This year has been a year of change at the Nesmith Library. Some are bittersweet, some are exciting, but all are moving our library forward.

We began the year with our long time director, Carl Heidenblad, moving on to semi-retirement. From all that I’ve heard, he is enjoying his new status. I picked up the reins at the beginning of April and have been busy learning my new responsibilities and getting new staff in place. Nancy Vigezzi, our head of technical services, was promoted to assistant director and added these new duties to her day.

Long time Nesmith Assistant Director Diane Mayr retired at the end of May and is looking forward to her new role as active grandmother. Diane began her career at the Nesmith Library while it was still located in the Armstrong Building, as the children’s librarian. She wore many hats over the years; adult programming librarian, collection development guru, assistant director, acting director on more than one occasion, and children’s book author. If you have never checked them out, we have several of Diane’s titles in our collection. She also made a lasting impact on librarianship in the state of New Hampshire. Diane spearheaded an initiative to create “Reads-to-Go” kits that provide discussable book club titles to share across the state.

There will be many new faces at the library over the next few months, so please come in and get to know our new staff as they come on board.

We have added a new streaming service, Hoopla, that gives our borrowers immediate access to hundreds of thousands of titles of eBooks, eAudiobooks, comics, movies, TV series, and music. And, of course, we continue to add to our “Unusual Items” collection.

**Summer Reading Kick-Off Party!**

**Sylvie Brikiatis**

Join us on Thursday, June 27 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. to register for this year’s summer reading program, “A Universe of Stories!” This event includes door prizes and a performance by Jason Tardy: High Energy Juggling. All ages welcome.

If you miss the party, registration continues through the summer!

The summer program will include:

- Weekly crafts
- Movie matinee
- Nocturnal Animals program presented by the NH Children’s Museum
- Magic by George
- A Night Sky presentation by the Museum of Science
- The High Flying Frisbee Dogs
- And so much more
June Adult Summer Reading Events

Maria Schroeter,
Adult Programming Librarian

Join us in the library this summer for your chance to win prizes, and to attend some wonderful programs! The national theme this summer is “A Universe of Stories,” and starting on Monday, June 3, as part of our Adult Summer Reading Program, you will earn a raffle ticket for each book read (and yes, audio books count) for a chance to win prizes! You must be a Nesmith Library card holder and you must sign up at the circulation desk to be eligible. Once you’ve 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.

Our first program will be held on Wednesday, June 5 when Ann Hamilton, food safety field specialist with the UNH Cooperative Extension, will be discussing food preservation safety. In this introductory class, Ann will cover the latest research-based methods and recipes, and share her knowledge about preserving food safely at home. She will also discuss using boiling water canners, using pressure canners, and freezing and drying food.

Feeling crafty? On Thursday, June 20 we will be creating patriotic-themed garlands just in time to decorate for the 4th of July! Using paper stars, we will distress them so they look like tin, and then string them on twine to complete the project. This program is for ages 16 and up, and space is limited.

Join us on Tuesday, June 25 as we learn about New England Lighthouses and the People Who Kept Them. Due to automation, traditional lighthouse keeping is a way of life that has faded into the past. Come hear the history of these lighthouses and the stories of their keepers and their families. This New Hampshire Humanities program will be hosted by Jeremy D’Entremont, the official historian of the American Lighthouse Foundation and the founder of Friends of Portsmouth Harbor Lighthouses. Learn more about Jeremy and New England lighthouses on his website: www.newenglandlighthouses.net.

Unless otherwise noted, all programs begin at 6:00 p.m. and registration is required. To register please call the library at 432-7154, or stop in to sign up and pick up our adult summer reading brochure for more programming and details!

Toddler Time

Karen Frey,
Circulation Coordinator

The warm weather is upon us and the summer session of Toddler Time will be starting! Toddler Time is a drop-in program for children ages 18 months to 3 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 25 minutes, featuring books, songs, and movement activities. This is followed by time for social interaction and play. The following dates have been scheduled: June 17, June 24, July 8, July 15, July 22, July 29, August 5, and August 12. Hope to see you there!
Teen Summer Reading 2019

Sylvie Brikiatis

A UNIVERSE OF STORIES

Out of this World
Teen Summer Kick-Off with Mentalist Christopher Grace

Join us Monday, June 24 at 1:00 p.m. to register for the Teen Summer Reading Program. Along with the performance by mentalist Christopher Grace, there will be door prize raffles, snacks, and bonus book bucks. The first 75 registrants will receive a swag bag. If you are 12-18 (or entering grade 6-12), sign up for a summer of fun!

Programs for the summer include:
• Interactive Guardians of the Galaxy movie
• Live interactive Clue
• Chance to climb a portable rock wall

FLOW Scholarship Winners Announced

Rachel Deandrea,
FLOW Publicity

The Friends of the Library of Windham (FLOW) announced the recipients of our annual scholarships on Wednesday, May 29, at the Blue and Gold Awards – Scholarship Night at Windham High School.

This year we awarded two Professional Studies Scholarships ($2,500 each). The Professional Studies Scholarship is established to help students pursue their professional studies. Alyssa Daniels and Joshua David Parker received these scholarships. This fall, Alyssa will be attending Brandeis studying neuroscience. Joshua David Parker will attend UMass Lowell studying mechanical engineering.

We would like to thank all the applicants for their time and effort in completing the application process. We wish the entire class of 2019 the best in all of their future endeavors.

FLOW Volunteers Needed

Rachel Deandrea

The Friends of the Library of Windham 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’ll be looking for someone 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
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.

Hoopla

Have you checked out Hoopla yet? Hoopla is eBooks, eAudios, music, videos, and much more. It is your public library at your fingertips. Anytime, anywhere.

With your valid Nesmith Library card, you can download or stream digital content to your smart phone, tablet, computer, or TV. You may borrow up to four items per month. All content is immediately available, so there are no waiting lists! It only takes a minute to get started. Signing up is free and easy. Follow the simple instructions on the library’s website at https://nesmithlibrary.org/featured-story/2019/02/22/introducing-hoopla-ebooks-eaudios-music-videos-more.

Web or Mobile
Hoopla lets you stream titles instantly through a desktop browser or through the Hoopla mobile app. If you use the app, you can also download titles to your device for offline playback later, when Wifi is not available.

At the end of the lending period, titles are returned and removed automatically from your device.

Dates to Remember

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The library will be closed on Sunday, June 16.