



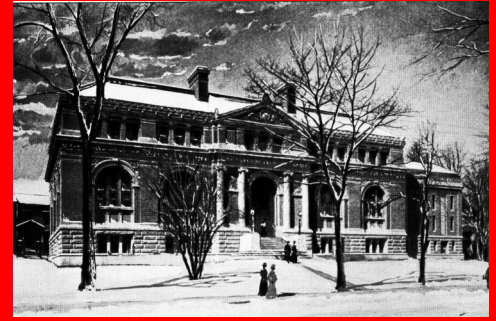
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December is a month of many diverse celebrations and holidays. Perhaps to the chagrin of many, winter arrives on December 21; the shortest day/longest night of the year. We have much to help with your holiday spirit: magazines, holiday music CDs, books on cooking, baking, crafts, homemade gifts and decorating. Hoopla, our digital media service, has holiday offerings to download to your device. The Overdrive app, Libby, also offers e-magazines. Visit our makerspace to discover holiday ideas to create. As always, there are numerous children's programs. The staff has plenty of spirit with an ugly holiday sweater day and desk decorating. Everyone is invited to the recital of the African Drumming and Dance program on December 6th and a visit by the NBHS Madrigals on December 12 at noon. Happy holidays to all from the library board and staff! May the season bring much merriment, joy, and treasured time with family and friends.

Words from Our Director

—Pat Rutkowski, Director

Adult Programs

Make And Take Hot Cocoa Mix

Sat. Dec. 2, 11-12 pm Makerspace
Come make and decorate a mason jar of hot cocoa mix. **Registration required.**



Open Mic Night

Mon. Dec. 4, 5:30-7:30 pm
Community Room
Are you a local artist with a song to sing, or poems to share? Want to try out a new stand up or dance routine? Come find your voice at the library. **Registration required for performers.**



Author Talk: Judy Humphrey

Wed. Dec. 6, 5:30-6:30 pm
Community Room
Local author Judy Humphrey will talk about her book *Between Hearts*, a memoir she wrote during the Covid pandemic. **Registration required.**



Canva Holiday Card Workshop

Thurs. Dec. 7, 11-12 pm
Community Room
Want to create custom cards for the holidays? Come learn more about Canva, the free online graphic arts tool, and see how you can make professional looking designs in a quick and easy way!



Adventurers Club

Wed. Dec. 7 & 21, 4-7 pm
Community Room
New monthly gaming club.



HeroQuest on the 7th and **Dungeons and Dragons** on the 21st. New players welcome.

Documentary Film Screening: Narratives of Modern Genocide

Wed. Dec. 13, 2-3:30 pm
Community Room
This documentary film focuses on first-person accounts from survivors of genocide, with the goal of bringing to light their stories and dispelling the notion that genocides are a thing of the past.



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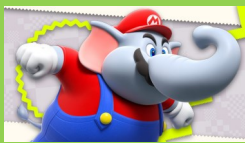
Main: 20 High St. New Britain, CT 06051
Jefferson Branch: 140 Horse Plain Road

**Adult Program
Registration**

Register for adult programs online on our homepage under **Programs & Events** or call the Information Desk. 860-224-3155 ext. 125

New in the Teen Room

Along with the new VR and Nintendo Switch games is the latest in the Mario franchise of video game, Mario Wonder, Wahoo! Stop into the Teen Room during our open hours and try it out for yourself. Wowie zowie!



Ugly Sweater Make And Take

Sat. Dec. 16, 10-12 pm
Makerspace

Create your own holiday “Ugly Sweater” at the library! Bring a sweater you’d like to decorate and come create with us! **Registration required.**



Banned Book Club

Sat. Dec. 16, 3-4 pm
Hawley Room

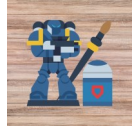
A book club where we will be reading books that have been challenged or banned in public libraries. This month’s book is *Flamer* by Mike Curato. Copies available at the Check Out Desk.



**Tabletop Gaming Club
Warhammer Paint Nite**

Mon. Dec. 18, 5:30-7 pm
Community Room

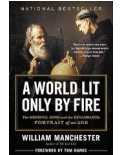
Make and take home your own Orc, Space Marine or Necron mini, or bring your own from home! Primer, paints and brushes will be available. If this is your first meeting, register online.



**Senior Center Book
Discussion Group**

Tues. Dec. 19, 1 pm
Senior Center, 55 Pearl St.

The book will be *The World Lit By Fire* by William Manchester. Copies available at the Check Out Desk.



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Teen Programs

**Chill Beats to Do
Homework To**

Thursdays Dec. 7, 14, 21,
& 28, 6-7 pm Teen Room

Join us for a dedicated hour of quiet study time. Students can come in to finish homework or read while we play some soothing chill beats in the background.



**No Cook Cinnamon
Ornaments**

Sat. Dec. 9, 1 pm
Teen Room

Make a cinnamon scented ornament or gift tag out of dough. These homemade ornaments will have your house smelling festive just in time for the holidays and the best part: no baking required!



Anime Club

Tues. Dec. 12, 4 pm
Community Room

We will be screening the anime, *Frieren: Beyond Journey’s End*. Snacks will be provided.



**Teen Gaming: WarioWare
Movie It!**

Wed. Dec. 20, 4 pm
Teen Room

For December we’ll be showing off *WarioWare: Move It!*, the newest game in the Switch collection.



**DIY Animal
Bobbleheads**

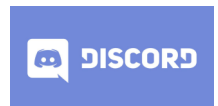
Wed. Dec. 27, 4 pm
Teen Room

Make your own bobblehead with paper and glue. **Registration is required.**



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 events. You can also find us on TikTok@nbppteens. Ask how to join at the Teen Desk.



Children's Programs

Terrific Tots

Monday, 10 am

Dec. 4, 11, & 18

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.

Dec. 4—**Choo Choo!** Stories about trains

Dec. 11—**Yum, Yum** Cookies stories

Dec. 18—**A Stocking Full of Christmas Stories**



Tales on Tuesday (Facebook Live)

Tuesdays, 10– 5 pm

Dec. 5, 12, & 19

Stories for preschoolers

Dec. 5—**Cookie Stories, Please:** with Miss Amy.

Dec. 12—**Time to Sleep** Stories about hibernation with Miss Cahty

Dec. 19—**Brrrrr!** Winter stories with Miss JoAnn.



Super Kids

Wednesdays, 10 am

Dec. 6, 13, & 20,

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



Dec. 6—**Let it Snow** Stories about winter.

Dec. 13—**Chocolate Chip, Please** Pass the cookie stories.

Dec. 20—**Hop in the Sleigh** Stories for Christmas.

Family Story Hour

Thursdays Dec. 7, 21, & 28,
6:30 pm

Storytime with Miss Cathy for children ages 3-8. Stories and a short film.

Dec. 7—**Achoo!** Stories with sneezes and sniffles.

Dec. 21—**Ever Green** Stories about Christmas trees.

Dec. 28—**Cozy Stories for a Winter Night** Warm stories and hot chocolate! (Community Room)



Time for Tots

Fridays, Dec. 1, 8, & 15 10-11:30 am
Playtime and stories in the Community Room. For children under 3 with an adult.



Make a Snowflake

Sat. Dec. 2, 2 pm

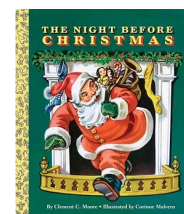
Ages 5-8. **Registration required** as space is limited.



The Night Before Christmas Tea Party

Thurs. Dec. 14, 6 pm

Join us for a reading of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas, and other holiday classics, then enjoy tea and treats. Best for ages 3-8, accompanied by an adult.



Science-to-Go kits—Grow a Crystal Gnome.

Best for ages 4 and up.

Available while supplies last.



Traditions

Among our beloved Christmas traditions every year is sharing special stories with our children. 'Twas the Night Before Christmas by Clement Clarke Moore was first published on December 23, 1823. So, for 200 years we have been sharing a story that has never grown old.

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer joined the original herd of eight reindeer in 1949, leading the way through stormy weather for 74 years.

Folks have been singing *Jingle Bells* in a one-horse open sleigh since 1857, and the Grinch started stealing Christmas 100 years later. May your days be merry and bright, and filled with these and other cherished stories. Share them and feel your heart grow three sizes... or more!

Join us as we share some of these stories on December 14 at 6:00. See above for details.





Friends of the New Britain Public Library

By the time you read this, our last event of the year will be over. It's been a challenging year for our group, but together we made sure that our planned activities continued. Different people stepped up to shoulder new tasks. Once again, our thanks to our generous patrons and donors, the library staff and most of all to our dedicated volunteers without whom we could not function.

We'd like to take the time to pay special tribute to our sorting crew, the backbone of our group – Sue Holland, Andrea Nedosko, Teresa Dzedzic, Ann Anderson, Vira Riley, Felicia Nocera, Sharon Burr, Michael Hoffman, and Wendy Whicher. They come in week after week, some of them have been involved for decades, to sort through the large volume of donations. They love their work because every sorting day is like a treasure hunt. When our storage area flooded, they stepped in to help deal with the resultant mess as well.

Our Everyday Book Sale will be restocked regularly. You can follow us on Facebook and Instagram and reach us at nbplfriends@nbpl.info.

Book Discussion Group

Tues. Dec. 19, 6:30 pm

Community Room

The book will be *Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo* by Taylor Reid. Copies available at the Check Out Desk. New members always welcome.



Lawyers in the Library: Free Legal Advice

Wed. Dec. 20, 5:30-7:30 pm

Community Room

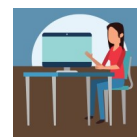
An attorney will be at the library on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Call to register for a free 20 minute consultation.



Computer Basics-Hardware Basics

Wed. Dec. 27, 5-6 pm Community Room

Ready to learn about how to use computers? Our first session is all about learning the hardware of the computer (console, keyboard, and mouse) and the basics of what you see on a computer desktop. Register online or in person.



Classic Movie Screening: The Bishops Wife

Sat. Dec. 30, 2:30 pm Community Room
We will be screening this 1947 holiday film starring Cary Grant and Loretta Young.



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
11-5 pm

Wednesday
12-7 pm

Thursday
12-5 pm

Friday & Saturday*
*alternating
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

Saturday, December 23
Christmas Eve

Monday, December 25
Christmas Day

Library Displays

Front Case

Christmas Display
Library Staff (Amaly)

Hall Case

Historical Artwork
Willis Moore