The New Year is just around the corner! The end of 2018 will be a huge milestone for me as I will be retiring from Nesmith Library.

I've enjoyed a wonderful 40 year career in libraries. The Nesmith Library has been my “library home” for 24 of those years in two separate tenures, 1984 to 1994 and 2004 to 2018.

For me, Windham has been a special place. I am grateful beyond words for the two terms and 24 years spent working on behalf of the library and Windham’s residents.

Retirement from Nesmith Library will be bittersweet. I look forward to my next chapter! That said, I will miss the library family – staff, trustees, friends of the library, and residents, and I wish all the very, very best.

Years ago it was made clear to me that for a library to serve it’s community well there must be a combined team effort involving the library director, library staff, library trustees, friends of the library groups, town departments, administration, and government, and of course support from the community! Windham is fortunate that all of these elements have been in place. I truly believe that Nesmith Library provided an important service to Windham residents and that the community has been well served over the years. I view Nesmith Library as a successful institution – and I hope you share that view!

I have so many of you to thank for a wonderful tenure here – so many that I would not dare to try and list you all for fear of leaving someone out. Please know that I am truly thankful for your kindness, your efforts, and your support.

Have a wonderful Holiday Season and a Happy New Year 2019! The library staff, library trustees, and I hope that you, your family, and friends will visit Nesmith Library often in the coming months and take advantage of all the value that Nesmith Library has to offer! Stop in soon!
From the Children's Room

Jane McCue,  
Children’s Librarian

Story Hour Update

Our story hour sessions for three to six year olds are well underway with an amazing group of children bringing their enthusiasm to class. This session is filled with stories, songs, games, and simple crafts to bring home. Our themes include making new friends, black cats, birds, eagles, Thanksgiving, turkeys, dinosaurs, world, family, and the holidays.

A winter weather reminder to all parents: when Windham Schools have a delayed opening, the morning story hour class will be cancelled. When Windham schools are closed, BOTH the morning and afternoon sessions will be cancelled. Thank you for all your support.

Magnetic Marble Race After-School Program

On Thursday, December 13 at 4:00 p.m., the SEE Science Center of Manchester will bring their ever popular makerspace program “Magnetic Marble Race” to the Nesmith Library. This program is designed for students in grades three and up. Participants are challenged to think outside the box. Students will be divided into small groups and tasked with engineering a course for a marble to travel at a slow rate of speed. The slower the speed, the better. Motion and magnetism will be discussed and explored.

This program runs from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m., and parents have the option of remaining in the library during the program, or filling out a permission slip for the child to stay by himself or herself under the direction of the Nesmith Library staff and be picked up at 5:00 p.m.

Registration is required, and registrants must be nine years of age or older, or in grades three to six. Space is limited. Please call the library at 432-7154 or stop by the circulation desk to register.

7th Annual Teen Read-a-Thon

Sylvie Brikiatis,  
Assistant Library Director/  
Young Adult Librarian

Looking for something fun to do over the school vacation? Come join us for fun, food, drinks, and good reading. The Nesmith Library is sponsoring a teen Read-a-Thon to benefit the Shepherd’s Pantry on Saturday, December 29. Teens ages 12-19 can drop in anytime between 12:00 and 4:00 p.m. for a bite to eat and spend some time reading to raise money for charity. Read books, magazines, e-books, comics – anything you want! Just READ!! Stay for a half hour or the entire four hours. It’s up to you.

Community service hours have been approved for Windham High School students, so bring your forms with you. No registration required. Participants, please bring a donation of non-perishable food items and/or cash donations. Community members or businesses, sponsorships, and donations are still being accepted. If you would like to donate, please contact Sylvie Brikiatis @ 432-7154 or sbrikiatis@nesmithlibrary.org.

Toddler Time

Karen Frey,  
Circulation Coordinator

Toddler Time is a drop-in program for children ages 18 months to three years accompanied by a favorite adult. The last two Toddler Time dates for 2018 are Monday, December 3 and December 10. Choose either the 9:30 or 10:30 a.m. session. No registration is required.
Do You Have a Business Plan?

Diane Mayr,
Assistant Library Director

If you’re all finished with holiday shopping and you have a little time on your hands this month, consider this: December is “National Write a Business Plan Month.”

If you have a small business, do you have a plan? If you don’t have a business, do you have a plan for your career?

Before 2018 comes to an end, write a plan. You may find it will enable you to move forward when you seem to have been spinning your wheels.

Look for these to help you get started:

Blanchard, Kenneth H. Full Steam Ahead!: Unleash the Power of Vision in Your Company and Your Life. [AB/CD 650.1 BLA]

DuDell, Michael Parrish. Shark Tank: Jump Start Your Business: How to Grow a Business from Concept to Cash. [658.1 DUD]


Hawley, Casey. 10 Make-or-Break Career Moments: Navigate, Negotiate, and Communicate for Success. [650.1 HAW]

Selk, Jason. Organize Tomorrow Today: 8 Ways to Retrain Your Mind to Optimize Performance at Work and in Life. [eBook]

Williams, Edward E. Business Planning: 25 Keys to a Sound Business Plan. [eAudioback]

Soothing Santa for Special Kids

Jaimie Baker,
FLOW President

Sensory processing disorder (SPD) occurs when the brain has trouble receiving and responding to information that comes through the senses. Sensory processing problems are commonly seen in children with developmental conditions like autism spectrum disorder.

Imagine a parent who would like to offer a child with sensory issues the opportunity to take part in a typical pre-holiday activity – visiting with Santa. A trip to the mall with its lights, sounds, crowds, just won’t work.

The Friends of the Library of Windham (FLOW) has joined with the Nesmith Library in trying to make the Santa experience possible. On Sunday, December 9, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., we will have Santa and Mrs. Claus visit the Nesmith Library before the facility is open to the general public. A parent may reserve a time for a quiet visit with the Jolly Old Elf. This event is exclusively for children, ages three and up, with SPD or other integration issues. Reservations are being taken now. Preference is given to Windham residents, but nonresidents can be put on a wait list in case space becomes available.
New Children’s Picture Books

Jane McCue

- Best Friends in the Universe by Stephanie Watson
- A BIG Mooncake for Little Star by Grace Lin
- Blue by Laura Vaccaro Seeger
- A Boy and a House by Maya Kastelic
- Cat Wishes by Calista Brill
- Construction Site on Christmas Night by Sherri Duskey Rinker
- The Crocodile and the Dentist by Taro Gomi
- Crunch: The Shy Dinosaur by Cirocco Dunlap
- The Detective Dog by Julia Donaldson
- A Dog Named Doug by Karma Wilson
- Don’t Eat That! by Drew Sheneman
- Fruit Bowl by Mark Hoffmann
- Giraffe Problems by Jory John
- Good Morning, Snowplow! by Deborah Bruss
- Got to Get to Bear’s! by Brian Lies
- Hedgehog Needs a Hug by Jen Bretton
- Hedge Hog! by Ashlyn Anstee
- Horse Meets Dog by Elliott Kalan
- Imagine! by Raul Colon
- If I Had Words by Kelly Cooper
- The Itchy Book by Leuyen Pham
- Jack (NOT Jackie) by Erica Silverman
- Kat Writes a Song by Greg Foley
- King Alice by Matthew Cordell
- Kitten and the Night Watchman by John Sullivan
- Ladybug Girl and the Rescue Dogs by David Soman
- Love, Agnes: Postcards from an Octopus by Irene Iatham
- Mapping Sam by Joyce Hesselberth
- A Parade of Elephants by Kevin Henkes
- Pearl by Molly Idle
- Pinny in Fall by Joanne Schwartz
- Quiet by Tomie dePaola
- The Rough Patch by Brian Lies
- Run Wild by David Covell
- Sometimes Rain by Meg Fleming
- Surprise! by Caroline Haddlaksono
- Thank You, Omu! by Oge Mora
- The Snowy Nap by Jan Brett
- This Is a Whoopsie! by Andrew Cangelose
- The Truth About Hippos by Maxwell Eaton III
- Up the Mountain Path by Marianne Dubuc
- Vernon Is on His Way by Philip C. Stead
- We Don’t Eat Our Classmates by Ryan T. Higgins
- Whale in a Fishbowl by Troy Howell

Dates to Remember

12/3  Toddler Time, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.
12/3-6  FLOW Children’s Holiday Craft Workshops, 4:30 p.m.
12/5  Wreath Decorating Craft, 6:30 p.m.
12/6  Nesmith Knitters, 12:30-2:30 p.m.
12/9  Soothing Santa for Special Kids, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
12/10  Toddler Time, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.
12/13  Magnetic Marble Race Program, 4:00 p.m.
12/15  Teen Tech Mentoring, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
12/18  Library Board of Trustees Meeting, 7:00-8:15 p.m.
12/20  Nesmith Knitters, 12:30-2:30 p.m.
12/24  Christmas Eve, Library Closed
12/25  Christmas, Library Closed
12/28  Library Closed
12/29  7th Annual Teen Read-a-Thon, 12:00-4:00 p.m.
12/31  New Year’s Eve, Library Closed
1/1  New Year’s Day, Library Closed

The library will be closed on the following dates: December 24, 25, 28, 31 and January 1.