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January Adult Programming

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“When you see someone putting on his Big Boots, you can be pretty sure that an Adventure is going to happen.” A.A. Milne, *Winnie the Pooh*. I hope everyone finds time in 2025 to put on their Big Boots and have a wonderful adventure or two!

New Book Releases

Three popular authors are back in January: Fiona Davis with *The Stolen Queen* (January 7), Alice Feeney with *Beautiful Ugly* (January 14), and Freida McFadden with *The Crash* (January 28). *Onyx Storm*, the third book in the *Empyrean (Fourth Wing)* series by Rebecca Yarros, is due out on January 21, and on January 28 the highly anticipated spy thriller, *The Oligarch’s Daughter* by Joseph Finder, will be available. All these books are listed in our catalog and ready to be put on hold. If you need help putting an item on hold, 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, January 8 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.

Winter Bingo Reading Challenge

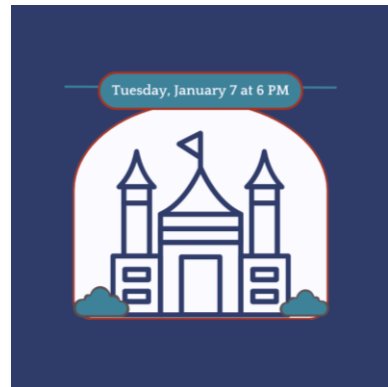
Get Ready for the 2025 Winter Bingo Reading Challenge at Nesmith Library! No matter your age or reading level, this challenge is for you! Register online and then stop by the front desk to pick up your bingo sheet. Log your books and bingo progress by noon on Thursday, January

Winter Reading Challenge *Bingo!*



30. Each bingo (five squares in a row) earns you a raffle ticket for prizes! This challenge is for Nesmith Library cardholders only, and registration opens on January 1. Check our website for more information!

Planning Your Disney Vacation



Dreaming of a Disney vacation, but feeling overwhelmed by the choices? Then join us on Tuesday, January 7 at 6:00 p.m. when we welcome Disney enthusiast Katie Midgley! Katie is a licensed Disney travel agent with My Mickey Vacation Travel, but this is not a sales pitch. She truly loves sharing her knowledge of the Disney parks and wants to help you create wonderful vacation memories. Come get Katie’s inside knowledge and start planning your magical vacation! No registration required.

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Winter Jigsaw Puzzle Race

Gather your team of up to four people, and on Wednesday, January 15, at 6:00 p.m., join us to compete against other groups in a timed jigsaw puzzle competition! Teams will have 90 minutes to put together their puzzle. Each team will be working on an identical 500-piece puzzle provided by the library. The first team to complete their puzzle will be awarded a prize! Please visit our Events Calendar for registration information.



Book Tasting for Adults

Would you like to preview upcoming 2025 book releases while enjoying

a hot chocolate bar? Then join us on Wednesday, January 22 at 6:00 p.m. for another round of Book Tasting for Adults! There will be lots of advance reader copies to peruse while drinking hot chocolate, and plenty of time to discuss which books you're looking forward to reading and which ones you've read and loved. Stay for the hour or just long enough to jot down your favorite titles! Everyone will leave with an advance reader copy! This event was very popular last summer, so don't miss your chance to grab a free book and chat with your fellow readers.



Winter Reading Challenge Wrap Up

You've spent all of January filling in your bingo sheet for our Nesmith Library Winter Bingo Reading Challenge, and now it is time to enjoy some hot cocoa! Participants are welcome to drop in at the library for a special wrap-up program on Friday, January 31 starting at 3:30 p.m. Celebrate with hot chocolate, while we talk about the books we have read this month. Our youngest patrons can enjoy a craft in the children's room! This program is for all ages and registration is not required.

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

It's a new year, and we have new programs to celebrate! If you've ever liked sparkly things, then our January Tween Night is for you. We'll be making custom crystals on Thursday, January 9 at 6:30 p.m.



In need of service hours? Did you know that members of our Teen Advisory Group get hours for every meeting? Come join us as we practice writ-

ing 2025 after every date instead of 2024 at the January T.A.G. meeting on Tuesday, January 14 at 6:30 p.m.



Mid-terms are coming up so it's going to be a week for everyone; get ready to lock in. Whether you need a change of environment to help you study, or you just need to get out of the house, you're welcome to join us for the Teen Mid-Terms Study Night

happening on Tuesday, January 21 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Whether you're new to crochet or have been doing it for years, granny squares are a must! Come learn how (or freshen up your skills) to make a crochet granny square at the Teen Crochet Night: Granny Square Edition on Tuesday, January 28 at 6:30 p.m. at the Nesmith Library.



Special Events for Children

Azra Palo,
Head of Youth Services

Winter Bingo Reading Challenge

January 1–30

All ages. Registration required.

Get ready for the 2025 Winter Bingo Reading Challenge at Nesmith Library! No matter your age or reading level, this challenge is for you! Yes, even our youngest patrons can participate in the reading fun. Starting Wednesday, January 1, Nesmith Library cardholders can register and start marking off Bingo squares for reading, attending programs, and more. For more information about the reading challenge, please see our Events Calendar, nesmithlibrary.org/calendar. Questions? Call the library at 603-432-7154 or email info@nesmithlibrary.org for more information.

Winter Reading Challenge Wrap Up

Friday, January 31
3:30–4:30 p.m.

All ages. Registration not required.

You've spent all of January filling in your bingo sheet for our Nesmith Library Winter Reading Challenge and now it is time to enjoy some hot cocoa! Participants are welcome to drop in at the library for a special wrap-up program on Friday, January 31, starting at 3:30 p.m. Celebrate with some hot chocolate with fellow patrons in a cozy atmosphere talking about the books you read this month. Our youngest patrons can enjoy a craft as well in the children's room. This program is for all ages and registration is not required. We'll supply the hot cocoa and top-

pings! Questions? Call the library at 603-432-7154 or email info@nesmithlibrary.org for more information.



Storytimes

Azra Palo

Toddler Storytime

Mondays and Tuesdays
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, Mondays and Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., starting Monday, January 6 and Tuesday, January 7 at the Nesmith Library. We ask that patrons choose only one day of the week to attend. Siblings are also welcome. Patrons can register with their Nesmith Library card. Registration is week to week. Questions? Email Joan at jcarbone@nesmithlibrary.org.



Baby Storytime

Wednesdays
10:30 a.m.

Ages 0-18 months. Registration not required.

All babies and their caregivers are invited to join us Wednesday mornings at the Nesmith Library for Baby Storytime starting Wednesday, January 8 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. 9 – Feb. 27
10:30 a.m.
Ages 3-5. Registration required.

We are inviting our young friends and their families to join us for Preschool Storytime at the Nesmith Library. Thursdays, January 9 to February 27, 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, email Courtney at cwason@nesmithlibrary.org.



Monthly Children's Programs

Azra Palo

Little Explorers

Saturday, January 4
10:30 a.m.

Ages 1-3. 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 January 4 from 10:30 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 Courtney at cwason@nesmithlibrary.org.

Story Snackers

Monday, January 6
4:00 p.m.

Ages 4-8. Registration required.



Children ages 4-8 and their caregivers are invited to join us one Monday per month for a no-bake/no-cook DIY snack afternoon! We'll gather for a story, then work together creating yummy snacks that are inspired by the book. Parents and caregivers, we'll need your help, as this is a hands-on activity. Wear something you don't mind getting a little messy! Join us at the Nesmith Library for January's treat on Monday, January 6 promptly at 4:00 p.m. Registration has begun and is required with your Nesmith Library card. This month's treat: fruit pizza! Ingredients: Mission brand flour tortilla, Shaw's brand (Lucerne) vanilla yogurt, assorted sliced fruit (strawberries, blueberries, kiwi, bananas, etc.), Cascadian Farm Oats and Honey granola. Questions? Email Courtney at cwason@nesmithlibrary.org.

Drop-in Watercolor Snowmen Craft

Wednesday, January 8
3:30 p.m.

All ages. No registration.



Ages 0-12 are welcome to join us on Wednesday, January 8 between 3:30 and 4:30 p.m. for our drop-in watercolor snowman craft! This month we will be celebrating all things winter. Specifically, all things snowmen. Come to the Nesmith Library and create your own work of art with newspapers, watercolors, and more. Our younger friends will be able to use dot painters. 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 at apalo@nesmithlibrary.org.

January STEAM Takeaway: Winter Snowglobe

Monday, January 13

Pick-up starts at 9:00 a.m.

Ages 8-11. Registration required.

What's the water stuff in a snowglobe? Wait, how do even make a snowglobe? We will answer these questions and more during our monthly STEAM program. Young scientists ages 8-11 are invited to register for our January STEAM program at the Nesmith Library. Pick up your registered kit anytime after 9:00 a.m. on Monday, January 13. 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 snowglobe! In addition, we will be using craft supplies to make a snow scene inside our snowglobe. 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 December 30. Questions? Email Azra at apalo@nesmithlibrary.org.

Crafty Creations

Saturday, January 18
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, January 18, starting at 10:00 a.m. No registration required. Questions? Email Joan at jcarbone@nesmithlibrary.org.

Free Art Friday

Friday, January 24
10:30 – 11:00 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. 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, January 10. Questions? Email Joan at jcarbone@nesmithlibrary.org.

Kids' Comic Club Jr.

Monday, January 27
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, January 27 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, January 13. Questions? Email Courtney at cwason@nesmithlibrary.org.

Kids' Comic Club
Monday, January 27
6:00 p.m.
Ages 7-11. Registration required.



Calling all young comic book lovers ages 7-11! Join us on Monday, January 27 at 6:00 p.m. for some com-

ic 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, January 13. Questions? Email Courtney cwason@nesmithlibrary.org.

Become a Nesmith Library Trustee

Are you a Windham resident? Are you interested in positively impacting the operations of the Nesmith Library? Do you have skills and assets you feel would benefit the library (especially skills regarding finances, advocacy, fundraising, and policy creation)? If you answered "yes" to two or more of these questions, please contact our library director, Sylvie Brikiatis, for more information on the role of a library trustee. Then, if you are interested in run-

ning, please file for an open seat at town hall during the candidate-filing period, January 22 to 31.

Consider attending the next board meeting on January 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Nesmith Library. Being a trustee is a great way to gain insight into how a library is run and to learn more about our budget process. We have three trustee positions up for election this March and are hoping to have interest in all these positions.

For more information, check out <https://nesmithlibrary.org/trustees>, contact Sylvie Brikiatis at director@nesmithlibrary.org, or contact any of our current board members.



Nesmith Library's Top 5 in 2024

Here's the year end update from the Nesmith Library. The top books in each collection are as follows:

- Adult Fiction:** *The Women* by Kristin Hannah
- Adult Nonfiction:** *Spare* by Prince Harry
- Teen Fiction:** *Catching Fire* by Suzanne Collins
- Children's Fiction:** *I Will Take a Nap!* By Mo Willems
- Children's Nonfiction:** *Extreme Animal Rumble* by Jerry Pallotta

Completing the top 5 in each category are:

- Adult Fiction:** (2) *First Lie Wins* by Ashley Elston, (3) *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus, (4) *The*

Five-Star Weekend by Elin Hilderbrand, (5) *Heart Bones* by Colleen Hoover

Adult Nonfiction: (2) *Hillbilly Elegy* by J.D. Vance, (3) *Nova Scotia, New Brunswick & Prince Edward Island* published by Lonely Planet, (4) *Die with Zero* by Bill Perkins, (5) *Knife Drop* by Nick Digiovanni

Teen Fiction: (2) *Crown of Night* by Sarah Maas, (3) *Empire of Storms* by Sarah Maas, (4) *The Traitor* by Richard Paul Evans, (5) *We'll Always Have Summer* by Jenny Han

Children's Fiction: (2) *An Elephant & Piggie Biggie!: Volume 1* by Mo Willems, (3) *Diary of Wimpy Kid: Dog Days* by Jeff Kinney (4), *An Elephant & Piggie Biggie!: Volume 5* by

Mo Willems, (5) *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Hard Luck* by Jeff Kinney

Children's Nonfiction: (2) *Minecraft Construction Handbook* by Matthew Needler, (3) *Minecraft Redstone Handbook* by Nick Farwell, (4) *Guinness World Records* published by Guinness World Records Limited, (5) *Ultimate Reptile Rumble* by Jerry Pallotta



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 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 4pm Saturday March 15th, to the front desk of the NESMITH LIBRARY.

Nesmith Library

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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

Wednesday, January 1
Monday, January 20

Dates to Remember

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| 1/1 Library Closed; Winter Bingo Reading Challenge Begins | 1/13 STEAM Takeaway, All Day; Toddler Storytime, 10:30–11:15 a.m.; FLOW Strawberry Festival Meeting, 6:30–8:30 p.m. | 5:30–7:30 p.m. |
| 1/2 Nesmith Knitters, 12:30–2:30 p.m. | 1/14 Toddler Storytime, 10:30–11:15 a.m.; Nesmith Library Board of Trustees, 6:30–8:00 p.m.; Teen Advisory Group, 6:30 p.m. | 1/22 Baby Storytime, 10:30–11:00 a.m.; Book Tasting for Adults, 6:00 p.m. |
| 1/4 Little Explorers, 10:30 a.m. | 1/15 Baby Storytime, 10:30–11:00 a.m.; Winter Jigsaw Puzzle Race, 6:00–7:30 p.m. | 1/23 Preschool Storytime, 10:30–11:15 a.m. |
| 1/6 Toddler Storytime, 10:30–11:15 a.m.; Story Snackers, 4:00 p.m.; FLOW Meeting, 6:30–9:00 p.m. | 1/16 Preschool Storytime, 10:30–11:15 a.m.; Nesmith Knitters, 12:30–2:30 p.m. | 1/24 Free Art Friday, 10:30–11:00 a.m. |
| 1/7 Toddler Storytime, 10:30–11:15 a.m.; Planning Your Disney Vacation, 6:00 p.m. | 1/18 Crafty Creations, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. | 1/27 Toddler Storytime, 10:30–11:15 a.m.; Kids Comic Club, Jr., 4:00–4:45 a.m.; Kids Comic Club, 6:00 p.m. |
| 1/8 Baby Storytime, 10:30–11:30 a.m.; Drop-in Watercolor Snowmen Craft, 3:30 p.m.; Nesmith Library Book Group, 6:00–7:30 p.m. | 1/20 Library Closed | 1/28 Toddler Storytime, 10:30–11:15 a.m.; Teen Learn How to Crochet, 6:30 p.m. |
| 1/9 Preschool Storytime, 10:30–11:15 a.m.; January Tween Night, 6:30 p.m. | 1/21 Toddler Storytime, 10:30–11:15 a.m.; Teen Mid-Terms Study Night, | 1/29 Baby Storytime, 10:30–11:00 a.m. |
| | | 1/30 Preschool Storytime, 10:30–11:15 a.m. |
| | | 1/31 Winter Reading Challenge Wrap Up, 3:30 p.m. |
| | | 2/1 Little Explorers, 10:30 a.m. |

