Think Romance!

Diane Mayr, Assistant Library Director

It’s August and beach romance is where it’s at, so, it is only fitting that August is “Read-A-Romance Month!” To find romance novels in our collection, search our catalog using the term “Romance fiction.” Here are several romance fiction titles added in 2018:

- Devereaux, Jude. As You Wish.
- Frank, Dorothea Benton. By Invitation Only.
- Kingsbury, Karen. To the Moon and Back.
- Kinsella, Sophie. Surprise Me.
- Macomber, Debbie. Cottage by the Sea.
- Rivers, Francine. The Masterpiece.
- Woods, Sherryl. Lilac Lane.

The first day of August is “National Girlfriends Day!” The perfect excuse for a romantic film night with friends! Around Valentine’s Day every year, various media sources publish lists of “Most Romantic Movie.” Harper’s Bazaar published one this past February titled the “17 Most Romantic Movies on Netflix,” but, if you don’t subscribe to Netflix, there’s always the Nesmith Library to fulfill your romantic movie cravings! It’s probably safe to say we have a gazillion – everything from Addicted to Love [DVD ADD] to You’ve Got Mail [DVD YOU]. There’s even romance in the children’s section – think Beauty and the Beast [J DVD BEA] and Lady and the Tramp [J DVD LAD].

Romance – it’s in the August air!

FLOW News

Jaimie Baker, FLOW President

Get Involved

The Friends of the Library of Windham (FLOW) are in search of a treasurer and secretary to join our executive committee. Also, we are seeking volunteers to fill positions on our various committees:

- Strawberry Festival
- Book Fair
- Scholastic Grants
- Holiday Crafts
- Publicity

Let’s match your talents to our needs! If you would like additional information, please email Jaimie.Baker@outlook.com or sign-up using www.SignUpGenius.com.

Membership Renewals

This year to help keep your Friends of the Library membership active, we’ll be sending out electronic invoices in the late summer. If you have any questions, email Jaimie.Baker@outlook.com or Membership@FlowWindham.org.
August Adult Programs

Maria Schroeter,
Reference Librarian / Interlibrary Loan / Adult Programming

Adult Summer Reading
Summer reading is soon coming to an end on August 14, so time to finish up those books! When you return your adult reading materials, don’t forget to pick up a raffle ticket for each book read (and yes, audio books count). You will also earn a ticket for each program that you attend. Just fill out your raffle ticket and drop it in the container that corresponds to the prize you hope to win! Many thanks to the Friends of the Library of Windham for sponsoring the raffle prizes!

Discovering New England Stone Walls: A New Hampshire Humanities Program
On Wednesday, August 8 at 6:00 p.m., Kevin Gardner will be here to talk about the storied history of New England stone walls. Kevin’s informal talk explores the theme of two of his books, The Granite Kiss: Traditions and Techniques of Building New England Stone Walls and Stone Building: How to Make New England Style Walls and Other Structures the Old Way. Touching on history, technique, stylistic development, and aesthetics, Kevin explains how and why New England came to acquire its thousands of miles of stone walls, the ways in which they and other dry stone structures were built, how their styles emerged and changed over time, and their significance to the famous New England landscape. Restoration and preservation will also be discussed, and during the question and answer period, listeners are encouraged to talk about their own projects and ask questions specific to their build. Refreshments will be served!

Kevin Gardner is a lifelong resident of Hopkinton, New Hampshire. Like a lot of independent rural Yankees, he’s been a jack of many trades: a builder, logger, writer, teacher, radio voice, even an actor and director. For more than 40 years he has been a stone wall builder in a family business widely known for traditional New England stonework, particularly for historic restoration of antique structures.

This program is made possible by a generous grant from the New Hampshire Humanities, Humanities to Go program, www.nhhumanities.org/humanitiestogo.

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

Trivia Night and Adult Summer Reading Wrap Party
Join us on Tuesday, August 14 at 6:00 p.m. as we wrap up our Adult Summer Reading Program with Trivia Night! Grab your friends and form a team to test your knowledge, or join a team when you get here and make some new friends! Pizza and other goodies will be served, and the Adult Summer Reading raffles will be drawn. Generously sponsored by FLOW, this party is for ages 16 and up, and registration is required. Please call the library at 432-7154 to register or for more information.
Upcoming Teen Summer Reading Events

Sylvie Brikiatis,
Assistant Library Director / YA Librarian

**Escape Room**
Wednesday, August 1
5:00-8:00 p.m.
You and your team have ½ hour to save the library! Three time slots will be available. Register for a time slot.

**Teen Scavenger Hunt**
Friday, August 3
1:00 p.m.
Join us at the Nesmith Library for a fun indoor/outdoor scavenger hunt. No registration required.

**Hamilton Trivia and Sing-Along**
Thursday, August 9
1:00 p.m.
We will sing, with the original cast, all your favorite songs from the show. We’ll also answer trivia questions about Hamilton the man, the show, and his time in history. Registration recommended.

**Pop Rocks Rock! and Rock Bracelets**
Monday, August 13
2:00 p.m.
Experiment with Pop Rocks. Delicious, fun food ideas, plus create cool bracelets featuring rocks while enjoying your Pop Rocks. Registration required.

**Teen “Libraries Rock!” Wrap Party**
Thursday, August 23
2:00 p.m.
Vertical Dreams will be bringing their portable rock climbing wall! (Liability waiver required.) A variety of other activities will be available. End of season raffles will be drawn during the party. No registration required.

High School Summer Reading Book Groups

Sylvie Brikiatis

Every summer Windham High School assigns books that students must read for the upcoming school year. This year the Nesmith Library is offering book groups for the 9th and 11th grade titles. We will discuss important themes and provide support constructing your report. We will also have FUN.

Each session will be 1½ hours long. Sign up for the title you need to read.

9th Grade – *Anthem* by Ayn Rand
- Thur 8/2 1:00-2:30 p.m.
- Tues 8/7 10:00-11:30 a.m.
- Wed 8/15 1:00-2:30 p.m.
- Wed 8/22 6:00-7:30 p.m.

11th Grade – *Farming of the Bones* by Edwidge Danticat
- Tues 8/28 1:30-3:00 p.m.

This is part of the Summer Reading Program at the Nesmith Library so participants will be eligible for raffle tickets and prizes. To register for these programs, please call the library at 432-7154 or email what grade you will be entering, which session you would like, and a phone number and email address to: sbrikiatis@nesmithlibrary.org.
It’s hard to believe that the calendar has already turned to August. As we move ahead from a very busy July, we want to thank everyone for participating in our Summer Reading Program and making the Nesmith Library a part of your summer plans. Congratulations to all our weekly raffle winners. Continue logging books and filling out tickets as there are many more reading raffles to be drawn. The End-of-Summer Reading Party is scheduled for Wednesday, August 15 at 2:00 p.m. featuring Mike Piazza’s Flying High Frisbee Dogs! Please note this is an outdoor event so bring your lawn chairs, towels, and sunscreen. (Rain date scheduled for Thursday, August 16 at 2:00 p.m.)
Mark your calendars. This is a unique, fun-filled family event you won’t want to miss! Sponsored by the Friends of the Library of Windham.

The following is a list of children’s programs in August.

Aug 1  **Songwriting Workshop with Musician Steve Blunt, 1:00-2:00 p.m.**
Learn the writing process via musical composition all while having fun! Ages 7 and up. Registration required.

Aug 2  **Lindsay and Her Puppet Pals Present “Polar Jazz,” 10:30-11:30 a.m.**
Ages 3 and up. Registration required.

Aug 6  **Toddler Time with Miss Karen, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. Sessions**
Ages 18 months to 3 years. No registration required.

Aug 7  **Drop-in Craft, 1:00-3:00 p.m.**
Crafts available while supplies last. Recommended for ages 4 and up. No registration required.

Aug 8  **Movie Matinee, 1:00-3:00 p.m.**
Find out how a sheep-herding dog becomes a rock star! Popcorn and beverages provided during this PG-rated movie. All ages. No registration required.

Aug 9  **Mariposa Museum Presents “The Geography of Sound,” 10:30 a.m.**
Learn about musical instruments from around the world and make your own rain stick to bring home. Ages 5 and up. Registration required.

Aug 13  **Toddler Time with Miss Karen, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. Sessions**
Ages 18 months to 3 years. No registration required.

Aug 14  **Last day to record books and fill out raffle tickets.**

Aug 15  **End of Summer Reading Party Featuring Flying High Frisbee Dogs, 2:00 p.m.**
The whole family is invited to an amazing show celebrating a summer of reading! This program will be held outside on library grounds and attendees are encouraged to bring blankets, chairs, and sunscreen. No registration required. Sponsored by FLOW. Rain date: August 16.

Thank you to the Friends of the Library of Windham and to all our Summer Reading Program sponsors:
- Canobie Lake Park
- Cowabunga’s
- Johnson’s Highland View Farm
- Kendall Pond Pizza
- The Napoli Group/McDonald’s
- New Hampshire Fisher Cats
- Santa’s Village
- Shaw’s Supermarket
- Story Land
- T-Bones Great American Eatery
- Texas Roadhouse
- Water Country
New Children’s Books for Summer Reading

Jane McCue

J Fiction
Chronicles of the Dark Star by Kevin Emerson
Last Day on Mars: Book One
The Oceans Between Stars: Book Two
Frank Einstein and the Bio Action Gizmo by Jon Scieszka
Marvel Black Panther: The Junior Novel adapted by Jim McCann
Rebound by Kwame Alexander
Willa of the Wood by Robert Beatty

E Readers
Write to Me: Letters from Japanese American Children to the Librarian
They Left Behind by Cynthia Grady

Goodbye Brings Hello by Dianne White
Grandma Gatewood: Hikes the Appalachian Trail by Jennifer Thermes
Little Robot Alone by Patricia MacLachlan
Mixed: A Colorful Story by Arree Chung
The Princess and the Pit Stop by Tom Angleberger
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Picture Books

Jane McCue

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Diaries

Jane McCue

Goodbye Brings Hello by Dianne White
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Little Robot Alone by Patricia MacLachlan
Mixed: A Colorful Story by Arree Chung
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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 Monday, September 3 for Labor Day.