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February Adult Programming

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"The time is always right to do what is right." Martin Luther King, Jr., from his Oberlin College commencement speech, 1965.

New Book Releases

In honor of Black History Month, here are a few new releases by Black authors: *Harlem Rhapsody* by Victoria Christopher Murray (Feb. 4), which tells the story of the woman who kick started the Harlem Renaissance; *Let Us March On* by Shara Moon (Feb. 4), which is a fictionalized account of the life of Lizzie McDuffie, a maid in FDR's White House; and *People of Means* by Nancy Johnson (Feb. 11), which follows "a mother and daughter each seeking justice and following their dreams during moments of social reckoning." 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.

Nesmith Library Book Group

The Nesmith Library Book Group will meet on Wednesday, February 12 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, and a crime podcast club, that are open to all, and they welcome Nesmith patrons! Find out more at www.rodgerslibrary.org/book-groups.

Valentine's Day Craft for Adults

Join Join us at the Nesmith Library on Wednesday, February 5 at 6 PM when we'll be making colorful paper heart wreaths for Valentine's Day! These large wreaths will be perfect for decorating the inside of your home and include beautiful grosgrain ribbon for hanging. All supplies will be provided, just bring your creativity!



This craft is for Nesmith Library cardholders only, and registration is limited, so be sure to register early.

Live Virtual Tour of Cusco, Peru



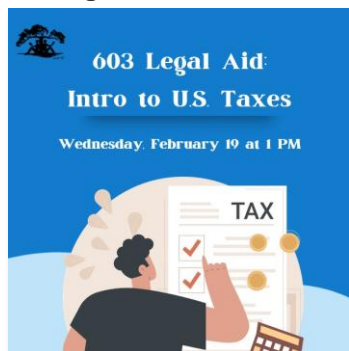
On Tuesday, February 11 at 2:00 p.m., tour guide Jimmy Sotomayor will take us on a live tour of Cusco, Peru! Formerly the capital of the extensive Inca Empire, it retains much of its highly crafted early stone architecture, which is typically preserved in the foundations and lower stories of Spanish colonial structures. One of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in the Western Hemisphere and located high in the Andes Mountains, Cusco was designated a UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization) World Heritage site

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in 1983. This program is presented with Tewksbury (Mass.) Public Library. This Peruvian experience will also be shown in person at the library at the same time. There will be nibbles to enjoy as we watch the tour on our big screen! No registration required to join us in person.

603 Legal Aid: Intro to Taxes



Confused by taxes? Wondering how our tax system works? Then join us on Wednesday, February 19 at 1:00 p.m. when tax attorney Lee Goldberg and consumer law paralegal Antonia Tello from the non-profit organization, 603 Legal Aid, present a clear and accessible introduction to the basics of the American tax system. This program is designed for individuals seeking to understand fundamental concepts such as how taxes work, key filing requirements, and common tax forms. This session aims to simplify the tax process and empower attendees with essential knowledge to navigate the U.S. tax system confidently. They will also be providing information where those who haven't

filed can go for tax help. For more information about 603 Legal Aid, visit their website, www.603legalaids.org, or call 603-224-3333.

Resurgence of Bald Eagles in N.H.



In 1989, when bald eagles began to nest again in the Granite State after a 40-year hiatus, N.H. Audubon initiated management steps that increased the likelihood of breeding success. Due to their efforts, there are now more than 100 territorial pairs of bald eagles in New Hampshire! Come hear the details of this dramatic story on Thursday, February 20 at 6:30 p.m., when Nesmith Library and the Windham Garden Club welcome Chris Martin, Senior Biologist and Raptor Specialist with N.H. Audubon, to present Resurgence of Bald Eagles in New Hampshire. Chris coordinates N.H. Audubon's various raptor monitoring and management projects and has been doing so for more than 30 years!

Music in My Pockets: Family Fun in Folk Music



Pocket instruments – like spoons – and dancing puppets, tall tales, funny songs, old songs, and songs kids teach each other in the playground are all “traditional” in that they have been passed down through generations by word of mouth. On Wednesday, February 26 at 1:00 p.m., we will revisit these times of yore in New England when families gathered around the kitchen hearth participating in this timeless entertainment. Folklorist Jeff Warner will offer a glimpse into how America amused itself before electricity by playing instruments, telling tales, and singing these songs of yesteryear. This New Hampshire Humanities program is recommended for adults and children ages 6 and above.

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.

Teen Happenings

Molly Pevna,
Teen Services Librarian

Tween Period Party

If you are the lucky owner of a uterus, then you also are lucky enough to potentially have a period. We'll have an informal and educational conversation about menstruation, discuss basic period hygiene, and answer questions or anxieties about periods. Come learn a little more about your cycle and celebrate all things Aunt Flow on Thursday, February 6 at 6:30 p.m.

Teen Advisory Group

Love is in the air! So come love your local library at the February Teen Advisory Meeting on Tuesday, February 11, at 6:30 p.m. TAG is a great opportunity for you to get involved in the library! Participation as an official member in TAG meetings and projects counts toward your service hours' requirements. Come to a meeting to learn more or reach out to Molly.

Teen February Vacation Week Chill Night

Are all your friends on vacation with their families? Don't worry, our teen librarian will always be your friend! Come have a chill night of winter coziness at Nesmith Library on Tuesday, February 25 at 6:30 p.m. We'll have snacks, warm drinks and games! For grades 7-12. No registration required.

Special Events for Children

Azra Palo,
Head of Youth Services



Drop-in Valentine Card Craft

Thursday, February 6
4:00–7:00 p.m.

All ages. No registration.

Stop by the Children's Room and make your own Valentines! We'll supply the materials – you bring the creativity! Children of all ages are welcome

to come to the Nesmith Library on Thursday, February 6 anytime between 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. to make an extra special card for someone they love. No registration is required. Questions? Email Joan at jcarbone@nesmithlibrary.org.

Valentine Cookie Decorating

Thursday, February 13
6:00 p.m.

Ages 4-11. Registration required.

Hearts, treats, and more at Nesmith Library! Young patrons ages 4-11 are invited to partake in a Valentine Cookie Decorating event on Thursday, February 13, starting at 6:00 p.m. Each child will be able to decorate a cookie for themselves and for a friend! They will also decorate a

bag to put the cookie in for a special someone. Treats will be provided, so please email Azra if you have any allergy concerns. This event requires registration with your Nesmith Library card and registration opened up on January 30. Questions? Email Azra at apalo@nesmithlibrary.org.



Storytimes

Azra Palo

Toddler Storytime

Mondays and Tuesdays
10:30 a.m.

Ages 18 months to 3 years.

NEW: No registration!

Starting Monday, February 3, we no longer require registration for Toddler Storytime! We heard you, and to allow greater flexibility for busy schedules, you can just come in each Monday or Tuesday promptly at 10:30 a.m. Please come for only one day each week (Monday or Tuesday). The storytime is the same for Monday and Tuesday each week, so you might get déjà vu if you attend both! Siblings are also welcome. Questions? Email Joan at jcarbone@nesmithlibrary.org.

Baby Storytime

Wednesdays
10:30 a.m.

Ages 0-18 months.

No registration.

All babies and their caregivers are invited to join us Wednesday mornings at the Nesmith Library for Baby Storytime in February starting at 10:30 a.m. Courtney will have stories, songs, dancing, and more for ages 0-18

months. Siblings are always welcome. Questions? Please email Courtney at cwason@nesmithlibrary.org.

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays, Jan. 9 – Feb. 27
10:30 a.m.

Ages 3-5. Registration required.

We are inviting young friends and their families to join us for our school year sessions of preschool storytime

at the Nesmith Library! Courtney will lead us in a fun storytime for ages 3-5 including songs, stories, and crafts. Caregivers will stay for the entire session and siblings are welcome as well. This storytime requires registration with your Nesmith Library card. For more information about our Preschool Storytime, please email Courtney at cwason@nesmithlibrary.org.



Monthly Children's Programs

Azra Palo

Little Explorers

Saturday, February 1
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Ages 1-3. No registration required.

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, February 1 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to squish, pour, stretch, smell, and listen to gentle music while meeting other local families and having fun together! Siblings welcome. Questions? Email Courtney at cwason@nesmithlibrary.org.

Groundhog Day: Playing with Shadows



Monday, February 3
4:00 p.m.

Ages 4-11. No registration.

Each February, Punxsutawney Phil crawls out of his nest to peer out at his shadow. If he sees it, legend has it that there will be six more weeks of winter. Join us at Nesmith Library on Monday, February 3 at 4:00 p.m. for a library celebration of Groundhog Day. Listen to a fun Groundhog Day story, then create your own simple shadow puppets for storytelling! This activity is geared towards children in grades K-5, but younger siblings are always welcome. Registration not required. Questions? Email Courtney at cwason@nesmithlibrary.org.

February STEAM Takeaway: Light Up Flower

Monday, February 10
Pick-up starts at 9:00 a.m.

Ages 8-11. Registration required.

How do you make a flower with crepe paper? What do you need to

make a light bulb work? We will answer these questions and more during our monthly STEAM program! Young scientists ages 8-11 are invited to register for our February STEAM program at the Nesmith Library. Pick up your registered kit any time after 9:00 a.m. on Monday, February 10. During our monthly 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 the ingredients needed to make our very own flower that lights up! The kit will include supplies, list of other basic items you will need on hand, instructions, prompts, and more! This event requires registration with your Nesmith Library card and registration opened on January 27. Questions? Email Azra at apalo@nesmithlibrary.org.

Drop-in Heart Suncatcher Craft



Wednesday, February 12
3:30 p.m.

All ages. No registration required.

Ages 0-12 are welcome to join us on Wednesday, February 12 between 3:30 and 4:30 p.m. for our drop-in heart suncatcher craft! This month we will be celebrating all things love. Come to the Nesmith Library and create your own work of art with a cut out heart, tissue paper, and more. While we will have an example craft, there is no one way to do this! You bring the creativity, and we provide the supplies. This craft is perfect to give to a loved one or keep for yourself. Questions? Email Azra apalo@nesmithlibrary.org.

Crafty Creations

Saturday, February 15
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 Crafty Creations on Saturday, February 15, starting at 10:00 a.m. to make their very own beaded snowflake. No registration required. Questions? Email Joan at jcarbone@nesmithlibrary.org.

Free Art Friday

Friday, February 28
10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Ages 2-5. Registration required.

Watercolors or bingo markers or stamps – oh my! Children ages 2-5 are welcome to join us at the Nesmith Library on Friday, February 28 at 10:30 a.m. for an exploration of art. This program will not aim to produce a specific project but will allow children to experiment freely with whatever medium is offered. Children should wear clothes they can get messy in or bring a smock. This event requires registration with your Nesmith Library card and registration opens on Friday, February 14. Questions? Email Joan at jcarbone@nesmithlibrary.org.



Kids' Comic Club Jr.

Monday, February 24
4:00 – 4:45 p.m.

Ages 4-6. Registration required.

We know that kids of ALL ages love comics! This program, specially designed for children ages 4-6, 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, February 24 promptly at 4:00 p.m. for a newer 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, February 10. Questions? Email Courtney at cwason@nesmithlibrary.org.



Kids' Comic Club
Monday, February 24
6:00 p.m.

Ages 7-11. Registration required.

Calling all young comic book lovers ages 7-11! Join us on Monday, February 24 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, February 10. Questions? Email Courtney at cwason@nesmithlibrary.org.



CHILDREN'S STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL POSTER DECORATING WORKSHOP

Saturday February 22, 2025
1:30 - 2:30pm
multipurpose room
Nesmith Library

Strawberry themed snacks and art supplies will be provided

February Vacation Week Events

Lego Drop-in

Tuesday, February 25
3:30 p.m.

Ages 4-11. No registration.

We're hosting a special February vacation week Lego Drop-In event for children ages 4-11! There will be a prompt or two to explore, but the creativity is up to you. No registration is required, just drop by Nesmith Library on Tuesday, February 25, between 3:30 and 4:30 p.m. to explore with Legos. Caregivers must remain in the library while children are participating in the event. Children 5 and under must have a caregiver in the room with them. Questions? Email Azra at apalo@nesmithlibrary.org.

Family Fun in Folk Music

Wednesday, February 26
1:00 p.m.

Ages 6+. No registration.

Pocket instruments – like spoons – and dancing puppets, tall tales, funny songs, old songs, and songs kids teach each other in the playground are all “traditional” in that they have been passed down through generations by word of mouth. On Wednesday, Feb-

ruary 26 at 1:00 p.m., we will revisit these times of yore in New England when families gathered around the kitchen hearth participating in this timeless entertainment. Folklorist Jeff Warner will offer a glimpse into how America amused itself before electricity by playing instruments, telling tales, and singing these songs of yesteryear. This New Hampshire Humanities program is recommended for adults and children ages 6 and above. Questions? Email info@nesmithlibrary.org.

Movie Matinee: *Elsa and Anna*

Thursday, February 27
3:30 p.m.

Children of all ages.

Registration not required.

Come “chill out” with a favorite winter classic movie at the Nesmith Library. We'll even provide the popcorn! No registration required for this special February vacation week event happening on Thursday, February 27 at 3:30 p.m. Questions? Email Joan at jcarbone@nesmithlibrary.org.

NESMITH LIBRARY						
FEBRUARY VACATION WEEK						
Sunday February 23	Monday February 24	Tuesday February 25	Wednesday February 26	Thursday February 27	Friday February 28	Saturday March 1
	10:30 AM Toddler Storytime	10:30 AM Toddler Storytime	10:30 AM Baby Storytime	10:30 AM * Preschool Storytime	10:30 AM * Free Art Friday	10:30 AM Little Explorers Sensory Bins
	4 PM * Comic Club Jr.	3:30 PM Lego Drop-In	1 PM Family Fun in Folk Music	3:30 PM Movie Matinee		
	6 PM * Comic Club					

* Registration Required

40th Annual Strawberry Festival & Book Fair Design Contest

The Friends of the Library of Windham need young artists (12 & under) to help create the official poster design for the Strawberry Festival and Book Fair. The winning design will be recognized at the festival, and the artist will receive a game bracelet and strawberry shortcake or mini sundae. All submissions will receive a voucher for a free book redeemable at the book fair, and a chance to win a strawberry plushie!

Contest Guidelines

- For ages 12 and under
- Use markers, crayons, or paint (no pencils)
- Submit artwork on an 8 1/2" by 11" piece of blank white paper
- Please include your name, age, school, and phone number on the back of your design
- Themes include strawberries, books, and Windham

**Submissions should be turned in by
4pm Saturday March 15th, to the front desk
of the NESMITH LIBRARY.**

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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

Monday, February 17

Dates to Remember

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| 2/1 Little Explorers, 10:30 a.m.; FLOW Book Donations, 10:30 a.m. – 1:20 p.m. | 2/11 Strawberry Festival Meeting, 6:30–8:30 p.m. | Nesmith Knitters, 12:30–2:30 p.m.; Bald Eagles in N.H.; 6:30–8:00 p.m. |
| 2/2 FLOW Book Donations, 12:20–4:30 p.m. | 2/11 Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Live Virtual Tour of Cusco, Peru, 2:00 p.m.; Teen Advisory Group, 6:30 p.m. | 2/22 Children's Strawberry Festival Poster Decorating Workshop, 1:30 p.m. |
| 2/3 Toddler Storytime, 10:30; Groundhog Day, 4:00 p.m.; FLOW Meeting, 6:30–9:00 p.m. | 2/12 Baby Storytime, 10:30–11:00 a.m.; Drop-in Heart Suncatcher Craft, 3:30 p.m.; Nesmith Library Book Group, 6:00–7:30 p.m. | 2/24 Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Kids Comic Club, Jr., 4:00–4:45 a.m.; Kids Comic Club, 6:00 p.m. |
| 2/4 Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. | 2/13 Preschool Storytime, 10:30–11:15 a.m.; Valentine Cookie Decorating, 6:00 p.m. | 2/25 Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Lego Drop-in, 3:30 p.m.; Teen February Vacation Week Chill Night, 6:30 p.m. |
| 2/5 Baby Storytime, 10:30–11:30 a.m.; Valentine's Day Craft for Adults, 6:00–7:30 p.m. | 2/15 Crafty Creations, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. | 2/26 Baby Storytime, 10:30–11:00 a.m.; Music in My Pockets, 1:00–2:00 p.m. |
| 2/6 Preschool Storytime, 10:30–11:15 a.m.; Nesmith Knitters, 12:30–2:30 p.m.; Valentine Making, 4:00–7:00 p.m.; Tween Period Party, 6:30 p.m. | 2/17 Library Closed | 2/27 Preschool Storytime, 10:30–11:15 a.m.; Family Move Matinee, 3:30–5:00 p.m. |
| 2/10 STEAM Takeaway, All Day; Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Nesmith Library Board of Trustees, 6:30–8:00 p.m.; FLOW | 2/18 Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. | 2/28 Free Art Friday, 10:30–11:00 a.m. |
| | 2/19 Baby Storytime, 10:30–11:00 a.m.; 603 Legal Aid: Intro to Taxes, 1:00 p.m. | |
| | 2/20 Preschool Storytime, 10:30–11:15 a.m.; | |

