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Hot chicken, mushroom foraging, and a Story Walk - the programming at our New Britain Public Library is rich and diverse, with numerous opportunities for learning, connecting, and having fun throughout April. In addition to our programs, please make sure to stop by Friends of the Library's Spring Book Sale for great deals, April 18-20 at the main library.

On a personal note, I want to take this opportunity to thank the Library staff and the New Britain community for the warm welcome. My first few weeks as Director have been filled with spirited conversations about our library and its future. I look forward to learning more about how the library can best serve New Britain, and I welcome the creation of new connections. If there is anything that you'd like to discuss, please feel free to get in touch at vsjoberg@nbpl.info!

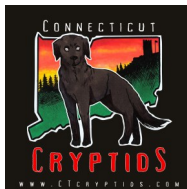
Words from Our Director

—Viktor Sjöberg, Director

Adult Programs

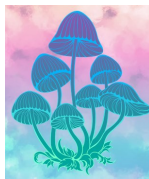
CT Cryptids

Mon. April 1, 6 pm
Local History Room
Join Patrick Scalisi and Valerie Ruby-Omen for a talk about their new book, *Connecticut Cryptids: A Field Guide to the Weird & Wonderful Creatures of the Nutmeg State*. Pat and Val did extensive research on creature folklore from throughout the state. Join us for this journey into cryptozoology.



Foraging Fantastic, Delicious, Deadly, and Glowing Mushrooms

Wed. April 3, 6 pm
Community Room
Explore the amazing world of fungi and learn to appreciate them for their beauty and flavors. The 3 Foragers will take you on a visual journey of some of the mushrooms they have encountered in New England, showing their diversity in forms, shapes, and colors.



Spring Book Sale

Thurs. April 18, 10-2 pm (\$10) preview day, free for friends members.

Fri. April 19, 10-4 pm (free) Special sales.

Sat. April 20, 10-2 pm (free) Bag sale day.

Solar Eclipse Event

Mon. April 8, 1 pm
Community Room
Come watch the Solar Eclipse with Free Solar Eclipse Glasses from the National Science Foundation. Come to the library from 1:00 - 2:00 to make solar eclipse themed crafts, then meet us at Walnut Hill Park at 2 pm to watch the Eclipse!



The Dangers of Pesticides

Tues. April 9, 6 pm
Community Room
Join the Sierra Club CT for an informative program on the dangers of the pesticides and rodenticides and the threats they pose to both human health and wildlife.



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Instagram & Twitter @NewBritLib

Main: 20 High St. New Britain, CT 06051
Jefferson Branch: 140 Horse Plain Road



National Drawing Day

To celebrate the library would like to invite patrons to submit a drawing of your favorite book related character, place, or object for a chance to win a prize! **Winners will be picked on May 10th. Registration is required.**

Patrons may register and submit their drawings at the Reference, Teen or Children's desks. All ages are welcome to participate. Limit one drawing per patron, please.

1 on 1 Tech Help

Mondays in April, 3 pm
Sign up for an hour slot for help with your computer, tablet, phone or software.



Healthy Living: Presented by Americorps

Wed. April 10, 4 pm
Community Room
Come to this free 1-hour education session and learn more about basic health care information such as patient rights and responsibilities, tips for reading a medicine label, nutrition tips, information on chronic diseases, and more.



Banned Book Club

Sat. April 13, 3-4 pm
Local History Room
We will be reading books that have been challenged or banned in public libraries. If this is your first meeting, register online or in person. This month's book is *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie.



Teen Programs

Anime in the Teen Room

Tuesdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30,
6-7 pm Teen Room
Join us Tuesdays in April for a chance to watch the latest and greatest in Japanese animation. This month we'll be watching *Mashle*.



DIY Slime

Tues. April 9, 4 pm
Community Room
Get your slime on! Make your own slime to take home. Experiment with glitter, color, and all the ingredients we will provide.



Rubber Duck Cosplay

Wed. April 17, 6 pm
Community Room
Spring is here! Sun's out, wings out! Using paint and clay, we'll transform our ducks into fun costumes.



Senior Center Book Discussion Group

Tues. April 16, 1 pm
Senior Center, 55 Pearl St.
The book will be *The Worst Hard Time* by Timothy Egan. Copies available at the Check Out Desk.



3d Printer Workshop

Wed. April 17, 5 pm
Makerspace
Want to know more about how they work or what they can do? Explore the 3d printer at the makerspace, learn more about the pros and cons of different 3d printing machines, and see what kinds of crafts 3d printers can make for you!



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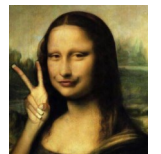
Hot Ones Trivia Challenge

Mon. April 22, 6 pm
Teen Room
Eat increasingly spicy chicken nuggets covered with sauces from the official Hot Ones Challenge. You will then be tasked with answering a trivia question while dealing with the spiciness!



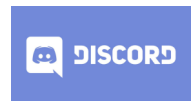
***New* in the Teen Room: NBPL Teen Art Showcase**

Do you wanna showcase your artistic skills? Stop by the Teen Desk with your completed artwork and we can put it up on the walls in the Teen Room.



Discord Server and Tik Tok

New Britain teens are invited to join the Teen Room's Discord server to chat and get the latest info on upcoming events. Ask how to join at the Teen Desk. You can also find us on TikTok @NBPLTeens.



Children's Programs

Terrific Tots

Mondays, 10 am

April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 10 am

Storytime with Miss Amy for children ages 2½-3½. Activities include stories, a simple craft, and time to play with library toys at the end.



April 1—**Play Ball!** Stories about baseball

April 8—**In the Mud** Stories about pigs

April 15—**Twinkle, Twinkle** nighttime stories.

April 22—**Jump & Bounce:** stories that make you move

April 29—**Sing & Dance:** stories about music

Tales on Tuesday (Facebook Live)

Tuesdays, 10-5 pm

April 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30

Stories for preschoolers



April 2—**Books about Books!** with Miss Amy.

April 9—**Bugs in the Garden** with Miss JoAnn.

April 16—**Let's Be Friends** with Miss Martha.

April 23—**It's Raining, It's Pouring** with Miss Christina.

April 30—**Who is Sleepy?** With Miss Amy

Super Kids

Wednesdays, 10 am

April 3, 10, 17, & 24,

Storytime with Miss JoAnn for children 3-5 years accompanied by an adult. Stories, fingerplays, songs, and a craft or activity.



April 3—**Monkey Around!**

April 10—**First Steps in Music with Mallory Kokus** who will lead children and parents in singing, dancing and instrument playing.

April 17—**Dig and Plant** stories about gardening.

April 24—**Your Royal Highness** Prince and princess stories.

Family Story Hour

Thursdays April 4, 18, & 25,

6:30 pm

Storytime for children ages 3-8.

Stories and a short film.

April 4—**We Love to Read** a celebration of books

April 18—**Dragons Love Tacos...**and other crunchy treats

April 25—**A Kid's Best Friend** Stories about pets



Time for Tots

Fridays, April 5, 12, & 26 10-11:30 am

Playtime and stories in the Community Room. For children under 3 with an adult.



Story Walk: Thank You, Omu

Sat. April 6, 2 pm

Families are invited to follow the pages and listen to a story as they stroll through the library. Children will receive a craft-to-go, and each family can choose a book to take home to read together. Bonus: all participants can enter a drawing to win a bike. Can't make it that day? The story walk will be available for self-guided reading through the following week.



Author's Tea—with CT author Iwona Ochab

Thurs. April 11, 6 pm

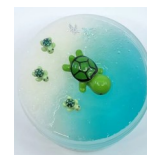
Iwona Ochab will read her book, *Frankie the Fox and Owen the Ox: A Friendship Story*. Afterwards we will share tea and cookies. Ages 3-8, accompanied by an adult. No registration.



Make Unicorn or Turtle Slime

Sat. April 13, 2 pm

Registration is required, space is limited. This program is best suited for ages 5 and up. To register, stop by the Children's Desk or call 860-224-3155 ext. 121.



Calling all Swifties!

Sat. April 27, 2 pm (Community Room)

Come celebrate the release of Taylor's new album by making friendship bracelets. All supplies will be provided. Best suited for ages 6-12. Registration required.





Friends of the New Britain Public Library

The Friends extend a warm welcome to our new Library Director, Viktor Sjöberg, who assumed the position at the end of February. We look forward to working with him as we continue to explore new ways to support the library!

The Spring Book Sale is almost here. Besides our usual categories, we have a large group of local materials and dozens of new Little Golden Books. It's always exciting to sort through the many wonderful donations as they come in. We hope you'll stop by to browse and stock up on summer reads and more. It's the best deal – not only can you get the books on your list but, in doing so, you're also supporting the library. It's a win-win! The details are elsewhere in this newsletter and on www.nbpl.info and www.booksalefinder.com.

“April Showers of Books” is the theme of the Everyday Book Sale, which is restocked weekly.

Open Mic Night

Mon. April 22, 5:30 pm

Community Room

Have a song to sing, a poem to share, or stand up routine to try out?

Come make some noise at the library at our Open Mic Night! **Pre-registration for performers is required.** Register online on our program calendar, call us, or come to the Information Desk.



Pre-planning your Funeral

Wed. April 24, 12 pm

Community Room

Would you or your loved ones know how to make decisions during difficult times? Drop in for a presentation presented by Funeral Director Cheryl Guertin of Dignity Memorial Funeral Home. She will answer your questions and help inform you on how to plan for final arrangements.

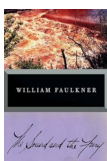


Book Discussion Group

Tues. April 23, 6:30 pm

Community Room

The book will be *The Sound and the Fury* by William Faulkner. Copies available at the Check Out Desk. New members always welcome.



New Britain Roots

Sat. April 27, 11 am

Community Room

We invite gardeners (and aspiring gardeners) of all ages to join this fun and engaging workshop. Bring your questions, and get ready to get your hands dirty! Learn how to use the New Britain Seed Library, start a few seedlings, and connect with fellow gardeners!



Library Hours and Locations

Main Library

20 High Street
860-224-3155

Monday-Thursday
9 am-8 pm

Friday & Saturday
9 am -5 pm

Teen Room

Monday-Thursday
9 am-8 pm

Friday & Saturday
9 am-5 pm

Local History Room

Monday & Wednesday
9 am-2 pm

Makerspace

Monday & Tuesday
11-6 pm

Wednesday &
Thursday
12-7 pm

Friday & Saturday
1 pm-4:30 pm

Computer Center

Monday-Thursday
9 am-7:30 pm

Friday and Saturday
9 am-4:30 pm

Jefferson Branch

140 Horse Plain Road
860-225-4700

Monday-Friday
8:30 am-5 pm
Closed 1-2 pm

Library Closings

None

Library Displays

Front Case

National Library Week

Hall Case

Artwork
Nelson Nunez