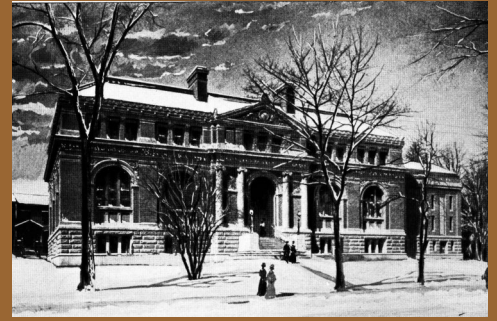




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Welcome to 2024! It was certainly a very successful and busy year at the library with much activity – lots of new programs, much making in the makerspace and new services. The Children’s Department and main floor have beautiful new carpeting. The HVAC system was improved. Scaffolding went up on the original library building and restoration of the terra cotta started. And then it stopped due to supply and demand issues. The work will begin again with completion in spring. This project is made possible with funding from the Connecticut State Library, the American Savings and the Greater New Britain Community Foundations, and your generous donations. The board has begun plans for our signature event, Literary Libations, which will be held March 21. We look forward to what the new year will bring. Most certainly it will be busy and exciting. Happy New Year from the board and staff. May the new year bring health, happiness and lots of library visits to your lives!

Words from Our Director



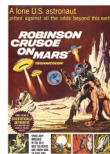
—Pat Rutkowski, Director

Adult Programs

Kanopy Movie Screening: Robinson Crusoe on Mars

Wed. Jan. 3, 5-7 pm
Community Room

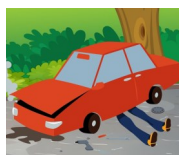
Spun from Daniel DeFoe's tale of the titular character, this sci-fi story involves a spaceship commander, but rather than being stranded on an island, our hero is on a hostile planet.



Chilton Database Demonstration

Sat. Jan. 6, 10-11 am
Community Room

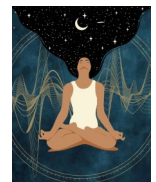
Come learn about our ChiltonLibrary database as a digital automotive repair resource for patrons! ChiltonLibrary provides access to repair, maintenance, and service information on most cars, trucks, vans, and SUVs on the road today. This resource offers detailed content to simplify even the most complicated tasks for car repair.



Sound Meditation with Jodene

Tues. Jan. 9, 6:30 pm
Community Room

Come immerse yourself in a state of full-body relaxation with sound. Sound healing is the use of specific instruments, music, tones, and vibrations used to balance the body and help with emotional release.



Mark Twain Presentation: Without or Moneyed Friends

Wed. Jan. 10, 5:30 pm
Community Room

This program explores the relationship between Mark Twain and Charles Ethan Porter, a prominent Black painter in Gilded Age Connecticut. New research has enriched what we know about this relationship and its connections to changes in art patronage and philanthropy in the Gilded Age. Registration encouraged.



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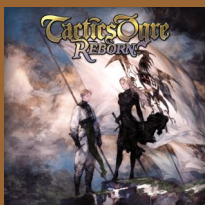


Adventurers Club

Jan. 11 & 18, 4-7 pm
Community Room
Join our new monthly gaming club. New players welcome. Register online or call the library. Jan. 11 is **Dungeons and Dragons** and Jan. 18 will be **Heroquest**.

***New* in the Teen Room**

Along with the new VR and Nintendo Switch games we just included the remake of the classic strategy role playing game, **Tactics Ogre: Reborn**. Stop into the Teen Room during our open hours and try it out for yourself.



Senior Center Book Discussion Group

Tues. Jan. 16, 1 pm
Senior Center, 55 Pearl St.
The book will be *Magpie Murders* by Anthony Horowitz. Copies available at the Check Out Desk.



Book Discussion Group

Tues. Jan. 16, 6:30 pm
Community Room
The book will be *The Passengers* by John Marrs. Copies available at the Check Out Desk. New members always welcome.



More adult programs on page 4

Teen Programs

Guess that Pocky!

Teen Room
Join us in the Teen Room January 4-8 to test your pocky knowledge! Teens will have the chance to blind taste test a variety of pocky and try their hands at guessing what the flavor is.



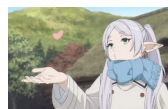
Chill Beats to Do Homework To

Thursdays Jan. 4, 11, 18, & 25, 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.



Anime Club

Tues. Jan. 9, 4 pm
Community Room
We will be continuing to watch the anime, *Frieren: Beyond Journey's End*. Snacks will be provided.



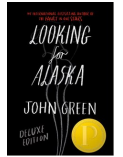
Lawyers in the Library: Free Legal Advice

Wed. Jan. 17, 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.



Banned Book Club

Sat. Jan. 20, 3-4 pm
Community Room
A book club where we will be reading books that have been challenged or banned in public libraries. This month's book is *Looking for Alaska* by John Green. Copies available at the Check Out Desk.



Teen Gaming: Mario Wonder

Wed. Jan. 17, 4 pm
Teen Room
Join us the third Wednesday of each month for our Teen Gaming. For January we'll be showing off our newest game in the switch collection: **Mario Wonder!**



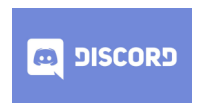
Teen Craft: Make Your Own Bubble Tea Keychain

Tues. Jan. 23, 4:30 pm
Teen Room
Love stopping for a coffee or tea drink at your favorite shop? Sign up and make your own mini drink keychain to show off that love everywhere you go!



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

Monday, 10 am

Jan. 8, 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.

Jan. 8—**Hats and Mittens:** Dress for winter stories.

Jan. 22—**Play in the Snow:** Stories for cold days.

Jan. 29—**Pack Your Trunk...** with elephant stories.



Tales on Tuesday (Facebook Live)

Tuesdays, 10–5 pm

Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30

Stories for preschoolers

Jan. 2—**Bring a Fork** Food stories with Miss Martha.

Jan. 9—**Fetch!** Dog stories with Miss Christina.

Jan. 16—**Never Forget** Elephant stories with Miss Amy.

Jan. 23—**Waddle, Waddle** Penguin stories with Miss Cathy.

Jan 30—**Lots of Spots** with Miss JoAnn.



Super Kids

Wednesdays, 10 am

Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31

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



Jan. 3—**Polka Dots and Lots of Spots**

Jan. 10—**Lost and Found** Where are those stories?

Jan. 17—**How Did They Get There?** Stories about dinosaurs.

Jan. 24—**Look in the Cave** for bear stories.

Jan. 31—**Chill Out** with snowman stories.

Family Story Hour

Thursdays Jan. 4, 11, 18, & 25, 6:30 pm
Storytime with Miss Cathy for children ages 3-8. Stories and a short film.



Jan. 4—**White as snow (and other surprising things)**

Stories about things that are white!

Jan. 11—**Unmentionable!** Silly stories about underwear.

Jan. 18—**Who needs a hug?** Stories for National Hugging Day.

Jan. 25—**Soup-er stories** Warm up with some soup-er tales!

Time for Tots

Fridays, Jan. 5, 12, 19, & 26 10-11:30 am
Playtime and stories in the Community Room. For children under 3 with an adult.



Bones, Bones Dinosaur Bones

Sat. Jan. 13, 10-4 pm

Build a dinosaur skeleton with our assortment of bones.



Make Your Own Slime

Sat. Jan. 20, 2 pm

Choose unicorn or Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. Ages 4-10. Space is limited, registration required.



Science to Go Kits: Sticky Ice

See the affect of salt on the melting point of ice. Best for ages 4 and up. Available while supplies last.



New Year's Resolution, 2024

To read to my children.



Thoughts on children books.

If you want your children to be intelligent, read them fairy tales. —Albert Einstein

Reading is a gateway for children that makes all other learning possible. —Barack Obama

Books train your imagination to think big. —Taylor Swift



Friends of the New Britain Public Library

A Happy, Healthy and Peaceful New Year to all our readers!

January is the perfect time to curl up with a good book, and we have plenty of those – romance, mystery and more – at our Everyday Book Sale which is restocked weekly and open during library hours.

Meanwhile, we are already preparing for our Spring Book Sale which is scheduled from April 18 – 20, 2024. Times and other details will be announced later. Book donations may be dropped off Tuesdays or Thursdays between 9 am – 4 pm, limit two boxes per person please.

Many volunteers have contributed their time and talents to the Friends over the years. The Friends' longest-serving officer and one of the most dedicated volunteers is treasurer Jeannette Varkal who has ably managed our finances for over three decades. We appreciate her service to the library. We also recognize Michael Hoffmann who has brought order to our media sorting process and whose technical expertise enables us to accept credit cards at most of our events.

You can follow us on Facebook and Instagram and reach us via email at nbplfriends@nbpl.info.

Puzzle Tournament!

Sat. Jan. 20, 1-2:30 pm
Community Room

Let's make puzzles! Try alone or with a team to beat the clock and finish a 300 piece puzzle. **Register yourself or your team** online or over the phone at 860-224-3155 ext. 125.



Virtual Quiz Bingo

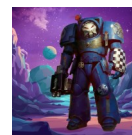
Wed. Jan. 24, 7 pm (on Zoom)

Try your hand at Virtual Quiz Bingo! Register to get the trivia link, or check out our Instagram page for the login code the day of the Bingo event.



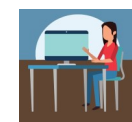
Intro to Gaming: Warhammer 40k

Mon. Jan. 29, 5-7 pm Community Room
Come learn about and play Warhammer at the Library! If this is your first meeting, register online or over the phone.



Computer Basics: Internet

Wed. Jan. 31, 5-6 pm Community Room
This lesson will be about the basics of browsing the internet. It will focus on Microsoft Edge from the top down (including things like settings, favorites, etc.). It will also cover what a hyperlink is as well as basic web searching. Register online or in person at the Information Desk.



Library Hours and Locations

Main Library

20 High Street
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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

Monday, January 1
New Years Day

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Monday January 15

Library Displays

Front Case

Fermata Arts Foundation
artwork

Hall Case

Michael Abreu
artwork