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Our New Online Catalog Is Active!



All of the GMILCS (Greater Manchester Integrated Library Cooperative System) libraries, including the Nesmith Library, have transitioned their catalogs. We are excited about the new catalog!

This change means our catalogs sport a new, modern design, and the ability to find what you're looking for more quickly and easily.

We understand this is a big change and you may have some questions. This article is intended to answer some of the most frequently asked questions. Let us know if you have any questions we weren't able to address here.

Feel free to email us at info@nesmithlibrary.org or contact Stephanie, our digital literacy librarian.

Start Here

Go to discover.nesmithlibrary.org to check out the new catalog. If you are not sure where to start, we have set up a page to help out: discover.nesmithlibrary.org/new.

Biggest Changes

There are some big changes between the old catalog and new.

- **Home Page:** The catalog home page now sports a display of book covers and other helpful, frequently updated lists, so you can see new items at the library, the *New York Times* best seller lists, and more! You can also view your lists and saved searches to the front page to locate them easily when logged in to your account.

- **Search Results:** Another big change is how search results are displayed. Previously, every type of item displayed as an individual result. If we had a book, large print book, audiobook on CD, and an eBook of a title, they all returned as individual entries and you might have to scroll for awhile to find the one you wanted. Now, it's all together!

Frequently Asked Questions

Why did you change the catalog?

Just like how sometimes your house needs a big upgrade or change, so do websites. The new catalog layout is more than just new siding on the house. We also chose a product that gave us improved framing and updated insulation. In short, our library catalog was in need of some major renovation. The product we're using was chosen for it's ease of use, it's functionality, and it's ability to be customized. This new user-friendly catalog is designed to make it easier than ever to find and borrow materials from Nesmith Library and other GMILCS libraries!

Do I still have my reading history?

Yes! but only if you had already opted in to saving your reading history. If you would like to keep your reading history going forward, you can turn that on in the Reading History page.

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September Adult Programming

Maria Schroeter,
Adult Collection Development /
Adult Programming Librarian

Nesmith Library Book Group

The Nesmith Library Book Group will meet on Wednesday, September 13 at 6:00 p.m. Currently, the book group is not accepting new members, and the waitlist is full.

Culturally Curious Art Series: Abstract Expressionism



Jackson Pollock is the famous originator of the drip and splatter paintings that came to epitomize Abstract Expressionism at the middle of the twentieth century. Pollock served as the de facto leader of the movement, a masculine cowboy

representing “action painting.” Only in recent years has the art world turned its attention to the contributions of women artists working at the same time, including Lee Krasner, Jackson Pollock’s wife. On Thursday, September 21 at 7:00 p.m., join the Nesmith Library in conjunction with other GMILCS libraries for the sixth and final event in our Culturally Curious Art Series with Jane Oneail, featuring Jackson Pollock, Lee Krasner, and Abstract Expressionism. This virtual Zoom program explores the relationships of the artists, their work, and the enduring legacy in this revolutionary movement.

Jane Oneail is an independent scholar and holds a master’s degree in Art History from Boston University and a master’s degree in Art in Education from Harvard University. Jane is a New Hampshire native and has

worked at some of the state’s most esteemed cultural institutions, including the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen, where she served as executive director, and the Currier Museum of Art, where she held the role of senior educator. Jane has also taught at the college level for more than a decade, most recently at the NH Institute of Art. Find out more about Jane, and her art programs, on her website: iamculturallycurious.com.

Adult programs are for ages 18 and up (unless otherwise noted), and registration is required. To register for these programs, please visit our Events Calendar at <https://nesmithlibrary.org/calendar/month>.

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,
Youth Services Librarian

Wake up, we can’t wait until the end of September, there are too many good things happening this month! We are celebrating the end of summer with a **Flower Suncatcher Craft** available for pickup on Tuesday, September 5.



With the official start of the school year, it’s also the start of the **Teen Advisory Group** again! We’ll be having our first meeting on Tuesday,

September 12 at 6:30 p.m. Not a member but want to learn more about TAG? You’re welcome to come check out a meeting before applying. TAG offers service hours to all Windham High School students who join.

The start of the school year can be a lot, so we’re helping everyone decompress with some relaxed video game nights. If you’re in grades 7-12, you are welcome to join us for the **Teen Video Game Night** on Tuesday, September 19 at 6:30 p.m.



For those in grades 4-8, swing by the library the following Monday, September 25 at 6:30 p.m. for the **Tween Video Game Night**. We’ll be playing games on the big screen! And don’t worry, snacks and controllers will be provided by the library.



Questions about any of the Teen or Tween programs? Feel free to call the library at 603-432-7154 or email Molly at mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org.

Special Events for Children

Azra Palo,
Head of Youth Services

The Very Hungry Caterpillar Takeaway Craft

Friday, September 1
9:00 a.m.

All ages. No registration.

Our favorite caterpillar is here for a special takeaway craft at Nesmith Library! Pick up your Very Hungry Caterpillar craft on Friday, September 1 starting at 9:00 a.m., while supplies last. Questions? Email Molly at mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org.

Decorate a Library Tote Bag

Wednesday, September 6
3:30-5:30 a.m.

All ages. No registration required. Windham residents only.

Join the Nesmith Library Youth Staff for Library Card Sign Up Month on Wednesday, September 6, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Patrons five years and older can get a library card and design their very own library tote bag. Already have a Nesmith Library card? Show us your library card at the event and decorate a tote bag as well!

Patrons must be with their primary caregiver that they live with in order to be able to get a Nesmith Library card. Their caregiver must already have a library card and have proof of residence. Questions? Email Azra apalo@nesmithlibrary.org.

Storytime at the Letizio Tower

Friday, September 15
10:30 a.m.

All ages. Registration required.

Join Nesmith Library Youth Librarians on Friday, September 15 at 10:30 a.m. at the Letizio Tower in Windham. This special storytime will be held outside with a tour of the tower afterwards. Please note



Nesmith Library will not be providing transportation to the Letizio Tower. Watch our social media pages and website for any changes due to weather. A very special thank you to the Letizio family for allowing us special access to the tower. Please keep an eye on our social media for more information as we get closer to the event. Questions? Email Azra at apalo@nesmithlibrary.org.

Stuffie Sleepover

Drop Off Deadline: Thursday,
September 21, 5:00 p.m.

Ages 0-12. Registration required.

Due to the popularity of our spring stuffie sleepover, we are having another sleepover this fall! Have you ever wondered what happens at the library overnight? Well, your trusted stuffie friends can find out at the Nesmith Library Stuffed Animal Sleepover! Registered participants, ages 0-12, are welcome to drop off their favorite cuddle buddy no later than Thursday, September 21 by 5:00 p.m. for the sleepover and pick them up starting Friday, September 22 at 9:00 a.m. Follow us on social media to see photos from the big sleepover. Questions? Email Azra apalo@nesmithlibrary.org for more information!

Storytime at Mack's Apples

Friday, September 22
10:30 a.m.

All ages. No registration.

Apples, songs, and stories, it doesn't get much better! Join Nesmith Library Youth Librarians for a special storytime at Mack's Apples in Londonderry, N.H. We'll be singing, dancing, and enjoying stories to celebrate fall. Please note Nesmith Library will not be providing transportation to Mack's Apples. Keep an eye on our social media for more information as we get closer to the event. Questions? Email Molly at mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org.

Storytime at the Caboose



Friday, September 29
10:30 a.m.

All ages. Registration required.

Choo, choo! It's time for a storytime at the caboose! Join us Friday, September 29 at 10:30 a.m. for a special storytime at the Windham Rail Trail. A very special thank you to the Windham Rail Trail Alliance for allowing us special access to the caboose. Due to overwhelming popularity and limited parking, this storytime requires registration. Questions? Email Azra apalo@nesmithlibrary.org.

Monthly Children's Programs

Azra Palo

NEW! Little Explorers

Saturday, September 9

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Ages 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, 2, and 3 (and their caregivers) to explore the five senses together. Drop in anytime on Saturday, September 9 between 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.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.

Kids' Comic Book Club

Monday, September 18

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, ages 6-11, to join us for this super fun monthly Nesmith Kids' Comic Club! This registered program will be on Monday, September 18 starting 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. Questions? Email Courtney at cwason@nesmithlibrary.org.

Tween Video Game Showdown

Monday, September 25

6:30 p.m.

Grades 4-8. No registration.

It's time to show if those skills match up! Join us on Monday, September 25 at 6:30 p.m. for the first Tween Video Game Showdown of the school year. We'll be playing Switch on our big screen! Game and

controllers are provided. Questions?

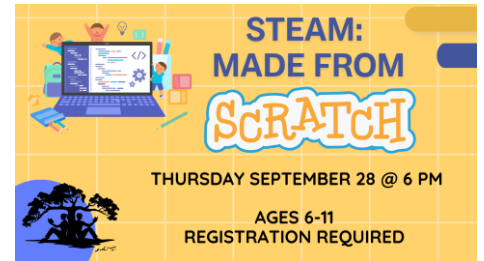
Email Molly at mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org.

STEAM: Made from Scratch

Thursday, September 28

6:00 p.m.

Ages 6-11. Registration required.



Patrons ages 6 to 11 are invited to register for STEAM: Made from Scratch at the Nesmith Library! Join us on Thursday, September 29 at 6:00 p.m. to learn about the basics of Scratch, the block-based visual programming language and website, with Tiffany Gagnon, Design Director at Scratch. There will be interactive activities on and off the computer to ignite curiosity around computer programming and more. Questions? Email Azra apalo@nesmithlibrary.org.

Storytimes

Azra Palo

Toddler Storytime

Mondays and Tuesdays,
September 11 – October 17

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., September 11 to October 17 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 Azra at apalo@nesmithlibrary.org.

Baby Storytime

Wednesdays, September 13 –
October 18

10:30 a.m.

Ages 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, September 13 at 10:30 a.m., we 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, September 14 –
October 19

10:30 a.m.

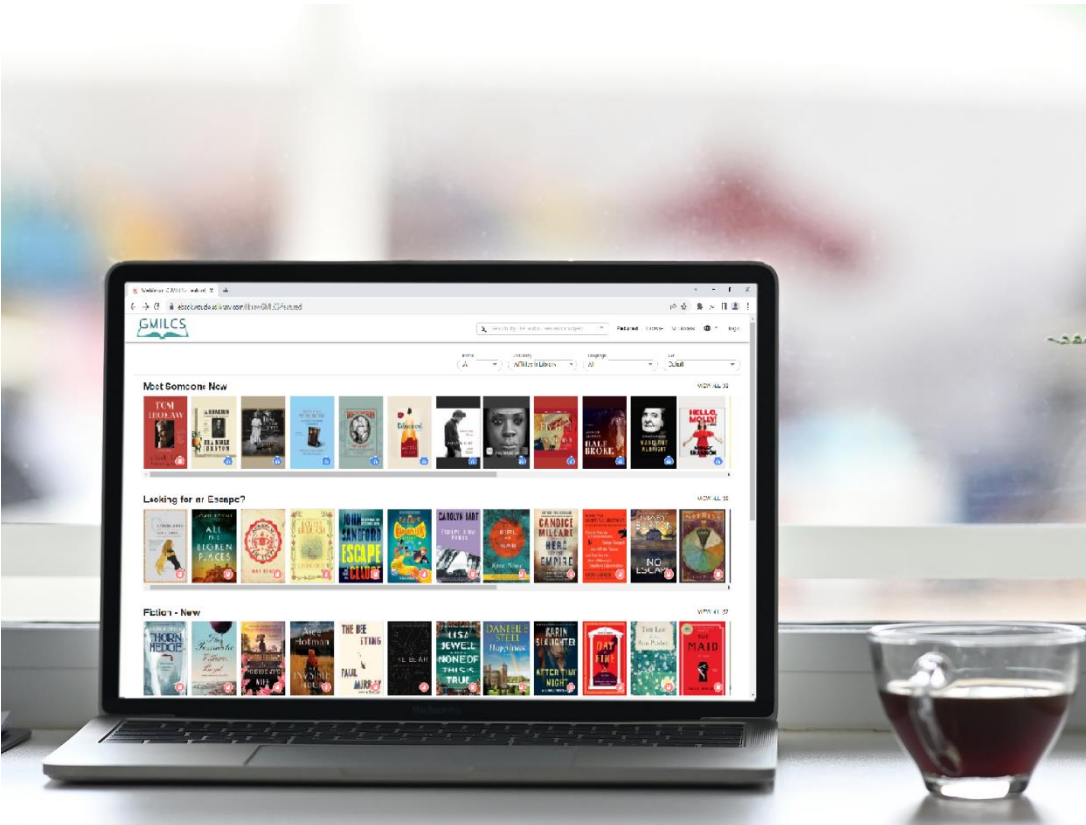
Ages 3-5 years. Registration required.

We are inviting our Preschool Storytime friends to join us for storytime Thursdays, September 14 through October 19, at 10:30 a.m. Miss Molly will lead us in a fun storytime for ages 3-5 including songs, stories, and crafts. This is an independent storytime. For more information about our Preschool Storytime please email Molly at mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org.

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Get started from your computer at www.yourcloudlibrary.com.



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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 September 3-4 for Labor Day.

Dates to Remember

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| 9/1 Children's Takeaway Craft, 9:00 a.m. | 9/13 Baby Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Library Book Group, 6:00 p.m. | Knitters, 12:30-2:30 p.m.; Stuffie Sleepover, 5:00 p.m.; Virtual Culturally Curious Art Series, 7:00 p.m. |
| 9/3 Library Closed | 9/14 Preschool Storytime, 10:30 a.m. | 9/22 Storytime at Mack's Apples, 10:30 a.m. |
| 9/4 Library Closed for Labor Day | 9/15 Storytime at Letizio Tower, 10:30 a.m. | 9/25 Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Tween Video Game Showdown, 6:30 p.m. |
| 9/5 Teen Takeaway Craft, 9:00 a.m. | 9/18 Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Nesmith Kids' Comic Club, 6:00 p.m. | 9/26 Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. |
| 9/6 Decorate a Library Tote Bag, 3:30-5:30 p.m. | 9/19 Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Teen Video Game Night, 6:30 p.m. | 9/27 Baby Storytime, 10:30 a.m. |
| 9/7 Nesmith Knitters, 12:30-2:30 p.m. | 9/20 Baby Storytime, 10:30 a.m. | 9/28 Preschool Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; STEAM, 6:00 p.m. |
| 9/9 Little Explorers, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | 9/21 Preschool Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Nesmith | 9/29 Storytime at the Caboose, 10:30 a.m. |
| 9/11 Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Library Board of Trustees, 6:30 p.m.; FLOW Meeting, 6:30 p.m. | | |
| 9/12 Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Teen | | |

