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Sustainability was adopted as one of the American Library Association's Core Values of Librarianship in 2019: "sustainability means making choices that are good for the environment, make sense economically, and treat everyone equitably."

Words from Our Director

Observant readers of this newsletter will pick up on some of the ways that our library is working to support a more sustainable New Britain. This July, take the opportunity to learn about composting and recycling, create your own recycled and plantable seed paper, or find out more about how to utilize your urine in your home garden!

(If you'd rather just stop by to enjoy a free ice cream sundae, to meet animals in our Storytime Zoo, or to join a teen Laser Tag game, those are also perfectly valid reasons to visit our library.)

—Viktor Sjöberg, Director

Adult Programs

Financial Counseling

Mon. July 1 & 29,
4 & 5 pm slots
Community Room



First and last Mondays we have FREE one-on-one financial counseling sessions for our patrons. Whether you're planning a budget, saving for the future, or have specific money concerns, this expert advisor is here to help. **Registration required.**

ROOTS Seed Paper

Workshop

Tues. July 2, 5:30 pm
Community Room



Join New Britain ROOTS and make your very own recycled and plantable seed paper! In this all-ages workshop, participants will learn about paper making, wildflowers, and bring home their very own seed paper to gift, plant, or both! All materials are included.

Songs of the Spanish Renaissance: Free Concert

Sat. July 6, 3-4 pm Community Room
Boston-based soprano Camila Parias and New Britain resident Hideki Yamaya on vihuela perform villancicos, romances, and sonetos of 16th-century Spain.



Urine My Garden

Tues. July 9, 6 pm
Community Room/Virtual
Learn about the practice of peecycling: reclaiming urine as a resource to complete the food nutrient cycle. Learn how gardeners everywhere can safely and effectively fertilize crops with urine in their own backyards.



Project SEARCH Workshop

Thurs. July 11, 5:30-7 pm
Community Room



Project SEARCH is a program dedicated to empowering individuals with disabilities through intensive job training and employment opportunities. Registration is encouraged.



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Instagram & Twitter @NewBritLib

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

Peach Sundaes

Mon. July 8th, 2 pm
Community Room
Come get a free peach Sunday for National Ice Cream and National Peach month!



Learn Dungeons & Dragons: How to DM!

Fri. July 19, 2 pm
Community Room
The journey continues! Come in and learn to run your own sessions of the mega popular tabletop role-playing game, Dungeons & Dragons. All levels welcomed. **Registration required!** Grades 7 – 12

Banned Book Club

Sat. July 13, 3-4 pm
Periodical Room
If this is your first meeting, register online or in person. This month's book is *Crank* by Ellen Hopkins. Copies available at the Check Out desk.



Hidden Treasure Cat Adoption

Sat. July 20, 1-4 pm
Community Room
Come meet some of the adoptable cats from Hidden Treasures adoption center! If you would like to fill out an application prior to the event, send an email to info@ht-ac.org



Teen Programs

STEAM for Teens

Mondays July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 2:30-3:30 pm
Teen Room
Stop into the teen room on Mondays to test out an assortment of cool STEAM toys, games, and activities.



Anime in the Teen Room

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



Dragon Ball FighterZ Tournament

Mon. July 8, 4 pm
Teen Room
Join us this July for the return of Teen Gaming Tournaments. For July we'll be holding a Dragon Ball FighterZ tournament.



Wellness At The Library: Yoga with Cassandra

Tues. July 16, 6 pm
Community Room
Register online or at the Info Desk. Join instructor Cassandra Martin for a Yoga class at the library! Bring a yoga mat or towel, wear comfortable clothes, and come ready to relax your mind and body! Registration is encouraged and walk ins are welcome.



Writers Group

Sat. July 20, 2:30-4:30 pm
Periodical Room
Our now MONTHLY writers group meets on the 3rd Saturday of every month. **Register** for this casual, drop in writing workshop to receive monthly prompts, writing advice, and more!



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STEAM: Ice Cream in a Bag

Mon. July 22, 6 pm
Community Room
Get the scoop on ice cream science! Stop into the library and make your own homemade ice cream. All ingredients provided.



Laser Tag!

Wed. July 31, 6 pm
Teen Room
Grab your friends and get ready to battle it out in a game that's sure to be a blast. **Registration is required.**



Teen Summer Reading June 21-Aug. 17

Teens can stop into the Teen Room starting June 21 to pick up their first punch card and participation prize. Learn more when you sign up.



Children's Programs

Journey with JumpStart

Tuesdays, 11–1 pm

July 2, 23, & 30

Stories and crafts with CCSU students. Best for children 3-8 years accompanied by an adult.



Special Summer Programs

Wednesdays, 10 am

July 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31

Best for children 3-5 years accompanied by an adult.



July 3—**Hooked on Llamas:** meet a llama from the Country Quilt Llama Farm*

July 10—**Sing Along** with **Tom Sieling** & his guitar*

July 17—**Adventures with Froggyman** with minstrel/storyteller **Mary Jo Maichack***

July 24—**Traveling Lantern Theatre Company** presents **Quest for the Kakapo***

July 31—**Superhero Storytime**—with The Wonderland Works*

Storytime Zoo at the New Britain Youth Museum

Wednesday July 10 & 24

Meet an animal from

Hungerford Nature Center. Get a close look & learn about their habits. After the museum presentation, come to the library where the fun continues.



July 10—**Meet a pond animal** & then join the fun at the library with Tom Sieling.

July 24—**Meet a Feathered Friend** & then enjoy the puppet show at the library about the Kakapo.

Bingo

Wed. July 17, 2 pm

For children up to the age of 12, accompanied by an adult.



Special Summer Programs

Thursdays, 6 pm

July 11, 18 & 25

For children ages 3-8. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

July 11—**Magic with Ed Popielarczyk:** illusions and laughs*

July 18: **Arf! Meow! Tweet!** Come to the **Pet Show**, Children, teens and adults can bring their pets—or just come and enjoy the animals. **Registration of pets is required.**

July 25: **Pumpernickel Puppets** presents **Sir George and the Dragon**



Time for Tots

Fridays, 10-11:30 am

July 12, 19, & 26

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



*These programs are made possible through the generosity of the Friends of the New Britain Public Library.



Summer Reading Challenge: Read, Renew, Repeat!



Pick up a summer reading packet and start adventuring. Elementary school children and preschoolers whose parents/caregivers read to them can participate. The packet includes everything you need: a challenge log, necklace, brag tag and beads! Read for at least 20 minutes a day and earn a bead. Complete challenges to earn special beads, prizes, brag tags and tickets for a drawing for more prizes.



Friends of the New Britain Public Library

At the Annual Meeting in June, the Friends voted in new officers for 2024-25: Sharon Burr (President), Teresa Dziejdzic (Vice-President), Jeannette Varkal (Treasurer) and bid farewell to retiring Vice-President Wendy Whicher, who is stepping off the Board but will continue to curate the special books collection as she has for over a decade. We invite library lovers in the community to join us in supporting our wonderful library.

Our next event is the Annual Textbook Sale which will be held from Aug. 26-31. It features an excellent selection of textbooks across all disciplines (especially Math and Physics), homeschooling and reference materials. Paperbacks are \$2, hardcovers \$4, cash only.

As always, the Everyday Book Sale will continue to be restocked weekly throughout the summer.

Warhammer Basics

Tues. July 23, 5:30-7:30 pm

Community Room

Learn the basics of Warhammer 40K.

Learn more about the different warhammer armies, what you need to start playing, and how to play!

Registration is encouraged.



CCSU Graduate Session

Fri. July 26, 3 pm

Community Room

Come to an information

session about graduate school. Learn about our programs, application process, and campus community by connecting with one of our Graduate Recruitment & Admissions representatives! Light refreshments will be provided.



Game Night Social

Thurs. July 25, 5:30-7:30 pm

Community Room

New to the area and looking to meet new people who like to play board games? Join us on the last Thursday of the Month for board games and refreshments at the New Britain Public Library! Bring your own games or check out our collection of games provided by Tabletop Gaming Center!



Food Waste Presentation with DEEP

Wed. July 31, 5:30 pm

Community Room

Come learn about composting your food waste and recycling tips and tricks from Sherill Baldwin with RecycleCT, part of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.



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

Thursday, July 4
Independence Day

Library Displays