously gave their time and knowledge. If you are interested in knitting with a group of lovely women, the Nesmith Knitters meet here at the library the first and third Thursdays of the month 12:30-2:30 p.m. This is not a "learn to knit" class, but a chance to get together with other local knitters and knit.

The Nesmith Library Book Group will meet on Wednesday, March 11, and this month we've been reading *The Lost Man* by Jane Harper. 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 at the meeting) and mark your calendar. We meet every second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. In order to participate, you need to have a Nesmith Library card or a card from one of the libraries in our consortium, you must be over the age of 16, and you must register.

On Thursday, March 12 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., come experience the diverse cultures of the Windham area with the inaugural Windham Cultural Fair! Taste, feel, and hear what Windham has to offer with food samples, music, and more! This is an all-ages program, and

registration is not required. Would you like to see your culture represented or get involved? Please contact Molly at [mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org), Azra at [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org), or Maria at [mschroeter@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:mschroeter@nesmithlibrary.org) for more information.



As winter ends and warmer weather arrives, animals will be reemerging from their dens and hideaways after months of hibernation. On Thursday, March 19 at 6:30 p.m., the Nesmith Library, along with the Windham Historical Society, will be welcoming Bob Noviello from Suburban Wildlife to talk about living in harmony alongside nature. As much as we might love to



observe bears, bats, squirrels, mice, raccoons, bees, and deer in the wild, we don't want them living with us or destroying our property. Bob has several years of wildlife and insect management experience. He earned his BS in Wildlife Management at the University of New Hampshire.

Since graduation, he served four years in the US Navy, was stationed for three years at the New Boston, NH Air Force Station, and worked as a wildlife biologist with the US Department of Agriculture. He has owned and operated Suburban Wildlife in Windham since 1999. This program is for ages 13 and up, and registration is recommended.

With the warmer weather ticks will make their appearance again, and with them comes the threat of Lyme Disease. Join us on Tuesday, March 24 at 6:00 p.m., when David Hunter will present Ticks and Lyme Disease: From Prevention to Treatment. Some of



the topics David will cover are testing, diagnosis, co-infections, imitator illnesses, and the impact of Lyme on children. David Hunter has been a long-time Lyme activist, advocating for patients on both the state and local level in Connecticut for seven years. He was chairman of the Committee for Education Reform for Children with Lyme Disease (CERCLD), and was also chairman of the Tribury Lyme Disease Task Force and facilitator for the Tribury Lyme Disease Support Group in Southbury, Connecticut. He was a member of the Connecticut Lyme Disease Coalition, as well. Throughout his years of advocacy,

David has given numerous Lyme presentations in an effort to raise public awareness and correct the many myths and misunderstandings that are associated with Lyme disease. He has also helped thousands of patients sort through their symptoms and illness and helped guide them to proper, more effective care. Now a New Hampshire resident of 10 years, David is continuing his Lyme efforts in his new home state. He is facilitator for the Greater Manches-

ter Lyme Disease Support Group, and he is also chairman of the Bedford Lyme Disease Council. In 2010 and 2011, he served on the New Hampshire Lyme Legislation Committee that worked on the Lyme bill and got it passed into law. He was featured in the New Hampshire Chronicle program in July 2010 titled, "Living with Lyme: New Hampshire's Exploding Epidemic." He also served on the New Hampshire House Lyme Disease Subcommittee and helped

steward a second Lyme bill through to passage in 2015. Generously sponsored by the Friends of the Library of Windham, this program is for ages 16 and up, and registration is required.

To register, go online by visiting [www.nesmithlibrary.org/events](http://www.nesmithlibrary.org/events). If you have any questions about registration, please call the Nesmith Library at 432-7154 or email Maria at [mschroeter@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:mschroeter@nesmithlibrary.org).

## We Can Be Your Shero, Baby

*Molly Pevna,  
Youth Services Librarian*

It's Women's History Month and it's the centennial of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment, so you better believe that we are celebrating in Teen Services! We're kicking things off with a multi-generational event on Monday, March 10 at 5:30 p.m. We're encouraging both teens and adults to come to our movie screening of ***On the Basis of Sex***,



a biopic on Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, a trailblazer for women's rights and gender equality. We'll be having snacks, a selfie station, and RBG inspired souvenirs!

Following up with our theme we'll be having the **Great Teen Suffragette Debate** on Friday, March 20 at 3:30 p.m. for grades 7-12. We'll look into why not all women supported the Suffrage Movement and eat pizza. Pizza and drinks will be available while supplies last. As always, we'll be having our monthly **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)** meeting on Tuesday, March 3 at 6:30 p.m. If you're interested in joining TAG please email Molly, the teen librarian, at [mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org).

For our younger audience we have our monthly **Hogwarts** program happening on Tuesday, March 31 at 6:30 p.m. This program is for ages 7-12. Please register at [www.nesmithlibrary.org/all-events](http://www.nesmithlibrary.org/all-events).

And finally, for all ages, we are celebrating our visit from the Welcoming Library by having the first **Windham Cultural Fair** here at the Nesmith Library on Thursday, March 12 at 6:00 p.m.! We'll be having volunteers from all

the different cultures that make up Windham come in to share their cultural traditions with you. There will be food samples, music, and more! If you'd like to see your culture represented, please contact Molly ([mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org)), Azra ([apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org)), or Maria ([mschroeter@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:mschroeter@nesmithlibrary.org)) for more information.



## Family Storytime in March

Azra Palo,  
Head of Youth Services

Join Azra on Fridays at 10:30 a.m. for Family Storytime where there will be plenty of singing, dancing, and more! As always there will be a special craft to go along with the theme. This month we will be talking about BUGS! We will learn about why bees buzz, how caterpillars turn into

butterflies, and more. All ages are welcome and there is no registration required. As always we have our regular drop-in storytimes including baby and toddler. We have something for everyone! Questions? Email Azra at [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org).



## Special Events for Children

Azra Palo

### Take a Bite Out of Health Eating!

Thursday, March 5  
4:30 p.m.



Eating well doesn't have to be boring for kids! Noreen Gallo, a local nutritionist, will show kids fun ways to incorporate healthy eating in their diets on Thursday, March 5 starting at 4:30 p.m. This program is geared towards older elementary school ages 8-12. Caregivers are asked to stay with the children. There is no registration and the program is free, but space is limited. Questions? Email Azra at [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org).

### LEGO Volcanoes

Thursday March 19  
4:30 p.m.

Come to the Nesmith Library and make LEGO volcanoes with Azra on Thursday, March 19 from 4:30 p.m. We will talk about how experiments work, how volcanoes are formed, and how messes are made! This program is for children ages 6-12. Caregivers are required to stay in the library during the program. This program is free and registration is required. Register online at [www.nesmithlibrary.org](http://www.nesmithlibrary.org) or call the library at 432-7154 and



Speak to Azra, Molly, or Chris in our Youth Services Department for more information. Questions? Email Azra at [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org).

### Crafternoon at the Library

Saturday March 28  
1:00 p.m.



Join Azra for a STEAM-terrific Crafternoon featuring spring crafts and games on Saturday, March 28 from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. at the Nesmith Library. We will be outside if the weather is nice, enjoying spring! All ages with caregiver are welcome. No registration is required, but supplies are limited. Questions? Email Azra at [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org).

## 2020 Census Info Night

Chelsea Paige,  
Social Media / Emerging  
Technology Librarian

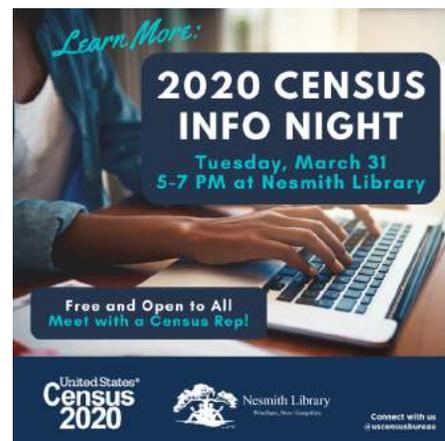
Visit the Nesmith Library for 2020 Census Info Night, Tuesday, March 31, 5:00-7:00 p.m. The Nesmith Library will host a representative from the Census Bureau, who will be available to answer your questions about the 2020 decennial Census, and assist you in responding to the Census using our public computers. Most households in our community will receive a mailed invitation to respond to the Census in mid-March, so this is the perfect time to get your questions answered and take 10-15 minutes to respond to the

Census online.

Learn why a complete and accurate count of people and households during the 2020 Census benefits our community, our state, and our country. Ask a Census representative any question you can think of about how Census data is gathered, kept private, and analyzed for use by organizations of all sizes through [data.census.gov!](https://data.census.gov/)

This event is free and open to the public, with no registration necessary. If you have any questions about this event, please contact [info@nesmith](mailto:info@nesmith)

[library.org](https://www.library.org) or call the Nesmith Library at 432-7154.



## FLOW Scholarships Informational Meeting

Friends of the Library of Windham

The Friends of the Library of Windham (FLOW) are pleased to announce that they will be awarding four distinct scholarships for a total amount of \$8,000. Two are for high school seniors working toward a four-year degree at a college or university, one is for a high school senior going to a community college or trade school, and the final scholarship is for a non-traditional student returning to school after a gap of five or more years.

The recipients of the FLOW 2020 Annual Scholarships will be awarded funds to use toward tuition, the purchase of books, and any other supplies needed to further their education. This is a one-time award, not an annual recurring one. Scholars may only

receive it once. Attend one of the informational sessions either on Sunday, March 15 at 2:00 p.m. or Wednesday, March 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the Nesmith Library to learn more about each scholarship.

Pick up an application at the Nesmith Library front desk or at the Windham High School guidance office. You can also download an application and view further details from the FLOW website at [flowwindham.org/scholarships](https://flowwindham.org/scholarships).

Applications are due by April 1, 2020. Scholarship winners will be announced at the Windham High School Scholarship Night.

Need more information? Send an email to [scholarships@flowwindham.org](mailto:scholarships@flowwindham.org).



## Volunteer for the 2020 Strawberry Festival

Sandy Sun,  
FLOW Publicity

Interested in helping with the Strawberry Festival? Here are some volunteer positions that need to be filled:

**Volunteer Coordinator:** recruit and coordinate volunteer shifts from set up, throughout the day, and clean up. Set up and share Signup Genius.

**Raffle Coordinator:** seek donors for raffle prizes. Organize donations for the day of the festival and distribute prizes to

raffle winners.

**Festival Co-Chair:** make sure the festival is a success and everyone has fun...and maybe a few other things.

**Balloon Art Coordinator:** purchase all supplies needed and set up for the station.

No role is overly time consuming on its own, but we need your help to spread the work around. Thank you for your support!

The 2020 Strawberry Festival is scheduled for Saturday, June 6 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Windham High School.

To volunteer or to get more information, email [flow@flowwindham.org](mailto:flow@flowwindham.org).



## Dates to Remember

3/2	Toddler Time, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.	4:30 p.m.; Windham Cultural Fair, 6:00 p.m.	p.m.; Teen Suffragette Debate, 3:30 p.m.
3/3	Teen Advisory Group, 6:30 p.m.	3/13	Toddler Time, 9:30 a.m.; Family Storytime, 10:30 a.m.
3/4	Busy Bees Baby Storytime, 10:30 a.m.	3/15	FLOW Scholarships Info Mtg, 2:00 p.m.
3/5	Nesmith Knitters, 12:30-2:30 p.m.; Take a Bite Out of Healthy Eating, 4:30 p.m.; Time with Mr. Miloro, 4:30 p.m.	3/16	FLOW Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
3/6	Toddler Time, 9:30 a.m.; Family Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Nesmith Quilters, 12:30-2:30 p.m.	3/18	Busy Bees Baby Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Library Board of Trustees, 6:00-7:15 p.m.; FLOW Scholarships Info Mtg, 6:30 p.m.
3/9	Toddler Time, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.	3/19	Nesmith Knitters, 12:30-2:30 p.m.; Time with Mr. Miloro, 4:30 p.m.; LEGO Volcanoes, 4:30 p.m.; Suburban Wildlife, 6:30 p.m.
3/10	Movie Screening: <i>On the Basis of Sex</i> , 5:30-7:45 p.m.;	3/20	Family Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Nesmith Quilters, 12:30-2:30
3/11	Busy Bees Baby Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Nesmith Library Book Group, 6:30 p.m.	3/21	Toddler Time, 9:30 a.m.; Stand Out in the College Admissions Process, 6:30 p.m.
3/12	Time with Mr. Miloro,	3/22	Tick and Lyme Disease, 6:00 p.m.
		3/23	Busy Bees Baby Storytime, 10:30 a.m.
		3/24	Time with Mr. Miloro, 4:30 p.m.
		3/25	Toddler Time, 9:30 a.m.; Special Family Storytime, 10:30 a.m.
		3/26	Crafternoon at the Library, 1:00 p.m.
		3/27	Toddler Time, 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
		3/28	2020 Census Info Night, 5:00-7:00 p.m.; Hogwarts, 6:30 p.m.
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		3/30	
		3/31	

## Nesmith Library

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### Library Hours

Mon	9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
Tue	9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
Wed	9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
Thu	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 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

