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From the Director's Desk: to Fine or Not to Fine

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Library Director*

Many of you may be aware that Nesmith Library stopped charging fines on overdue books, with a few exceptions, about a year and half ago. While the feedback from the public has been overwhelmingly positive, a few concerns have been expressed by patrons.

Some of these have included:

If there are no consequences why would anyone bring their books back? Eventually a bill will be sent for books that are not returned or are damaged.

How do we teach our children responsibility? When you borrow books from the library, you are sharing a community asset. It's up to parents how they would like to teach this to their children. Returning books on time and in good condition so others can enjoy them is part of the social contract implied when getting a library card.

Doesn't the library miss the money raised from fines? Well, yes, but making money from our patrons is not and should not be part of our mission. The library has a voluntary conscience box placed at the circulation desk. If you feel that you should reimburse the library for an overdue book you are welcome to

contribute. Likewise, if this is how you would like to teach your children about the responsibility of library card ownership, feel free to use the conscience box as a teaching tool.

Here at the Nesmith Library, we feel strongly that keeping families using the library rather than arbitrarily banning access is important. Fines have the unfortunate consequence of preventing people, especially children, from using the library and that is contrary to our goals as librarians.

In the end, we understand that life happens. We've all returned books late at some point because life intervenes. So don't feel guilty, but if you do there is always the conscience box.

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Libraries Transform Book Pick

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Nesmith Library is joining public libraries nationwide in a new digital reading program, the Libraries Transform Book Pick, which offers access to the same ebook for a two-

week period. The first ebook selection is the newly released title, *After the Flood*, by Kassandra Montag, published by William Morrow, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers.

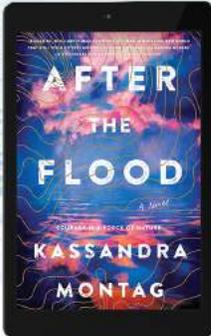


After the Flood will be available October 7-21 through OverDrive and the Libby app. Readers will need a Nesmith Library card and the Libby app to download a free copy of the ebook to their device. The ebook is also available through OverDrive in your web browser. There will be no waitlists or holds for the title.

After the Flood is an inventive and riveting climate fiction saga from a promising new author. In a starred review, Booklist states, "Montag's thrilling debut takes place in a future climate-change-altered world overrun by water..."

Anchored by a complicated, compelling heroine, this gripping, speculative, high-seas adventure is impossible to put down." And Karin Slaughter, international bestselling author of *The Last Widow*, calls Montag "a visionary new talent!"

For more information about the Libraries Transform Book Pick, please visit www.ilovelibraries.org/libraries-transform-book-pick. You



Join readers nationwide

Download the ebook with no waitlists October 7-21. All you need is a library card.



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The one-stop reading app from your local library.

can also follow the Libraries Transform Book Pick on ALA's Facebook and Twitter and join the discussion on social media using the hashtag #LTBookPick.

October Special Events for Children

Azra Palo,
Head of Youth Services

Scooter Storytime

Thursday, October 17, 6:30 p.m.

Join us at the library for an evening storytime with a REAL rabbit! We will read stories, enjoy snacks, make a craft, and more. Scooter is one of our librarian's rabbit. All ages welcome. No registration required.



Frankenstein: Take Home Craft

October 24-31

Grabbing a book or movie at the library? Stop by the children's area and make your own Frankenstein sun catcher the week before Halloween! All

supplies are provided. Give as a gift or use as your own Halloween decoration.



Pumpkin Patch Party

Saturday, October 26, 1-3 p.m.

All are welcome! Join us for a Halloween family event. Crafts, food, literature, and games will be enjoyed by all. Come dressed in your costume for some spooky fun!

Nesmith Halloween Party

Wednesday, October 30, 4-6 p.m.

Drop by the library in your Halloween costume! There will be trick-or-treat stations around the

library. In the multi-purpose room we will have crafts, games, and music. All ages welcome and there is no registration required. Questions? Call the Youth Services Department or email apalo@nesmithlibrary.org.

Little Goblins Extravaganza

Wednesday, October 30, 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 31, 10:00 a.m.

Bring your little one in costume to celebrate Halloween! We'll be having a parade and trick-or-treat with special library treats along the way! For ages 0-5, no registration required.

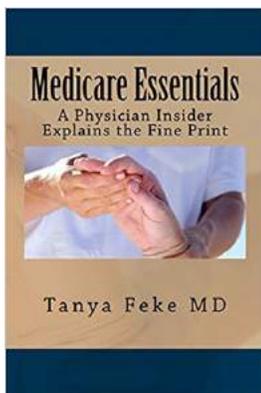


October Adult Programming

Maria Schroeter,
Adult Programming Librarian

Fall is here and we are bringing in the season with lots of great programming! Our new book group, the Nesmith Library Book Group, will kick off on Wednesday, October 9 at 6:30 p.m., and we'll meet the second Wednesday of every month. Our first book will be *Burial Rites* by Hannah Kent. If you didn't have a chance to read the first book, no worries! Come to our first meeting and start with our second book (title to be revealed at our meeting!). In order to participate, you must have a Nesmith Library card or a card from one of the libraries in our consortium, you need to be over the age of 16, and you must register. Please call the library at 432-7154 to register or for more information.

Medicare 2020: What You Really Need to Know



Puzzled by Medicare? Not sure where to start? Join us on Tuesday, October 1, at 6:00 p.m. as Dr. Tanya Feke leads a fun and interactive talk about Medicare. Not only will you learn the basics, such as how the Medicare program works, but you will also discover tips on how to pick the best Medicare plan, learn where you can cut out-of-pocket costs, and hear about what changes to look for in the upcoming enrollment period. Be sure to bring your questions!

Dr. Tanya Feke is a board-certified family physician with firsthand experience in Medicare. Not only has she cared for patients as a doctor, she has been their advocate. Since taking leave from her primary care practice in 2013, she has performed home visits for Medicare beneficiaries, and currently consults with hospital networks nationwide to assure Medicare covers what you need.

With a passion for education, Dr. Feke has published two books, Amazon best-sellers *Medicare Essentials: A Physician Insider Explains the Fine Print* and *Idiot's Guides: Medicare*. Her website, Diagnosis Life (www.diagnosislife.com), remains a hub of health and wellness information, and is free to the public.

This event is free and open to the public. Registration is required. Please call the library at 432-7154 to register or for more information.

Flu Shot Clinic

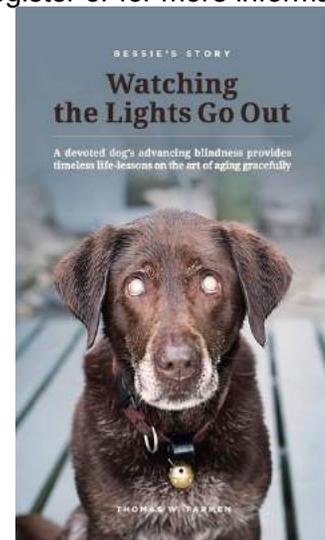
On Monday, October 7, CVS will be running a flu shot clinic at the library from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Registration is required through CVS, and you must have insurance. Please call CVS at 425-6189 to pre-register for your appointment, and have your insurance information available for pre-authorization. Registration will be open until October 5, and space is limited, so register early.



Bessie's Story

Bessie's Story is the moving true story of Tom Farnen's beloved

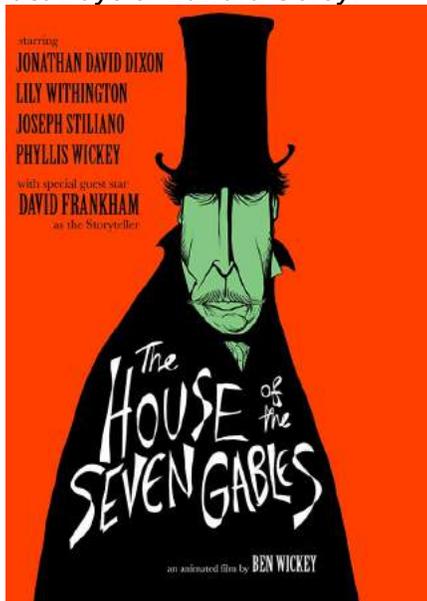
chocolate lab, Bessie, and her unexpected diagnosis of terminal blindness. In the process of losing her sight, Bessie unwittingly becomes an expert mentor and teacher for growing older with grace and optimism. On Thursday, October 17 at 6:30 p.m., come meet Bessie and hear Tom talk about her inspirational life! This program will be held at Windham Terrace and space is limited. To learn more about Bessie and Tom, visit www.bessiesstory.com. This event is free and open to the public. Registration is required. Please call the library at 432-7154 to register or for more information.



The House of Seven Gables: Meet the Filmmaker Movie Night

On Tuesday, October 22 at 6:30 p.m., come meet award-winning filmmaker Ben Wickey, when he screens his animated short, *The House of the Seven Gables*, based on the novel by Nathaniel Hawthorne. Clocking in at about 30 minutes, this film won Best Adaptation at the 2018 H.P. Lovecraft Film Festival, and was

an Official Selection at five additional film festivals that year. In addition, it was awarded the Best Animated Horror Short from the Hollywood Investigator's Tabloid Witch Awards, where it was noted, "The professionalism and artistry demonstrated in *The House of the Seven Gables* is all the more remarkable because Wickey submits it as a student film. (He is a recent graduate of the California Institute of the Arts.) If this is his skill level upon graduation, he should have a promising career ahead of him." (www.hollywoodinvestigator.com/2018/horrorfilm2018.html) Indeed, Ben is currently an animator on the upcoming feature film, *The Last Days of Edward Gorey*.



Ben sums up his film as follows, "Haunted by the dark days of witchcraft hysteria in New England, the Pyncheon family endeavors to lift a family curse and find buried treasure before ghostly terror can once more strike." View a mini-trailer on YouTube (www.youtube.com/watch?v=HzjYk4KuJRs). After the film, Ben will host a question and

answer period, and share props and sets from the production.

Snacks will be served! This movie is not rated, and is recommended for ages 10 and up.

This event is free and open to the public. Registration is required. Please call the library at 432-7154 to register or for more information.

Needle Felted Critter Craft

Join us on Thursday, October 24 at 6:00 p.m. when local artist Tif Farmakis-Day will lead us in the art of sculpting in wool! Using wool roving and sharp barbed needles, we will create our own needle felted critter. Create a cat, dog, horse, pig or make up your own creature. Use your imagination! There are endless possibilities once you have learned the technique. Open to all skill levels, and all materials, including instructional handouts, will be provided. See Tif's work at www.tifdoesart.com. This program is for Nesmith card holders only ages 16 and up, and registration is required. Space is limited, so register early! Please call the library at 432-7154 to register or for more information.



Maximizing Social Security

Are you one of the 90% of Americans who do not fully maximize their Social Security benefits? Knowing how and when to collect Social Security benefits can be complex because it ultimately depends on your unique

circumstances. With retirees living longer today than previous generations, your choice of when to retire and collect Social Security benefits can make a significant difference in the income you collect in retirement. Find out your best plan when we welcome Andy Githmark on Wednesday, October 30 at 6:30 p.m. for this interactive seminar. As a certified National Social Security Advisor® (NSSA®), Andy is trained to give you the information needed to ensure you fully realize the value of lifetime benefit maximization. He'll cover what spousal benefits are available if you are married, widowed, or divorced, and he'll review the potential effects that working in retirement and having a public employee or government pension can have on your benefits. By understanding all the various claiming strategies, you can maximize your benefits and gain financial clarity.

Andy Githmark is a founding partner and wealth manager at Steward Partners Global Advisory. He has been in the financial services industry since 1997, serving as a trusted financial advisor since 2010, and he has earned both his Certified Divorce Financial Analyst® (CDFA®) and National Social Security Analyst (NSSA) certifications.

This event is free and open to the public. Registration is required. Please call the library at 432-7154 to register or for more information.



Molly's Haunted Happenings for Tots to Teens

Molly Pevna,
Youth Services Librarian

It's October, which means it's time for spooky happens here in the teen area. In addition to the programming that will be happening, we are doing some serious decorating. TAG will be working on a special display for October and there might even be some new faces hanging around. Come in and see if you can guess who it is starting Friday, October 11. Put your guesses into the raffle bag for the chance to win a Dunkin' Donuts gift card! The winner will be pulled at the Sugar Skulls party happening on October 29 at 6:30 p.m.!

Do you have an idea or event you'd like to see happen in the teen area? Email Molly, the teen services librarian, at mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org or stop by to chat with her!

TAG: Teen Advisory Group

Tuesday, October 8, 6:30 p.m.
Registration required. Ages 14-18. The Teen Advisory Group (TAG) is a group of teen volunteers in grades 7-12 who help make the Nesmith Library a welcoming space for their peers. TAG meetings and projects count as community service hours and there will be snacks at each meeting. Please see Molly in the Young Adult area for an application, download a copy from our website (www.nesmithlibrary.org/teen-advisory-group), or email at mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org.

Fandom Fridays

Friday, October 25, 3:30 p.m.
No registration necessary.
Grades 6-12. We all have a fandom, so why not find others who

like the same thing as you! Each month we'll be celebrating a different fandom from anime to Harry Potter.

Sugar Skulls

Tuesday, October 29, 6:30 p.m.
Registration required. Grades 6-12. Es Dia de los Muertos, ven a celebrar! It's the Day of the Dead, come celebrate by making sugar skulls! We'll be making sugar skulls you can eat as well as decorating ourselves! Please call the library (432-7154) to register for this program, or email Molly at mpevna@nesmithlibrary.org.

October means Ms. Molly is brewing up some extra special things for programs! Come join us as we lead up to Halloween!



Busy Bees Baby Storytime

Wednesdays, October 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, 10:30 a.m.

No registration necessary. For ages 0-18 months. Busy Bees Baby Storytime is a special baby lapsit for ages 0-18 months. We will sing songs, read, and play! The program is designed to help teach and promote early literacy skills for caregivers and children. We also hope to give caregivers a chance to meet other caregivers in their community. We ask that all children be accompanied by an adult during the program.

Preschool Storytime

Tuesdays, October 1, 8, and 15, 1:00 p.m.

Wednesdays, October 2, 9, and 16, 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 3, 10, and 17, 10:00 a.m.

Registration required. For ages 3-5 years. We will sing songs, dance, read, and do crafts! This is an independent storytime, but we ask that caregivers stay in the building while the child is in the program. These storytimes require registration: please call the library at 432-7154 and speak to Azra, Molly, or Jane in our Youth Services department for more information about registering for storytime.

The first session is in progress from September 17 to October 17, and the second will run from November 5 through December 19. Registration for the second session will begin on Monday, October 21. These storytimes, which require registration, happen on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. and Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. Please only register your children for one weekly storytime per session.

Hogwarts

Tuesday, October 15, 6:30 p.m.

Registration required. Ages 7-11. The Nesmith Library professors request your presence in Potions class where we will teach you how to bottle fame, brew glory, and... Well, not actually those things, but Hogwarts has come to Nesmith! Each month we will be "brewing" different potions in the form of STEAM and art activities. We ask that caregivers stay in the library while their child is in the program.

Looking for More Friends (of the Library of Windham)

Skot Paré,
FLOW President

Volunteer with FLOW!
Did you and your family enjoy making holiday crafts, the Strawberry Festival, and the Summer Reading Program at the Nesmith Library? All of these events and more are sponsored by the Friends of the Library of Windham. Find out how you can get involved and make a difference in our community. Many hands

make light work. Even if you only have an hour or two to spare each month, every bit helps!

This year, there are a number of committee volunteer roles open. No role is overly time consuming on its own, but we need more volunteers to spread the work around. Some of our key areas of need are publicity and Strawberry Festival planning committee

members. Please consider volunteering to be a part of this great team.

Contact flow@flowwindham.org for more info. Thank you for your continued support!



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Friends of the Library of Windham

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Dates to Remember

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| 10/1 Medicare 2020, 6:00 p.m. | 10/11 Toddler Time, 9:30 a.m.; Family Storytime, 10:30 a.m. | Miloro, 4:30 p.m.; Needle Felted Critter Craft, 6:00 p.m. |
| 10/2 Nesmith Library Board of Trustees Personnel Committee, 9:30 a.m.; Busy Bees Baby Storytime, 10:30 a.m. | 10/14 Columbus Day, Library Closed | 10/24-31 Frankenstein Take Home Craft |
| 10/3 Nesmith Knitters, 12:30-2:30 p.m.; Time with Mr. Miloro, 4:30 p.m. | 10/15 Hogwarts, 6:30 p.m. | 10/25 Toddler Time, 9:30 a.m.; Family Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Fandom Friday, 3:30 p.m. |
| 10/4 Toddler Time, 9:30 a.m.; Family Storytime, 10:30 a.m. | 10/16 Busy Bees Baby Storytime, 10:30 a.m. | 10/26 Pumpkin Patch Party, 1:00-3:00 p.m. |
| 10/7 Flu Shot Clinic, 9:00 a.m.-noon; Toddler Time, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. | 10/17 Nesmith Knitters, 12:30-2:30 p.m.; Time with Mr. Miloro, 4:30 p.m.; Bessie's Story, 6:30 p.m. at Windham Terrace; Scooter Storytime, 6:30 p.m. | 10/28 Toddler Time, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. |
| 10/8 Teen Advisory Group, 6:30 p.m.; Library Board of Trustees, 7:00 p.m. | 10/21 Storytime Registration, 9:00 a.m.; Toddler Time, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. | 10/29 Sugar Skulls, 6:30 p.m. |
| 10/9 Busy Bees Baby Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Nesmith Library Book Group, 6:30 p.m. | 10/22 Meet the Filmmaker Movie Night, 6:30 p.m. | 10/30 Busy Bees Baby Storytime, 10:30 a.m.; Little Goblins Extravaganza, 1:00 p.m.; Halloween Party, 4:00-6:00 p.m.; Maximizing Social Security, 6:30 p.m. |
| 10/10 Time with Mr. Miloro, 4:30 p.m. | 10/23 Busy Bees Baby Storytime, 10:30 a.m. | 10/31 Little Goblins Extravaganza, 10:00 a.m. |
| | 10/24 Time with Mr. | |

Library Hours

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| Mon | 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. |
| Tue | 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. |
| Wed | 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. |
| Thu | 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. |
| Fri | 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. |
| Sat | 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. |
| Sun | 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. |

The library will be closed on Monday, October 14 for Columbus Day.

