For the past 22 years, the month of April has been designated as National Poetry Month [www.poets.org/]. The Academy of American Poets reports:

Over the years, it has become the largest literary celebration in the world with schools, publishers, libraries, booksellers, and poets celebrating poetry’s vital place in our culture.

Are you one of those people who struggled through high school’s focus on metaphor and theme and all the other things that tend to turn one away from poetry? Let me tell you, poetry is not necessarily something you have to study, but rather, it is something you can actually enjoy! It can speak to you when times are rough. Or, it will make you appreciate the beauty of our language.

Take a look for one of these during National Poetry Month to see what I mean: Alexander, Kwame. The Playbook: 52 Rules to Aim, Shoot, and Score in This Game Called Life. [J 796.323 ALE] With a helping of poetry on the side!

Baseball Haiku:
American and Japanese Haiku and Senryu on Baseball. [811.041 BAS] You’ll find reading haiku is like eating peanuts at the ballpark—start with one, and before you know it you’ve eaten/read them all!


Harris, Chris. I’m Just No Good at Rhyming and Other Nonsense for Mischievous Kids and Immature Grown-Ups. [J 811.6 HAR] This book lives up to its title—it’s full of word-play and nonsense!

Hinds, Gareth. Poe: Stories and Poems: A Graphic Novel Adaptation. [YA CX HIN] Poe’s work is illustrated in comic format. What’s not to like about that?

Raczka, Bob. Wet Cement: A Mix of Concrete Poems. [J 811.6 RAC] See what shape poetry can take—literally!
April Adult Programming

Maria Schroeter,
Reference Librarian/Interlibrary Loan/Adult Programming

Join us on Tuesday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m. as we get an adult perspective of the book *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio. You may think of this as a children’s book, but there are many relatable themes to those of us over 18. This program is part of our town-wide read, One Book One Windham, which is co-hosted by the Friends of the Library of Windham (F.L.O.W.). We still have plenty of copies on hand that can be checked out and read in time for this discussion! Registration is recommended and can be done on the F.L.O.W. website (www.flowwindham.org), or by calling the library at 432-7154. Refreshments will be served! Ages 18 and up only, please.

Spring is here and it’s the perfect time to plant seeds! On Wednesday, April 25 at 6:00 p.m., we will be using Mason jars to start a small herb garden. All materials will be provided, but you may want to bring a pair of gardening gloves.

Registration is required and limited to 24 participants. This program is for ages 16 and up. Please call 432-7154 to register, or for more information.

Teen Scene

Sylvie Brikiatis,
Assistant Director / Young Adult Librarian

Teen Mini Maker Lab
Tuesday, April 24,
2:00-4:00 p.m.
Ages 12-18. Like to create new things with found objects, play around with circuits, or want to learn a new skill? Join us at the Nesmith Library for a fun, creative afternoon that mixes art and technology. Several projects will be available for different skill levels as well as supplies. This is a drop-in program. No registration is required.

Upcoming Events

Teen Tech Mentoring
Wednesday, April 4, 3:00-5:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 21, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
Anime Club
Wednesday, April 18, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Toddler Time

Karen Frey,
Circulation Coordinator

Toddler Time is ready for spring! Toddler Time is a drop-in program for children ages 18 months to three years, accompanied by a favorite adult. The program is offered on Monday mornings, and you choose either the 9:30 or 10:30 a.m. session to attend. No registration is required. Toddler Time lasts approximately 20-25 minutes, featuring books, songs, and movement activities. This is followed by time for social interaction and play. The following dates have been scheduled:

April 2, April 9, April 16, April 30, May 7, and May 14

Hopefully we won’t need it, but please remember that if Windham schools are closed or delayed due to weather conditions, both sessions of Toddler Time will be cancelled.
Meet Author Jerry Pallotta

Jane McCue  
Children’s Librarian

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library of Windham and the Windham PTA.

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, April 4 at 6:00 p.m. as the Nesmith Library hosts Boston based author Jerry Pallotta! Mr. Pallotta will visit Golden Brook School in the morning, Center School in the afternoon, and the Nesmith Library at 6:00 p.m. The evening program at the library is open to the public. The presentation is geared toward school aged children but will be enjoyed by adults and children of all ages. Mr. Pallotta will be available for book signing, and students are welcome to bring any of his books they already own. Several titles will be available for purchase at the library that evening.

Jerry Pallotta is the nationally-known author of over 90 nonfiction picture books and the popular “Who Would Win?” series of animal non-fiction. His book topics include mathematics, military, vehicles, and science, and his stories engage even reluctant readers. He also has written several fiction picture books including his popular alphabet and counting titles. Five thousand copies of his first book, *The Ocean Alphabet Book*, were sold to the New England Aquarium where it immediately became a best-seller. Find out more at [www.jerrypallotta.com](http://www.jerrypallotta.com).

Don’t miss this chance to meet and greet children’s author Jerry Pallotta. Registration is preferred but not required. For more information on this event, please contact the library at 432-7154 and ask for Jane McCue. Special thanks to the Friends of the Library of Windham and the Windham PTA for making this program possible.

The Awesome Robb Show

On Wednesday, April 25 at 10:30 a.m., Awesome Robb will present his family friendly, one-of-a-kind show that entertains everyone. In addition to his awesome magic tricks and juggling skills, Robb is a fast pace comic who will have you laughing right from the start. His show includes zany tricks like the Soda Bottle of Doom, Sonic Sneaker Cleaner, and some crazy three-ball juggling. A special appearance from Thunder the Bunny will win the hearts of everyone in the audience. For more information on this performer, please visit his website at [http://awesomerobb.com/index.html](http://awesomerobb.com/index.html)

This show is for children of all ages. Registration is required. Please stop by the front circulation desk, or call the library at 432-7154 to sign up the whole family!

Crafts, and Games, and More!

Join us on Thursday, April 26 anytime between 10:00 and 11:30 a.m. for a variety of stations to entertain children of all ages. Color a carnival paddle ball toy to bring home, try your luck at beanbag tossing, guess the amount of candy in a jar, and much more!

Crafts available while supplies last. No registration is required.

For more information or questions regarding any of these programs, please call the library and ask for the children’s room. We look forward to seeing you for one or more of these programs during April vacation!
**F.L.O.W. Update and Events**

_Jaimie Baker,
F.L.O.W. President_

**First Sunday**

The “First Sunday” program is scheduled for April 8 due to Easter on April 1.

The Friends of the Library of Windham (F.L.O.W.) is happy to announce a new benefit for F.L.O.W. members – a coffee hour once a month during the school year on the First Sunday of each month from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room of the Nesmith Library. Come and join us, share a hot drink, and hear about some of the library’s newest acquisitions. Plus, you will get first crack at looking at these new books. For more information, please email Membership@FlowWindham.org.

**Scholarships**

For the first time, F.L.O.W. is pleased to announce that it will be awarding four distinct scholarships for a total amount of $8,000.

- Two are for high school seniors working toward a four-year degree at a college or university
- One is for a high school senior going to a community college or trade school
- One is for a non-traditional student returning to school after a gap of five or more years.

Scholarship applications are due at 5:00 p.m. on April 22 at the Nesmith Library. Applications are available on Naviance and at the library. For more information, email Scholarships@FlowWindham.org.

**35th Annual Strawberry Festival and Book Fair**

F.L.O.W. is excited to announce the 35th Annual Strawberry Festival on Saturday, June 2 at the Windham High School. Mark your calendars and get ready for a great day for the whole community. For more information, email StrawberryFestival@FlowWindham.org.

**One Book, One Windham**

Community read continues at the Nesmith Library.

**All-Ages Book Discussion**

Saturday, April 14 at 1:00 p.m.

Readers of all ages are invited to join us for a relaxed discussion about the book _Wonder_. Come hear from different age groups, and perhaps discover a new perspective. Snacks will be provided!

**Book Discussion for Adults**

Tuesday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m.

Adult readers (age 16 and up) are invited to join us for an informal discussion about the book _Wonder_. Refreshments will be served!

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the WONDERful World of Science. The children had fun with all the science activities and crafts.

Here are some photos from last month’s WONDERful World of Science event at the library.

Events will continue through the end of June. For more information about any of the events, email Flow@FlowWindham.org or visit www.FlowWindham.org.

**Book Donations**

F.L.O.W. is once again accepting book donations in preparation for the Book Fair on June 2. Please drop them off at the library during normal business hours.
### New Children’s Books

**New Who Would Win? Titles by Jerry Pallotta**
- Alligator vs. Python
- Jaguar vs. Skunk
- Rattlesnake vs.
- Secretary Bird
- Rhino vs. Hippo
- Triceratops vs.

**Spinosaurus**
- Ultimate Bug Rumble
- Ultimate Jungle

**Rumble**
- Ultimate Ocean

**New J Non-Fiction**
- The Bat Scientist by Mary Kay Carson
- Bobsled and Luge by Laura Hamilton
- Waxman
- Grand Canyon by Jason Chin
- Ice Hockey and Curling by Laura Hamilton

**J Chapter Books**
- The Night Diary by Veera Hiranandani
- I Survived the Children’s Blizzard, 1888 by Lauren Tarshis
- Ivy Aberdeen’s Letter to the World by Ashley

**New Picture Books**
- I’m a Duck by Eve Bunting
- Noisy Night by Mac Bennett
- Petra by Marianna Coppo

**Dates to Remember**

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