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March Adult Programming

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*May peace and plenty be the first to lift
the latch to your door, and happiness be
your guest today and evermore.*
– Traditional Irish Blessing

New Book Releases

Here are a few of the March books coming our way! Emma Donoghue, the author of *Room*, releases *The Paris Express* on March 18. Thinking of a tropical vacation or just missing the summer weather, *Beach Vibes* by Susan Mallery is out on March 18. *Ward D* by Boston-based physician Freida McFadden will be out on March 4. There are some great non-fiction titles as well: *The Ride: Paul Revere and the Night That Saved America* by Kostya Kennedy on March 25; *Grenier Air Base: A Beacon on the Home Front* about the WWII military base at Manchester Airport by Leah Dearborn; *Martha Stewart's Gardening Handbook: The Essential Guide to Designing, Planting, and Growing* on March 18; and *The Mesopotamian Riddle: An Archaeologist, a Soldier, a Clergyman, and the Race to Decipher the World's Oldest Writing* by Joshua Hammer on March 18. 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, March 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.



Trivia Night

Join us on Wednesday, March 5 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. Light snacks will be provided.



Boston Light

Join us virtually via Zoom on Monday, March 10 at 7:00 p.m. when author and historian Jeremy D'Entremont delves into the history of Boston Light. Based on his book, *Boston Light: Three Centuries of History*, this talk focuses on Boston Light Station, the site of the first lighthouse on the North American continent. Jeremy will trace its history through three centuries of tragedy, rescues, and colorful human-interest stories of keepers and their fami-

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lies. Jeremy is one of our favorite speakers, so we hope you will join us virtually for another great discussion! This program is presented with the Ashland Public Library in Ashland, Mass.

Jeremy D'Entremont is the president and historian of the American Lighthouse Foundation, historian for the U.S. Lighthouse Society, and the author of more than 20 books and hundreds of articles on lighthouses and maritime history. He is the producer and host of the U.S. Lighthouse Society's podcast, *Light Hearted*. He has appeared on the popular *Ghost Hunters* TV show, as well as *Haunted Lighthouses of America* on the Travel Channel. He has also appeared on the History Channel, Public Television, and National Public Radio speaking about lighthouses.



Live Virtual Tour of Cusco, Peru

Join us on Tuesday, March 11 at 2:00 p.m., tour guide Jimmy Sotomayor takes 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 in 1983. This program is presented with the 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 in person.



Irish Whiskey

How perfect is this for St. Paddy's Day? Travis IRELAND of *The Friskey Whiskey Podcast* will join us virtually via Zoom on Monday, March 17 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the history of Irish whiskeys and the best he has encountered! So, pull up your comfy chair and highball glass and be ready to be educated and entertained. If you are 21+, we encourage you to BYOB for this special occasion. This virtual program is presented with Ashland Public Library.

Travis Ireland, co-host of *The Friskey Whiskey Podcast*, is an IT professional by day and a whiskey aficionado by passion. He brings his knowledge and expertise to the podcast, discussing various distilleries, tasting notes, and industry trends. Through *The Friskey Whiskey*, Travis aims to educate, entertain, and share his profound appreciation for whiskey.

Saint-Gaudens Nat'l Historical Park

Saint-Gaudens National Historical Park in Cornish, N.H. is one of only two national parks in New Hampshire, and on Thursday, March 20 at 6:00 p.m., we will be taking a virtual tour of the park and learning about the life of the artist, Augustus Saint-Gaudens. Our guide will be Kerstin Burlingame, Interpretation and Education Park Ranger. Kerstin will discuss Saint-

Gaudens' start, his artwork, and his legacy, touching on how the park became the only National Park Service site dedicated to a sculptor. Kerstin will also highlight what the park has to offer – tours, gardens, workshops, etc.



Kerstin Burlingame's career with the National Park Service started with an internship at Theodore Roosevelt National Park in the Badlands in North Dakota, where she got bit by the travel bug and wooed by the NPS mission statement "to protect and preserve for future generations." She's since worked as a park ranger at several national parks, including Shenandoah NP, Glacier NP, Everglades NP, Mount Rainier NP, and now, for over a decade, at Saint-Gaudens NHP.



The Old Man

When the Old Man of the Mountain fell from his perch high above Franconia Notch on May 3, 2003, it made international news. Many in New Hampshire and beyond responded as though mourning a beloved public figure. On Wednesday, March 26 at 6:00 p.m., educator Inez McDermott will tell the "story" of the Old Man and examine the ways that public perceptions of the profile played a role in shaping and establishing New Hampshire's identity, both symbolically and physically. She will discuss the stories of the many

people who played a part in “saving” the Old Man, from the risk-taking mountaineers and engineers who kept the ledges in place for so many years, to the schoolchildren who gave their pennies to help protect the forest around him. Attendees will be encouraged to tell stories of their own encounters with this iconic symbol as we discuss why these granite ledges – the result of a “miraculous accident” according to a state geologist – have played such an outsized role in the hearts of so many. This program is made possible through a grant from New Hampshire Humanities.

Inez McDermott has been teaching art history and curating art and history exhibitions in New Hampshire since 1986. In her classes and research, she explores the ways that art can play a role in social engagement, participatory democracy, and activism. Her specific research interests focus on historical and contemporary New Hampshire art and artists, with a particular focus on 19th-century photography.

A History of Guinness Beer

Join us virtually via Zoom on Mon-



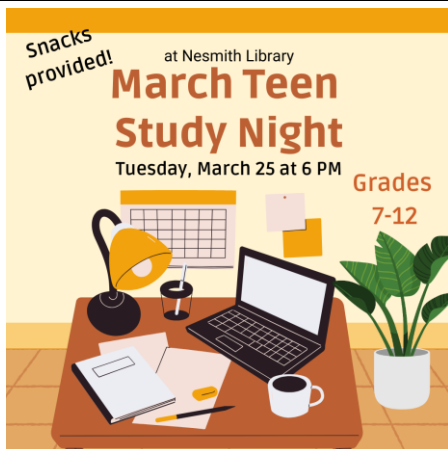
day, March 31 at 7:00 p.m. when we will be chatting with Mike Reardon, a Guinness Ambassador – a highly trained beer expert and storyteller who captivates Guinness lovers and audiences with the beer, culinary, and cultural history of this beloved Irish institution. So, sit back, relax, grab a pint (if you are over 21), and join us for this wonderful discussion to close out St. Paddy’s Day month! This program is presented with Ashland Public Library.

Mike is a native New Englander, born and raised just north of Boston. Following a successful hospitality and performing arts career, Mike spent the last decade as a beer educator and quality specialist – including the past six years as a Guinness Brewery Ambassador. In this role, he lives and breathes all things beer and shares his deeply rooted love for Guinness and authentic Irish pubs. In addition to his role as a Guinness Brewery Ambassador, Mike is an accomplished home chef, gardener, history enthusiast, and oyster expert. His background in performing arts is evident in his artful storytelling every time he engages an audience.

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.

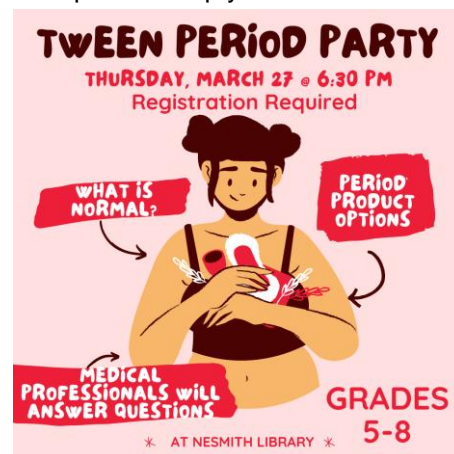
Teen Happenings

Molly Pevna,
Teen Services Librarian



Has the March slump caught you? Are you wicked behind on everything and you don’t even know how it happened? Well, we’ve got snacks and a dedicated place to help you catch up

on all that work. Stop by the Nesmith Library on Tuesday, March 25 starting at 6:00 p.m. for the March Teen Study Night. We’ll have snacks, low lighting, and space to help you lock in.



This event was too good to pass up just because we got snowed out on our original date! So, 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 you may have about periods. Come learn a little more about your cycle, eat snacks, and celebrate all things Aunt Flow at Nesmith Library on Thursday, March 27 at 6:30 p.m. Participants will even get a period “go pack”! Questions about this or any other teen programs? Please call the library at 603-432-7154 or email Molly at mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org for more information.

From the Children's Room

Azra Palo,
Head of Youth Services



NEW COLLECTION ALERT!

Ask a librarian today about our children's Playaways, the pre-loaded audio book player!

playaway PRODUCTS

Special Collection News

Playaways are officially part of the Nesmith Library children's collection!

What's a Playaway? Playaway is the pre-loaded audiobook that gives you the portability and freedom to take audiobooks everywhere. No internet, apps, downloads, or smartphones needed!

What do I need to listen to a Playaway? A battery and headphones with a universal headphone jack! The battery is included in the Playaway.

Feel free to stop in and check them out, reserve them in our catalog, or email Azra at apalo@nesmithlibrary.org with any questions or comments!

Special Event: Stuff Sleepover

Thursday, March 6

Drop off deadline: 5:00 p.m.

Ages 0-11. Registration required.

Do you wonder what happens at the Nesmith Library when we close our doors at night? Children ages 0-11 are welcome to drop off a stuffie for a special registered sleepover and see what kind of antics they get to via our social media the very next day! Please note this is not an in-person program.

Registered participants should drop off their cuddle buddy no later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 6 for the sleepover and pick them up starting Friday, March 7, starting at

9:00 a.m. Due to space constraints, we kindly ask that you pick up your stuffies in a timely manner. We recommend that you do not drop off their favorite sleeping or nap time buddy in case they end up missing their friend during the nighttime! Questions? Email Azra at apalo@nesmithlibrary.org.



STUFFIE SLEEPOVER

Drop Off Deadline:
Thursday March 6
5 PM

**AGES 0-11
REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

Storytimes

Azra Palo

Toddler Storytime

Mondays and Tuesdays

10:30 a.m.

Ages 18 months to 3 years.

Registration not required.

Caregivers with children ages 18 months to 3 years are invited to sing, dance, and follow along to stories and songs in March, Mondays and Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. at the library! The storytime is the same for both days, and we ask that patrons choose only one day of the week to attend. Siblings are also welcome. 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 in March 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, March 13 – April 24


10:30 a.m.

Ages 3-5. Registration required.

**New* Thursdays, March 13 - April 24, 2025. Weekly registration will be ongoing throughout the session.*

Courtney will lead us in a fun sto-

rytime for ages 3-5 including songs, stories, and crafts on Thursdays starting March 13 for our preschool crowd and their families! Caregivers will stay for the entire storytime, and siblings are welcome. We know that life can be unpredictable, so we made registration week to week starting in March. For more information about our preschool storytime, please email Courtney at cwason@nesmithlibrary.org.



Nesmith Library
Windham, New Hampshire

Baby Storytime
Wednesdays
10:30 am
Birth - 18 mos.

Toddler Storytime
Monday & Tuesdays
10:30 am
18 mos-3 Years

Preschool Storytime
Thursdays
10:30 am
3-5 Years
Registration Required

Weekly Storytimes

Monthly Children's Programs

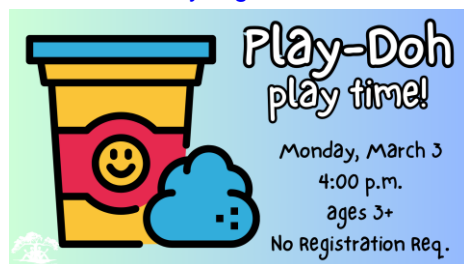
Azra Palo

Little Explorers

Saturday, March 1
10:30 a.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, March 1 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.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.



Play-Doh Playtime

Monday, March 3
4:00 p.m.

Ages 3+. No registration.

If you like to squish, roll, squeeze, and shape Play-Doh, but don't love cleaning up after, you're in luck! Join us on Monday, March 3 at 4:00 p.m. for an open-ended Play-Doh play session! We'll do all the setup, all you have to do is show up! Caregivers must remain in the room with their children throughout the duration of the program. Registration is not required. Questions? Email Courtney at cwason@nesmithlibrary.org.

Drop-in Spring Wreath Craft

Wednesday, March 12
3:30 p.m.

All ages. No registration required.

Ages 0-12 are welcome to join us on Wednesday, March 12 between 3:30 and 4:30 p.m. for our spring themed craft at the Nesmith Library! This month we will be celebrating all things spring. Come to the library and create your own work of art with pop-sicles, dot painters, a little felt bird, 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 at apalo@nesmithlibrary.org.

March STEAM: Sponge Houses

Thursday, March 13
6:00 p.m.

Ages 8-11. Registration required.

How do plants grow? What can you make with a sponge? We will answer these questions and more during our monthly STEAM program! Young scientists ages 8-11 are invited to register for our March STEAM program at the Nesmith Library. The event takes place on Thursday, March 13 promptly at 6:00 p.m. Previous STEAM events this winter have been takeaways, but this one is in person. 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 how plants thrive and having some creative fun along the way! Registration is required. Questions? Email Azra at apalo@nesmithlibrary.org.

Crafty Creations

Saturday, March 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, March 15, starting at 10:00 a.m. to make their very own twirling rainbow. No registration required. Questions? Email Joan at jcarbhone@nesmithlibrary.org.

Kids' Comic Club Jr.

Monday, March 17
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, March 17 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 is required. Questions? Email Courtney cwason@nesmithlibrary.org.

Kids' Comic Club

Monday, March 17
6:00 p.m.

Ages 7-11. Registration required.

Calling all young comic book lovers ages 7-11! Join us on Monday, March 17 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 is required. Questions? Email Courtney at cwason@nesmithlibrary.org.

Free Art Friday

Friday, March 28
10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Ages 2-5. Registration required.

Watercolors, bingo markers, or stamps – oh my! Children ages 2-5 are welcome to join us at the Nesmith Library on Friday, March 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. Questions? Email Joan at jcarbhone@nesmithlibrary.org.



Friends of the Library of Windham

Academic Grants

The Friends of the Library of Windham (FLOW) is offering three academic grants to Windham residents. The 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 community college or trade school.

Application forms are available at <https://www.flowwindham.org/scholarships>, the Nesmith Library circulation desk, and on the Windham High School Scholarship portal. Return your application to the Windham High School guidance office or to

the Nesmith Library by the end of the day on Friday, March 14, 2025. Winners will be announced at the Windham High School Blue and Gold Award Ceremony.

For more info email academicgrants@flowwindham.org.

Strawberry Festival Poster Contest

FLOW needs young artists (12 and under) to help create the official poster design for the 2025 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 re-

deemable at the book fair and a chance to win a straw-berry plushie!

Contest Guidelines

- For ages 12 and under.
- Use markers, crayons, or paint (no pencils).
- Submit artwork on an 8½ x 11 piece of blank white paper.
- 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 4:00 p.m. Saturday, March 15 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

No closings in March

Dates to Remember

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| 3/1 Little Explorers, 10:30 a.m. | 11:00 a.m.; Drop-in Wreath Craft, 3:30 p.m.; | 11:00 a.m. |
| 3/3 Toddler Storytime, 10:30; Play-Doh Playtime, 4:00-4:45 p.m.; FLOW Meeting, 6:30–9:00 p.m. | Nesmith Library Book Group, 6:00–7:30 p.m. | 3/20 Preschool Storytime, 10:30–11:15 a.m.; |
| 3/4 Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. | 3/13 Preschool Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; | Nesmith Knitters, 12:30–2:30 p.m.; |
| 3/5 Baby Storytime, 10:30–11:30 a.m.; | STEAM: Sponge Houses, 6:00 p.m. | Virtual Saint-Gaudens National Historic Park, 6:00 p.m. |
| Adult Trivia Night, 6:00–7:30 p.m. | 3/14 FLOW Academic Grant Deadline, 5:00 p.m. | 3/24 Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. |
| 3/6 Nesmith Knitters, 12:30–2:30 p.m.; | 3/15 Crafty Creations, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.; | 3/25 Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; |
| Stuffie Sleepover, 5:00 p.m. | Strawberry Festival Poster Deadline, 4:00 p.m. | March Teen Study Night, 6:00–7:30 p.m. |
| 3/10 Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; | 3/17 Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; | 3/26 Baby Storytime, 10:30–11:00 a.m.; |
| FLOW Strawberry Festival Meeting, 6:30–8:30 p.m.; | Kids Comic Club, Jr., 4:00–4:45 a.m.; | This Old Man, 6:00–7:30 p.m. |
| Virtual Boston Light, 7:00 p.m. | Kids Comic Club, 6:00 p.m.; | 3/27 Preschool Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; |
| 3/11 Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; | Virtual Irish Whiskey History, 7:00 p.m. | Tween Period Party, 6:30 p.m. |
| Live Virtual Tour of Cusco, Peru, 2:00 p.m. | 3/18 Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; | 3/28 Free Art Friday, 10:30–11:00 a.m. |
| 3/12 Baby Storytime, 10:30– | Nesmith Library Board of Trustees, 6:30–8:30 p.m. | 3/31 Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; |
| | 3/19 Baby Storytime, 10:30– | Virtual History of Guinness Beer, 7:00 p.m. |

