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January Adult Programming

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Adult Collection Development and
Adult Programming Librarian*

Happy New Year! I hope you had a wonderful holiday, and I hope you have a joyful and healthy 2024!

New Book Releases

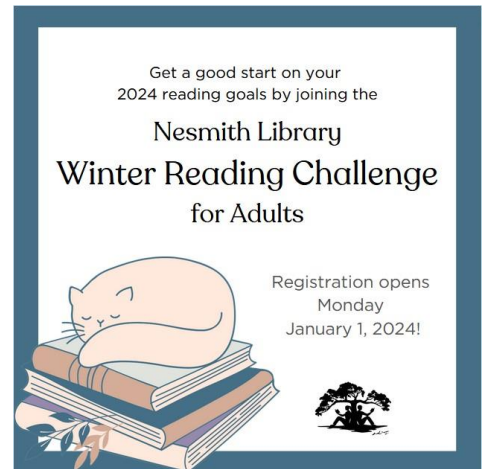
There are some great new books hitting the shelf in January. *The Fury* by Alex Michaelides, author of the blockbuster *The Silent Patient*, will publish on Jan. 16. The third book in Sarah Maas' Crescent City series, *House of Flame and Shadow*, will release on Jan. 30. There are a slew of new books on health and well-being. *Gut Check: Unleash the Power of Your Microbiome to Reverse Disease and Transform Your Mental, Physical, and Emotional Health* by Steven Gundry, MD will be out on Jan. 9. *The Hunger Habit: Why We Eat When We're Not Hungry and How to Stop* by Judson Brewer releases on Jan. 30, and *Rethinking Diabetes: What Science Reveals About Diet, Insulin, and Successful Treatments* comes out on Jan. 2. All of these are already listed in our catalog and are 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, Jan. 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 Winter Reading Challenge

Looking for a fun way to increase your reading in 2024? Then join us during the month of January for our Winter Reading Challenge! Beginning on Monday, Jan. 1, Nesmith Library card holders ages 18 and



up can register and start earning raffle tickets for each hour of reading they complete. Read, or listen, to any reading-level appropriate materials during the month and count up the minutes – up to 1800 minutes (30 hours). Once you register, you will be sent a Google Form to submit your minutes*! Fill out the form daily or weekly, but be sure to log all of your minutes by noon on Tuesday, Jan. 30. Each hour that you read earns you a raffle ticket for a chance to win a prize, generously supplied by the Friends of the Library of Windham (FLOW). The challenge runs from Monday, Jan. 1 until noon on Tuesday, Jan. 30, and then join us to celebrate your month of reading at our Winter Reading Discussion Wrap-Up that includes a hot chocolate bar on Tuesday, Jan. 30 at 6:00 p.m.

*Patrons who do not use email or have access to a computer can pick up a copy of the tracking sheet from the Nesmith Library starting on Tuesday, Jan. 2. Completed tracking sheets must be submitted to Maria no later than noon on Tuesday, Jan. 30, to be included in the prize drawing!

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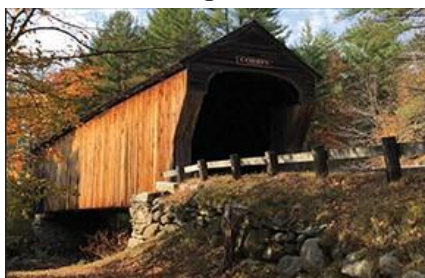
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Trivia Night



Join us on Wednesday, Jan. 17 at 6:00 p.m. for a fun trivia game! Grab your friends and form a team, or come on your own and join up with other players. Pizza, beverages, and dessert will be provided! This program is for Nesmith Library card holders only, ages 18 and up, and registration is required. This event is generously sponsored by FLOW.

Covered Bridges of N.H.



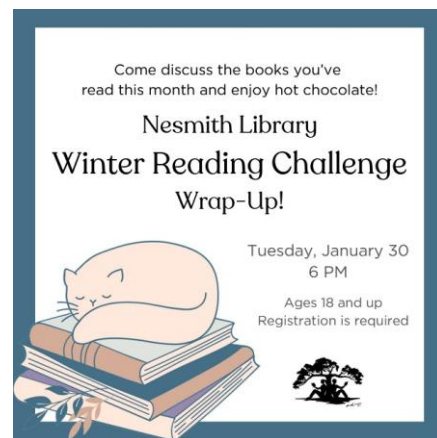
New Hampshire was once home to over 300 covered bridges, but today, there are just over 60 authentic covered bridges in New Hampshire, 46 of which are over a century old! Curious to learn more about these beloved bridges? Then join us on Thursday,

Jan. 25 at 6:00 p.m., when we welcome author and photographer Kim Varney Chandler as she shares an overview of these covered bridges in the Granite State and recounts interesting facts she uncovered while researching her 2022 book, *Covered Bridges of New Hampshire*. This program is presented through a generous grant from New Hampshire Humanities and is co-hosted by the Windham Historical Society.

Kim Varney Chandler is a researcher, amateur genealogist, photographer, bird watcher, and dog lover. She is a two-time graduate of the University of New Hampshire ('91, '96G). When not immersed in the past, Kim works as a high school counselor and commits an inordinate amount of time to volunteer work. Kim is a life-long resident of New Hampshire, except for two stints living south of the Mason-Dixon. She lives in Hancock with her husband, Marshall, and Pemi, the hiking therapy dog.

Adult Winter Reading Challenge Wrap-Up

Whether you've spent January participating in our Adult Winter Reading Challenge or you just love books and hot chocolate, join us on Tuesday, Jan. 30 at 6:00 p.m. for a special evening of discussion and hot cocoa!



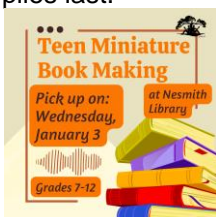
Share your thoughts on the books that you've read and come away with some new titles for your to-be-read list. Please bring your favorite mug, and we'll supply the hot chocolate and toppings! This program is for Nesmith Library card holders ages 18 and up, and registration is required. Space is limited, so register early!

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

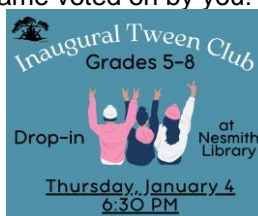
Molly Pevna,
Teen Services Librarian

The weather outside is... well, not so frightful? But that doesn't mean that we can't start the year off with staying inside and making a craft! Calling all bookworms and creative minds! On Wednesday, Jan. 3, unleash your inner storyteller with a **Miniature Bookmak-ing Takeaway**, available while supplies last.



Is in person more of your thing? That's okay, the following day, Thurs-

day, Jan. 4 at 6:30 p.m., we have the **Inaugural Tween Club**, for those in grades 5-8. It's a space to hang out, try new things, but we all decide what we're going to do together. Our first order of business? Coming up with a better name voted on by you!



For those wanting something more quiet, we'll be having our **Stitchin' & Sippin' Crochet Crash Course** on Tuesday, Jan. 23 at 6:30 p.m. for

grades 7-12. All materials will be provided (including the warm beverages) for this introduction to crochet.



It's a new year, maybe it's time to finally check out the **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)** your one friend told you about! Stop by on Tuesday, Jan. 9 at 6:30 p.m. to finally learn what all the buzz is about. Questions about any of these programs? Reach out to Molly at mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org.

Monthly Children's Programs

Azra Palo,
Head of Youth Services

Little Explorers
Saturday, Jan. 6
10:30-11:30 a.m.
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 through 3 (and their caregivers) to explore the 5 senses together. Drop in anytime on Saturday, Jan. 6 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.

Drop-in Snowman Craft
Wednesday, Jan. 10
3:30-4:30 p.m.
All ages. No registration.

Drop in for a winter themed craft at the Nesmith Library on Wednesday, Jan. 10 between 3:30 and 5:00 p.m. Children ages 0 to 12 are invited to create a fun newspaper snowman on aluminum foil. We provide the supplies, and you provide the creativity! No registration required. Questions? Email Azra apalo@nesmithlibrary.org.

January STEAM: Beaded Snowflakes

Thursday, Jan. 18
6:00 p.m.
6-11 years. Registration required.



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 snowflakes and making our very own snowflakes with beads. Young scientists ages 6 to 11 are invited to register for our January STEAM program at the Nesmith Library on Thursday, Jan. 18 starting promptly at 6:00 p.m. This event requires registration with your Nesmith Library card. Registration

opens Thursday, Jan. 4. Questions? Email Azra apalo@nesmithlibrary.org.

Create Club
Saturday, Jan. 20
2:00 p.m.

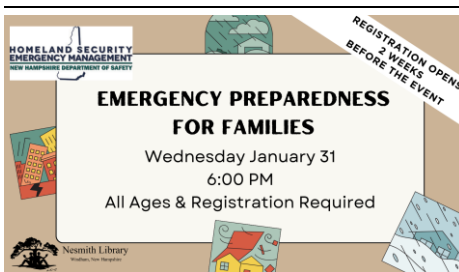
Ages 6-11. Registration required. Children ages 6 to 11 can make art at Nesmith Library's Create Club on Saturday, Jan. 20 at 2:00 p.m. This month we will be creating our own duct tape beads! Caregivers are welcome to join in or sit it out, but they must remain in the library as the children are participating in the event. Registration opens up on Saturday Jan. 6. Questions? Email Kristina at kyoung@nesmithlibrary.org.

Kids' Comic Club
Monday, Jan. 22
6:00 p.m.

Ages 6-11. Registration required. Inspired by the Cat Kid Comic Club graphic novel series, we invite elementary-aged comic fans to join us for this super fun monthly Nesmith Kids' Comic Club on Monday, Jan. 22 at 6:00 p.m. 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. This event requires registration with your Nesmith Library card and registration opens on Wednesday, Jan. 8. Questions? Email Courtney at cwason@nesmithlibrary.org.

Emergency Preparedness for Families

Azra Palo



Wednesday, Jan. 31
6:00 p.m.

All ages. Registration required. Do you know what to do when the power goes out? How do you prepare for a winter storm? Get answers to these questions and more at the Nesmith Library on Wednesday, Jan. 31 at 6:00 p.m. during our Emergency

Preparedness for Families.

A special guest from the New Hampshire Homeland Security Emergency Department will lead an interactive workshop for families of all ages, including those with children! Registration is required, and it opens Wednesday, Jan. 17. Questions? Email Azra apalo@nesmithlibrary.org.

Storytimes

Azra Palo

Toddler Storytime

Mondays and Tuesdays, Jan. 8 to Feb. 13, at 10:30 a.m.

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, Mondays and Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., starting Jan. 8 at the Nesmith Library. We ask that patrons please choose only one day of the week to attend. Siblings are also welcome. Registration is for the entire session. Questions? Email Kristina at kyoung@nesmithlibrary.org.

Baby Storytime

Wednesdays, Jan. 10 to Feb. 14 10:30 a.m.

0-18 months. No registration.

All babies and their caregivers are invited to join us Wednesday mornings at the Nesmith Library for Baby Storytime! Starting Wednesday, Jan. 10 at 10:30 a.m., we will have stories, songs, dancing, and more for ages 0 to 18 months. Siblings are always welcome. Questions? Email Courtney at cwason@nesmithlibrary.org.

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays, Jan. 11 to Feb. 15 10:30 a.m.

3-5 years. Registration required.

We are inviting our young friends to join us for Preschool Storytime! On Thursday mornings starting Jan. 11 at 10:30 a.m., Courtney will lead us in a fun storytime for ages 3 to 5 including 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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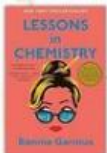
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Nesmith Library's Top Circulating Items of 2023

Fiction

Lessons in Chemistry
Bonnie Garmus



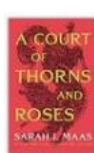
Non-Fiction

Spare
Prince Harry



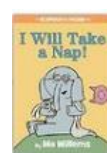
Teen

A Court of Thorns and Roses
Sarah J. Maas



Children

I Will Take a Nap!
Mo Willems



Library of Things

Puzzles!



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 ½" 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 Friday March 15th, to the front desk of the NESMITH LIBRARY.

Nesmith Library

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Website:
www.nesmithlibrary.org

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Instagram: nesmith.library
X: NesmithLibrary

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.

Dates to Remember

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| 1/1 Library Closed; Winter Reading Challenge for Adults Begins | a.m.; Drop-in Snowman Craft, 3:30 p.m.; Library Book Group, 6:00-7:30 p.m. | 10:30 a.m.; Stitchin' & Sippin': Crochet Crash Course for Teens, 6:30 p.m. |
| 1/2 FLOW meeting, 6:30 p.m. | 1/11 Preschool Storytime, 10:30-11:15 a.m. | 1/24 Baby Storytime, 10:30 a.m. |
| 1/3 Teen Miniature Book-making Takeaway, all day | 1/15 Library Closed | 1/25 Preschool Storytime, 10:30-11:15 a.m.; Covered Bridges of N.H., 6:00-7:30 p.m. |
| 1/4 Inaugural Tween Club, 6:30 p.m. | 1/16 Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. | 1/29 Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. |
| 1/6 Little Explorers, 10:30 a.m. | 1/17 Baby Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Adult Trivia Night, 6:00-7:30 p.m. | 1/30 Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Winter Reading Challenge Wrap-Up, 6:00 p.m. |
| 1/8 Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Library Board of Trustees, 6:30-8:00 p.m. | 1/18 Preschool Storytime, 10:30-11:15 a.m.; January STEAM, 6:00 p.m. | 1/31 Baby Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Emergency Preparedness for Families, 6:00 p.m. |
| 1/9 Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Teen Advisory Group, 6:30 p.m. | 1/20 Create Club, 2:00 p.m. | |
| 1/10 Baby Storytime, 10:30 | 1/22 Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Kids' Comic Club, 6:00 p.m. | |
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