



# The Nesmith NEWS

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## March Adult Programming

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It's time to spring forward because Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 10! Don't forget to change your clocks one hour ahead before you go to bed on Saturday, March 9.

### New Book Releases

There are some great new books hitting the shelf in March. On March 5, Tana French is back with *The Hunter*, "a nuanced, atmospheric tale that explores what we'll do for our loved ones, what we'll do for revenge, and what we sacrifice when the two collide." *The Funeral Ladies of Ellerie County* by Claire Swinarski (March 12): "armed with a Crock-Pot and a pile of recipes, a grandmother, her granddaughter, and a mysterious young man work to bring a community together in this uplifting novel." And finally, *Chasing Beauty: The Life of Isabella Stewart Gardner* by Natalie Dykstra (March 26) is the true story of Isabella and the magnificent art she collected. 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, March 13 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 6 different book groups that are open to all, and they welcome Nesmith patrons! Find out more at [www.rodgerslibrary.org/book-groups](http://www.rodgerslibrary.org/book-groups).

### Cultural Passport Series

This month we are continuing our partnership with Tewksbury (Mass.) Public Library to bring another round of our Cultural

Passport series to the library. These daytime virtual Zoom programs will explore history, art, health, and wildlife. All of the programs in this series will be offered only on Zoom.

## Cultural Passport



### Virtual Programs

"A Visit with the Lowell National Historic Park" on Tuesday, March 5 at 12:30 p.m.

"The History of Presidential Libraries" on Tuesday, March 12 at 12:30 p.m.

"The History of Ireland: 1607 to the Great Famine" on Thursday, March 14 at 10:30 a.m.

"Creative Couples of London: Elizabeth Siddal and Laura Alma-Tade" on Thursday, March 21 at 10:30 a.m.

"Armchair Tour of the Phillips House in Salem, MA" on Tuesday, March 26 at 12:30 p.m.

"Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body" on Wednesday, March 27 at 10:30 a.m.

"The Wonderful World of Bats" on Thursday, March 28 at 10:30 a.m.

"Aim High: A History of Militarized Space" on Friday, March 29 at 10:30 a.m.

Our website [Events Calendar](#) has full descriptions and links to register.

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## Maple Mania

From Sap to Syrup & the Magic In Between

Wednesday, March 6 at 6pm



### Maple Mania

It's maple season! Come celebrate with us on Wednesday, March 6, at 6:00 p.m. when environmental educator Willa Coroka presents a brief history of maple mania in New England.

From identifying a sugar maple to actually trying our hand at tapping a maple limb, this engaging and interactive program will take you through the process of sap to syrup and everything in between while wrapping up, naturally, with a taste sampling from a local sugarbush! All ages are welcome!

Willa Coroka has her M.S. in environmental education, is a UNH Extension Master Gardener, and works as an education specialist at NH. Audubon. She is a self-described nature nut, and her greatest memories all involve the great outdoors and the plants and animals that she has en-

countered in both her own backyard and across the globe during her many travels. Learn more about Willa on her website, [themagpiesapprentice.org](http://themagpiesapprentice.org).

## USAJOBS

SHAPE AMERICA'S FUTURE

Find your fit in the federal government

### USAJobs: Demystifying the Federal Hiring Process

On Wednesday, March 20, at 7:00 p.m., join Lena Jackson for this virtual Zoom program as she introduces you to the USAJobs hiring system, talks about the federal hiring process, eligibility, and the differences between federal and civilian resumes. This program is a must attend for anyone who is interested in applying for federal jobs, especially veterans and their family members. This program is presented in conjunction with the Reading (Mass.) Public Library.

Lena Jackson has worked as a human resources specialist specializing in staffing for the National Park Service since October of 2020. Prior to that, she worked as a community readiness consultant for the U.S. Air Force for 12 years. Her focus was on the military spouse employment program and transition assistance program for military members leaving active duty.

### Incorporating Native Plants into Your Landscapes

Join us on Thursday, March 21 at 6:00 p.m. when UNH Extension Mas-

ter Gardener Sheila Steele introduces us to native plants and explains why they are important to add to landscapes. Photos of native plants appropriate for various growing conditions will be shown, as well as photos of native garden examples. We will learn where to buy natives and how to use them successfully in both new and existing gardens. Ideas for creating a native garden in a container will also be covered. Hopefully, you'll come away inspired to make small changes in your garden to include some native plants, which will help our pollinators!



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](mailto:mschroeter@nesmithlibrary.org) or call the library at 603-432-7154.

## Stuffie Sleepover

Azra Palo,  
Head of Youth Services

Thursday, March 28

Drop off by 5:00 p.m.

Ages 0 to 12 years. Registration required.

Please note this is not an in-person program. Registered participants, ages 0 to 12 are welcome to drop off their favorite cuddle buddy no later than Thursday, March 28, by 5:00 p.m. for the sleepover and pick them up Friday, March 29, starting at 9:00 a.m. Follow us on social media to see photos from the big sleepover.

This event requires registration with your Nesmith Library card. Registration opens on Thursday, March 14. Questions? Email Azra at [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org).



## Monthly Children's Programs

Azra Palo

### Little Explorers

Saturday, March 2

10:30-11:30 a.m.

1-3 years. No registration required.



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, March 2 from 10:30 to 11:30 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](mailto:cwason@nesmithlibrary.org).

### Drop-in Clover Craft

Wednesday, March 13

3:30-4:30 p.m.

All ages. No registration required.



Drop in for a clover-themed craft at the Nesmith Library on Wednesday, March 13 between 3:30 and 4:30 p.m.

This month, children will be using mixed materials to create their own fantastic clover-related craft to take home! They can give it to a friend or family member for Saint Patrick's Day or keep for themselves. You bring the creativity, and we provide the supplies. No registration required. Questions? Email Azra, [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org).

### March STEAM: Ch-Ch-Chia!

Thursday, March 14

6:00 p.m.

6-11 years. Registration required.



How do plants grow? We will answer this question and more during our monthly STEAM program! Young scientists ages 6-11 are invited to our March STEAM program on Thursday, March 14, starting promptly at 6:00 p.m. During our STEAM programs, 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 how plants thrive in a garden and making our own mini ch-ch-chia planters. Registration opens on Thursday, February 29. Questions? Please email Azra Palo at [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org).

### Kids' Comic Club Jr.

Monday, March 25

4:30 p.m.

4-6 years. 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, March 25, at 4:30 p.m. for a new 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, March 11. Questions? Email Courtney at [cwason@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:cwason@nesmithlibrary.org).

### Kids' Comic Club

Monday, March 25

6:00 p.m.

7-11 years. Registration required.

Calling all young comic book lovers ages 7-11! Join us on Monday, March 25 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, March 11. Questions? Email Courtney at [cwason@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:cwason@nesmithlibrary.org).

## Teen Happenings

Molly Pevna,  
Teen Services Librarian

March on into all the things that we have going on for teens this month!

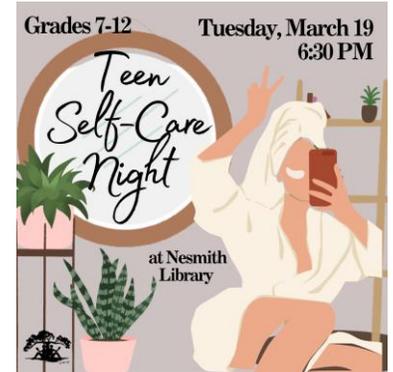


Starting off strong we have for grades 5-8 the **Tween Creative Collaborators Club** on Thursday, March 7 at 6:30 p.m. Join us for an out-of-this-world adventure with... moon sand! Get ready to mix up your own batch of moon sand! It's like regular sand, but cooler, because it holds its shape.

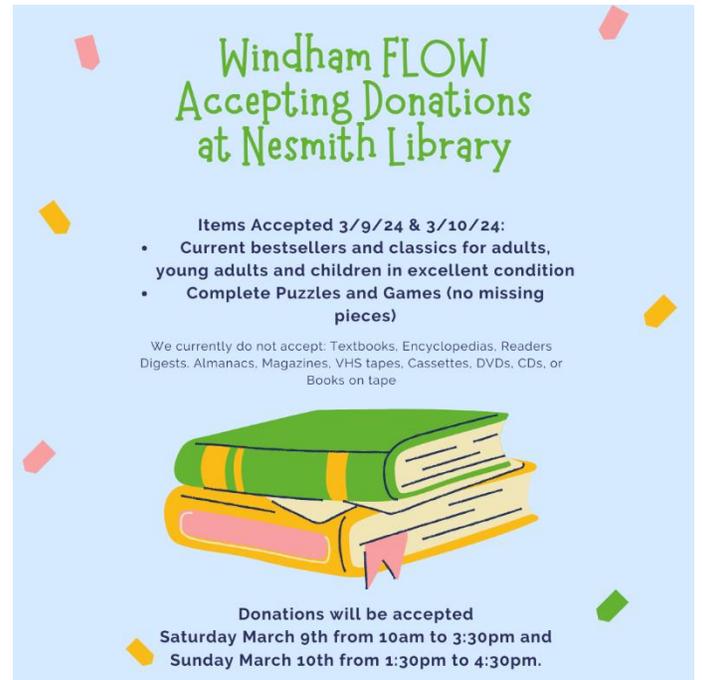
The following week it's all things **TAG** (Teen Advisory Group) for grades 7-12. Want to shape the future of the library for teens? Join the TAG meeting on Tuesday, March 12, at 6:30 p.m. TAG is all about YOU! It's your chance to chat with other teens who share your passions; voice your ideas about library programs, events, and even the teen space itself; and make a real difference in your community. No experience necessary! Just come with your thoughts, your love for the library, and be ready to have some fun! Registration is required, so make sure to sign up! Can't make the Tuesday meeting? That's alright, we're having an alternative meeting on Friday, March 15 at 5:30 p.m. Yes, it's after hours, so make sure to register if you want to join us.

By the middle of the month, you're going to be worn out from all these awesome programs, so it's probably

time for some self-care. Unwind, relax, and recharge at our **Teen Self-Care Night** on Tuesday, March 19, at 6:30 p.m. Stop by for an evening of fun activities designed to help you de-stress and focus on your well-being. We'll have DIY face masks, yoga, and share what works for each of our own self-care!



Questions about any of these programs? You can always reach out to Molly at [mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org).



## FLOW Academic Grants

The Friends of the Library of Windham (FLOW) is pleased to offer three distinct grants to Windham residents. These grants are a one-time award ranging from \$1,500 to \$2,500. Two of the awards are for high school seniors in pursuit of a four-year degree at a college or university and the other is for a high school senior with plans to attend a community college or trade school. Go to <https://www.flowwindham.org/scholarships> for details. The deadline to apply is March 29.

# 39th 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 taking place on Saturday, June 1, 2024. 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.**

## Storytimes

Azra Palo

### Toddler Storytime

Mondays and Tuesdays, March 4 - April 9, 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 on Mondays and Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., starting March 4 at Nesmith Library! We ask that patrons choose only one day of the week to attend. Siblings are welcome. Registration is for the entire session. Questions? Email Azra at [apalo@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:apalo@nesmithlibrary.org).

### Baby Storytime

Wednesdays, March 6 – April 10, 10:30 a.m. Ages 0 to 18 months. No registration required.

All babies and their caregivers are invited to join us Wednesday mornings at the Nesmith Library for Baby Storytime! Starting Wednesday, March 6 at 10:30 a.m., we will have stories, songs, dancing, and more for ages 0 to 18 months. Siblings are always welcome. Questions? Please email Courtney at [cwason@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:cwason@nesmithlibrary.org).

### Preschool Storytime

Thursdays, March 7 – April 11, 10:30 a.m. Ages 3 to 5 years old. Registration required.

We invite our preschool friends to join us for storytime! On Thursdays, March 7 to April 11, at 10:30 a.m. Courtney will lead the fun for ages 3 to 5 with songs, stories, and crafts. This is an independent storytime. For more information about our Preschool Storytime, please email Courtney at [cwason@nesmithlibrary.org](mailto:cwason@nesmithlibrary.org).

## Dates to Remember

- 3/1 Scavenger Hunt, all day
- 3/2 Little Explorers, 10:30 a.m.
- 3/4 Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; FLOW Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 3/5 Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Virtual Visit with the Lowell National Historical Park, 12:30 p.m.
- 3/6 Baby Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Maple Mania, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- 3/7 Preschool Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Nesmith Knitters, 12:30-2:30 p.m.; Tween Creative Collaborators Club, 6:30 p.m.
- 3/9 FLOW Accepting Donations, 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.; FLOW Strawberry Festival Poster Decorating Workshop, 2:00-3:30 p.m.
- 3/10 FLOW Accepting Donations, 1:30-4:30 p.m.
- 3/11 Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.
- 3/12 Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Virtual His-

- tory of Presidential Libraries, 12:30 p.m.; Teen Advisory Group, 6:30 p.m.
- 3/13 Baby Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Drop-in Clover Craft, 3:30 p.m.; Nesmith Library Book Group, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- 3/14 Preschool Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Virtual History of Ireland, 10:30 a.m.; March STEAM, 6:00 p.m.
- 3/15 After Hours Teen Advisory Group, 5:30 p.m.; 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Strawberry Festival & Book Fair Design Contest Deadline
- 3/18 Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.
- 3/19 Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Teen Self-Care Night, 6:30 p.m.
- 3/20 Baby Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; USAJobs: Demystifying the Federal Hiring Process, 7:00 p.m.
- 3/21 Preschool Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Virtual

- Creative Couples of London, 10:30 a.m.; Nesmith Knitters, 12:30-2:30 p.m.; Incorporating Native Plants into Your Landscapes, 6:00 p.m.
- 3/25 Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Kids' Comic Club, Jr., 4:30-5:15 p.m.; Kids' Comic Club, 6:00 p.m.
- 3/26 Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Virtual Armchair Tour of the Phillips House, 12:30 p.m.
- 3/27 Baby Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Virtual Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body, 10:30 a.m.
- 3/28 Preschool Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Virtual Wonderful World of Bats, 10:30 a.m.; Stuffie Sleepover, 5:00 p.m.
- 3/29 Virtual Aim High – A History of Militarized Space, 10:30 a.m.; FLOW Academic Grant Deadline
- 3/31 Easter, Library Closed

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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.

Nesmith Library will be closed Sunday, March 31 for Easter.

