



# The Nesmith NEWS

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## August Adult Programming

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It's the last month of Summer Reading, and there are programs and prizes still to come! It's not too late to register. Adults can register online using Beanstack, or in person at the library. A huge thank you to the Friends of the Library of Windham for sponsoring our Summer Reading Program!

### New Book Releases

Here are a few of the books releasing in August. Casey McQuiston, author of *Red, White, and Royal Blue*, is back with *The Pairing* on August 6. On August 1, *The Thirteenth Husband* by Greer Macallister tells the fictionalized story of the real-life heiress Aimee Crocker, a woman who tore "through millions of dollars, four continents, and a hearty collection of husbands." This month there are also a few thrillers: *The Perfect Son* by Freida McFadden (August 6), *Talking to Strangers* by Fiona Barton (August 27), *I Need You to Read This* by Jessa Maxwell (August 13), and *Someone in the Attic* by Andrea Mara (August 20). 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, give us a call. We can walk you through it, or do it for you.

### Nesmith Library Book Group

The Nesmith Library Book Group will meet on Wednesday, August 14 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](http://www.rodgerslibrary.org/book-groups).

### Virtual World of Vermeer

Johannes Vermeer, who created the iconic painting "The Girl with the Pearl Earring," is considered a world renowned



Dutch Master of the 17<sup>th</sup> century. That painting is one of only 37 works of his that scholars believe survive today, and back in 2023, for the first time ever, 28 of those 37 pieces were exhibited at the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam. Join us virtually, on Thursday, August 1 at 10:30 a.m. to study his quiet, luminous interiors that seem to capture the daily life of ordinary people in his hometown of Delft, and to hear about the latest insights into this beloved but enigmatic artist. Mary Woodward, an art historian and guide at several historic New England properties, will lead this program. Mary previously served as public programs coordinator and educator at the Concord Museum. This program is presented with the Tewksbury (Mass.) Public Library.

### Mediumship Gallery

Join us on Thursday, August 1 at 6:00 p.m. for a truly exceptional program. Psychic medium, Carissa Sikora will be offering a mediumship gallery, during which she invites in and connects with Spirit loved ones to relay messages. Grief around death is a profoundly personal experience in which everyone feels and moves through at their own pace. Regardless of how your loved

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one died, Carissa only brings through information that will be helpful in providing validation, comfort, love, and healing. Please sign up only if you are comfortable receiving a message in front of our group. Carissa will not be able to provide everyone with a reading, but will do her best to have as many Spirits come through as time allows. She will open with a brief explanation on how she receives messages and what to expect, then go into readings, and end with answering a few questions. Register early, as space is limited.

Carissa Sikora is a psychic medium, clairvoyant and reiki master. Carissa loves living in Windham with her husband and two daughters. They love spending time outside, exploring, and relaxing in and around New England. Since opening her business in 2019, Carissa has felt deep fulfillment in helping others heal through her services of mediumship and psychic readings and reiki.

### Virtual Armchair Travel to French Wine Regions



France has 17 different wine regions, each with unique wines, history, and a strong cultural identity. On Tuesday, August 6 at 10:30 a.m., both on Zoom and in person, we'll explore

the sites and wines of Provence, Cote du Rhone, and Burgundy. The wines are excellent, and the residents are very welcoming. Led by Gene Flynn, an Illinois native, who has taught at the College of Lake County and Harper College, and serves on the board of the Institute for Continued Learning at Roosevelt University. He frequently gives travel presentations to libraries and senior centers around the country. This program is presented with Tewksbury Public Library. This virtual program will also be shown at the library. Light refreshments will be served. No registration required to attend the in-person screening.

### Adult Summer Reading Wrap Party and Trivia Night



You've read all summer long and now it's time to celebrate your achievement at our Adult Summer Reading Wrap Party and Trivia Night! Join us on Thursday, August 8 at 6:00 p.m. when we'll play a few rounds of trivia while enjoying pizza, beverages, and dessert. Form your own team or come solo and join other like-minded trivia fans! This program is for Nesmith Library card holders only.

### Virtual Armchair Travel to Corsica



On Tuesday, August 13 at 10:30 a.m., join us in person or on Zoom when we travel to Corsica, the jewel of the Mediterranean, where mountains and beaches beckon travelers. Politically, it is a French Department. Historically, it is tied to Genoa. Corsica is a free spirit in the Ligurian Sea with a French Mediterranean flavor and a Genoese nod. The combination of culture and scenery make it a very interesting destination. Led by Jack Holmes, a travel photographer and owner of "Images From Near and Far" at Western Avenue Studios in Lowell. A retired high school teacher, he previously served as president of the Greater Lynn Photographic Association and gallery manager of the Loading Dock Gallery in Lowell. This program is presented with Tewksbury Public Library. This virtual program will also be shown at the library. Light refreshments will be served. No registration required to attend the in-person screening.

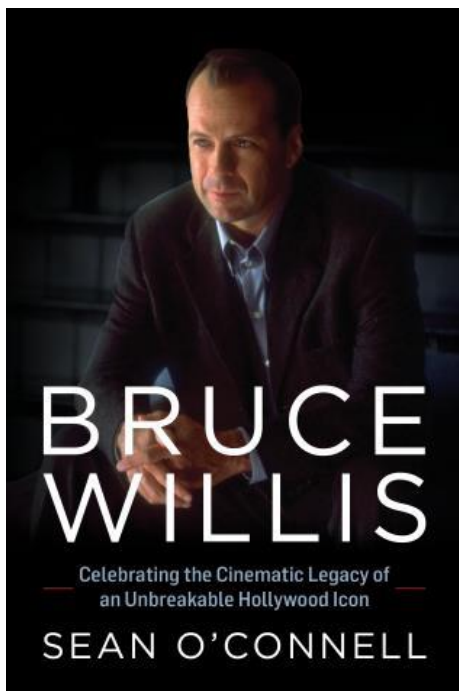
### Virtual Summer Adventures: Art Colonies in New England



On Thursday, August 15 at 11:00 a.m., join us virtually or in person when we will explore eight late-19<sup>th</sup> and early-20<sup>th</sup> century summer art colonies across New England: Provincetown and Cape Ann in Massachusetts, North Conway and Cornish in New Hampshire, Old Lyme and Cos Cob in Connecticut, and Ogunquit and Monhegan Island in Maine. Discover the incredible creative energy that still exists in these art colonies, and during the summer and fall months, you'll be able to visit these sites and their museums in person! Led by Martha Chiarichiaro, owner of Seeing History, who has brought history to life through the art of the times for more than 30 years. She received her masters' degree in the History of Art from Williams College

and provides a variety of art history presentations at the Worcester Art Museum, the Worcester Institute for Senior Education, libraries, senior centers, and garden clubs. This program is presented with Tewksbury Public Library. This virtual program will also be shown at the library. Light refreshments will be served. No registration required to attend the in-person screening.

## Virtual Bruce Willis: Celebrating the Cinematic Legacy of an Unbreakable Hollywood Icon



On a nondescript Wednesday morning in the waning days of March 2023, one of the biggest movie stars on the planet called it quits. No press conference had been organized, the Hollywood trades received no advance notice, and there was a conspicuous lack of the fanfare that usually accompanies such bombshell announcements. Instead, the news that Bruce Willis was retiring from acting came in a simple statement posted on his ex-wife Demi Moore's Instagram page — along with the tragic news that Willis was suffering from aphasia, a cognitive disorder that subsequently worsened to become frontotemporal dementia. Join us virtually on Monday, August 19 at 7:00 p.m. as we discuss Bruce's life, work, and future with au-

thor Sean O'Connell. We will also be discussing the essential question: Is *Die Hard* a Christmas movie or not? Join us to weigh in! This program is presented with Ashland (Mass.) Public Library.

## Virtual Armchair Travel to Greece with the Traveling Librarian



Join us in person or on Zoom when we welcome Jeff Klapes, the Traveling Librarian, on Tuesday, August 27 at 10:30 a.m. Travel to Rhodes and Symi, two jewels of the Dodecanese islands in the eastern Aegean, both of which captivate visitors with their distinct charms. Rhodes boasts a rich history, its ancient ruins and medieval Old Town echoing tales of knights and ancient civilizations. Meanwhile, tiny nearby Symi enchants with its colorful neoclassical architecture cascading down hillsides to azure waters below. Both islands offer pristine beaches, delectable cuisine, and warm hospitality, making them quintessential destinations for cultural exploration and seaside relaxation in the Greek isles. Jeff is the recently retired head of reference services at the Lucius Beebe Memorial Library in Wakefield and an avid traveler and photographer. This program is presented with Tewksbury Public Library. This virtual program will also be shown at the library. Light refreshments will be served. No registration required to attend the in-person screening.

## Virtual Henri Matisse: Master of Color, Magician of Modernism

The remarkable career of Henri Matisse, one of the most influential artists of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, fundamentally altered the course of modern art.

Spanning six and a half decades, his vast creative output encompassed painting, drawing, sculpture, graphic arts, and paper cutouts. On Thursday, August 29 at 10:30 a.m., both on Zoom and in person, we will examine his extraordinary life and many of his important works. His friend and sometime rival Pablo Picasso once said, "All things considered, there is only Matisse."



Led by Janet Mandel, a retired 32-year art history teacher, who now presents illustrated talks on a variety of art history topics at colleges and universities, libraries, museums, senior centers, and community centers. This program is presented with Tewksbury Public Library. This virtual program will also be shown at the library. Light refreshments will be served. No registration required to attend the in-person screening.

Adult programs are for ages 18 and up (unless otherwise noted) and registration is required. To register for these programs, please 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 our Adult Programming Librarian, Maria, at [mschroter@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:mschroter@nesmithlibrary.org) or call the library at 603-432-7154.



Maria Schroeter  
Adult Programming Librarian

## Summer Teen Happenings

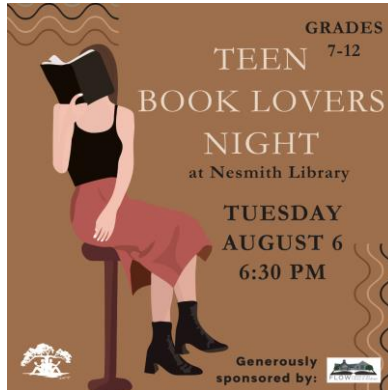
Molly Pevna,  
Teen Services Librarian

We're heading toward the season of the sticks, so celebrate the end of summer with us! The Teen Summer Reading Program is going on for another week and a half until Friday, August 9! Book Bucks can be submitted through Monday, August 12, so make sure to get your prizes from the prize cabinet before they're gone. We'll be pulling our end of summer raffles later that week and winners will be notified by phone or email.



Tween Innovators will be having three more sessions Thursday, August

1 and Friday, August 2, both at 4:00 p.m., as they work toward building their shuttles. Our final session where we'll be testing our final projects is Wednesday, August 7 at 6:30 p.m.



If you didn't sign up for Tween Innovators, join us for the Teen Book Lovers Night on Tuesday, August 6 at 6:30 p.m. We'll be gushing about our favorite books and doing a book tasting with some of the best books that have come out this year.

To wrap up our Teen Summer Reading Program, the Teen SRP

Wrap Party will be happening after hours this year! Join us for the Teen Nerf Gun Battle on Friday, August 9 at 5:30 p.m. Registration is required and only library provided nerf guns are allowed. We'll be eating pizza and then having a library wide nerf battle! Sign up while there are still spaces available.



If you have questions about any of these programs or other teen services, please reach out to Molly at [mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org).

## Nesmith Library Children's Summer Reading 2024

Azra Palo,  
Head of Youth Services



Yes, you read that correctly! If our community of readers ages 0 to 12 reaches 240,000 minutes of reading, they get to pick what color I dye my hair! If your children added any minutes during the summer, they will be able to vote on my next hair color. As of this writing, we are at 107,000 minutes. Patrons will have until the end of the day on Thursday, August 8 to count their reading towards our community goal!

Don't forget to add stickers to our mystery mural and collect pins every week for participating in our Summer Reading Program!

Tracking your reading does more than earn you a vote on hair color.

- Your minutes earn you raffle tickets towards a chance at winning tickets from Canobie, Storyland, and more.
- Not interested in those? You can also earn tickets to win physical prizes, such as a bug catcher kit, water marble maze, and other fun prizes.

Haven't had a chance to add your minutes to Beanstack this summer? You still can! Any read-

ing done starting on Monday, June 24, counts towards our community goal. Rounding up to the nearest quarter of an hour and estimating the number of minutes is okay! Follow the helpful instructions from the Beanstack website to bulk add your minutes.

You can also email me at [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org), or call the library at 603-432-7154, for help.

Our summer reading program is generously sponsored in large part by our Friends of the Library of Windham. Thank you, FLOW!



## Monthly Children's Programs

Azra Palo

### Summer Little Explorers

Saturday, August 3  
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Ages 1-3 years. No registration.



Toddlers are natural scientists, always curious about the world around them. This program includes sensory bin fun for toddlers ages 1, 2, and 3 (and their caregivers) to explore the five senses together. Drop in anytime on Saturday, August 3 between 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. to squish, pour, smell, stretch, and listen to gentle music while you meet other local families and have fun together! Siblings welcome. Questions? Email Courtney at [cwason@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:cwason@nesmithlibrary.org).

### Slinky Dog Craft

Saturday, August 17  
All day  
Ages 3 and up. No registration.



Did you know that August is National Dog Month? We're celebrating with a craft of one of our favorite dogs, Slinky Dog! Stop by Nesmith Library's children's room while the library is open on Saturday, August 17 and make your own dog to take home. No registration required, just drop in and have fun! Questions? Email Joan at [icarbone@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:icarbone@nesmithlibrary.org).

### Free Art Friday

Friday, August 30  
10:30 a.m.  
Ages 2-5. Registration required.



Watercolors, or bingo markers, or stamps, oh my! Join us for a free exploration with art. This program will not aim to produce a specific project, but will allow children to experiment freely with whatever medium is offered. Ages 2-5 are welcome to register for a fun art focused program on Friday, August 30 at 10:30 a.m. Children should wear clothes they can get messy in. Questions? Email Joan at [icarbone@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:icarbone@nesmithlibrary.org).

## Special Events for Children

Azra Palo

### Back to School Storytime

Wednesday, August 7  
10:30 a.m.  
All ages. No registration.



You won't need any pencils or books for our Back to School Storytime at the Nesmith Library on

Wednesday, August 7 at 10:30 a.m.! Bring your dancing shoes and join us for music and dance in the library's story garden. Special guests include a bus driver and a real bus! Additionally, some of our special guests will read a story (or two) to get us ready for school. This event is geared towards children going into kindergarten to fourth grade, but siblings are always welcome. If the weather ruins our fun, we will bring the storytime inside. Questions? Please email Azra at [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org).

### Goodbye Summer with a Sweet Treat!

Wednesday, August 14  
3:00 p.m.  
All ages. No registration.

Are you getting your backpack ready for the beginning of the school year? Not quite ready to say goodbye

to the warmer months? Join library staff for one last summer hurrah with a sweet treat at the Nesmith Library on Wednesday, August 14! Stop by anytime starting at 3:00 p.m. for chalking, bubbles, and more. Children of all ages are welcome to enjoy ice cream sandwiches and popsicles while supplies last. Questions? Please email Azra at [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org).



## Last Month's Kid Librarians



**Summer 2024  
Kid Librarian Program**

**Aiden**

Kid Librarian #3




**Summer 2024  
Kid Librarian Program**

**Clarienne**

Kid Librarian #4



## Dates to Remember

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| 8/1 Virtual Quiet and Colorful World of Vermeer, 10:30 a.m.; Tween Innovators, 4:00 p.m.; Mediumship Gallery, 6:00-8:00 p.m. | 8/8 Adult Summer Reading Wrap Party and Trivia Night, 6:00-7:30 p.m. | 8/15 Virtual Summer Adventures: Art Colonies in New England, 11:00 a.m. |
| 8/2 Tween Innovators, 4:00 p.m.  | 8/9 2024 Teen Summer Reading Program                                 | 8/16 Library Closed   |
| 8/3 Summer Little Explorers, 10:30 a.m.  | 8/12 Library Board of Trustees, 6:30-8:00 p.m.                       | 8/17 Slink Dog Craft, all day   |
| 8/6 Virtual Armchair Travel to French Wine Regions, 10:30 a.m.; Teen Book Lovers Night, 6:30 p.m.                            | 8/13 Virtual Armchair Travel to Corsica, 10:30 a.m.                  | 8/19 Virtual Bruce Willis, 7:00 p.m.                                    |
| 8/7 Back to School Sto-  | 8/14 Goodbye Summer with a Sweet Treat, 3:00                         | 8/27 Virtual Armchair Travel to Greece, 10:30 a.m.                      |
|  |  | 8/29 Virtual Henri Matisse, 10:30 a.m.                                  |
|  |  | 8/30 Free Art Friday, 10:30 a.m.  |

## Nesmith Library

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Library Director:  
Sylvie Brikiatis

### 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.

### Library Closings

Friday, August 16  
Sunday, September 1  
Monday, September 2

