

# The Nesmith NEWS

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## Sesquicentennial Celebration: Schedule of Events

Chelsea Paige,  
*Social Media / Digital  
Literacy Librarian*

Our Sesquicentennial Celebration is shaping up to be a fun day! We hope you will stop by between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to enjoy refreshments including B's Tacos food truck (until 1:00 p.m.), and explore Nesmith Library's three historical locations. Everyone who visits the three stops will earn a 150<sup>th</sup> seal button (while supplies last), and

finishing the scavenger hunt means you can enter a prize raffle, with one prize for kids and one for adults!

This event will go on rain or shine, and we will be taking safety precautions as needed as the date approaches, so please watch for Nesmith Library service updates in the weeks to come. No matter what, we will have

an ongoing fundraiser through fall 2021 and into 2022 to refresh our brick walkway, and we are inviting art submissions for a digital gallery to commemorate 150 years of service in Windham through the end of 2021. We hope to see you there on Saturday, September 18!

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## Nesmith Library to Host Exhibition of Rare Prints

Chelsea Paige

Nesmith Library will host an exhibition of rare prints by noted New Hampshire print maker Christopher Morse. The five limited edition prints were commissioned by the Windham Historic Committee, forerunner of the Searles School and Chapel Trustees. They were to commemorate Windham's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1992 and have never been displayed publicly before.

The prints were donated by former Searles School and Chapel trustee Marilyn Bailey to the Searles School and Chapel. They are on loan to Nesmith Library for an extended period as part of the library's Sesquicentennial, celebrating 150 years of service in the Windham, New Hampshire community from 1871-2021. All are invited to celebrate Nesmith Library history with a self-guided tour and other activities on Saturday, September 18!

The five images in the prints depict iconic subjects in Windham: the historic colonial cemetery on

Ministerial Road, the 19<sup>th</sup> century Union Hall in West Windham, the only island bridge on Cobbetts Pond, and Searles Castle. The fifth print depicts a militia reenactment conducted as part of the anniversary on what was then Taylor's

Farm and is now Crossing Life Church.

The artist Christopher Morse is a juried member of the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen. His work appears in numerous museums and collections.



## September Adult Programming

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

Fall is right around the corner and I can't wait! It's my favorite season, and after this long, hot summer, I'm really looking forward to some cooler weather. There are some wonderful programs planned, so keep checking the events calendar on our website for updates!

### **Nesmith Library Book Group**

The Nesmith Library Book Group will meet in person on

Wednesday, September 15 at 6:00 p.m. Note that this is a week later than we usually meet because I'll be away. This month we've been reading *The Gifted School* by Bruce Holsinger. 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.

### **Identify Local Trees with Greg Jordan of UNH Extension**

When enjoying the beautiful forests of New Hampshire or admiring the foliage around your home, have you ever wondered

## September Adult Programming (Continued)

what type of trees you were looking at? On Thursday, September 16 at 10:00 a.m., we welcome back Greg Jordan from the UNH Extension to walk the library grounds with us and identify some of our local trees. Bring photos or clippings from the trees in your yard, and Greg will help put a name to them. This is an outdoor program, so dress for the weather, but in the event of terrible weather, the rain date will be Tuesday, September 21 at 10:00 a.m. You will get an email if we need to use the rain date.



Greg is Rockingham County's Forestry Field Specialist. A New Hampshire licensed forester, Greg joined UNH Cooperative Extension in 2017. Prior to joining UNH, he spent more than a decade working as a consulting forester in southern New Hampshire and Maine. With lots of on-the-ground forestry and wildlife management experience, he provides landowners, communities and others with advice on managing woodlots and caring for community forests and trees.

### Sparkling Joy with the KonMari Method

With the kids back in school and the promise of cooler weather around the corner, now seems like a great time to organize. Not sure where to begin? Wondering what to keep and what to let go? Join us virtually on Thursday, September 23 at 7:00 p.m. when we welcome Shannon Huneycutt, a certified KonMari consultant and founder of Spark Joy Charlotte. Shannon will guide us through the KonMari Method, giving us the tools needed to tidy our spaces, and hopefully, spark joy in our lives. This program has a limited capacity, and

registration is required. A Zoom link will be emailed to all registrants before the program.

Shannon was trained by Marie Kondo, and lives in Charlotte, North Carolina. Find out more on her website: <https://sparkjoycharlotte.com>.

Adult programs are for ages 16 and up, and registration is required. Register online by visiting [www.nesmithlibrary.org/calendar](http://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](mailto:mschroeter@nesmithlibrary.org), or call the library at 432-7154.

## Don't Look So Crestfallen Just Because It's Fall

*Molly Pevna,*  
*Youth/Teen Services Librarian*

Fall means lots of fun stuff is happening at the library. We have our first **Teen Advisory Group** meeting of the school year. Don't know what TAG is or you're not sure if you want to apply yet? This is your chance to learn what it is all about! Register on our website to join us Tuesday, September 14 at 6:30 p.m.

TAG not quite your thing, but really like movies? Then check out our **Interactive Movie** that is happening at the end of the month on Tuesday, September 28 at 6:30 p.m., you might even see some moving castles while you're there!

Not quite ready for the teen activities yet? That's also okay! We have some **Tween Origami**

happening on Wednesday, September 22 at 3:30 p.m.

No registration is required for these events unless otherwise noted. All teen events are for grades 7-12 and all tween events are for grades 4-8. Have questions or want to learn more? Email Molly at [mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org).

## From the Children's Room

Azra Palo,  
Head of Youth Services

### 2021 Children's Summer Reading: Tails and Tales



This summer during our Tales and Tails program, our youngest patrons read over 2,700 hours! In addition, we had a 116% increase in registration from 2019 in the children's room. Wow! We had a fun summer full of activities from music to magic. This summer would not have been possible without our big sponsor FLOW and local businesses Kendall Pond Pizza, Heart Studio, Culinary Playground, and more! Tune in next year for "An Ocean of Possibilities."

### Special News

On Friday, August 27 we surprised our Nesmith Library patrons with news that we had hatched chick eggs! Patrons were welcome that day to visit, see the chicks, and our young patrons could do a special chick craft.



As of this writing there were 15 chicks. Their permanent home will be at our Head of Youth Services Azra Palo's coop. We will continue to update patrons on their growth through pictures and videos.

### 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten is Back!

Ages 0-5  
Nesmith Library family cardholders only / online.

Starting Monday, September 13 our youngest patrons ages 0-5 can log into Beanstack (the same

platform we used for summer reading) and log their books towards prizes! We will post updates on our social media and website as we get closer to the start date. For more information, please email Azra [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org).



### Back to School Craft

Saturday, September 4  
10:30-11:30 a.m.

All ages.

No registration required.

Excited for the coming school year? Join us on Saturday, September 4 at 10:30 a.m. for a fun back-to-school craft! All are welcome, and no registration is required. While supplies last.

Questions? Email Molly at [mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org) or Kirsten at [krickershauser@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:krickershauser@nesmithlibrary.org).

## Monthly Children's Events

Azra Palo

### STEAM @ Nesmith Library

Thursday, September 16  
5:30-6:30 p.m.

Ages 5-9

Registration required.

Nesmith Library Youth Staff invite our young patrons ages 5-9 to drop in and explore STEAM experiments at the library monthly starting in September! Our first STEAM of the school year will be September 16 at 5:30 p.m. 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](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org).

### Monthly Tween Event: Origami

Wednesday, September 22

3:30 p.m.

Grades 4-8

No registration required.

Ever wanted to learn origami?

Or maybe you're already a pro! Either way, come join us on Wednesday, September 22 at 3:30 p.m. for some origami. Questions? Email Molly at [mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org).

### Create Club

Thursday, September 30  
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Ages 5-9

No registration required.

Young patrons ages 5-9 are invited to join in on our monthly create club at the library starting Thursday, September 13 at 6:30 p.m.! We will explore different art, stories, and more. This is not an independent program. We ask that caregivers join in on the fun! For more information, email Azra Palo [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org).

## Session 1 Storytimes

Azra Palo

### Toddler Storytime

Mondays, September  
13-October 18  
10:30 a.m.  
Ages 18 months-3.5  
years  
Siblings welcome.  
Registration not  
required.

Join us for toddler time with Miss Chris starting Monday, September 13 at the Nesmith Library! We will read stories, sing, and maybe dance. This program is for toddlers ages 18 months to 3 years supervised by an adult caregiver. Toddler Storytime lasts approximately 20-25 minutes. Questions? Email Ms. Chris at [csavukinas@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:csavukinas@nesmithlibrary.org).

### Baby Storytime

Wednesdays,  
September 15-October 20  
10:30 a.m.  
Ages 0-18 months  
Siblings welcome.  
Registration not  
required.

Join us outside for our first Baby Storytime session of the school year for ages 0-18 months hosted by the Nesmith Library! Stories, songs, and dancing outdoors. Siblings are welcome. Questions? Email Azra Palo at [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org).

### Preschool Storytime

Thursdays,  
September 16-October 21  
10:30 a.m.  
Ages 3.5-5 years  
Registration required.



Join us for our first session of Preschool Storytime of the school year at the Nesmith Library starting Thursday, September 16 at 10:30 a.m.! Stories, songs, and more with Miss Molly. Registration required. For ages 3.5-5.

This is an independent storytime, and we ask that patrons stay on the library grounds during the program. For more information about our Preschool Storytime, please email Molly at [mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org).

## Nesmith Library

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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 Sunday, September 5 and Monday, September 6 in observance of Labor Day.

## Friends of the Library of Windham

Sandy Sun,  
*FLOW Publicity*

Our next general membership meeting takes place on Monday, September 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the Nesmith Library to elect new board members.

## Dates to Remember

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| 9/2 Nesmith Knitters, 12:30-2:30 p.m.                 | with Greg Jordan of UNH Extension, 10:00 a.m.; Nesmith Knitters, 12:30-2:30 p.m.; STEAM @ Nesmith Library, 5:30 p.m. | 9/21 Identify Local Trees (Rain Date), 10:00 a.m.; Library Board of Trustees, 6:00 p.m. |
| 9/4 Back to School Craft, 10:30 a.m.                  |  | 9/22 Tween Origami, 3:30 p.m.   |
| 9/5 Library Closed                                    |  | 9/23 Virtual Sparking Joy with KonMari Method, 7:00 p.m.                                |
| 9/6 Labor Day, Library Closed                         |  | 9/28 Interactive Movie, 6:30 p.m.   |
| 9/14 Teen Advisory Group Meeting, 6:30 p.m.           | 9/18 Nesmith Library Sesquicentennial Celebration, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  | 9/30 Create Club, 6:30 p.m.   |
| 9/15 Nesmith Library Book Discussion Group, 6:00 p.m. | 9/20 FLOW General Meeting, 6:30 p.m.   |   |
| 9/16 Identify Local Trees                             |  |   |

