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## Get the Latest Updates at Our Website

*Chelsea Paige,  
Social Media/Emerging  
Technology Librarian*

The Nesmith Library website is our home for all kinds of digital content, including our updated services as we navigate safely providing services during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Here are three new areas of interest on our website:

- The [Virtual Browsing](#) block on our homepage showcases new items, our virtual browsing videos playlist (also on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)), and selections from various subjects. All the item covers on the page will bring you to our catalog if you click on them, so you can easily place requests and read more about them! You can also request a [Mystery Grab Bag](#) of materials selected for you by library staff and watch a video with instructions for placing holds in our catalog.
- The [Children's Updates](#) page in the Young People menu of the website features a summary of our current services for caregivers and children, all in one place! View and download the Weekly Take-

out Menu flyer to keep up with programs and services each week, and find links to all our great resources as caregivers navigate the fall season and the school year.



- Our new [Election Information](#) page hosts links to information for voters from the Town of Windham and the State of N.H. about how to register, how to request an absentee ballot, and non-partisan information about the candidates.



And here are two ongoing sources of important information:

- Open the [Curbside Borrowing](#) block for instructions and procedures to participate in Curbside Borrowing. We offer pickup

Monday – Thursday, 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., Friday, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Library staff are in the building to answer phone calls and help you place holds Monday to Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

- Visit the [Phased Reopening](#) page for the current state of our services, including our limited open hours, Monday to Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. As opposed to the timeline on the [COVID-19 Updates & Sources](#) page, the Phased Reopening page clearly and concisely summarizes our current services at a glance.

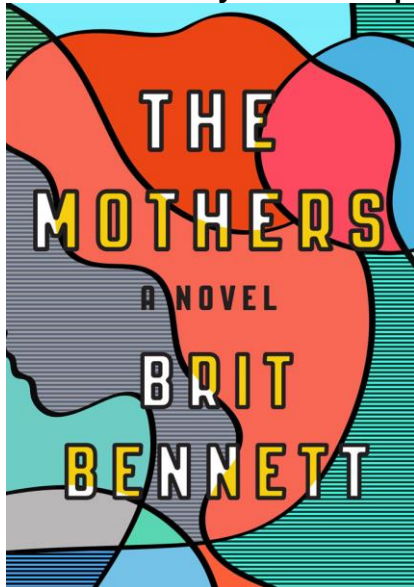
Thank you for your patience as we continue to find new ways to serve our community. We couldn't do it without you! Call us or email your questions and ideas to [info@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:info@nesmithlibrary.org).

## October Adult Programming

Maria Schroeter,  
Adult Programming Librarian

We are coming up to my favorite time of the year...fall! I love the colors, the cool air, and the promise of the upcoming holidays.

### Nesmith Library Book Group



To keep us all safe, we'll be continuing with virtual programming, except for the Nesmith Library Book Group, which will meet on Wednesday, October 14 at 5:30 p.m. The group decided to meet an hour earlier, so we could sit outside, and there would still be light. Please wear your mask! This month we've been reading *The Mothers* by Brit Bennett. 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 meet every second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. 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. Email me at [mschroeter@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:mschroeter@nesmithlibrary.org) or call me at the library to register.

### Michelangelo and the Sistine Chapel



Join us on Thursday, October 8 at 6:00 p.m. when we welcome back art historian and educator Jane Oneail to guide us through the wonders of the Sistine Chapel during her presentation, "Michelangelo and the Sistine Chapel." The Sistine Chapel is one of the most beautiful and most famous works of art in the world. Dive into Michelangelo's inspiration and process (did he really lie down as he painted the ceiling?) and consider how the masterwork has been altered by time and restoration.

Jane Oneail is an independent scholar and holds a master's in art history from Boston University and a master's 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 N.H. Institute of Art.

This online Zoom program is for ages 16 and up, and registration is required. Register online by visiting [www.nesmithlibrary.org/calendar](http://www.nesmithlibrary.org/calendar). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. Thank you to

the Friends of the Library of Windham (FLOW) for generously sponsoring this program!

### Maximizing Social Security Benefits



Are you one of the 90% of Americans who do not fully maximize their Social Security benefits? Knowing how and when to collect Social Security benefits can be complex because it ultimately depends on your unique circumstances. With retirees living longer today than previous generations, your choice of when to retire and collect Social Security benefits can make a significant difference in the income you collect in retirement. Find out your best plan when we welcome Andy Githmark (virtually) on Thursday, October 15 for two online sessions of his interactive seminar, "Maximizing Social Security Benefits." These sessions will cover the same material, so you only need to register for one of them. The first webinar will begin at 12:00 p.m., and the second at 6:30 p.m. As a certified National Social Security Advisor® (NSSA®), Andy is trained to give you the information needed to ensure you fully realize the value of lifetime benefit maximization. He'll cover what spousal benefits are available if you are married, widowed, or divorced, and he'll review the potential effects that working in retirement and hav-

ing a public employee or government pension can have on your benefits. By understanding all the various claiming strategies, you can maximize your benefits and gain financial clarity.

Andy Githmark is a founding partner and wealth manager at Steward Partners Global Advisory. He has been in the financial services industry since 1997, serving as a trusted financial advisor since 2010, and he has earned both his Certified Divorce Financial Analyst® and NCSA® certifications.

This online Zoom program is for ages 16 and up, and registration is required. Choose which session you'd like to attend and register online by visiting [www.nesmithlibrary.org/calendar](http://www.nesmithlibrary.org/calendar). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

## Hawk Watching in the Northeast

Join the Nesmith Library and the Windham Historical Society



(virtually) on Wednesday, October 21 at 6:00 p.m. when we welcome Steve Hale of Open World Explorers to teach us about the region's vultures, hawks, eagles, and falcons that can be regularly observed during fall migration. Steve's presentation, "Hawk Watching in the Northeast," will include high quality images of each species in flight, both from our vantage point on the ground, and from overhead at a favorite hawk-watch location. Technical tips on species shape, coloration, and behavior are provided to boost your own ability to ID these fabulous birds. Migration-timing data for some regional sites will be presented for different species, so you will know when to expect them in your area. An introduction to a few regional hawk-watch sites will be given, along with information on how to participate.

Steve Hale holds university degrees in marine biology, evolutionary biology, and ecology. He has lived in New Hampshire over

20 years and has explored most of the state. An avid hiker, birder, and experienced naturalist, Steve loves to share his experience and knowledge with others eager to learn. In April 2016, Steve formed Open World Explorers ([www.openworldexplorers.com](http://www.openworldexplorers.com)) to more fully share his knowledge and experiences in ecology, ornithology, and Earth science, and to help others find personal value in the natural history and landscape of the area.

This online Zoom program is for ages 16 and up, and registration is required. Register online by visiting [www.nesmithlibrary.org/calendar](http://www.nesmithlibrary.org/calendar). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

If you have any questions about registration for any of these adult programs, please call the Nesmith Library at 432-7154 or email Maria at [mschroeter@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:mschroeter@nesmithlibrary.org).

## Don't Stop Be-leafing

Molly Pevna,  
Youth Services Librarian

Don't stop be-leafing that we have tons of fun stuff planned for October! We have takeaway bags and crafts that will be absolutely gourd-gous. Okay, I promise I'm done with the puns (but maybe not with the rhymes?). But seriously, we have a lot going on this month! **Wednesday, October 7** we have our **October Teen Takeaway Kits**. If you liked the ones that we had for back to school, you're going to love these! They can be picked up during curbside hours (10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.) while supplies last. As we get closer to Halloween, we'll have a **Spooktacular Takeaway**

**Craft on Wednesday, October 28.** Like the October Teen Takeaway Bags, the crafts can be picked up during curbside hours, while supplies last. We'll also have our monthly **TAG Meeting on Tuesday, October 6 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom**. Email Molly for more information about TAG and how to join. We're always working on new programming, so keep your eyes peeled for more goings on during the month of October!

As the leaves start falling, we're starting to get into the colder part of the year. The days are shorter and less warm. For some of us this

adjustment, especially given everything else going on, is hard. If you or someone you know needs help, someone to talk to, extra support on a school project or anything else, please don't hesitate to reach out to Molly, the teen librarian, or other library staff. I can be reached at the library, or you can email me at [mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org). As always, you can email if you have any questions about our ongoing procedures and programs. Please check our website or social media for the most up to date details.

## Children's Storytimes

Azra Palo,  
Head of Youth Services



### Toddler Storytime

Mondays 10:30 a.m.  
(Outside) Register for  
October. Ages 18 months to three

years. Siblings welcome. Weather dependent, please check social media. Registration and masks for adults required. Social distancing will be in place.

### Baby Storytime

Wednesdays 10:30 a.m.  
(Outside) No registration required. Ages 0-18 months. Siblings welcome. Outside, but weather dependent. Please check social

media. Masks for adults required and social distancing in place.

### Preschool Storytime

Thursdays 10:30 a.m.  
Online (Zoom)  
Registration required. Ages three to five years. To register please email Molly Pevna [mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org). There is a pick up craft every Monday.

## Children's Crafts and Events

Azra Palo

### Takeaway Craft

Mondays during curbside or limited browsing hours. All ages. Pick up a craft on Mondays during the month of October! No registration is required and supplies are limited. Craft is meant for all ages.



### STEAM at Nesmith Library

Thursday, October 22 at 4:00 p.m. (Pick up / Zoom)

Suggested for five years and older. Younger siblings welcome. Pick up your kits starting Monday, October 19. Registration online is required. Zoom hangout on October 22 begins at 4:00 p.m. to show off our creations!

media. Registration is required. Supplies are limited.



### Pumpkin Decorating

Date to be announced.  
All ages. (Pick up / outside)  
Pick up your supplies and create at home or join us on the lawn. Masks are required and social distancing will be in place. Weather dependent, check social

### Special Takeaway Craft Bag

Date to be announced.  
All ages.  
Celebrate the holiday with a special pick up craft from the Nesmith Library. No registration. Supplies are limited. Pick up during limited browsing or curbside pick up hours.

**MYSTERY BAG REQUEST FORM**

NOT SURE WHAT TO READ OR DON'T HAVE THE TIME TO PLACE THINGS ON HOLD? FILL OUT A REQUEST FORM TO GET A MYSTERY BAG OF LIBRARY MATERIALS! AVAILABLE FOR ALL AGES.

Nesmith Library  
Wichita, KS 67202

Do you want to borrow some books from Nesmith Library, but you're not sure what exact items to place on hold?

Fill out the Mystery Bag Request Form, and we'll put together a special collection of librarian recommended items just for you! You will receive an automated hold notice email when your items are available (or a phone call if you indicated you prefer calls when you signed up for your library card). Call the library (432-7154) if you need a quicker turnaround, especially on Saturdays. If you have questions about the mystery bag, email the Nesmith Library staff at [info@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:info@nesmithlibrary.org).

## Chalk Drawings – Children’s Librarian Outreach

Nesmith Library Youth Services staff have been doing contactless outreach visits and leaving chalk drawings for families in Windham! Request your own by filling out the online [Google form](#).



## Dates to Remember

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|-------|--|-------|---|--|
| 10/1  | Preschool Storytime on Zoom, 10:30 a.m.                | 10/13 | Board of Trustees, 6:00 p.m.  | 10:30 a.m.;  |
| 10/5  | Toddler Time, 10:30 a.m.                               | 10/14 | Busy Bees Baby Storytime, 10:30 a.m.;                                   | STEAM pick up  |
| 10/6  | Virtual Teen Advisory Group, 6:30 p.m.                 |       | Adventure Seekers (Virtual), 4:00 p.m.;                                 | 10/21  |
| 10/7  | Teen Takeaway Kit, 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.;             |       | Nesmith Library Book Group, 5:30 p.m.                                   | Hawk Watching (Virtual), 6:00 p.m.                       |
| 10/8  | Busy Bees Storytime, 10:30 a.m.                        | 10/15 | Maximizing Social Security Benefits (Virtual), 12:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. | 10/22  |
| 10/12 | Virtual Michelangelo and the Sistine Chapel, 6:00 p.m. | 10/19 | Toddler Storytime,  | STEAM Show and Tell on Zoom, 4:00 p.m.                   |
|       | Columbus Day, Library Closed                           |       |   | 10/26  |
|       |  |       |   | Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.                            |
|       |  |       |   | 10/28  |
|       |  |       |   | Teen Spooktacular Takeaway Craft, 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. |

### Nesmith Library

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Website:  
[www.nesmithlibrary.org](http://www.nesmithlibrary.org)

#### Open Hours

Monday – Saturday  
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

#### Phone 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.

#### Curbside Pickup Hours

Monday – Thursday  
10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Fri. 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sat. 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Nesmith Library will be  
**CLOSED**  
Monday, October 12  
for Columbus Day.

