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Sylvie Brikiatis Named Nesmith Library Director

Nesmith Library Board of Trustees

After a lengthy and comprehensive search, Nesmith Library Assistant Director Sylvie Brikiatis has been officially named as the library's new director. She assumes that position vacated at the end of 2018 by longtime director Carl Heidenblad, who retired.

"I am very pleased to make this announcement. In a search that spanned the state and New England region, it was clear that Sylvie is the best person to fill this important position, and the board is confident that she will serve the library, the town, and its residents well," said Tara Picciano, outgoing chair of the Nesmith Library Board of Trustees. "She has exceptional knowledge of the inner workings of a library, forward-thinking vision, and the expertise to serve as director. We are confident in our selection and look forward to working with her well into the future."

Since Heidenblad's departure, Brikiatis has been serving as interim director. Since January 2016, she has been assistant director, where she gained firsthand knowledge pertaining to the running of Nesmith Library, by assisting with the overall operation, including financial planning and oversight; helping to manage staff training, development, and planning; and working with the town on behalf of the library. While assistant director, she also retained the position/duties of young adult librarian, developing and implementing teen programming and services, including organizing and overseeing the Teen Advisory Group, providing support to teens for school assignments in the form of book groups and SAT practice tests, implementing a homework help



program, and more. In addition, Brikiatis has been an active leader within the state library system. She has chaired the teen group within GMILCS, a consortium of

New Hampshire public and academic libraries; served as president of the Young Adult section of the New Hampshire Library Association (NHLA); created a statewide spelling bee for home-schooled students; and had the honor of serving as president of NHLA. She also completed NELLIS (New England Library Leadership Symposium), a selective and intensive training program for which only a few librarians from each state are nominated to attend.

Prior to her positions at the Nesmith Library, Brikiatis worked as a substitute librarian in Plaistow, as well as a substitute teacher in the Windham School District and as a library volunteer at the Windham Center School, among other employment. In 2011, she received her Master of Library Science from Southern Connecticut University. Prior, she earned a BA in French literature at the University of Maine and a *Certificat de la Lanque Francaise* at the University of Paris – Sorbonne.

"I am so pleased to be continuing my work here at the library," Brikiatis said. "I welcome residents to stop by, say hello, and have a chat about how the library can positively impact the community going forward."

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From the Children's Room

Sylvie Brikiatis,
Library Director

Intro to Scratch Coding Tuesday, April 23 Grades 3 – 5



Back by popular demand, the Nesmith Library will be running the Intro to Scratch Coding for grades three to five. Several high school National Honor Society volunteers will introduce children to the basics of Scratch. Scratch is an online coding platform intended to teach the basic concepts of computer programming. With Scratch, students can program their own interactive stories, games, and anima-

tions. Scratch helps young people learn to think creatively, reason systematically, and work collaboratively.

The library will host three 45-minute sessions on Tuesday, April 23. Each session is identical. Students should sign up for the time slot that works best for them: 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., or 2:00 p.m.

Space is limited and registration is required. Stop by the front circulation desk, or call the library at 432-7154 to register. For more information on the program, please ask for Sylvie Brikiatis.

Children's Movie Matinee Wednesday, April 24

Join us for a movie where our

favorite nanny returns to the screen. The movie is rated PG, and runtime is two hours and 10 minutes. Feel free to bring a friend, and meet us in the multi-purpose room for a 1:00 p.m. movie start time. Popcorn and beverages will be provided. For more information or movie title, please call the library at 432-7154. No registration is required. Recommended for ages four and up.



Toddler Time and Drop-in Story Hour

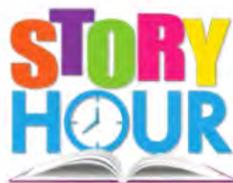
Karen Frey,
Circulation Coordinator

Toddler Time

Spring is blooming and the next session of Toddler Time will be starting! 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 session to attend. No registration is required. Toddler Time lasts approximately 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 1, 8, 15, and 29; May 6, 13, and 20.



Drop-in Story Hour

Story Hour is a drop-in program for children ages three to six years featuring books, songs, and a simple craft. Story Hour meets on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. and Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. Please choose only one session to attend.

This program is geared toward the child who can separate independently from a parent or guardian to participate on his/her

own. A parent or other designated adult must stay in the library during Story Hour. Story Hour is for Nesmith Library card holders only. No registration required.

The following dates have been scheduled:

Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m.

April 2, 9, 16, and 30

May 7, 14, and 21

Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.

April 3, 10, and 17

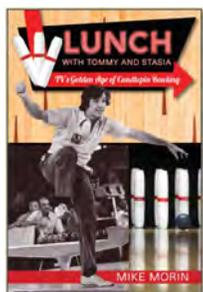
May 1, 8, 15, and 22

NOTE: We do not meet during Windham school vacation week for both Toddler Time and Drop-in Story Hour.

April Adult Programs

Maria Schroeter,
Reference Librarian

TV's Golden Age of Candlepin Bowling



“Hold on to your tray tables, boys and girls!” This was the Saturday lunchtime rally cry from legendary Channel 5 sports-caster Don Gillis. Every week for nearly four

decades, families slurped tomato soup and crunched on grilled cheese sandwiches while the world’s best candlepin bowlers performed otherworldly feats for over 200,000 TV viewers. *Candlepin Bowling*, often the top-rated Boston sports show of the week, made names like Czernicki, Olszta, and Jutras as familiar as Bird, Yastrzemski, and Orr.

On Tuesday, April 2 at 6:00 p.m., come listen to Mike Morin talk about his new book, *Lunch with Tommy and Stasia: TV’s Golden Age of Candlepin Bowling*. His book is the first behind-the-scenes look at what made these stars tick. Morin watched hundreds of hours of classic TV matches, and then sought out the bowlers to uncover what really happened on (and off) the lanes. As a TV co-host of nearly 300 candlepin bowling episodes in Boston and New Hampshire, Morin got to know the players personally. They didn’t hold back as they shared their stories, many never heard before.

Stories like: Mike Sargent wins a big-money purse match but instead gets paid with something he never expected; Tom Olszta’s discarded, muddy bowling balls make a surprise appearance courtesy of Santa; Hollywood celebrities love candlepins – just ask Eve “Jan

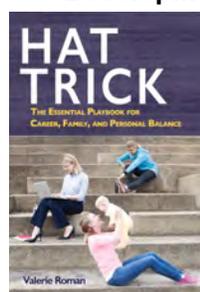
Brady” Plumb, Will Ferrell, and *The Simpsons’* executive producer Matt Selman.

Raised in Detroit, Mike Morin discovered candlepins later in life and quickly became interested in the stars whose stories made the game so compelling. A retired radio host and candlepin TV broadcaster, Morin continues to bowl candlepins in New Hampshire, where he lives with Barbara and their dog, Basia.

Follow *Lunch with Tommy Stasia: TV’s Golden Age of Candlepin Bowling* on Facebook: www.facebook.com/CandlepinBowlingBook.

This event is free, open to the public ages 13 and up, and registration is required. Call 432-7154 to register, or for more information.

Hat Trick: Balancing Family, Self-Development, and Career



Have you ever felt overwhelmed with “trying to have it all” or been frustrated by not being able to achieve “perfection?” Join us on Wednesday, April 10 at 6:00 p.m., as Valerie

Roman discusses her new book, *Hat Trick: The Essential Playbook for Career, Family, and Personal Balance*. The hat trick—a term taken from ice hockey—is scoring three goals in the game of life with family, self-development, and a fulfilling career. This invaluable guide will empower women in their personal pursuit of the hat trick. It is aimed at women motivated to keep all three goals going in their busy lives. *Hat Trick* offers a toolbox of techniques for everything from cultivating healthy habits to organizing closets, from running a

meeting to raising ethical kids, from simplifying life with technology to working with other women. In a fun and fact-filled playbook about juggling family, career, and personal well-being, Valerie, with genuine warmth and humor, shares her decades of experience and her lifelong library of advice culled from magazines, books, the Internet, and television. Her goal? To help a new generation of women be all that they aspire to be. Valerie has gathered a lifetime of lessons learned and a stockpile of successes to help other women become their best selves, advance their careers, and nurture happy families. What separates her advice from tips shared by celebrity goddesses is that her information is organized by problem, offering solutions to office dilemmas, regimens for personal health, and suggestions for stress relief.

After graduating from Wellesley College, Valerie Roman worked full time in the technology management field for more than 30 years. She was the first chief of systems analysis and design for the Census Bureau in Washington, D.C.; the first technology director for the City of Cambridge, Massachusetts; and is a former director of technology for Phillips Academy in Andover, Massachusetts. She continues to consult for municipalities and schools throughout New England. Her passions include sports—as a lifelong fan of all Boston teams—and politics. She is married and a mother of two grown sons, and lives in New Hampshire. Learn more about Valerie and her book at www.valerieroman.com.

This event is free, open to the public ages 16 and up, and registration is required. Call 432-7154 to register, or for more information.

April Is National Poetry Month

Diane Mayr,
Assistant Library Directory

You may have noticed that poetry is popping up in unexpected places like subway placards, along outdoor walking paths, on restaurant napkins. It's a trend that continues to grow, and one of the reasons is National Poetry Month. Since 1996, the National Academy of American Poets <https://www.poets.org/> has sponsored a month-long celebration of poetry each April.

We hope you'll celebrate NPM April 2019 along with us. In the year since the last NPM, we have added a variety of new poetry books to our collections, including these:

Anderson, Laurie Halse.
SHOUT: A Poetry Memoir. [YA B AND, also eBook]

Heard, Georgia. *Boom! Bellow! Bleat!: Animal Poems for Two or More Voices*. [J 811.54 HEA]

IMPERFECT: Poems About Mistakes: An Anthology for Middle Schoolers. [YA 811.6 IMP]

Pastan, Linda. *A Dog Runs Through It: Poems*. [811.54 PAS]

Sing a Song of Seasons. [J 808.81 SIN]

Walker, Alice. *Taking the Arrow Out of the Heart: Poems*. [eBook]

Sadly, in the past year we have lost one of the most popular poets of the last few decades—Mary Oliver. Oliver's poetry was accessible to most people since she acknowledges and appreciates the world in which we all exist. She said, "Poetry is one of the ancient

arts, and it began as did all the fine arts, within the original wilderness of the earth." Find her work in 811.54 OLI.



Spring Carnival and Book Fair – Saturday, April 13, 11-2

Rachel Deandrea,
FLOW Publicity

Do your kids like carnivals? We do too! Do you like book fairs? Well, then this is the event for you! We are packing the library full of carnival games, music, snacks, crafts, prizes, balloon creations by Michelle Tieman (BalloonsbyMichelle), a HUGE

book fair, and so much more! At noon, we will have the one and only Joe from Simple Solutions with his high-powered Balloon Show! Afterwards, be sure to stick around, because those lovable, adorable animals from Curious Creatures will be at the library at 1:00 p.m. for a

live animal show! This is all FREE for all of you because this event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library of Windham (FLOW). Donations are appreciated. We hope to see you there on Saturday, April 13 between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.!

Book Fair Volunteers Needed

Rachel Deandrea

FLOW Winter Book Fair 2019 is fast approaching! We still need volunteers especially to set up the multipurpose room on April 11, to bring books downstairs, and Saturday afternoon closing to bring

unsold books back upstairs! The book fair is our biggest fundraiser, and any time you have available would be greatly appreciated. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4baca62aaafa7-flow>.



36th Annual Strawberry Festival – Join the Fun!

Rachel Deandrea

The Friends of the Library of Windham are excited to present the 36th Annual Strawberry Festival and Book Fair! The festival will be held on Saturday, June 1 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Windham High School. The fun-filled day will feature delicious food, games, bounce houses, thrilling entertainment, raffles, informational booths, a dunk tank, and much more! Of course, don't forget the amazing homemade strawberry

shortcakes loaded with ice cream and whipped cream. Stop by the book fair to pick up some relaxing, summer reading. Also, at this year's festival, we will be celebrating Nutfield's 300th birthday with our neighbors from Derry and Londonderry. Be sure to check out the Nutfield 300th tent for activities from the 18th century. Please visit our website at www.flowwindham.org for more details or email flow@flowwindham.org.

The Strawberry Festival is FLOW's primary fundraising event. Funds raised go towards library improvements and technology, museum passes, scholarships, children's programming, and much more. We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you on June 1!



Help Wanted

Rachel Deandrea

It is that time of the year again! Time for the Friends of the Library of Windham's Strawberry Festival and Book Fair! The festival is Windham's largest community event. The festival would not happen if it weren't for the wonderful volunteers! We

hope that you will please consider joining us as a volunteer this year. If you are new to town and would like to get involved, this is the perfect event. We have a variety of positions and promise that you will have a berry great time. Please visit

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4caea92fa2fa7-2019> to view the online sign-up sheet. For more information, please email sfvolunteers@flowwindham.org. Thank you for your time and support.

Dates to Remember

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| 4/1 | Toddler Time, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. | 4/10 | Trustees, 7:00 p.m. | 4/18 | Nesmith Knitters, 12:30-2:30 p.m. |
| 4/2 | TV's Golden Age of Candlepin Bowling, 6:00 p.m. | 4/12 | Hat Trick: Balancing Family, Self-Development, and Career, 6:00 p.m. | 4/21 | Easter, Library Closed |
| 4/3 | Teen Tech Mentoring, 3:00-5:00 p.m. | 4/13 | FLOW Book Fair, 3:00-5:00 p.m. | 4/23 | Intro to Coding, 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 2:00 p.m. |
| 4/4 | Nesmith Knitters, 12:30-2:30 p.m. | 4/13 | FLOW Children's Carnival and Book Fair, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. | 4/24 | Movie Matinee, 1:00-3:30 p.m. |
| 4/8 | Toddler Time, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. | 4/15 | Toddler Time, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. | 4/29 | Toddler Time, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. |
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Library Hours

- Mon 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
Tue 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
Wed 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
Thu 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
Fri 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Sat 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Sun 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

The library will be closed on Sunday, April 21 for Easter.

