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April Adult Programming

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

We've made it through the winter! Let's hope April doesn't bring us too many showers. I think we've all had our fill of cloudy days.

New Book Releases

There are some great new books hitting the shelf in April. Amor Towles, author of *A Gentleman in Moscow*, is back on April 2 with a collection of stories titled *Table for Two*. On April 30, *Miss Morgan's Book Brigade* by Janet Skeslien Charles will be released. It is "based on the true story of Jessie Carson — the American librarian who changed the literary landscape of France." Finally, two of our favorite best-selling authors have books publishing this month. *Funny Story* by the always popular romance author Emily Henry is out on April 23, and Erik Larson is releasing another non-fiction history book, *The Demon of Unrest: A Saga of Hubris, Heartbreak, and Heroism at the Dawn of the Civil War* on April 30. His book "brings to life the pivotal five months between the election of Abraham Lincoln and the start of the Civil War — a simmering crisis that finally tore a deeply divided nation in two." All these are 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 on Wednesday, April 10 at 6:00 p.m. Currently, the book group is not accepting new members, and the waitlist is full. However, if you are willing to travel down the road a bit to the Rodgers Memorial Library in Hudson, they have six different book groups that are open to all, and they welcome Nesmith patrons! Find out more at www.rodgerslibrary.org/book-groups.

Adult Trivia Night



Join us on Wednesday, April 3 at 6:00 p.m. for Trivia Night. Come as a group or come solo and join up with other players. This round won't feature pizza, but feel free to bring your own snacks!

Total Solar Eclipse Viewing Party

Come watch the total solar eclipse with us! On Monday, April 8 from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m., we'll be donning our ISO-approved eclipse glasses and watching the moon cross between the sun and the earth. Our part of New Hampshire is extremely close to the path of totality (head up to Pittsburg to be directly in the 115-mile-wide path,) so the viewing should be spectacular! Cross your fingers for clear skies! All ages are welcome, and there will be a craft, photo props with a background, and a sweet treat, too! Bring a lawn chair or a blanket! If the weather doesn't cooperate, we will move the party inside and watch on our big screen. Parking is limited, so please consider carpooling. To ensure that we have enough eclipse glasses for all attendees, they will only be available at the event. We will not be giving out glasses beforehand.

Spring Craft: Seashell Trinket Dish

Time to get crafty! On Thursday, April 11 at 6:00 p.m., we will be decouping the inside of seashells to make beautiful trinket dishes. Choose from a variety of beautiful paper for the inside, and we'll be finishing the edges with

metallic paint. All supplies will be provided. Space is limited, so register early! This adult craft is for Nesmith Library card holders only.



A Brief History of the Coast Guard

Did you know that Massachusetts is the birthplace of the Coast Guard? America's oldest seagoing service has an exceptionally rich history, and Greg Ketchen, USCG, retired, will share it with us virtually via Zoom on Tuesday, April 16 at 1:00 p.m. The U.S. Lighthouse Establishment, U.S. Lifesaving Service, Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation, and the U.S. Revenue Cutter Service were all predecessors to today's modern Coast Guard, and this federal service has evolved into an organization with dozens of missions, some of which may surprise. Most are aware of the role of Coast Guard men and women as first responders, law enforcement officers, and boating safety experts, but few know that some are oceanographers, combat veterans, arctic explorers, and even astronauts. This program is presented in conjunction with Ashland (Mass.) Public Library.



Greg Ketchen lives in Osterville, Mass., where he is a volunteer at the Coast Guard Heritage Museum located in Barnstable's Old Customs House and has served as its president for the past six years. Before moving to the Cape 13 years ago, Greg's career included providing support to Massachusetts' commercial ports as a devel-

opment consultant, heading operations at the New England Aquarium, and filling a wide variety of Coast Guard jobs. He is a frequent lecturer on a variety of topics related to Coast Guard missions and history.

Late in Arriving: How Electricity Changed Rural N.H. Life

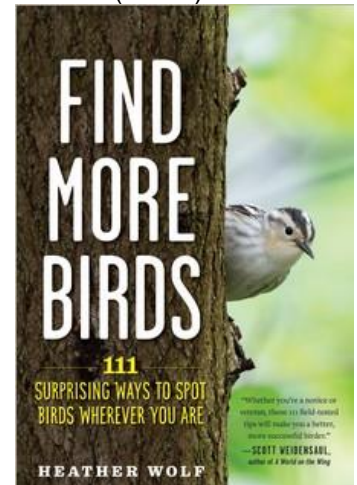
Imagine a New Hampshire town where some people enjoyed the benefits of electricity – lighting at the flick of a switch and reliable heating controlled by a thermostat – while others lived with smelly kerosene lamps and smoky box stoves. Join us on Tuesday, April 23 at 6:00 p.m., when Steve Taylor shares the story of when electricity first came to our state in his program, "Late in Arriving: How Electricity Changed Rural New Hampshire Life." During the first half of the 20th century in New Hampshire, residents of developed communities enjoyed the transformative benefits of electric power, while those in the sparsely populated regions lived and worked in conditions little changed from the 19th century. It took the coming of the New Deal's Rural Electrification Administration and a determined band of farmers to overcome opposition from the established private utilities to create the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative in 1939. Despite labor and material shortages during World War II, within a decade, power came to almost all of the previously unserved areas of the state. This program will explore how these developments changed civic and social life in New Hampshire's countryside, and touch upon the ways the disparity of broadband access in the state today echoes these earlier struggles. This New Hampshire Humanities program is co-hosted with the Windham Historical Society.

Steve Taylor is a farmer, newspaperman, and longtime public official. He has studied, written, and spoken for many years about New Hampshire's rural culture and the state's agricultural history. With his three sons, he operates a livestock and maple farm in Meriden Village. He has been a newspaper reporter and editor and was founding executive director of the New Hampshire Humanities Council. He served 25 years as the state's

commissioner of agriculture.

Find More Birds

It's April and the birds are migrating back to New Hampshire! Join us virtually on Wednesday, April 24 at 7:00 p.m. when author Heather Wolf presents via Zoom, "Find More Birds: 111 Surprising Ways to Spot Birds Wherever You Are." Seeing more birds than you ever imagined and witnessing exciting avian drama is possible, whether you're on the go or in your own neighborhood, local park, or backyard. As Heather explains, it all comes down to how you tune in to the show happening around you, the one in which birds — highly skilled at staying under the radar — are the stars. Heather will share her very best tactics and the jaw-dropping photographs they helped her capture. This virtual program is presented in conjunction with Ashland (Mass.) Public Library.



Heather Wolf is the author of *Find More Birds* and *Birding at the Bridge*. A Brooklyn-based birder, photographer, and educator, she works with the Cornell Lab of Ornithology as a web developer, teaches birding classes at Brooklyn Botanic Garden, and gives walks and talks for various organizations in New York City and beyond.

Adult programs are for ages 18 and up (unless otherwise noted) and registration is required. To register for these programs, visit our Events Calendar at <https://nesmithlibrary.org/calendar>. For more information on any of these programs, or if you have any questions, please contact Maria at mschroeter@nesmithlibrary.org or call the library at 603-432-7154.

Monthly Children's Programs

Azra Palo,
Head of Youth Services

Drop-in Bunny Craft



Wednesday, April 10
3:30-4:30 p.m.

All ages. No registration required.

Drop in for a bunny themed craft at the Nesmith Library on Wednesday, April 10 between 3:30 and 4:30 p.m. This month, children will be using mixed materials to create their own fantastic bunny related craft to take home! They can give it to a friend or family member to celebrate the spring season or keep for themselves. You bring the creativity, and we provide the supplies. No registration required. Questions? Please email Azra Palo at apalo@nesmithlibrary.org.

Little Explorers

Saturday, April 13
10:30-11:30 a.m.

1-3 years. No registration required.

Toddlers are natural scientists, always curious about the world around them. This program includes sensory bin fun for toddlers ages 1 through 3 (and their caregivers) to explore the 5 senses together. Drop in anytime on Saturday, April 13 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. to squish, pour, stretch, smell, and listen to gentle music, while you meet other local families and have fun together! Siblings welcome. Questions? Email Azra Palo at apalo@nesmithlibrary.org.

April STEAM: Light-Up Flower

Thursday, April 18
6:00 p.m.

6-11 years. Registration required.

How do we make a light bulb work? We will answer this question and more during our monthly STEAM program! Young scientists ages 6 to

11 are invited to our April STEAM program at Nesmith Library on Thursday, April 18, starting promptly at 6:00 p.m. During our STEAM program, children learn about the world that we live in through science and art exploration. These hands-on activities are often messy and always fun! This month we will be learning about mixing colors, circuits, and making our own unique light-up flowers to take home. Registration opens on Thursday, April 4. Questions? Email Azra Palo at apalo@nesmithlibrary.org.



Special Events for Children

Azra Palo

Total Solar Eclipse Viewing Party

Monday, April 8
3:00 p.m.

All ages. No registration.

Come watch the total solar eclipse with us! On Monday, April 8, from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m., we'll be donning our ISO-approved eclipse glasses and watching the moon cross between the sun and the earth. All ages are welcome, and there will be a craft, photo props with a background, and a sweet treat, too! Bring a lawn chair or a blanket! If the weather doesn't cooperate, we will move the party inside and watch on YouTube. Parking is limited, so please consider carpooling. To ensure that we have enough eclipse glasses for all attendees, they will only be available at the event. We will not be giving out glasses beforehand. Questions? Please email Maria at mschroeter@nesmithlibrary.org

nesmithlibrary.org or Azra at apalo@nesmithlibrary.org.

Let's Play Music: Instrument Petting Zoo

Friday, April 19
10:30 a.m.

0-5 years. No registration required.

Join us at Nesmith Library on Friday, April 19, with Let's Play Music and their Instrument Petting Zoo! Children ages 0 to 5 are welcome to drop in anytime from 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. to experiment with play and sound with several instruments. No registration is required. This is facilitated free of charge by Let's Play Music as part of their outreach initiative to build music appreciation and literacy in the community. Let's Play Music offers a full array of programming including private lessons, rock bands, choral groups,

and community performances in Derry, Manchester, and Hudson. For more information visit letsplaymusic.com.



April Vacation Week

Azra Palo

April Vacation Week Scavenger Hunt

Monday, April 22 – Friday, April 25
All ages. No registration.

Nesmith Library Youth Services staff challenge you to complete our Scavenger Hunt, celebrating April Vacation Week! Children ages 0 to 12 can visit the children's room accompanied by a caregiver from Monday, April 22 through Friday, April 26. Turn in your completed sheet to receive a small prize at the children's desk. No registration is required, and prizes are available while supplies last. Questions? Email Azra Palo at apalo@nesmithlibrary.org.

Kids' Comic Club Jr.

Monday, April 22
4:30 p.m.
Ages 4-6. Registration required.



We know that kids of ALL ages love comics! This program, specially designed for children ages 4 to 6, will focus less on author interviews and favorite character illustrations, and more on telling stories, drawing pictures, and reading comics together! Join us on Monday, April 22 at 4:30 p.m. for a new edition of Kids' Comic Club... Junior! Each session will begin with a short read-aloud of an age-appropriate comic book or graphic novel, followed by story-making activities and drawing prompts. The event will run approximately 45 minutes. Parents are welcome to attend. Registration opens Monday, April 8. Questions? Email Courtney at cwason@nesmithlibrary.org

Kids' Comic Club

Monday, April 22
6:00 p.m.
Ages 7-11. Registration required.

Calling all young comic book lovers ages 7 to 11! Join us on Monday, April 22 at 6:00 p.m. for some comic fun. Inspired by the Cat Kid Comic Club series! Each meeting has us drawing a character, watching author/illustrator interviews, following step-by-step instructions, and listening as everyone who wants to share gets a chance to show us what they have been working on. Each month we'll share what comics or graphic novels we've been reading, what we like (or don't) about them, and we'll work on creating our own awesome comics! Come ready to chat, draw, share, and collaborate. Registration opens Monday, April 8. Questions? Email Courtney at cwason@nesmithlibrary.org.

Lego Drop-in

Tuesday, April 23
3:30-4:30 p.m.
Ages 4-11. No registration.

We're hosting a special April Vacation Week Lego Drop-in at Nesmith Library for children ages 4 to 11! There will be a prompt or two to explore, but the creativity is up to you. No registration is required, just drop by on Tuesday, April 23 between 3:30 and 4:30 p.m. to explore with Legos. Participants will have the option to display a Lego creation for the week in the children's room. Caregivers must remain in the library while children are participating in the event. Questions? Email Azra at apalo@nesmithlibrary.org.

Squishmallow Tea Party

Wednesday, April 24
1:00 p.m.
Ages 4-11. Registration required.

Grab your favorite squishy friend and join the Nesmith Library for a special party! Young patrons ages 4 to 11 are invited to partake in a Squishmallow Tea Party on Wednesday, April 24, starting at 1:00 p.m. Registration is required. Each child is invited to bring



their own squishmallow friend and enjoy some iced tea and treats. There will be a craft and more! Please email Courtney if you have any allergy concerns. This event requires registration with your Nesmith Library card. Registration opens Wednesday, April 10. Questions? Call the library at 603-432-7154 or email cwason@nesmithlibrary.org.

Open Play (April Vacation Week)

Thursday, April 25
10:30 a.m.
Ages 0-5. No registration.



Wondering what to do with that April Vacation Week energy? Join us at this special open play at Nesmith Library on Thursday, April 25 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.! Registration is not required, and families are welcome to drop in anytime during the one-hour time period. Stations will include activities that allow children to create, build, and more! These stations will be geared towards ages 0 to 5, but siblings are welcome to join. Questions? Email Courtney at cwason@nesmithlibrary.org.

Teen Happenings

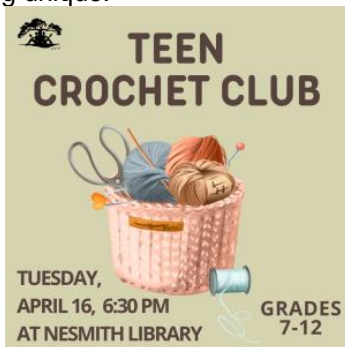
Molly Pevna,
Teen Services Librarian

The clocks have sprung forward, and teen services is bursting with events to keep your April exciting.

Calling all tween foodies in grades 5 to 8! Do you have a discerning palate and a knack for identifying winning flavors? Then this is your chance to put your taste buds to the test and help us figure out the ultimate snack. Tween Creative Collaborators Club presents: **The Ultimate Tween Snack Showdown** on Thursday, April 4 at 6:30 p.m. No registration required, just come ready to defend your favorites!

Haven't had time to work on your latest crochet project or have been thinking about learning? Join us for the **Teen Crochet Club Night** on Tues-

day, April 16, at 6:30 p.m. for grades 7 to 12. No experience necessary! Whether you're a complete beginner or looking to brush up on your skills, this is the perfect opportunity to learn the basics of crochet and create something unique.



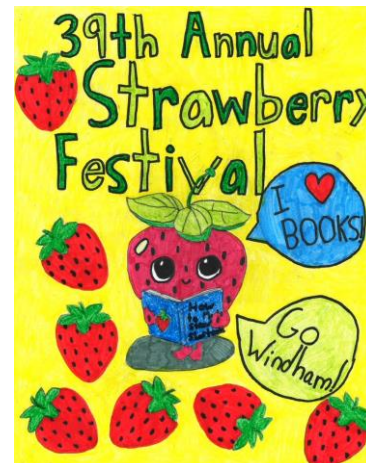
You thought there was no running in the library, so why is everyone talking about going to TAG? Well, it's because it's not that kind of TAG, it's the **Teen Advisory Group** for grades 7 to 12. Want to make a difference at the library? Help shape library programs and events for teens by joining the Teen Advisory Group (TAG) meetings on Tuesdays, April 9 and 30 at 6:30 p.m. Registration is required. Please check out www.nesmithlibrary.org for full details.



Marley Gagne Wins Strawberry Festival Poster Contest

Joanne Poon,
FLOW Publicity

FLOW (Friends of the Library of Windham) is pleased to announce the winner of the 39th Annual Strawberry Festival and Book Fair Poster Design Contest! We would like to congratulate Marley Gagne, age 10, a student at Windham Center School. As the winner, Marley's design will be featured on the posters and program for the 39th Annual Strawberry Festival and Book Fair, which takes place Saturday, June 1, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Windham High School. She will also receive a game bracelet and her dessert of choice.



FLOW Hosts Strawberry Themed Arts and Crafts Event for Children

Joanne Poon

FLOW invites children of all ages to make strawberry themed arts and crafts for the 39th Annual Strawberry Festival. Join us in the multipurpose room at Nesmith Library on Saturday, April 27 from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. Com-

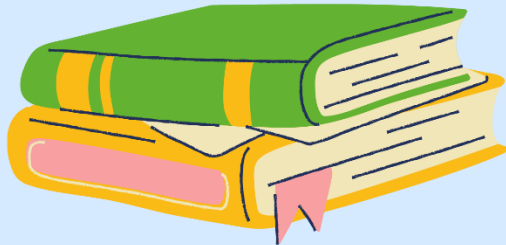
pleted crafts can either be taken home or donated to FLOW for use as decoration during the Strawberry Festival. Strawberry themed snacks will be provided. Free to attend. No registration required.



Windham FLOW Accepting Donations at Nesmith Library

- Current bestsellers and classics for adults, young adults and children in excellent condition
- Complete Puzzles and Games (no missing pieces)

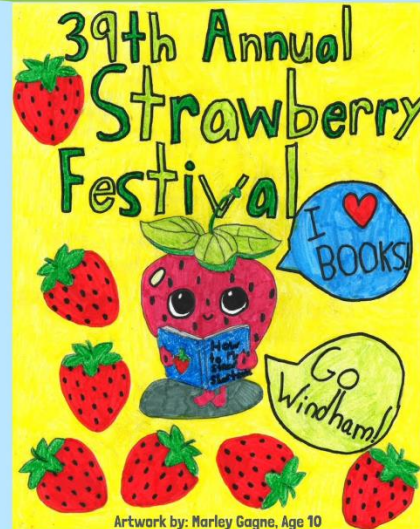
We currently do not accept: Textbooks, Encyclopedias, Readers Digests, Almanacs, Magazines, VHS tapes, Cassettes, DVDs, CDs, or Books on tape



Donations will be accepted
 Saturday April 6th from 10am to 3:30pm
 Sunday April 7th from 1:30pm to 4:30pm
 Tuesday April 9th from 3pm - 4:30pm
 Thursday April 11th from 6pm to 7:30pm
 Saturday April 13th from 10am to 3:30pm
 Sunday April 14th from 1:30pm to 4:30pm

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Whether you are an avid reader or just starting to explore the world of ebooks and audiobooks, it is important to know about features that can make your reading experience more comfortable and enjoyable.

Here is a look at a few of the accessibility features CloudLibrary, Libby, and Hoopla offer:

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prove readability for individuals with dyslexia.

- **Customizable ebook settings:** Change the margins, line heights, page color, and page scrolling settings for easier viewing!

These features make it easier for everyone to enjoy digital reading, regardless of individual preferences or needs. Explore these apps and discover a more accessible way to dive into your favorite books!

Libby has the OpenDyslexic font option that may increase readability for some readers.



Libby.
The library reading app



Storytimes

Azra Palo

Toddler Storytime

Mondays and Tuesdays, April 1-9, 10:30 a.m.
Ages 18 months to 3 years.
Registration required.

Caregivers with children ages 18 months to 3 years are invited to sing, dance, and follow along to stories and songs on either Mondays or Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. at the Nesmith Library! Storytime is followed by play and socializing time. We ask that patrons choose only one day of the week to attend. Siblings are welcome. Registration is for the entire session. Questions? Email Azra at apalo@nesmithlibrary.org.

Baby Storytime

Wednesdays, April 3 and 10, 10:30 a.m.

Ages 0 to 18 months.
No registration required.

All babies and their caregivers are invited to join us Wednesday mornings at the Nesmith Library for Baby Storytime! Starting at 10:30 a.m., join Miss Courtney for a 20-30 minute storytime specially designed for our littlest library-goers. Using songs, bounces, rhymes, and more, babies and their caregivers will have opportunities to have fun, gain early literacy skills, and meet new friends. Siblings are always welcome.

Questions? Please email Courtney at cwason@nesmithlibrary.org.

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays, April 4 and 11, 10:30 a.m.

Ages 3 to 5 years old.
Registration required.

We invite our preschool friends to join us for storytime! On Thursdays, April 4 and 11, at 10:30 a.m., Courtney will lead the fun for ages 3 to 5 with songs, stories, and crafts. This is an independent storytime. For more information about our Preschool Storytime, please email Courtney at cwason@nesmithlibrary.org.

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Library Director:
Sylvie Brikiatis

Nesmith Library is now hiring: Children's Library Assistant. Check our website to apply!

Dates to Remember

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| 4/1 Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; FLOW Meeting, 6:30 p.m. | 10:30 a.m.; FLOW Book Donations, 3:00-4:30 p.m.; Teen Advisory Group, 6:30 p.m. | 6:30 p.m. |
| 4/2 Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Nesmith Library Board of Trustees, 6:30-8:00 p.m. | 4/10 Baby Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Drop-in Bunny Craft, 3:30 p.m.; Nesmith Library Book Group, 6:00-7:30 p.m. | 4/18 April STEAM, 6:00 p.m. |
| 4/3 Baby Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Adult Trivia Night, 6:00-7:30 p.m. | 4/11 Preschool Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Adult Spring Craft, 6:00-7:30 p.m.; FLOW Book Donations, 6:00-7:30 p.m. | 4/19 Instrument Petting Zoo, 10:30 a.m. |
| 4/4 Preschool Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Nesmith Knitters, 12:30-2:30 p.m.; Tween Creative Collaborators Snack Showdown, 6:30 p.m. | 4/13 FLOW Book Donations, 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.; Little Explorers, 10:30 a.m. | 4/22-4/25 April Vacation Scavenger Hunt |
| 4/6 FLOW Book Donations, 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. | 4/14 FLOW Book Donations, 1:30-4:30 p.m. | 4/22 Kids' Comic Club, Jr., 4:30-5:15 p.m.; Kids' Comic Club, 6:00 p.m. |
| 4/7 FLOW Book Donations, 1:30-4:30 p.m. | 4/16 Virtual Brief History of Coast Guard with Retired Captain Greg Ketchen, 1:00 p.m.; Teen Crochet Club, | 4/23 Lego Drop-in, 3:30 p.m.; How Electricity Changed Rural N.H., 6:00-7:30 p.m. |
| 4/8 Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Total Solar Eclipse Viewing Party, 3:00 p.m. | | 4/24 Squishmallow Tea Party, 1:00 p.m.; Virtual Find More Birds, 7:00 p.m. |
| 4/9 Toddler Storytime, | | 4/25 Open Play, 10:30 a.m. |
| | | 4/27 FLOW Strawberry Festival Children's Arts and Crafts Event, 2:00-2:30 p.m. |
| | | 4/30 Teen Advisory Group Part 2, 6:30 p.m. |

Service Hours

Monday – Thursday
9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Friday
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sunday
1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

