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Nesmith Library Sesquicentennial: Ongoing Activities

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Thank you for celebrating 150 years of service in the Windham community with us all year long! Please read on for details about our ongoing fundraisers and activities.

Buy a Brick

Fundraiser: You've been asking us when we might offer the opportunity to add bricks to our walkway, and we are excited to announce that the time has come! Brick order forms are available at Nesmith Library, or download and print a brick order form on our

website. Stay tuned for an online payment option coming soon from Friends of the Library of Windham (FLOW). Fundraising will be supported by the FLOW and will continue into 2022, with more project updates to come.

Preserve Your Memories: Photos, guestbook entries, and more from this event and our 150th year will be preserved in a digital gallery! Be sure to sign the guest book (still available!), and consider submitting your art and

stories illustrating what Nesmith Library means to you, September 18 to December 18. Email NesmithLibrary03087@gmail.com to discuss submission details.

Show Your Support:

Make a donation (any amount) to Nesmith Library, and we will give you a window cling of our Sesquicentennial Seal! The clings can either stick inside a window or outside, and they hold on to car windows really well, with no residue when it's time to remove them!

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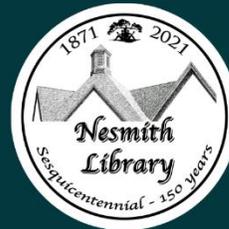
Ongoing Activities

NESMITH LIBRARY SESQUICENTENNIAL



BUY A BRICK

Fundraising continues through 2022



WINDOW CLING

Donate in support of Nesmith Library



SHARE YOUR MEMORIES

Write in our guestbook, or submit stories, art, videos, and more!

October Adult Programming

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

It's sweater weather! Break out the flannels and get cozy with a good book! We have plenty of new ones ready for you to check out: actor and host of CNN's wonderful food-based travel show, *Searching for Italy*, Stanley Tucci has written a memoir, *Taste: My Life Through Food*; Amor Towles, author of *A Gentleman in Moscow*, just released his latest, *The Lincoln Highway*; and Heather Morris, writer of *Cilka's Journey* and *The Tattooist of Auschwitz*, is back with *Three Sisters*. 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.

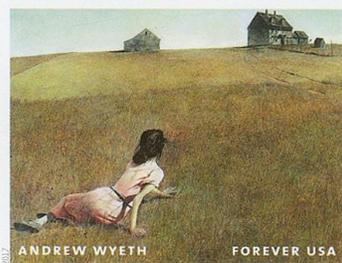
Nesmith Library Book Group

The Nesmith Library Book Group will meet in person, on Wednesday, October 13 at 6:00 p.m. This month we've been reading *The Night Watchman* by Louise Erdrich. 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 2nd 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.

The Wyeths

Join us (virtually) on Thursday, October 7 at 6:00 p.m. when we welcome back art educator Jane Oneail as she delves into the artistic world of the Wyeths, known for their somber realism and subtle

storytelling. This program will explore the style of painting and illustration established by N.C. Wyeth in the early 1900s and passed on and re-interpreted by his children, primarily Andrew Wyeth, and his grandson Jamie Wyeth. Learn more about their favorite subjects, their influences, and their enduring impact in the art world.

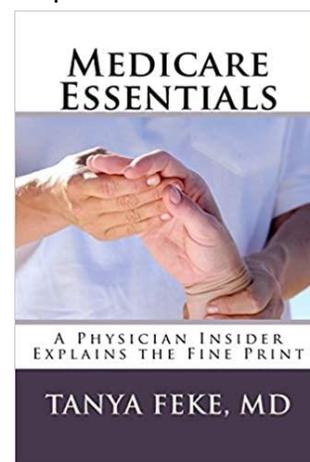


Jane Oneail is an independent scholar and holds a master's degree in Art History from Boston University and a master's degree in Art in Education from Harvard University. Jane is a New Hampshire native and has worked at some of the state's most esteemed cultural institutions. She has also taught at the college level for more than a decade. Learn more about Jane and her art programs at www.iamculturallycurious.com.

Medicare Essentials

Questions about Medicare? Wondering where to start? Join us on Tuesday, October 12 at 6:00 p.m. when the Nesmith Library welcomes (in person) Dr. Tanya Feke for a fun and interactive talk about Medicare. Not only will you learn the basics about how the Medicare program works, you will learn tips on how to pick the best Medicare plan, where you can cut

out-of-pocket costs, and what changes to look for in 2021. Be sure to bring your questions! Because this is an in-person program inside the library, masks are required for all attendees.



Dr. Tanya Feke is a board-certified family physician with firsthand experience in Medicare. Since taking leave from her primary care practice in 2013, she has performed home visits for Medicare beneficiaries and consults with hospital networks nationwide to assure Medicare covers what you need. Her website, [Diagnosis Life \(www.diagnosislife.com\)](http://www.diagnosislife.com) remains a hub of health and wellness information, free to the public.

Cemeteries and Gravestones



Rubbings, photographs, and slides illustrate the rich variety of gravestones to be found in our own neighborhoods, but they also tell

October Adult Programming (Continued)

long-forgotten stories of such historical events as the Great Awakening, the Throat Distemper epidemic, and the American Revolution. On Wednesday, October 20 at 6:30 p.m., find out more about these deeply personal works of art and the craftsmen who carved them with Glenn Knoblock, and learn how to read the stone “pages” that give insight into the vast genealogical book of New Hampshire. We are pleased to be co-hosting this New Hampshire Humanities virtual program with the Windham Historical Society.



Glenn Knoblock is an independent scholar and author of fifteen books and over 100 articles. He is also the author and historian on projects relating to Northern New England bridges, New Hampshire cemeteries, and brewing history, and African-American military history. Knoblock has served as the main military contributor to Harvard and Oxford University’s landmark African-American Biography Project. He

holds a BA in History from Bowling Green State University.

Ghosts and Legends



Have you ever encountered a ghost, or felt an unexplained presence the room? Jeff Belanger of New England Legends certainly has, and he will be presenting (virtually) Ghosts and Legends on Tuesday, October 26 at 6:30 p.m. Jeff will be bringing us all new stories for 2021! This multi-media program, for teens and adults grades 7 and up, will take you on a journey through the haunts in your backyard and around the world. Pulling from his research in his books, podcasts, adventures, and the various television shows he’s worked on, Jeff, one of New England’s premiere storytellers, will take us on a Halloween trip

through the unusual and the unexplained.

Jeff Belanger is a storyteller, adventurer, journalist, and one of the most visible explorers of the unexplained today. The author of over a dozen books published in six languages, he is also the Emmy-nominated host, writer, and producer of the PBS and Amazon Prime series *New England Legends* and the weekly *New England Legends* podcast. He’s been a guest on hundreds of television and radio networks and programs, including History, Travel Channel, Biography Channel, PBS, CBS Sunday Morning, NPR, BBC, and Coast to Coast AM. For more information on Jeff, visit his website www.ournewenglandlegends.com.

Adult programs are for ages 16 and up (unless otherwise noted), and registration is required. Register online by visiting www.nesmithlibrary.org/calendar.

For more information on any of these programs, or if you have any questions, please contact Maria, our Adult Programming Librarian, at mschroeter@nesmithlibrary.org, or call the library at 603-432-7154.

Teen October Programs Are Here!

Molly Pevna,
Youth/Teen Services Librarian

It’s time to wake up because September has ended, and it’s the beginning of October! But don’t worry, we have plenty going on! On Tuesday, October 26 at 6:30 p.m. we’ll be virtually hosting **Ghosts and Legends** teller Jeff Belanger! Start your Halloween week right with some spooky tales. You can register on our website.

Ghost tales not quite your thing? That’s okay, we have a

Spooky Tween Craft happening on Wednesday, October 20 at 3:30 p.m. for grades 4-8. No registration is required. We’ll be making jack-o-lantern tea light holders!

We’ll also be hosting our regular **Teen Advisory Group Meeting** on Tuesday, October 12 at 6:30 p.m. If you’re interested in learning more about TAG or want to learn how to join, feel free to contact the Teen Librarian Molly for

more information.

Questions about upcoming programs or anything else? Email Molly at mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org. Note: all program attendees are required to wear a mask for the duration of any program taking place indoors at Nesmith Library. Age ranges for teen programs are grades 7-12 and tween programs are grades 4-8.

From the Children's Room

Azra Palo,
Head of Youth Services

Don't forget to sign up for **1,000 Books Before Kindergarten!**

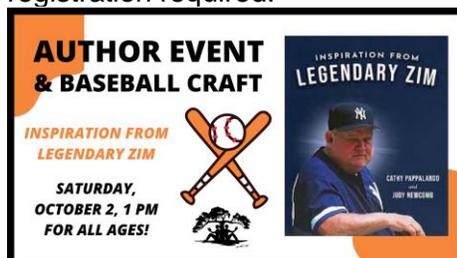
We re-launched our 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Program in September and invite Nesmith Library cardholders to join us in on the fun! Ages 0-5 can log into Beanstack (the same platform we used for summer reading) and log their books towards prizes! Nesmith Library cardholders that are caregivers (i.e., grandparents) are welcome to sign up their young ones as well. Stay tuned for a graduation party announcement coming in early spring. For more information please email Azra apalo@nesmithlibrary.org or ask any of our youth services librarians for more information.

Special Events

Author Event & Baseball Craft

Join Nesmith Library Youth Services staff and authors Cathy Pappalardo and Judy Newcomb on Saturday, October 2 at 1:00 p.m.

for an Author Event and Baseball Craft! All ages are welcome to join us to learn about the book, *Inspiration from Legendary Zim*, and to do a baseball themed craft with us, while supplies last. No registration required.



Questions? Please call Nesmith Library Youth Services at 603-432-7154 or email Azra apalo@nesmithlibrary.org.

Special Halloween Storytime

Young ghouls and witches are invited to a special Halloween Storytime at the Nesmith Library on Friday, October 29 starting at 10:30 a.m.! All are welcome to come in costume and trick or treat

at the library afterwards. No registration required. Questions? Email apalo@nesmithlibrary.org.

Halloween Party



Swing by on Saturday, October 30 starting at 1:00 p.m. at the Nesmith Library to do an all ages craft and grab a treat (no tricks) from the youth services librarians! No registration required. While supplies last. Questions? Email Azra apalo@nesmithlibrary.org or Kirsten krickershauser@nesmithlibrary.org.

Monthly Children's Events

Azra Palo

STEAM @ Nesmith Library

Thursday, October 14
5:30-6:30 p.m.

Registration required.

Nesmith Library youth staff invite our young patrons ages 5-9 to drop in and explore STEAM experiments at the library monthly! Our October STEAM will be pumpkin themed. This is not an independent program. We ask that caregivers join in on the fun! For more information about our STEAM programs, email Azra Palo at apalo@nesmithlibrary.org.

Monthly Tween Event
Fall Décor

Grades 4-8. No registration required.



Who is ready for spooky season? Come join us to make some special decor for the season! We'll be meeting on Wednesday, October 20 at 3:30 p.m. Questions? Email Molly at mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org or Azra apalo@nesmithlibrary.org.

Create Club

Thursday, October 28
5:30-6:30 p.m.

No registration required.

Young patrons ages 5-9 are invited to join in on our monthly Create Club at the Nesmith Library in October! We will explore different art, stories, and more. This is not an independent program. We ask that caregivers join in on the fun! For this event we ask that you bring your own pumpkin (fake or real!) for a special Halloween Create Club. For more information, email Azra Palo at apalo@nesmithlibrary.org.

October Storytimes

Azra Palo

Toddler Storytime

Mondays, October 4 and 18
In-person Toddler Storytime starts at 10:30 a.m. We will read stories, sing, and maybe dance. This program is for toddlers ages 18 months to 3 years supervised by an adult caregiver. Siblings welcome. Toddler Storytime lasts approximately 20-25 minutes. Registration is not required.



There will be no Toddler Time on October 11, because the library will be closed in observance of Columbus Day. Questions? Email Ms. Chris at csavukinas@nesmithlibrary.org.

Baby Storytime

Wednesdays, October 6, 13, and 25.



All babies and their caregivers are invited to join us in person for our October Baby Storytimes starting at 10:30 a.m. This is for ages 0-18 months hosted by the Nesmith Library! Stories, songs, and dancing outdoors. Siblings are welcome, and no registration required.

Questions? Email Azra Palo apalo@nesmithlibrary.org.

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays, October 7, 14, and 21.

Preschool Storytime at the Nesmith Library starts at 10:30 a.m. for registered participants only. Enjoy stories, songs, and more with Miss Molly. Registration is required. For children ages 3-5.



This is an independent storytime. We ask that patrons stay on the library grounds during the program. Please know that for Preschool Storytime, we ask that your child be able to attend most, if not all, the storytimes. For more information about our Preschool Storytime, please email Molly at mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org.

Storytime Session #1 ends the week of October 25.

Storytime Session #2

Azra Palo

Online registration for Pre-school Storytime session #2 starts Monday, October 25. Register once for the whole session.

Session #2 dates and times are as follows:

Toddler Storytime

Mondays, November 1 to December 6 at 10:30 a.m.

Baby Storytime

Wednesdays, November 3 to December 8 at 10:30 a.m.

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays, November 4 to December 9 at 10:30 a.m.

Questions? Email Azra Palo at apalo@nesmithlibrary.org.



Join the Friends of the Library of Windham Membership

*Sandy Sun,
FLOW Publicity*

Choose from a variety of memberships and payment options, starting at only \$10. The membership dues provide free and reduced-price admission to local museums and attractions

with our museum passes; the offering of academic grants; book fairs; strawberry festival; enhanced children, teens, and adult programming; library enhancements including automatic

handicap accessible doors, projection system, portable sounds system; and much, much more. For more information, go to <https://www.flowwindham.org/become-a-member>.

FLOW Volunteer Opportunities

Sandy Sun

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.

Current vacancies:
Vice President

Treasurer
Publicity
Book Fair Committee
Chair
Academic Grants
Committee Chair
Webmaster
Committee Chair
Strawberry Festival
Committee Chair

For more information, contact flow@flowwindham.org.

Dates to Remember

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| 10/1 | Apple Storytime at Mack's Apples, 10:30 a.m. | 6:00 p.m.; Teen Advisory Group, 6:30 p.m. | p.m.; (Virtual) Cemeteries and Gravestones, 6:30 p.m. |
| 10/2 | Author Event and Baseball Craft, 1:00 p.m. | 10/13 Baby Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Nesmith Library Book Group, 6:00 p.m. | 10/21 Preschool Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Nesmith Knitters, 12:30-2:30 p.m. |
| 10/4 | Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. | 10/14 Preschool Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; STEAM @Nesmith Library, 5:30 p.m. | 10/25 Preschool Storytime Registration, 9:00 a.m. |
| 10/6 | Baby Storytime, 10:30 a.m. | 10/18 Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. | 10/26 (Virtual) Ghosts and Legends, 6:30 p.m. |
| 10/7 | Preschool Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Nesmith Knitters, 12:30-2:30 p.m.; The Wyeths (Virtual), 6:00 p.m. | 10/19 Library Board of Trustees, 6:00 p.m. | 10/28 Create Club, 5:30 p.m. |
| 10/11 | Columbus Day, Library Closed | 10/20 Baby Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Spooky Tween Craft, 3:30 | 10/29 Halloween Storytime, 10:30 a.m. |
| 10/12 | Medicare Essentials, | | 10/30 Halloween Party, 1:00 p.m. |

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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.

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