

# The Nesmith NEWS

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## From the Director's Desk: Welcome to the New Normal



*Sylvie Brikiatis,  
Library Director*

As we move into the fall, I wanted to recap how far we have come since March. As you can see from our phases of reopening graphic, we are almost back to normal. I feel that,

aside from a few tweaks, this is essentially where we will be for the foreseeable future.

On the plus side, the staff and I have learned so much about how to

provide services in a manner that is safe for both the public and the library staff, that even if the pandemic worsens dramatically here, we should never have to return to Red or even Orange.

There are also many very positive things that have come out of this experience. We experimented with all sorts of new services. Many are things we have wanted to add, and necessity accelerated the timeline.

- We now have software (Beanstack) to handle online registration for our Summer Reading Program. This program is scalable to all sorts of other library activities and makes tracking reading logs, raffles and prizes a snap.
- We are now all experts at online meeting platforms, which will allow us to provide program-

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## NESMITH LIBRARY - PHASES OF REOPENING

RED	ORANGE	YELLOW	GREEN	BLUE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building closed to the public</li> <li>• Staff working mostly from home</li> <li>• No circulation of materials</li> <li>• Book drop closed</li> <li>• Virtual programs</li> <li>• Staff answering email/social only</li> <li>• Online services available, some expanded!</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building closed to the public</li> <li>• Staff working in the building</li> <li>• No checkout of materials</li> <li>• Book drop open</li> <li>• Virtual programs</li> <li>• Staff answering phone questions, plus email/social</li> <li>• Limited contactless outreach</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building closed to the public</li> <li>• Curbside Borrowing for circulation, printing, copying</li> <li>• Book drop open</li> <li>• Virtual &amp; pick up kit programs</li> <li>• Staff answering phone questions, plus email/social</li> <li>• Limited public computer access</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building open for restricted browsing (Children's Room remains closed)</li> <li>• Face coverings required</li> <li>• Curbside Borrowing still available</li> <li>• Book drop open</li> <li>• Virtual &amp; pick up kit programs, outdoor programs possible</li> <li>• Meeting Rooms Not Available</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building open: full public services, no appointments</li> <li>• Face coverings no longer required</li> <li>• Meeting Rooms open for programs and public groups</li> <li>• Normal in person circulation, interior book drop open as well as exterior</li> <li>• Normal library programming</li> </ul>

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Nesmith Library is in this phase:

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ming not just during a pandemic but in other situations as well, like bad weather or to make speakers available to a larger audience, etc.

- We've added an **Ask a Librarian** webchat function to our website the gives our community another way to interact with our staff, which may be more convenient for some.
- The children's staff introduced Mystery Bags. These have become so popular that we have expanded the service to all our patrons and created an [online form to request a bag](#). For those who are unfamiliar, you can fill out the form or call the library, let us know what your interests are, and any other

pertinent information, and we will pick out books, movies, or other materials for you to check out and pick up here. We will do the browsing for you.

- We will be adding more picnic tables to the library grounds to provide space for people to use devices, have a quick meeting, do homework, or just enjoy a few moments on a nice day. Our Wi-Fi is accessible from the parking lot and around the building, with the password posted on our doors.

The children's staff is working closely with parent groups as school is reopening to ensure we

are doing everything we can to make this very unusual school year easier.

As a director, I am in awe of how my staff has been able to pivot and think outside the box to bring essential services to our community.

While we are all looking forward to the day we can open our doors wide and without restrictions, we are very happy to be able to welcome members of our community back to the library, even in these altered conditions. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us if there is something you need. We'll try our best to find a way to get it done.

Limited browsing in the building Monday – Friday 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Computer appointments available Monday – Saturday. Call for appointments.

Curbside service Monday – Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., Friday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

## September Adult Programming

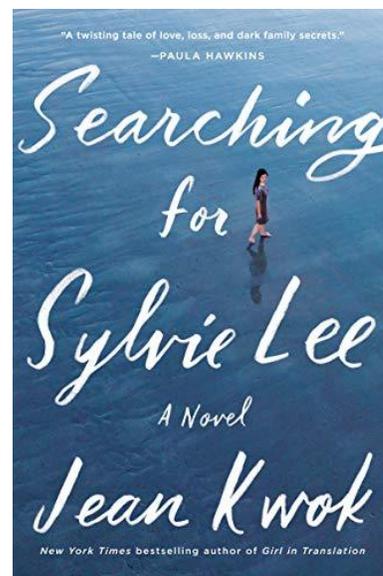
*Maria Schroeter,*  
*Adult Programming Librarian*

Summer is over, and it's on to fall! We had a great (virtual) Summer Reading Program with an enthusiastic, albeit smaller than usual, group of participants. Patrons learned to make cocktails and mocktails, explored Antarctica, discovered fierce females in art, dabbled in watercolors, and finished with an entertaining game of trivia. It was a wonderful series of programs, but I'm really looking forward to when we can once again meet in person! Thank you to all who participated, and a huge thank you to the Friends of the Library of Windham (FLOW), who

supported my programming and our fantastic prizes! I couldn't do this without their generous backing.

### Nesmith Library Book Group

The Nesmith Library Book Group will meet on Wednesday, September 9, and this month we've been reading *Searching for Sylvie Lee* by Jean Kwok. This month, we hope to meet in person (socially distancing outside, of course.) I'll be emailing the group the week of September 6 with either a Zoom link, or the good news that we can indeed meet in person. 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 the library to sign up.

## Radio Turns 100



Mike Morin, morning co-host on Frank FM's four New Hampshire radio stations, brings radio history alive in "Radio Turns 100: The Golden Age of Entertainment." In this on-demand video production, Mike has collected short clips from some of the greatest radio entertainers of the past century. His slide and audio presentation is a tribute to radio and includes such luminaries as Milton Berle, Jack Benny, Groucho Marx, and Orson Welles, in addition to several memorable Boston radio personalities. Yeah, Mike's got stories... many of which surprised HIM when he unearthed them! Take a sneak peek at this entertaining and revealing program through this trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rOr7ANy8q-w>.

As a broadcaster in his 50<sup>th</sup> year, Mike has lived and worked during half of radio's existence and has insider stories both from afar

and up close and very personal. In addition to radio, Mike has been a TV weatherman, candlepin bowling TV host for nine years, and since 2004, has written 550 essays as a humor columnist for the Nashua Telegraph. He's also authored two books, with a third under construction. In 2013, the National Society of Newspaper Columnists recognized him with its Will Rogers Humanitarian Award.

This program will be available for viewing anytime from September 14 to 23. Please email me at [mschroeter@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:mschroeter@nesmithlibrary.org) for the link and the password to this presentation.

## Artisan Bread



Join us (virtually) on Tuesday, September 29 at 6:00 p.m. for a program that is sure to make your house smell amazing... Artisan Bread in Five Minutes with Liz Barbour from The Creative Feast! This no-knead five-minute artisan bread is truly the easiest bread you will ever bake – even if you have never baked bread before! This class will focus on the "Master Recipe" from the best-selling cookbook, *Artisan Bread in Five Minutes a Day*, which

uses only four ingredients and there is no kneading required! You will make the dough once and then bake a fresh loaf every day for four days...all with only five minutes of effort! Liz invites students to make their first batch of dough along with her during class. Ingredient and equipment list will be sent to students upon registration.



Liz Barbour has been cooking professionally in the Boston area since 1992 and started The Creative Feast in 2004. Liz's cooking demonstrations and recipes have been featured on *New Hampshire Chronicle*, Channel 9's "Cooks Corner" and in various publications including *New Hampshire Magazine*. In 2017 Liz published her first cookbook, *Beautifully Delicious: Cooking with Herbs and Edible Flowers*.

Thank you to FLOW for generously sponsoring this program!

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 Adult Programming Librarian Maria at [mschroeter@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:mschroeter@nesmithlibrary.org).

## September FLOW Membership Drive

Michelle Tieman,  
*Friends of the Library of Windham*

As many of you know, FLOW is a non-profit organization made up of volunteers who work together to support the Nesmith Library. For more than 50 years, FLOW has been providing funds to enhance programs and updates to the library like the handicapped accessible doors, projection system, portable sound system, LED lighting, ADA approved picnic tables for outdoor seating (coming soon), and new study pods (coming soon).

All that we do would not be possible without the help of community members like you! Unfortunately, due to Covid-19, we had to cancel the annual Strawberry Festival and Book Fair this year – our biggest fundraiser of the year. In lieu of the festival, we are pleased to announce the September FLOW Membership Drive.

We have many exciting new changes to share with you including a brand new website, 12-

month rolling membership plans, new payment options, and new benefits for our cherished members. New and renewal members will be given three membership plans to choose from which include discounts on FLOW events, book fair coupons, and even some free gifts! And that's not all! We have a scannable FLOW membership card and keycard tag to give to you that will link to your own personal account information. No more waiting in long lines at FLOW events to verify your mem-

bership. Our members will still enjoy priority registration for FLOW events like the Winter Crafts Workshop and Build a Buddy Event. But now, it is even easier to sign up using digital sign up forms through our exclusive members only pages on our website.

Want to learn more? Simply visit our website at <https://www.flowwindham.org> or email Michelle Tieman at [vp@flowwindham.org](mailto:vp@flowwindham.org). Thank you, Windham, for your continued support of FLOW and the Nesmith Library.



## Computer Appointments Available

COMPUTER APPOINTMENTS

(603) 432-7154

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1 HOUR PER PATRON PER DAY  
FACE COVERINGS REQUIRED

Computer appointments are now available!

The Nesmith Library is accepting appointments for computer use at the library Monday through Saturday. Please call the library at 432-7154 to book a time slot. Appointments are limited to one hour per person per day.

Please arrive at the front door at your scheduled time, and a staff member will let you in. Face coverings are required at all times while inside the building. Hand sanitizer is available at the front door. Staff assistance may be unavailable due to social distancing requirements.

Please ask any questions when making your appointment, so that we can provide the best level of safe service for everyone.

## Well, What Did You Miss?

Molly Pevna,  
Youth Services Librarian

You haven't seen it yet, you haven't had the chance, because it's only the beginning of September! We're still figuring it out as it goes here in young adult land, but that doesn't mean we don't have some tricks up our sleeve.

School is coming whether we're ready for it or not, so we have **Teen Back to School Takeaway Kits: Pandemic Edition** that are available for pick up September 2 during curbside hours (10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.) while supplies last. The kits have everything you need to keep you

as safe and sane as possible while returning to school!



We also will be having our first ever **Introduction to Teen Advisory Group (TAG)** meeting on Tuesday, September 15 at 6:30 p.m. outside on the library lawn. We'll be socially distancing, and masks are required. But we will have snacks! Is it even a real teen program if we don't have snacks?

As school starts we're all adjusting to yet another new normal. If you or someone you know needs some extra help on a school project, research or just someone different to chat to, please don't hesitate to reach out to Molly, the teen librarian. I can be reached at the library, or you can email me at [mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org). As always, you can also 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 at 10:30 a.m.  
Outside, weather permitting.  
Registration online necessary.



Join us for Toddler Storytime with Miss Chris starting Monday, August 31. We will read stories, sing, and dance. This program is for toddlers ages 18 months to three years accompanied by an adult caregiver. Toddler Storytime lasts approximately 20-25 minutes. Masks required. Social distancing will be in place. Please email Chris Savukinas [csavukinas@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:csavukinas@nesmithlibrary.org) with any questions.

### Busy Bees Baby Storytime

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.  
Outside, weather permitting.  
Registration online necessary.

Ages: 0-18 months, with caregiver.

Come to Nesmith Library for Busy Bees Baby Storytime on the outdoor lawn areas of the library each Wednesday in September at 10:30 a.m., starting on Wednesday, September 2!



Join us for a socially safe storytime for the little ones. Registration is required, and patrons are asked to adhere to social distant spacing and posted library regulations. Please regis-

ter only once per family and list the names and ages of children who will be attending. Please call the library or email Head of Youth Services Azra Palo [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org) if you will not be able to attend or have any questions.

### Preschool Storytime

Registration online required.  
Ages: 3-5 years.

This is a VIRTUAL program. It will be held online using Zoom, an app you can download onto a smartphone or tablet, or use through your computer browser.

We're inviting our storytime friends to join us in a Preschool Storytime via Zoom! This platform will allow for the children to directly interact with each other and with the librarian leading the storytime. Please email Youth Services Librarian Molly at [mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org) for questions or register on our website!

## Children's Programs and Events

Azra Palo

### Takeaway Craft



Get creative with our takeaway craft from the Nesmith Library! Stop by the library on Mondays starting September 14. No registration necessary. Supplies are limited. All ages. Call the library at 432-7154 when you are at the library, and we will put the craft out for your child. Questions? Email Aza Palo at [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org).

### STEAM at the Library

Pick up your castle kit starting Monday September 21. No registration required. Families will work in teams.

Join us on a Zoom event for all ages on Thursday, September 24

at 4:00 p.m. to share your creations virtually. Event registration is required.



Patrons are welcome to bring their castles to the library to be displayed. Questions? Email Azra Palo at [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org).

### Adventure Seekers

Wednesday, September 16, 4:00 p.m. Ages 9-12 years old. Registration required. Program will be on Zoom.

Join for trivia, crafts, and more starting with the Rick Riordan World with Molly! Questions? Email Molly Pevna at [mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org).

### Mystery Bag Request Now Available Online

Not sure what to get from the library? Request a mystery bag, and a librarian will fill a specially selected bag of books for you. This is for all ages, adults too! Please allow 24 hours for your request to be filled. The form is on our website, on the front page, under "Virtual Browsing."



## Dates to Remember

9/2	Teen Back to School Takeaway Kit, 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.; Outdoor Busy Bees Baby Storytime, 10:30 a.m.	Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.	Storytime, 10:30 a.m.
9/6	Library Closed	9/14-23 Radio Turns 100 (Virtual)	9/23 Outdoor Busy Bees Storytime, 10:30 a.m.
9/7	Labor Day, Library Closed	9/15 Board of Trustees, 6:00 p.m.; Outdoor TAG, 6:30 p.m.	9/24 Castle Creation Virtual Sharing, 4:00 p.m.
9/9	Outdoor Bees Baby Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Nesmith Library Book Group (Virtual), 6:30 p.m.	9/16 Outdoor Busy Bees Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Adventure Seekers (Virtual), 4:00 p.m.	9/28 Outdoor Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.
9/14	Children's Takeaway Craft, 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.; Outdoor	9/21 STEAM Castle Takeaway Kit, 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.; Outdoor Toddler	9/29 Artisan Bread (Virtual) 6:00 p.m.
			9/30 Outdoor Busy Bees Storytime, 10:30 a.m.

## Nesmith Library

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(603) 432-7154

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

### Open Hours

Monday – Friday  
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**  
Sunday, September 6 and  
Monday, September 7  
for Labor Day.

