



# The Nesmith NEWS

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## August Adult Programming

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

Well, it is the end of an era. Our wonderful newsletter editor, Joyce Wilt, is retiring after 30 years of putting together The Nesmith News. Thank you, Joyce, for keeping our patrons informed for all these years. We appreciate you so very much.

### August Book Preview

This month I am going to highlight books that are the start of a new series.

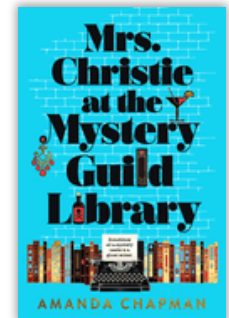
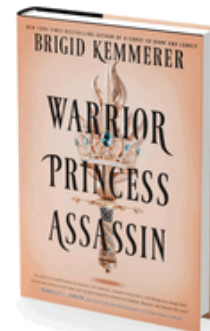
*He Falls First* by Jill Shalvis – Book 1 in the Colburn Brothers series (August 5): “One thing’s for sure, she’s never falling in love again. Not even with the sexy, snarky contractor who keeps testing the walls she’s built.”

*Warrior Princess Assassin* by Brigid Kemmerer – Book 1 in the Braided Fate series (August 12): “Fates collide and passions ignite in *The New York Times* best-selling author Brigid Kemmerer’s steamy adult fantasy debut about three characters torn between chasing, betraying, and craving each other: a princess caught between duty and desire, the fearsome warrior king she’s promised to, and the assassin tasked with hunting them down.”

*Fall I Want* by Lyra Parish – Book 1 in the Cozy Creek series (August 19): “This is a feel-good, spicy small-town, romantic comedy with a billionaire who falls first and harder.”

*Love’s a Witch* by Tricia O’Malley – Book 1 in the Scottish Charms series (August 26): “A cozy romantasy about a witch returning to Scotland to break a family curse — only to clash with one grumpy Scotsman determined to protect his town from her haywire magic.”

*Mrs. Christie at the Mystery Guild Library* by Amanda Chapman – Book 1 in the Mrs. Christie series (August 26): “Book conservator Tory Van Dyne and a woman claiming to be Agatha Christie on holiday from the Great Beyond join forces to catch a killer in this spirited mystery.”



These books are listed in our catalog and are ready to put on hold. If you need help putting an item on hold, just give the library a call and we can walk you through it or do it for you.

### Adult Summer Reading Program

Summer Reading is underway but ending this month! Be sure to sign up for our reading challenge to earn raffle tickets for great prizes! The last day to enter tickets is Sunday, August 10. Information is on our Summer Reading website page, which is located under the “Books & Research” tab at [nesmithlibrary.org](https://nesmithlibrary.org).

### Eyes on Owls



Everyone loves owls! Yet, how often do you get to see an owl up close? You will on Saturday, August 2 at 1:00 p.m.

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when teacher/naturalist Marcia Wilson and author/photographer/naturalist Mark Wilson bring us their passion for owls! Mark and Marcia will share the field marks, signs, and naturalist's skills that you can use to find wild owls without disturbing them. Next, you'll meet six live owls (from small to huge) up close. Everyone participates in a hooting lesson and learns tips on how to attract and protect owls near you. Chances are you'll meet New England's tiniest owl, the Northern Saw-whet Owl (weighing in at 4 ounces), along with the world's largest owl, the Eurasian Eagle Owl (check out that five foot wingspan)! The owls work best with ages three and older. For the safety and comfort of our owls, we just ask that any children that get restless be brought out of the room by their caregivers until they settle. No registration required.

Marcia and Mark Wilson founded Eyes On Owls in 1994 as an educational enterprise that brings wild owls to schools or groups, so you can learn more about your wild neighbors and their habitats. The owls they care for at Eyes On Owls are permanently disabled – that is they can't survive on their own in the wild. Many of the owls are survivors of collisions with vehicles. They give each owl a safe, clean, low-stress home. They have federal and state permits to display the owls for educational programs. The owls ARE NOT pets. Their owls have sharp talons and beaks, special dietary and health requirements, as well as special housing they custom build for each bird. For example, non-flighted owls get accessibility ramps in their aviaries.

## Summer Reading Wrap Party



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 Wednesday, August 6 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, ages 18 and up, and registration is required.

## Museums of the Vatican



Many visitors to the Vatican are drawn to Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel ceiling and Raphael's Papal Rooms, but the Vatican museums hold a wealth of art and history from ancient times to the present day.

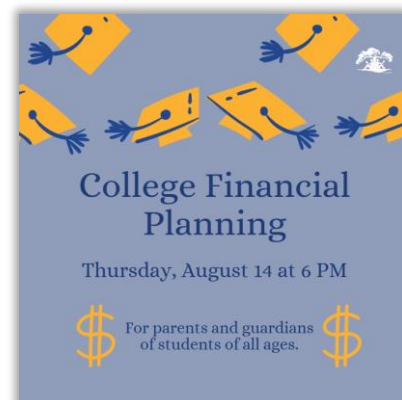
On Thursday, August 14 at 10:30 a.m., we will explore highlights from the classical sculpture collection and from the Old Masters painting collection, as well as view contemporary religious art. We will also examine the various stages in the painting of the Sistine Chapel and the Raphael Rooms. Join us on Zoom or in person at the library to see one of the finest collections of art in the world!

Led by art historian Martha Chiaro, owner of Seeing History, this program will also be shown in person at the library at the same time. No registration required to join us in person.

## College Financial Planning

Join us on Thursday, August 14 at 6:00 p.m. when certified financial advisor Patrick Stap guides us through financial planning for college. Patrick will take a look at the cost increases

on higher education, examine the social impact of the last decade of student lending, and show us the tools that will help set up your student for success in their pursuit of higher education. This program is for parents and guardians of students of all ages. No registration required.



Patrick Stap is a long-term care planning specialist and the owner of a financial planning practice. A native of Windham, New Hampshire, Patrick is dedicated to helping individuals and families navigate the complexities of aging with confidence and clarity. His professional experience includes years in the Medicaid and Medicare planning space, as well as in investment management. He is an alumnus of the American College of Financial Services, and a strong advocate for financial engagement with the community, volunteering for programs such as VITA with his practice. He currently resides in Concord, N.H., with his wife and their two spirited Boston Terriers.

Adult programs are for ages 18 and up (unless otherwise noted), and registration is required for some events. 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 Maria, our adult programming librarian, at [mschroeter@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:mschroeter@nesmithlibrary.org), or call the library at 603-432-7154.

## Teen Happenings

Molly Pevna,  
Teen Services Librarian

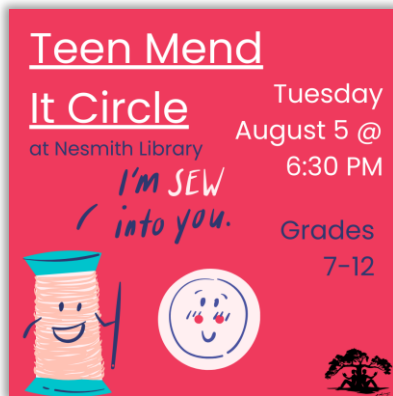
Summer Reading is still happening in August, so we still have activities for you to do! Things like:

### Teen Finger Painting



We're going back to the last time we didn't feel stressed – preschool! Finger painting is good at any age, so stop by the Nesmith Library on Monday, August 4 at 4:00 p.m. to make your own masterpiece.

### Teen Mend-It Circle

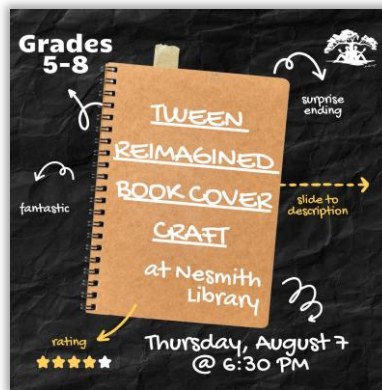


We've all been there. That shirt that you love, that you wear all the time, that also has a hole in the sleeve that you've been meaning to fix for like the past year. The only thing stopping you? You need to figure out how to fix it. Well, now's the time with the Teen Learn to Mend Circle on Tuesday, August 5 at 6:30 p.m. at Nesmith Library. We'll be learning some basics about how to mend clothes to make them last longer and add pizzazz to your clothes along the way!

### Teen Jackbox Afternoon

The only thing better than playing video games with your friends? Playing video games at the Nesmith Library! We're kidding, but it is pretty fun to play video games at the library when the games allow you to see who can come up with the best burns. Welcome to Jackbox Afternoon at the Library on Wednesday, August 6 at 4:00 p.m.

### Tween Reimagined Bookcovers



Why some publishers choose the cover designs they do, we'll never know. But it makes us question the old phrase, "don't judge a book by its cover," and maybe we can do better. Come try your hand at redesigning some of the old or just plain bad book covers on Thursday, August 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the Nesmith Library.

### Tween Life-Sized Candyland

Did you love Summer Reading this year, because we did! It's time to celebrate all that reading you did with the classic game, Candyland! But this time it's with a twist!

Stop by the Nesmith Library on Friday, August 8 starting at 1:00 p.m. for life-sized Candyland. We have four time slots. You can book a game for yourself and up to five friends, for six total players. We request that you do not sign up for more than one slot, so everyone has a chance to play. Make sure to register before this awesome event fills up!

### Teen Summer Reading Wrap Party: Dinner and Life-Sized Candyland



Did you love Summer Reading this year, because we did! It's time to celebrate all that reading you did with the classic game, Candyland! But this time it's with a twist! Stop by the Nesmith Library on Friday, August 8 at 5:30 p.m. for dinner and life-sized Candyland. Make sure to register before this awesome event fills up!

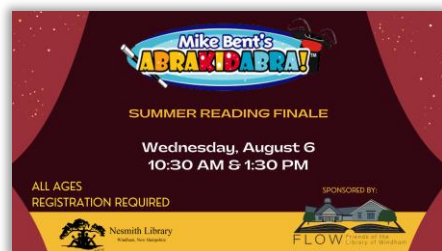
- Registration is a must! Spots are limited, so sign up before they're gone.
- Please email Molly, the teen services librarian, with any dietary restrictions before the event, so we are able to accommodate as best we can.
- Pick up is promptly at 7:30 p.m. Any participants not picked up by 7:45 p.m. will be walked down to the Windham Police Station to have a safe environment to wait for their caregiver.

As a reminder, all programs labelled Teen are for students entering grades 7-12, and all Tween programs are for kids entering grades 5-8. Questions about these or any other library happenings for teens and tweens? Call the library at 603-432-7154 or email Molly, the teen services librarian, at [mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org).



## Color Our World

Azra Palo,  
Head of Youth Services



The end of the Nesmith Library Color Our World programming is almost here! Our children's summer finale is on Wednesday, August 6 with magi-

cian Mike Bent. Patrons of all ages can register for our morning session (10:30 a.m.) or afternoon session (1:30 p.m.).

Haven't finished your bingo sheet yet? Don't worry! You have until Sunday, August 10 to work on your bingo squares and add raffle tickets to Beanstack towards some awesome prizes including Canobie and Storyland tickets, STEAM kits, and more! SherBert, our Squishmallow mascot is also a prize. Your first five in a row

earns you a free book and tickets, while the second five in a row earns you only an extra book. Our young patrons will have until Friday, August 15 to collect their free books.

The Nesmith Library Summer Reading Program is generously sponsored in larger part by the Friends of the Library of Windham (FLOW).

Questions about the children's summer reading program? Call the library at 603-432-7154 or email Azra at [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org).

## Color Our World Events

Azra Palo

### Fun Cart Friday

Friday, August 1  
9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
All ages. No registration.

Our weekly Fun Cart Friday for children of all ages ends on Friday, August 1. Join us in the children's room anytime between 9:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. when kids can independently play or create with special STEAM related supplies. One week it might be chalk, and another week it could be magnets. There is something for everyone. Registration is not required. Questions? Email Azra at [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org).

### Kids Camp Crafts

Monday, August 4  
6:00 p.m.  
Ages 6-11. Registration required.



This summer, join us for some kid camp crafts! Librarian Joan or Courtney will show you how to make some fun art that you can keep for yourself or give to a friend! From sticky slime to cute bird feeders, there's something for everyone! Registration is required,

and these events are geared toward ages 6-11. This month, Slime Time will be held on Monday, August 4 at 6:00 p.m. Questions? Email Courtney at [cwason@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:cwason@nesmithlibrary.org) or Joan at [jcarbone@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:jcarbone@nesmithlibrary.org).

### Silly Summer Storytime

Tuesday, August 5  
10:30 a.m.  
All ages. No registration.

Stories, songs, games, and more are all a part of our Silly Summer Storytime – available Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. until Tuesday, August 5. This all age storytime is great for any child who enjoys books and music. In nice weather, the storytime may be held out in the story garden! No registration required. Questions? Email Joan at [jcarbone@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:jcarbone@nesmithlibrary.org).

## August Children's Events

Azra Palo

### Crafty Creations: Sun Visor

Saturday, August 16  
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Ages 4-10. No registration.

Stop by the children's room and explore new ways to create art with unexpected materials! Kids ages 4-10 are invited to join us for Nesmith Library's Crafty Creations on Saturday, August 16 starting at 10:00 a.m. to

make their very own sun visor. No registration required. Questions? Email Joan at [jcarbone@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:jcarbone@nesmithlibrary.org).



### Back to School Storytime

Tuesday, August 19  
10:30 – 11:15 a.m.  
All ages. No registration.

You won't need any pencils or books for our Back to School Storytime at the library on Tuesday, August 19, at 10:30 a.m. Bring your dancing shoes and join us for music and dance in the library's story garden.

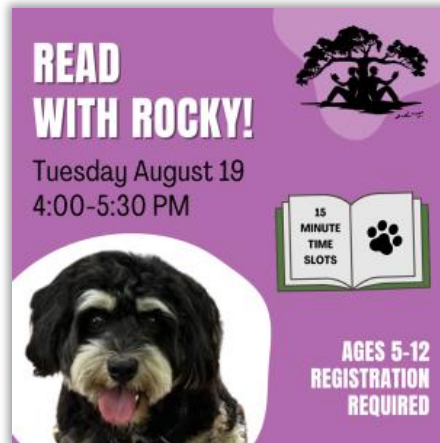


Special guests include a bus driver and a real bus! Additionally, some of our special guests will read a story (or two) to get us ready for school. This event is geared towards children going into kindergarten to fourth grade, but siblings are always welcome. If the weather ruins our fun, we will bring the

storytime inside. Questions? Email Azra at [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org).

## Rocky the Reading Dog

Tuesday, August 19  
4:00 – 5:30 p.m.  
15-minute time slots.  
Ages 5-12. Registration required.



Do you want to brush up your reading skills before school starts? Are you someone who loves dogs? Nesmith Library has the perfect program for you! Patrons ages 5-12 are invited to register for our Rocky the Reading Dog program on Tuesday, August 19 starting at 4:00 p.m. Read to a dog programs are the perfect way for kids to work on their literacy skills and build confidence and self-esteem in a supportive environment!

Our readers will be able to register for a 15-minute time slot using our registration form. You are welcome to bring your own books, or the library is happy to provide some options with advanced notice. Family members may be involved or stay in the children's room until their child is finished. Questions? Email Azra at [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org).

## 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

Azra Palo

The Nesmith Library staff would like to congratulate Beckham and Will for completing our 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Program! These two got their own graduation caps, a certificate, and a free book. Beckham and Will both worked hard collecting patches for their bags! These two will soon be kindergarteners, and we cannot wait to see them as they continue to grow.

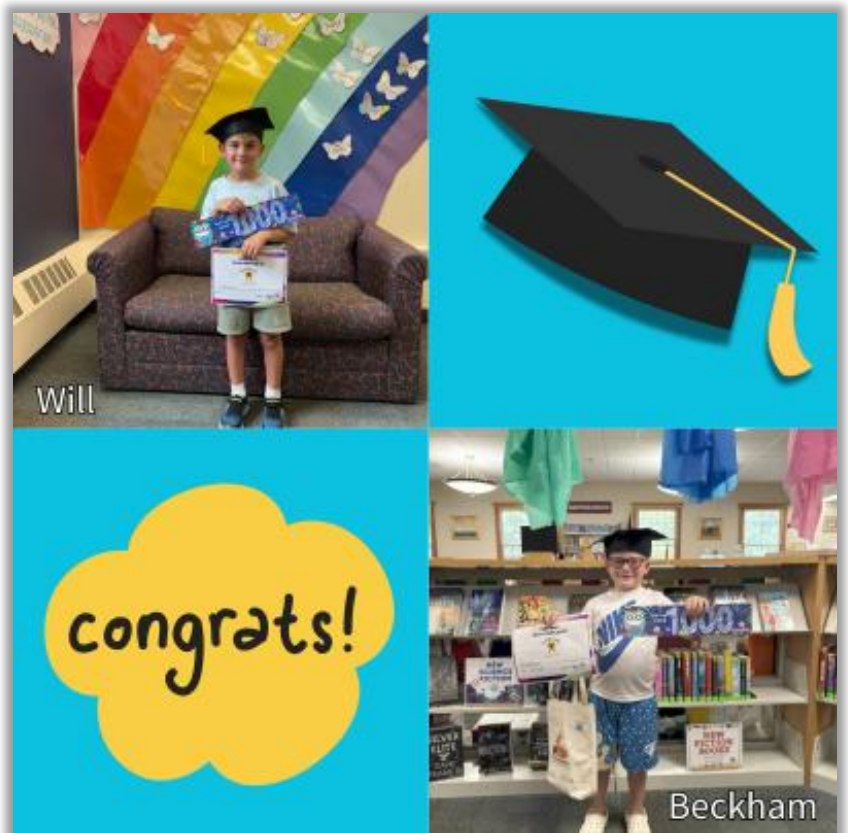
The goal of the program is simple: read 1,000 books with your child before they start kindergarten. It might sound overwhelming, but breaking it down into daily reading makes it achievable:

- 1 book per day for 1 year = 365 books
- 1 book per day for 3 yrs = 1,095 books
- 1 book per day for 5 yrs = 1,825 books

We're here to help you every step of the way, offering tools to track your progress, stay motivated, and celebrate milestones!

Are you interested in learning more about our 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Program? Check out our website,

<https://nesmithlibrary.org/1000-books-kindergarten>, or email Azra Palo at [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org) for more information.



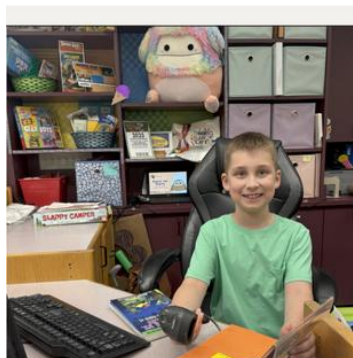


## Nesmith Library Kid Librarians 2025

Azra Palo

Our Nesmith Library Kid Librarian Program continued in July with two new faces, Wesley and Graysen. Wesley wants to one day be a cryptozoologist, while Graysen is dreaming big and hopes to be the president in the future. Both kids love graphic novels and non-fiction books. Graysen's display will be active until Sunday, August 3, and then our final kid librarian for 2025 will have a turn!

If you would like to know more about our current kid librarian and past ones too, please check out our website!



**WESLEY**  
**JULY 7 – JULY 20**



**GRAYSEN**  
**JULY 21 – AUGUST 1**

## 2025 FLOW Build-a-Buddy

The Friends of the Library of Windham (FLOW) invite kids to create their own adorable 15-inch stuffed friend, complete with a birth certificate and heart insert on Saturday, September 6 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Nesmith Library's multipurpose room. Purchase at the door or pre-order by August 31 to guarantee your buddy of choice at [flowwindham.org](http://flowwindham.org). Only \$15 with pre-order or \$20 for day of purchase. Pre-ordering begins on Friday, August 1.



## Dates to Remember

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| 8/1 Pre-ordering begins for FLOW's Build-a-Buddy; Fun Cart Friday, 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  | 7:30 p.m. | 8/7 Nesmith Knitters, 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.; Tween Reimagined Bookcovers Craft, 6:30 p.m.                     | 8/7 Nesmith Knitters, 12:30–2:30 p.m.; Tween Reimagined Bookcovers Craft, 6:30 p.m.        |
| 8/2 Eyes on Owls, 1:00 p.m.   |           | 8/8 Tween Life-Sized Candyland, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00 p.m.; Teen SRP Finale: Candyland, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. | 8/16 Crafty Creations, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  |
| 8/4 Teen Finger Painting, 4:00 p.m.; Kids Camp Crafts, 6:00 p.m.  |           | 8/12 Library Trustees Meeting, 7:00 – 8:15 p.m.   | 8/19 Back to School Storytime, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.; Rocky the Reading Dog, 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. |
| 8/5 Silly Summer Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Teen Mend-it Circle, 6:30 p.m.  |           | 8/13 Library Book Group, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.   | 8/21 Nesmith Knitters, 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.   |
| 8/6 Magician Mike Bent's Abrakadabra, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; Teen Jackbox Afternoon, 4:00 p.m.; Adult Summer Reading Wrap Party and Trivia Night, 6:00 – |           | 8/14 Virtual Museums of the Vatican, 10:30 a.m.; College Financial Planning, 6:00 p.m.                    | 8/31 Library Closed; Deadline to Pre-Order FLOW's Build-a-Buddy                            |
|   |           |   | 9/1 Library Closed   |

## 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

Nesmith Library  
will be closed on  
Sunday, August 31 and  
Monday, September 1

