Oldies But Goodies

Diane Mayr,
Assistant Library Director

Happy 2018! There are hundreds of new television series being released by the multiple producers of content in this country. Add to them all the British and Australian series that make their way over here, and it becomes overwhelming to try to follow 21st century TV culture.

Don’t you sometimes wish for the good old days when your choice of series was limited to the offerings of three major networks – ABC, CBS, and NBC? By the time the 70s came along you could have added public television series to the mix.

We have several older series and mini-series in our collection that you can revisit if you’re feeling nostalgic. There’s I love Lucy: The Complete Series [DVD TV SERIES I], which contains 194 half-hour episodes. The humor is rather unsophisticated, but without a doubt, you’ll still laugh over Lucy’s commercial for “Vitameatavegamin” or her stint on the candy factory assembly line.

Sadly, we don’t have the complete Twilight Zone series, but we do have Treasures of the Twilight Zone [DVD TRE], which contains three original episodes, including the premiere one from 1958.

Do you remember being glued to your TV by one of the first television miniseries, Roots [DVD ROO], based on the Alex Haley bestseller of the same name [B HAL]? You can watch it, now 40 years later, if you missed it the first time around!

I know some of you grew up with the television series Little House on the Prairie [J DVD LIT], which starred Michael Landon as “Pa.” Many people were introduced to the books of Laura Ingalls Wilder [J WIL] through this mid-70s phenomenon.

Now on PBS you can see the historic romance Poldark, but did you know the series was filmed before, in 1975-77, for Masterpiece Theatre? We have the original as well as the newest filmed version [DVD TV SERIES POL]. Also from the early 1970s is Upstairs Downstairs about a wealthy British family and their house servants [DVD TV SERIES UPS].

I know it’s hard to believe, but The Simpsons [DVD TV SERIES SIM] has been on the air since December 1989! We have all the seasons if you’d like to watch them again!

That should be enough to get you started on binge-watching in 2018! Have a great time!
January Adult Programming

Maria Schroeter,
Reference Librarian / Interlibrary Loan / Adult Programming

Trivia Night is back! Thursday, January 18, at 6:00 p.m. we’ll be enjoying pizza and testing our knowledge on a variety of topics. Recruit friends and family to form a team! Ages 16 and up.

A good credit score is important for many different reasons. Did you know that “credit scores also frequently extend to other areas besides debt underwriting, such as auto insurance contracts, cell phone plans, and rental housing? Moreover, survey evidence suggests that up to 60% of employers run credit checks on potential employees as part of the hiring decision” [Dokko, Li, and Hayes, 2015]. Join us on Thursday, January 25, at 6:00 p.m. when Citizens Bank will present their program, “Score Some Points: Understanding and Raising Your Credit Score.” In this workshop you will learn about factors that influence your score and what steps you can take to improve it.

All programs are free, open to the public, and registration is required. Call the library at 432-7154 to register or for more information.


From the Children’s Room

Jane McCue,
Children’s Librarian

Workshop from Let’s Play Music, and our January home school program had to be rescheduled. Look for those new upcoming dates in February!

Story Hour Registration 2018
Registration for the 2018 story hour session will be held on Wednesday, January 17, 2018. Numbers will be handed out when the library opens at 9:00 a.m. Phone registrations will not be taken after the in-house library registration is completed, and subject to availability. Note that this program is open only to families who are Nesmith Library cardholders.

Story hour is for children three to six years of age who can independently participate in an hour of stories, songs, and a simple craft project. While the child is attending story hour, a parent or guardian needs to remain in the library at all times. Children must be three years of age by January 1, 2018, to be eligible for this session, and each child may only be registered for one class per story hour session.

Story hour sessions will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 10:00 to 11:00, and on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons from 1:00 to 2:00. Story hours begin the week of January 30 and run for 12 weeks with the last story hour being held the week of April 17. Due to school vacation, there will be no story hours during the weeks of February 26 and April 23. In the event of inclement weather, when Windham schools have a delayed opening, morning story hour will be canceled. If Windham schools are closed, BOTH the morning and afternoon sessions will be canceled.
Macs, Our Registered Reading Dog, Returns!

Jane McCue

We are happy to announce that our reading sessions with Macs are returning to the Nesmith Library in the New Year. Macs, a loveable cockatoo, is a registered Pet Partners Read with Me dog. Our first reading date with Macs is set for Monday, January 29. Fifteen-minute reading sessions will be available from 4:00 to 5:15 p.m. Often, students find it intimidating to read in front of classmates, but love to read to a non-judgmental, calming dog. A reading program, involving a dog as a listener, has the potential to ease that fear.

Dog owner, Blaire McCarthy of Windham, has completed training and Macs is a Registered Pet Partners Read with Me dog. We are grateful for Mrs. McCarthy’s offering of her time and her dog, Macs, to offer this program here at the Nesmith Library. If you think your child would enjoy reading with Macs, please call the library and sign up for one of our 15-minute sessions. 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 that day if spots are still available.

All About Anime

Sylvie Brikiatis,
Assistant Director, Operations / Young Adult / Youth Services

On Wednesday January 24, from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m., join us at the Nesmith Library for an afternoon of anime.

We’ll sample some anime, learn and create some Japanese crafts, and talk about other Japanese cultural phenomena. This will serve as a brainstorming session for a revitalized Anime Club to resume twice monthly for the spring of 2018. No registration required. Ages 12 and up.

Toddler Time

Karen Frey,
Circulation Coordinator

Toddler Time is ready for the New Year! 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 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:
- January 8, 22, 29
- February 5, 12
- March 5, 12, 19

Now that winter has arrived, please keep in mind that when Windham schools are closed or delayed due to weather conditions, both sessions of Toddler Time will be canceled.
FLOW Update

Jaimie Baker,
FLOW President

The Friends of the Library of Windham (FLOW) are gearing up for a great New Year. Our first Strawberry Festival planning meeting is Friday, January 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the Nesmith Library. We are looking for coordinators to help with:

- Volunteers
- Raffles
- Entertainment
- Face Painting
- Sand Art

If you’re interested, email StrawberryFestival@FlowWindham.org or join us on the 5th!

Our spring book fair at the Nesmith Library begins on Thursday, March 8 from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m., which is a preview day for FLOW members only. The sale opens to the general public 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.

We are still accepting donations for the fair.

Mark your calendar for March 10 for the annual children’s program. It’s going to be a wonderful event!

FLOW Accepting Donations

As in the past, we welcome donations of new and gently used books, books on CD/tape, music CDs, DVD movies, and computer software and games. We also accept donations of board games and puzzles. Donated items will be sorted and available for purchase at our ongoing book sale and during our annual book fairs. If you have been doing some cleaning and would like to support a good cause, please consider making a donation.

You may drop off donations at the Nesmith Library during regular business hours.

Also consider volunteering at one of our upcoming book fairs. Contact FLOW at flow@FlowWindham.org for more information.

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


The Friends of the Library of Windham and the Nesmith Library are joining forces in asking everyone in Windham to read the same book. Special programs for adults and children will be available in the spring. Stay tuned to find out what book we picked!
New Children’s Chapter Books

Jane McCue

Brave Red, Smart Frog: A New Book of Old Tales by Emily Jenkins Children of Exile by Margaret Peterson Haddix Children of Refuge by Margaret Peterson Haddix Clayton Byrd Goes Underground by Rita Williams-Garcia

The Dreadful Tale of Prosper Redding by Alexandra Bracken

Eugenia Lincoln and the Unexpected Package by Kate DiCamillo

The Exact Location of Home by Kate Messner

The Explorer by Katherine Rundell

Forest World by Margarita Engle

Halfway Normal by Barbara Dee

Hamster-Saurus Rex Vs Squirrel Kong by Tom O’Donnell

Hilde Cracks the Case: Hero Dog by Hilde Lysiak

Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus by Dusti Bowling

The Incredible Magic of Being by Kathryn Erskine

I Survived: The American Revolution, 1776 by Lauren Tarshis

Joplin, Wishing by Diane Stanley

Just Dance by Patricia MacLachlan

The Lost Kingdom of Bamarre by Gail Carson Levine

The Magic Misfits by Neil Patrick Harris

Magic Tree House: A Big Day for Baseball by Mary Pope Osborne

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Merlin Missions: Night of the Ninth Dragon by Mary Pope Osborne

Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard by Rick Riordan

Mustaches for Maddie by Chad Morris and Shelly Brown

Nevermoor: The Trials of Morrigan Crow by Jessica Townsend

Next Best Junior Chef: Lights, Camera, Cook! by Charise Mericle Harper

The Notations of Cooper Cameron by Jane O’Reilly

Owl Diaries: Baxter Is Missing by Rebecca Elliott

Owl Diaries: Warm Hearts Day by Rebecca Elliott

The Player King by Avi

Predator Vs Prey by Lisa McMann

Race to the Bottom of the Sea by Lindsay Eagar

The Real McCoys by Matthew Swanson

Restart by Gordon Korman

Rickshaw Girl by Mitali Perkins

Rise of the Jumbies by Tracey Baptiste

Saving Marty by Paul Griffin

Scar Island by Dan Gemeinhart

Dates to Remember

1/1 New Year’s Day, Library Closed
1/3 Teen Tech Mentoring, 3:00-5:00 p.m.
1/4 Nesmith Knitters, 12:30-2:30 p.m.
1/5 Strawberry Festival Planning Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
1/8 Toddler Time, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.
1/9 Library Board of Trustees Meeting, 7:00-8:15 p.m.
1/10 FLOW Board Meeting, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
1/15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Library Closed
1/17 Story Hour Registration, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
1/18 2018 Scripps Spelling Bee for Home Schoolers, 12:00 p.m.; Nesmith Knitters, 12:30-2:30 p.m.; Trivia Night, 6:00 p.m.
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