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June Adult Programming

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Adult Collection Development and
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It's summer reading time! Get ready for great programming, fun crafts, giveaways, and raffles! We'll be starting it all off with an all-ages outdoor concert at the end of the month! Summer reading registration opens on Monday, June 24! Adults can register online using Beanstack, or in person, and then visit the library to pick up a registration bag, while supplies last!

New Book Releases

A lot of our favorite best-selling authors have books out this month: *Middle of the Night* by Riley Sager (June 18), *15 Summers Later* by Raeanne Thayne (June 18), *The Summer Escape* by Jill Shalvis (June 11), *The Midnight Feast* by Lucy Foley (June 18), and *Shelterwood* by Lisa Wingate (June 4). 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.

Community Events

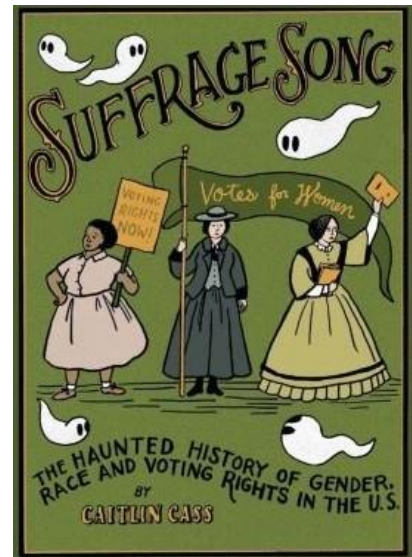
This month there are two community events that the Nesmith Library will be involved in: The Strawberry Festival and Book Fair, run by the Friends of the Library of Windham (www.flowwindham.org) on Saturday, June 1, and the Windham Pride Festival, run by Windham Citizens for Diversity, Equity + Inclusion (www.windhamdei.org) on Sunday, June 9. Visit their websites for details. Both events will be held at Windham High School. Come on by and say hello!

Nesmith Library Book Group

The Nesmith Library Book Group will meet on Wednesday, June 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 that are open to all, and they wel-

come Nesmith patrons! Find out more at www.rodgerslibrary.org/book-groups.

Suffrage Song: The Haunted History of Gender, Race, and Voting Rights in the U.S.



Join us virtually via Zoom on Monday, June 10 at 7:00 p.m., when *New Yorker* contributing cartoonist Caitlin Cass traces the fight for suffrage in the U.S. from the 1848 Seneca Falls Convention to the Voting Rights Act of 1965 in her new book, *Suffrage Song The Haunted History of Gender, Race and Voting Rights in the U.S.* Part graphic novel, part map of the suffrage movement, Caitlin's book tells the story of the fight for the right to vote by women from the very beginning, touching on the suffrage movement's triumphs, setbacks, and problematic aspects. This program is presented with Ashland (Mass.) Public Library.

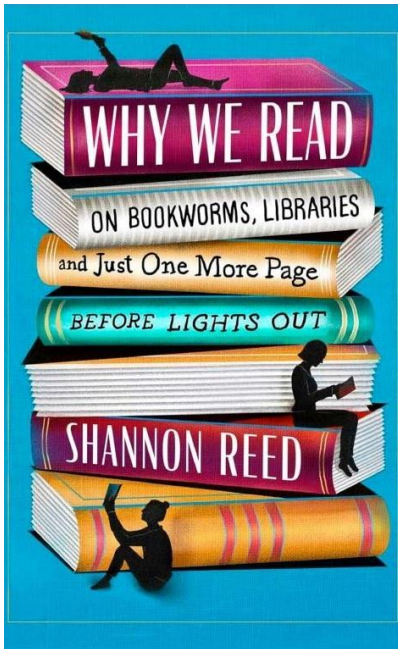
Caitlin Cass makes comics, cartoons, and art installations about failing systems and irrational hope. Story by story she is building her own canon in a

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doomed effort to understand the dismal state of the world. For the past 12 years Caitlin has published a bimonthly comic periodical under the moniker *The "Great" Moments in Western Civilization Postal Constituent*. Her cartoons and comics have appeared in *The New Yorker*, *The Lily*, and *The Nib*. Caitlin was a 2018 NYSCA/NYFA Artist Fellow in Fiction. Her 2020 solo exhibition, *Women's Work*, was awarded a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. Caitlin's graphic history *Suffrage Song* will come out with Fantagraphics Books in June 2024. Originally from River Forest, Illinois, Caitlin spent 11 years in Buffalo, N.Y., and recently moved west to teach as Assistant Professor of Studio Art, Illustration and Time-Based Media at the University of Nebraska Omaha.

Why We Read



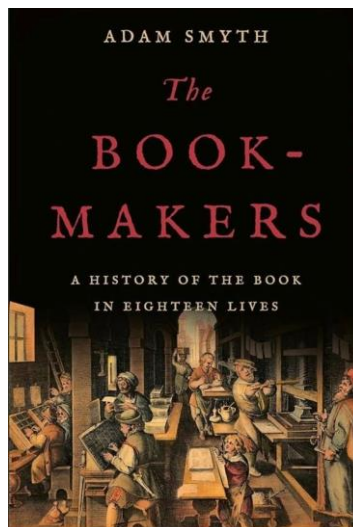
This one is for readers everywhere! Join us virtually via Zoom on Thursday, June 13 at 7:00 p.m. when we'll be chatting with author Shannon Reed about her book, *Why We Read: On Bookworms, Libraries, and Just One Page Before Lights Out*. Why DO we read? What compels us to read? What holds our attention? And how many of us remember reading by a flashlight after hours? Shannon will have the scoop and will be answering lots of our questions! She makes the case that we should read for pleasure

above all else. In this whip-smart, laugh-out-loud funny collection, she shares surprising stories from her life as a reader and the poignant ways in which books have impacted her students. This program is presented with Ashland (Mass.) Public Library.

Shannon grew up in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, and lived in Brooklyn for 14 years, where she taught high school English and Theatre. In 2012, she began studying with the Writing Program at the University of Pittsburgh, where she completed an MFA in Creative Writing (Fiction) in 2015. She joined the faculty shortly thereafter and is now the Director of Undergraduate Studies for the Writing Program in the University of Pittsburgh, as well as a Teaching Associate Professor, specializing in fiction and humor writing courses. Shannon lives in a small town just outside Pittsburgh, and she is ceaselessly interested in talking about herself and her work, so don't hesitate to get in touch via SReed151@gmail.com.

Shannon's first book, *Why Did I Get a B?: And Other Mysteries We're Discussing in the Faculty Lounge*, was a semi-finalist for the Thurber Prize in American Humor. Her second, *Why We Read: On Bookworms, Libraries, and Just One More Page Before Lights Out*, was published on February 6, 2024. It's a Next Big Idea Club Must-Read Pick!

The Book-Makers



Books have transformed humankind by enabling authors to create,

document, and entertain. Yet we know little about the individuals who brought these fascinating objects into existence and of those who first experimented in the art of printing, design, and binding. Who were the renegade book-makers who changed the course of history? We will help answer that question on Tuesday, June 18 at 10:00 a.m. when author Adam Smyth joins us virtually via Zoom to talk about this topic so close to our hearts. Adam's new book, *The Book-Makers: A History of the Book in Eighteen Lives*, tells of the 500-year history of printed books through the people who created them. This program is presented with the Ashland (Mass.) Public Library.

Adam Smyth is professor of English literature and the history of the book at Balliol College, Oxford University. He works on the connections between literature and material texts, particularly in the 16th and 17th centuries, but also more widely. He is the author of four books and the editor or co-editor of four collections of essays. Adam is a founding member of the 39 Steps Press printing collective, based in a barn in Oxfordshire. He co-hosts the literary podcast, and sometime radio show, LitBits. He writes regularly for the *London Review of Books*.

2024 Summer Reading Concert



It's time to kick-off our 2024 Summer Reading Program! This year's national theme is "Adventure Begins at Your Library," and we'll start the summer off right on Tuesday, June 26 at 6:00 p.m. with an all-ages outdoor concert featuring Knock on Wood! The Walking Gourmet food truck will be on hand selling delicious food, or feel free

to bring your own picnic! Don't forget a blanket or lawn chair. In the event of rain, the concert will be moved inside and the food truck will continue to serve with dining space available in our multipurpose room. This program is for all ages! No registration required. **Parking is limited, so please consider carpooling.**

Knock on Wood is a high-energy acoustic folk-rock duo, featuring sing-

er-songwriter Howie Newman on guitar, lead vocals, and harmonica. Howie will be joined by Joe Kessler, Abe Dewing, or Dave Talmage, three of the top fiddlers in the area. It's a very lively all-ages show with great musicianship, nice vocal harmonies, and a little humor here and there.

Walking Gourmet Food Truck is a Windham-based culinary kitchen-on-wheels earning a Viewers' Choice

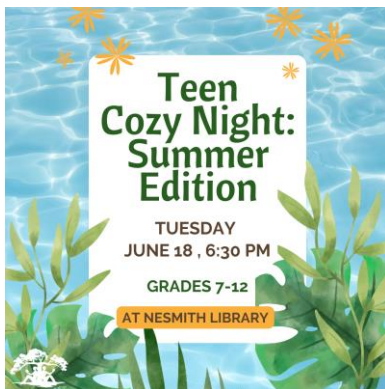
Award from WMUR in 2020.

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 mschroter@nesmithlibrary.org.

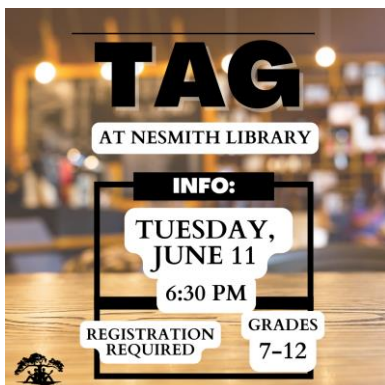
Teen Happenings

Molly Pevna,
Teen Services Librarian

Did you know that we have the start of the Teen Summer Reading Program happening this month? Registration for the Summer Reading Program and all the events that we'll be having opens on Monday, June 25! But that doesn't mean that we don't have all our programming besides that.



We're celebrating the end of school with a Teen Cozy Night: Summer Edition happening on Tuesday, June 18, at 6:30 p.m. There will be a make your own summer cooler drink station, build your own pancake bar, and more!



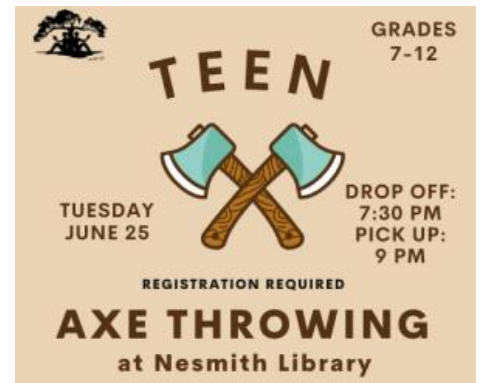
We'll also be having our last Teen Advisory Group meeting of the school year on Tuesday, June 11 at 6:30 p.m. Not able to make it? Stop by the Strawberry Festival on June 1 between 11:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the Windham High School and visit the TAG table to see what we have going on.

Tweens can also get in on the action with the last Tween Creative Collaborators Club of the school year on Thursday, June 6 at 6:30 p.m. The C.C.C. will be kicking off the summer season by making summer refreshers with all kinds of yummy ingredients. You won't want to miss out on this one!



Attention all axe-cellent teens going into grades 7-12. Join us on Tuesday, June 25 from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. for a one-of-a-kind after hours event: a mobile axe throwing party right here at the library to celebrate the beginning of the 2024 Teen Summer Reading Program at the Nesmith Library! Get ready to unleash your inner lumberjack with safe and supervised axe throwing led by professionals. Plus, fuel up with

delicious pizza served at 7:30 p.m. to keep you energized as you conquer the targets.



Here's what you need to know:

- Registration is a must! Spots are limited, so sign up early.
- Closed-toe shoes are absolutely required for safety. You will not be allowed to throw without them.
- Parents or guardian have to complete a waiver before you can throw. The waiver will be emailed to you when you register.
- Pick up is promptly at 9:00 p.m. Any participants not picked up by 9:15 p.m. will be walked down to the Windham Police Station to have a safe environment to wait for their caregiver.

Note: We will also be having our adult and children's Summer Reading Kick-Off earlier in the evening, so if you can carpool or drop-off, please do. Parking is very limited.

If you have questions about these or any other tween and teen programs, please feel free to reach out to Molly at mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org.

I Spy the Nesmith Library Children's Librarians

Azra Palo,
Head of Youth Services

As we gear up for summer programming, the Nesmith Library children's staff are spending June doing outreach. We will be out in the community, and you may spy one or all of us at an event or program in town!

If you have a student at the Windham Co-Op, you may have heard about a May visit from our librarian, Courtney. She entertained students with songs, stories, and more. Thank you to the Windham Co-Op for allowing us to visit your school!



Of course, we will be at the Friends of the Windham Library's Annual Strawberry Festival on Saturday, June 1 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Windham High School. Can you believe it will be their 39th year hosting the event? Nesmith children's staff will be there with a craft and other surprises. Everyone is welcome to stop by and say hi to Joan, our new librarian in the children's department!



The following week the library will be at the Windham Pride Festival on

Sunday, June 9, 12:00-4:00 p.m. at the Windham High School. Azra, along with other Nesmith staff, will be there, so come say hi and learn about what we have in store for the summer! The rest of June we will be visiting various Windham daycares and Golden Brook School's first grade class to talk about all the ways our youngest patrons can engage with the library whether it is checking out a book, attending a program, borrowing an unusual item, or something else. We love when patrons visit the library, but it is especially fun for the librarians to get a chance to go outside the Nesmith Library walls and see patrons at a variety of Windham events and community places! Questions about children's outreach? Call the library at 603-432-7154 or email Azra at apalo@nesmithlibrary.org.

Summer Reading Program 2024

Azra Palo

Children's Summer Reading Registration on Beanstack



Monday, June 24, 9:00 a.m.

All ages. Registration required.

Virtual and in-person.

The Nesmith Library Children's Summer Reading Program starts on Monday, June 24 with registration on our online app, Beanstack! All ages are welcome to read or be read to by an adult, and audiobooks, magazines, e-books, and more earn tickets toward prizes including kits and gift certificates.

Young patrons are welcome to start logging their minutes and stop by the library for a lanyard and registra-

tion button on this day. Lanyards are available while supplies last. Patrons that miss out on the lanyards are welcome to use their own lanyards all summer long as they collect weekly buttons during our summer reading program. As you read this summer, don't forget to add stickers to our mural in the children's room! Registration is rolling. For questions about Beanstack, summer reading registration, and more, contact Azra at apalo@nesmithlibrary.org.

Summer Drop-In Craft

Monday, June 24, 3:30 p.m.

All ages. Registration not required.

This summer, Mondays are for crafting! Starting Monday, June 24 at 3:30 p.m., all ages are welcome to join this laid-back crafternoon, where we'll cool off in the library's A/C while getting our creativity flowing. Each week we'll use glue, paper, scissors, and fun extras to create adorable crafts to hang on the fridge or give to a loved

one. Patrons are welcome to drop in between 3:30 and 4:30 p.m. No registration required, just drop in and have fun! There will be a different theme each week. Please note there is NO drop-in craft session for July 1. Questions? Call the library at 603-432-7154 or email Courtney at cwason@nesmithlibrary.org.

Comic Workshop with Artist Marek Bennett

Monday, June 24, 6:00 p.m.

8-12 years. Registration required.

It's a very SPECIAL EDITION of our usual Nesmith Library Kids' Comic Club! Join special guest artist and author Marek Bennett on Monday, June 24 at 6:00 p.m. for this registered workshop. He'll provide an overview of what he does, along with tutorials and activities on getting started (or keeping the momentum) with your own comic book and graphic novel ideas! This is a very hands-on workshop, with lots of writing and drawing.



Comic Workshop


WITH ARTIST MAREK BENNETT

MONDAY, JUNE 24

6 PM

AGES 8-11

REGISTRATION REQUIRED



We will provide the necessary paper, pencils, and pens for the workshop, but if you have a favorite drawing pad, feel free to bring it along!

Registration opens two weeks before the event on Monday, June 10 at 9:00 a.m. Questions? Call the library at 603-432-7154 or email Courtney at cwason@nesmithlibrary.org.

Summer Kick Off: Knock on Wood Concert

Tuesday, June 25, 5:30 p.m.

All ages. Registration not required.

The Nesmith Library children's department is teaming up with Adult Services Librarian Maria to bring you a joint 2024 summer reading kick off! This year's national theme is "Adventure Begins at Your Library," and we'll start the summer off right with an outdoor concert featuring Knock on Wood on Tuesday, June 25 starting at 5:30 p.m. The Walking Gourmet food truck will be on hand selling delicious food,

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Chalk the Walk



Nesmith Library
Woodbury, New Hampshire

Summer Chalk the Walk

Thursday June 27
1:00-2:00 PM

All Ages
Registration not Required.

Thursday, June 27, 1:00 p.m.

All ages. Registration not required.

Calling young artists of all ages!

Join the Nesmith Library on Thursday, June 27, from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. to create some concrete (and brick) chalk art. We will be using different forms of chalk including spray chalk!

Chalk and supplies will be provided, just bring your imagination! No registration is required. Please check out our online event calendar and Nesmith

Library social media the week of the event for changes due to weather.

Questions? Call the library at 603-432-7154 or email Azra at apalo@nesmithlibrary.org or Maria at mschroeter@nesmithlibrary.org.

Summer Little Explorers



Nesmith Library
Woodbury, New Hampshire

SUMMER LITTLE EXPLORERS

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

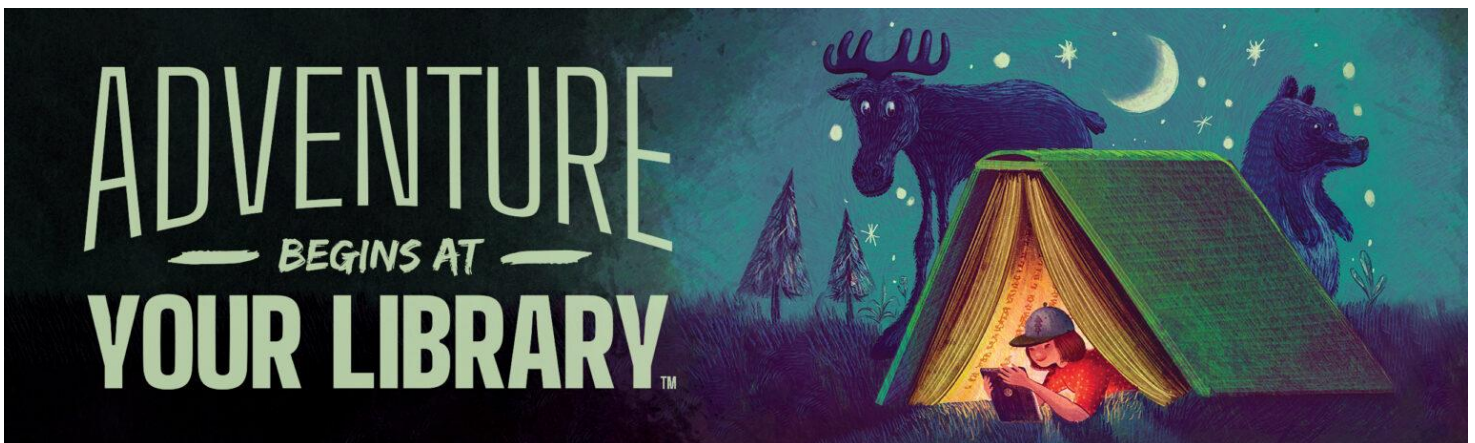
10:30-11:30 AM

AGES 1-3
NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Saturday, June 29, 10:30 a.m.

1-3 yrs. Registration not required.

Join us for a special summer edition of our Little Explorers program at Nesmith Library! Toddlers are natural scientists, always curious about the world around them. Invite your child to explore the world through their senses on Saturday, June 29, at 10:30 a.m. No registration is required. Drop in any time during the one-hour program to squish, pour, stretch, smell, and listen to gentle music while you meet other local families and have fun together! Siblings welcome. Questions? Call the library at 603-432-7154 or email Azra at apalo@nesmithlibrary.org.



ADVENTURE

BEGINS AT

YOUR LIBRARY™

Nesmith Library 2024 Summer Reading Programs Calendar of Events

Stephanie Rinehart-Joseph,
Marketing Librarian

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June		24	25	26	27	28	29
		3:30 PM Drop-in Craft 6 PM Marek Bennett Comic Workshop*	5:30 PM Summer Reading Kick-Off Concert: Knock on Wood! 7:30 PM Teen Summer Reading Kick-Off: Axe Throwing! *		1 PM Summer Chalk the Walk 4 PM Tween Roblox Afternoon *		10:30 AM Little Explorers
	30	1	2	3	4	5	6
			6:30 PM Teen Chill Night		LIBRARY CLOSED		
		← Mon. - Fri. Scavenger Hunt →					
		7	8	9	10	11	12
July		3:30 PM Drop-In Craft	10:30 AM Letizio Tower Storytime 1 PM Lego Drop-In 6:30 PM Teen Craft Night	10:30 AM & 1:30 PM Magician Mike Bent*	1 PM Tie Dye 4 PM Tween Boba Workshop		
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	3:30 PM Drop-In Craft 7 PM Virtual: Two Nerdy History Girls *	10:30 AM Beach Storytime** 6:30 PM Teen Sunset Yoga	10:30 AM & 1:30 PM Wildlife Encounters* 6 PM Book Tasting for Adults *	4 PM, 5:15 PM, & 6:30 PM Teen Escape Rooms *	12 PM, 1:15 PM, & 2:30 PM Tween Escape Rooms *	1:30 PM Monadnock Falconry	
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	3:30 PM Drop-In Craft 5 PM Graphic Novel Book Tasting*	10:30 AM Foster's Pond Storytime 1 PM Lego Drop-In 7 PM Teen Stargazing	10:30 AM Bubble Mania 6 PM Fused Glass Workshop *	4 PM Tween Innovators *	4 PM Tween Innovators *		
	28	29	30	31	1	2	3
3:30 PM Drop-In Craft	10:30 AM Moeckel Pond Storytime 6:30 PM Teen Boba Workshop	10:30 AM Mr. Aaron Music Finale 2 PM Corbin's Animal Garden (NH Humanities) *	4 PM Tween Innovators *	4 PM Tween Innovators *	6 PM Mediumship Gallery *		
August	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		6:30 PM Teen Book Lovers Night	6:30 PM Tween Innovators *	6 PM Adult Summer Reading Wrap Party & Trivia Night *	5:30 PM Teen Summer Reading Wrap: Nerf Gun Battle *		

All Ages

Children

Teen

Adult

Nesmith Library's summer reading programs are generously sponsored by Friends of the Library of Windham (FLOW)

* Registration required

** Registration required & Windham residents only

Thank You



Thank you Windham Moms Alliance, Friends of the Library of Windham, and Kids in Service for the lovely planters! Spring has definitely sprung at the Nesmith Library.

Dates to Remember

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| 6/1 Strawberry Festival, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Windham High School | 6/13 Virtual <i>Why We Read: On Bookworms, Libraries, and Just One More Page Before Lights Out</i> , 7:00 p.m. | 6/24 Summer Reading Registration Begins, 9:00 a.m.; Summer Drop-in Craft, 3:30 p.m.; Comic Workshop with Artist Marek Bennett, 6:00-7:15 p.m. |
| 6/3 FLOW Membership Meeting, 6:30 p.m. | 6/16 Father's Day, Library Closed | 6/25 2024 Summer Reading Kick-Off Outdoor Concert, 5:30-7:00 p.m.; Teen SRP Kick-Off: Axe Throwing, 7:30-9:00 p.m. |
| 6/6 Nesmith Knitters, 12:30-2:30 p.m.; Tween Creative Collaborators Club, 6:30 p.m. | 6/17 Nesmith Library Board of Trustees, 6:30-8:00 p.m. | 6/27 Summer Chalk the Walk, 1:00 p.m.; Tween Roblox Afternoon, 4:00 p.m. |
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| 6/11 Teen Advisory Group, 6:30 p.m. | | |
| 6/12 Nesmith Library Book | | |

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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 Closures

Sunday, June 16
Thursday, July 4

