From the Director’s Desk
Introducing Our New Staff Members

Sylvie Brikiatis,
Library Director

Changes are continuing at the library. I am excited to introduce two new staff members this summer.

Azra Palo joined us in June as the new Head of Youth Services and has jumped right into the summer reading craziness.

Azra Palo

Molly Pevna will be starting on July 1 as a new Youth Services Librarian. Her focus will be teens, but she will be helping out with all ages.

Molly Pevna

With the addition of two new full-time staff members to our Children’s department and long-time Children’s Librarian Jane McCue, the library will be able to provide new, exciting programming for all ages in the fall. Please stop by and introduce yourselves to our new employees and let them know what kind of programming you’d like to see!

Molly Pevna

Children’s Summer Reading Program

Azra Palo,
Head of Youth Services

Our Summer Reading Program is officially in full swing! I was overjoyed to see how many families came out to enjoy ice cream, crafts, and Jason Tardy and his juggling magic on June 27. This community is incredibly supportive of the library and I have loved getting to know our patrons. We will have plenty of special events with NH Children’s Museum, Museum of Science, and Magic by George for you to attend in July, so make sure to check our calendar and call us if registration is required. I am most excited to see Wild About Turtles on Thursday July 11 at 10:30 a.m. and Wildlife Encounters, because with six pets, you could say I’m an animal lover. Other programs include:

• Drop-in Crafts Tuesday, July 9 and Thursday, July 18, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
• Wooden Airplanes with Mr. Miloro July 15 at 2:00 p.m. Registration required.
• Movie Matinee: Monsters vs. Aliens Tuesday, July 16, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
July Adult Summer Reading Events

Maria Schroeter,
Adult Programming Librarian

Adult Summer Reading Program is underway, and already someone has won a $25 gift card to Cyr Lumber! Don’t miss your chance to win great prizes! You will earn a raffle ticket for each book read (and yes, audio books count), but you must be a Nesmith Library card holder to participate, and you must sign up at the circulation desk to be eligible. Once you have enrolled, start reading (only library materials count) and when you return your items, pick up your ticket at the front desk (one ticket per item), fill out your ticket with your name, phone number, and the name of the book you read, and drop it in the container that corresponds to the prize you hope to win. Prizes include gift cards to Cyr Lumber (generously donated by Cyr Lumber); a gift certificate to the Windham Junction Country Gift Shop & Kitchen (generously donated by the Windham Junction & Kitchen); an assortment of kitchen accessories; a collection of sundries from the Windham Junction & Kitchen; and a variety of gardening items (all generously provided by the Friends of the Library of Windham). Raffles will be drawn at the Trivia Night Wrap Party on August 13.

On Wednesday, July 10 at 6:00 p.m., Kitri and Leslie from Ways of Color will be back with another fantastic stained glass craft! We’ll be making tile trivets using real glass, and because of the hands-on grout application, be sure to wear your grubby clothes and shoes. This always popular program is limited to 25 participants and registration is required, and you must be a Nesmith Library card holder over the age of 16. Generously sponsored by the Friends of the Library of Windham.

Join us on Thursday, July 18 at 11:00 a.m., for a rare opportunity to tour the world-class art collection at Fidelity’s Merrimack campus where Patricia Dellorfano, the lead curator of Fidelity’s Corporate Art Collection, will guide us. There is never a shortage of good ideas at Fidelity. To help cultivate these ideas, create a stimulating work environment, and expose employees to original works of art, Edward C. Johnson III took the innovative step in 1980 of hiring an in-house curator to manage and enlarge a burgeoning art collection. For close to 40 years, the collection has grown to keep in step with the expansion of Fidelity’s services, locations, personnel, and customers. Today there are more than 12,000 works in a variety of media, installed throughout work spaces ranging from hallways, conference rooms, and cafeterias to private offices and walk-in investor centers. The collection is managed by the Corporate Art Group in Boston and focuses on contemporary, living artists working wherever Fidelity has a regional presence. This acquisition strategy benefits local arts communities and ensures a diverse cross section of contemporary art objects from throughout North America, and a growing number from Asia,

Europe, and the United Kingdom. Meet us at the Fidelity Campus in the lobby of One Spartan Way in Merrimack. This limited-space program is for Nesmith Library card holders ages 16 and up, and registration is required.

On Tuesday, July 23 at 6:30 p.m., historian and author Glenn Knoblock offers a fun and engaging look at the historic and unusual weathervanes found on New Hampshire’s churches, town halls, and other public buildings from the earliest times to the present. His presentation “New Hampshire on High: Historic and Unusual Weathervanes of the Granite State,” explores the history, practical usage, symbolism, and manufacturing of these beautiful weathervanes. Glenn is the author of over 15 books, including the upcoming release, Historic Meetinghouses and Churches of New Hampshire. This program is made possible by a generous grant from the New Hampshire Humanities.

All programs begin at 6:00 p.m. (unless otherwise noted), and registration is required. To register please call the library at 432-7154, or stop on in to sign up and pick up our adult summer reading brochure for more programming and details!
Teen Summer Reading Programs

Azra Palo

Do you want to make a glow in the dark shirt? Or decorate a droid-tastic Mason jar? What about a live action Clue game with pizza generously donated by Coco, Early, and Associates, Windham Division? If you are entering sixth grade through twelfth grade, then join us for these fabulous programs in July. Don’t forget to mark your calendars for other events including:

• **Sidewalk Chalk Art**
  Friday, July 19, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
  Rain date: Friday, July 26

• **Sci-Fi Trivia**
  Thursday, July 25,
  2:00-4:00 p.m.

I will certainly be at these events and crafting my own mason jar masterpiece. My sci-fi trivia is a bit rusty, but I am sure we will still have plenty of fun. Our new Youth Services Librarian Molly, who will handle a lot of teen programming, will be there at these events, so don’t hesitate to talk to us!

FLOW Volunteers Needed

Rachel Deandrea,
FLOW Publicity

The Friends of the Library of Windham (FLOW) are looking for volunteers who would like to join our 2019-2020 board. It is our volunteers that have made FLOW the successful organization it is today. We have been able to provide financial support to the Nesmith Library for its many renovations and improvements including the automatic entryway doors, a projector for the multi-purpose room, a wireless microphone, and digitizing the Windham Independent.

The Friends currently have several positions open on our board. Positions can be shared, so join with a friend!

This fall we will be looking for people to fill the following roles.

**Treasurer:** Keeps and maintains the financial records of the organization. Responsible for recording all financials at the Strawberry Festival. Responsible for routinely checking the post office box for FLOW, reimbursing expenses, and working with our accountant for tax purposes. A computer is provided.

**Publicity:** Responsible for writing and placing any FLOW press releases to the local newspapers and posting on social media.

**Strawberry Festival Co-Chairs and Planning Committee Members:** Coordinate the numerous aspects of the popular community event.

Please consider becoming a part of our wonderful organization, so we can continue to offer exceptional programs for our library and community.

Also, joining the FLOW Board is a perfect opportunity to meet new people and have lots of fun! So, if you’ve ever taken advantage of all the great things our town library offers you or your family, please consider giving back by volunteering on the FLOW Board. Email flow@flowwindham.org or complete the volunteer form on the FLOW website, www.flowwindham.org to volunteer.

FLOW

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Book Fair Acknowledgments

Donna Gogas,
FLOW Book Fair Chair

This year’s Strawberry Festival Book Fair held at the Nesmith Library and Windham High School was a huge success. It would not have been so without the assistance of family members, my son Craig Blanchard and my husband, Matthew Gogas; community volunteers who worked the various book fair roles; library staff, Patrick Lord and Nesmith Library Director Sylvie Brikiatis; high school students; and the boy scouts and their leadership. I’d like to especially thank the past book fair chair, Holly Hollingshead, who was there every step of the way with her valuable time and experience teaching me the logistics as well as spending hours of her valuable time helping me moving books.

As a first-time book fair chair, it was a tremendous learning experience fraught with my anxiety for such a huge undertaking. However, I am also very grateful for the constant assistance and support from co-chair Michelle Stith, logistics coordinator Don Polifof, FLOW President Skot Pare, and publicity chair Rachel Deandrea. All those I have mentioned above and for those I inadvertently have missed, I thank you all for making it easier to coordinate the book fair. It is very rewarding to be a part of the Windham community. I look forward to continuing to chair the book fair in the future.

THANK YOU!

Dates to Remember

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