People often bemoan the passing of romantic comedy. But, rest assured, it is alive and well if 2017 was any indication. We’ve added several new DVDs to our collection that were released in the past year and are labeled as “romantic comedies.” This month of Valentine’s Day is the right time for a little light-hearted romance—come visit the Library and pick up one of these:

- Between Us. [DVD BET]
- The Big Sick. [DVD BIG]
- Everybody Loves Somebody. [DVD EVE]
- Home Again. [DVD HOM]
- The Lovers. [DVD LOV]
- Paris Can Wait. [DVD PAR]

And if you’re feeling nostalgic, we have these classics, and many more:

- Born Yesterday. [DVD BOR]
- Bringing Up Baby. [DVD BRI]
- It Happened One Night. [DVD IT]
- My Man Godfrey. [DVD MY]
- Overboard. [DVD OVE]
- The Philadelphia Story. [DVD PHI]
- Pillow Talk. [DVD PIL]
- Sleepless in Seattle. [DVD SLE]
- Some Like It Hot. [DVD SOM]
- Take Me Out to the Ball Game. [DVD TAK]

Join us on Wednesday, February 7 at 6:00 p.m. for the screening of a newly released, Oscar-nominated movie! We can't say the name, but it is a PG-13 drama recalling an event during WWII that left Allied troops stranded on a French beach. Popcorn, snacks, and drinks will be served! Please note that this is an adult event, so ages 16 and up only.

This program is free, open to the public (ages 16+), and registration is required. Please call the library at 432-7154 to register or for more information.
Blind Date with a Book – Teen Edition

Sylvie Brikiatis,
Assistant Director / Young Adult Librarian

Come in anytime after February 4 and visit the display in the YA section of the Nesmith Library. Read the short description of each wrapped book. Pick one to read. Fill out the enclosed review sheet and return it to the library for a chance to win an Amazon gift card. Don’t see a book on display to stir your interest? Pick any book you like and ask for a review sheet at check out.

Books can be selected until the end of the month. Review forms need to be returned by 5:00 p.m., Friday, March 2 to be considered for the raffle.

All About Anime

Sylvie Brikiatis

On Wednesday February 7 and February 21, from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m., join us at the Nesmith Library for an afternoon of anime.

We will sample some anime, learn and create a few Japanese crafts, and talk about other Japanese cultural phenomena. No registration required. Ages 12 and up.

Introduction to Drum Set Workshop

Jane McCue,
Children’s Librarian

On Thursday, February 15 from 3:30-4:30 p.m., Let’s Play Music director, Wil Latulippe, invites you to an introductory drum session at the Nesmith Library. Wil is a former New England Music Festival Drum Champion and currently teaches percussion at Let’s Play Music. Let’s Play Music offers an outreach initiative to build music appreciation and literacy in the community.

In this session, you will learn to play a basic rock beat, the foundation of all pop music. If you are age six or up, join us for a fun and informative workshop on drum basics. This hands-on interactive workshop will also include demonstrations on a variety of styles like jazz, funk, blues, and Latin.

Registration is required. Please stop by the front circulation desk or call the library at 432-7154 to register. If you would like more information, visit http://letsplaymusic.com/ or call the library and ask for Jane McCue or Sarah Williams.
Chinese New Year for Home Schoolers

Jane McCue

On Friday, February 23, starting at 10:30 a.m., the Nesmith Library will host an interactive event for home school families in celebration of Chinese New Year. Help us ring in The Year of the Dog with festive crafts, activities, and snacks! Children can also learn the ancient art of Zhēzhǐ, Chinese paper folding.

Using Chinese brushes with ink on rice paper, artist Kristine Brock will lead older children in a culturally inspired traditional watercolor art lesson. Space is limited and registration is required to participate in the art project led by Kristine Brock. Please stop by the front desk or call the library at 432-7154 to register. Other activities will be ongoing during the program for younger siblings.

Home school families are encouraged to attend this event as a way to experience this holiday celebration together, and learn more about another culture.

February Vacation Programs

Jane McCue

Take a break from the cold, and warm up at the library during February school vacation week. Please join us for one or all of our animal themed events listed below.

Drop-in Craft

Tuesday, February 27, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Children of all ages are invited to the library for a drop-in craft. Craft includes a “Super Safari” sand art picture to bring home and a snowman coaster.

Bring the whole family to the library any time between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. No registration is required. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Crafts available while supplies last.

Curious Creatures

Wednesday, February 28, starting at 10:30 a.m. Curious Creatures will present a live animal program with a variety of critters to entertain you! Children must be ages five and up to register. Some of the animals you might see during this program include an American Alligator, Bearded Dragon, Chinchilla, Red-Tail Boa Constrictor, and much more. (Animals vary depending on availability the day of show.) The Curious Creatures presentation will last approximately 40 minutes with an additional 20 minutes being reserved for the children to touch some of the animals. Due to space availability, registration is required. Call the library at 432-7154 to reserve a spot.

Pony Movie Matinee

Thursday, March 1 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. We will be showing a newly released on DVD pony movie. Children of all ages are welcome to attend this PG-rated movie as we fire up the popcorn machine, make pony bead bracelets, and search for a rain-bow ticket hiding in the children’s room to claim a small prize! This movie is recommended for children ages four and up. No registration required.

Our Reading Dog Is Back!

Jane McCue

We are happy to announce that our reading sessions with Macs are returning to the Nesmith Library. Macs, a lovable cockatoo, is a registered Pet Partners Read with Me dog. Mark your calendars for Monday, March 12. Fifteen-minute reading sessions will be available from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

Often, students find it intimidating to read in front of classmates, but love reading to a calm, non-judgmental dog. A reading program involving a dog as a listener has the potential to ease fears.

We are grateful for local resident Mrs. McCarthy offering her time and her dog to bring this program back to the Nesmith Library.

If your child would enjoy reading with Macs, please call the library at 432-7154 to sign up. Children of all ages and reading levels are encouraged to participate. Bring your own book or read one of ours! Registration is required to guarantee a time slot but drop-ins will be added if spots are available.
First Sunday

Jaimie Baker,
FLOW President

The Friends of the Library of Windham are happy to announce a new benefit for FLOW members – a coffee hour once a month during the school year on the first Sunday of each month from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the multi-purpose 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 an early look at these new books.

We are launching this initiative on Sunday February 4, 2018, with librarian Maria Schroeter doing a short presentation. If you are not yet a member of FLOW, this is a great time to join!

The WONDERful World of Science

Jaimie Baker

Join us for our annual children’s program, the WONDERful World of Science, at the Nesmith Library, Saturday, March 10 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.! This year we’ve themed our program after our town-wide reading, Wonder. There will, of course, be science themed crafts, activities, and snacks galore plus a fabulous demonstration brought to us by the SEE Science Center’s SEEmobile! Kids will get the chance to have some hands-on experience playing with polymers, making kaleidoscopes, and FREE FROSTYS! The event will run from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with the demonstration running from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Our book sale will run in conjunction with the program. Stop by the multi-purpose room on Friday, March 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 10 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. FLOW member early access will be on Thursday, March 8 from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

One Book One Windham

Jaimie Baker

“The idea is that the city that opens the same book closes it in greater harmony.”

What if everyone in Windham read the same book? What conversations could we spark?
FLOW and the Nesmith Library are joining forces by inviting the community to read and connect through a shared reading experience. Special programs are coming starting in March!

We are excited to announce our 2018 title for One Book, One Community, is Wonder by R. J. Palacio. Be on the look out for more information.
New Children’s Books

Jane McCue

**New J Fiction**
- Almost Paradise by Corabel Shofner
- Amina’s Voice by Hena Khan
- Cowboy Pug: The Dog Who Rode for Glory by Laura James
- The Fire Ascending by Chris D'Lacey
- The Great Penguin Rescue: Saving the African Penguins by Sandra Markle
- Greetings from Witness Protection! by Jake Burt
- The Peter Rabbit and Friends Treasury by Beatrix Potter
- The Secret Sheriff of Sixth Grade by Jordan Sonnenblick
- Sputnik’s Guide to Life on Earth by Frank Cottrell Boyce
- Three Pennies by Melanie Crowder
- The Twelve Pets of Christmas by Taylor Garland
- Yours Sincerely, Giraffe by Megumi Iwasa

**Geronimo Stilton Additions**
- CaveMice: The Smelly Search
- CaveMice: A Mammoth Mystery
- SpaceMice: Slurp
- Monster Showdown
- SpaceMice: Pirate Spacecat Attack
- SpaceMice: We’ll Bite Your Tail, Geronimo
- MiceKings: Stay Strong, Geronimo
- MiceKings: The Mysterious Message
- MiceKings: The Helmet Holdup

**Picture Books**
- Away by Emil Sher
- The Bad Seed by Jory John
- Barkus by Patricia Maclachlan
- Be Quiet! by Ryan T. Higgins
- The Book of Mistakes by Corinna Luyken
- Dear Girl by Amy Krouse Rosenthal
- The Forever Garden by Laurel Snyder and Samantha Cotterill
- The GREAT Dictionary Caper by Judy Sierra
- Hello Goodbye Dog by Maria Gianferari
- How to Find and Elephant by Kate Banks
- The Pink Hat by Andrew Joyner
- La Princesa and the Pea by Susan Middleton Elya
- Little Wolf’s First Howling by Laura McGee
- Kvasnosky Love by Matt De La Pena
- Me and You and the Red Canoe by Jean E. Pendziwol
- Morris Mole by Dan Yaccarino
- That Neighbor Kid by Daniel Miyares
- Now by Antoinette Portis
- Pocket Full of Colors by Amy Guglielmo

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