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Words from Our Director

Explore a variety of engaging programs at the library this June. Creative, entertaining, and practical, we've got it all!

Receive free financial counseling, learn 3D design with Tinkercad, celebrate Pride Month at our Open Mic Night, and create pastel landscapes with the Mattatuck Museum. Teens can enjoy anime nights, STEAM activities, and special Juneteenth events, while children can participate in storytimes, crafts, and take part in our fun-filled Summer Bash for all ages on June 26. I hope to see you at the library!

—Viktor Sjöberg, Director

Adult Programs

Financial Counseling

Mon. June 3 & 24,
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.**



Tinkercad Tuesdays

Tuesdays in June, 4-5 pm
Makerspace

Learn the basics of Tinkercad, the software used to create 3d objects to print on our 3d printer. This new 1-on-1 weekly program is available to all ages and experience levels. Register today for your session!



Open Mic Night: Show Your Pride

Mon. June 10, 5:30-7:30 pm
Community Room

Come join us and share your songs, poems, and stand up comedy as we celebrate Pride Month!

Not a songwriter, but want to sing your favorite song? Send us a few songs you'd like to sing and sing along, karaoke style! **Register to perform!**



Art on the Go: Pastel Landscapes

Wed. June 12, 6 pm
Community Room

Learn how to blend and create with oil pastels in this art class with the Mattatuck Museum. With inspiration and imagination, as well as guidance from the teaching artist, everyone will leave with beautiful landscape pictures. No prior experience necessary, all materials provided. Registration encouraged.



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



Juneteenth Movie Days

Community Room

Buffalo Soldiers

Mon. June 17, 3 pm

100 Years from Mississippi

Thur. June 20, 3 pm

Juneteenth Poetry Reading

Sat. June 22

Community Room
1-2 pm

Come read original or classic poems celebrating Blackness and the Black American experience in celebration of Juneteenth.



Learn Dungeons & Dragons

Sat. June 29, 2 pm

Community Room

Come in and learn to play the mega popular tabletop role-playing game, Dungeons & Dragons. All levels welcomed. We will teach you everything you need to know. All materials will be provided. **Registration required!** Grades 7 – 12

Wellness At The Library: Reiki and Sound Healing



Thurs. June 13, 6:30 pm
Community Room

Come to a group reiki and sound healing session, hosted by Safe Passages of New Britain. Reiki is a Japanese technique for reducing stress and promoting healing through physical touch. Register online or at the Info Desk.

1 on 1 Tech Help

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



Teen Programs

STEAM for Teens

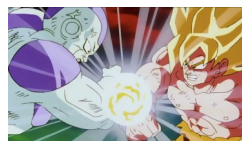
Mon. June 3, 6 pm
Teen Room



Stop into the teen room for a demo of some of our coolest STEAM activities including little bits, makey makey, and the specdrums!

Anime in the Teen Room

Tuesdays, June 4, 11, 18, 25,
6-7 pm Teen Room



Join us Tuesdays in June for a chance to watch the latest and greatest in Japanese animation. This month we'll be watching *Dragon Ball Z*.

Recycled Cardboard Bookmarks Collage Art

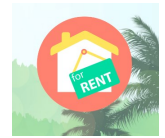
Tues. June 11, 4 pm
Community Room



This is a fun craft that creates a usable bookmark from recycled items including magazines and discarded graphic novels! All materials will be provided.

Rental Survival Class

Sat. June 15, 9:30-11:30 am
Community Room



This workshop offers vital information for renters on how to keep up with rental payments and is for anyone seeking a better understanding of the challenges of renting and related tenant rights. How to get your security deposit back, creating a budget, and what to do if you can't pay your rent. Register online or at the Info Desk.

Writers Meet Up

Sat. June 15, 2:30-4 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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Juneteenth Movie and A Craft

Fri. June 21, 2 pm
Teen Room



Come into the teen room to celebrate Juneteenth with a showing of the film *Miss Juneteenth*. Participants will also be able to partake in fun craft activities, including a homemade confetti popper!

Summer Bash

Wed. June 26, 10-3 pm
Teen Room



Our annual summer bash is upon us. Stop into the Teen Room for a fun marble magnet craft. Participants can choose from a variety of fun designs to make their own magnets perfect for the fridge or school locker! We'll also have a basketball game and multiplayer video games available to play with friends!

Children's Programs

Tales on Tuesday (Facebook Live)

Tuesdays, 10–5 pm

June 4, 11, & 18

Stories for preschoolers

June 4—**Ocean Adventures!**

with Miss JoAnn.

June 11—**Quack!** Stories about ducks with Miss Martha.

June 18—**I Scream For...** stories about ice cream and other summer treats with Miss Shantel.



Super Kids

Wednesdays, 10 am

June 5, & 12,

Storytime with Miss JoAnn for children 3-5 years accompanied by an adult.

Stories, fingerplays, songs, and a craft or activity.



June 5—**Outdoor Fun:** playtime stories

June 12—**Splash in the Sun:** Beach stories

Summer Bash!

Wed. June 26, 10-3 pm

Activities for all ages. For children: crafts, planting seeds, tattoos, science try-its, games, and more! Activities for teens and adults. Check out our Makerspace. Everyone welcome!

11 am: Dry Ice Station with Talewise

1 pm: Animals on display with Reptile Nook



Family Story Hour

Thursdays, June 6, & 13 6:30 am

Storytime with Miss Shantel for children ages

3-8. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Stories and a short film or activity.

June 6: **Tales of Kindness**

June 13: **One Big Happy Family** of stories



A Celebration of Juneteenth

Sat. June 15, 2 pm

Enjoy stories and red treats! Best for ages 5-10, accompanied by an adult.

Wear red!



Special Programs

Thurs. June 20 & 27, 6 pm

June 20: **Li Liu** Traditions of Chinese Acrobats. Everyone welcome.



June 27: **The Poop Museum** Everything you ever wanted to know about poop—and can finally ask. Best for ages 3-10, accompanied by an adult.



Spotlight on the New England Carousel Museum Pass

Travel back in time to when the carousel was the pinnacle of amusement park joy. Now on view, over 100 years of carousel art and history are on view in the Main Gallery and throughout the building. Includes a sample carving bay, hands on activities for children and a Venetian indoor carousel. Also includes The Museum of Fire History. Discover an array of fire-fighting and fire house signaling equipment and memorabilia. Displayed with alarms to pull, sirens to set off and bells to ring. **Our pass admits four people for free.** Reserve the pass with your library card through our website, or call the Children's department.

Crafts in the Makerspace

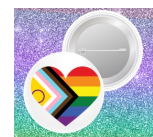
Pride Craft

Sat. June 8, 1-2 pm

Fathers Day Craft

Wed. June 12, 6-7 pm

Come make a Pride or Father's Day themed craft in our makerspace.





Friends of the New Britain Public Library

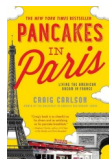
Read your way through June

Whether you're vacationing or staycating or spending weekends relaxing at the beach, park or on your deck, June is the perfect time for a good read. Speaking of those, we have plenty to offer at the Everyday Book Sale (EDBS) which is restocked weekly and is open during library hours. In addition to books about summer fun, the June shelves feature beach reads, books about baseball, golf, and travels in the USA. The author of the month is Alexander McCall Smith.

The Annual Textbook Sale will now be held during the last week in August (Monday, August 26 – Saturday, August 31) across from the Information Desk. It features gently used textbooks across all disciplines, workbooks, reference materials, and books for homeschoolers. Prices are \$2/- for paperbacks and \$4/- for hardcovers, cash only.

Senior Center Book Discussion Group

Tues. June 18, 1 pm Senior Center, 55 Pearl St.
The book will be *Pancakes in Paris* by Craig Carlson. Copies available at the Check Out Desk.



Book Discussion Group

Tues. June 18, 6:30 pm
Community Room
The book will be *Lady Clementine* by Marie Benedict. Copies available at the Check Out Desk. New members always welcome.



Open Interviews with Ability Beyond

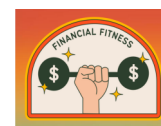
Wed. June 5, 3-6:30 pm Community Room
Whether you're an experienced caregiver or new to the direct care field, we welcome you to apply. Applicants can apply on the day of the event.



Financial Fitness

Thurs. June 20, 5:30-7:00 pm
Community Room

Take charge of your finances and build a solid financial future. Our expert instructors will guide you through the fundamentals of money management, including effective use of credit, savings strategies, and budgeting techniques. **Registration required.**



Banned Book Club

Sat. June 22, 3-4 pm
Periodical Room

If this is your first meeting, register online or in person. This month's book is *Out of the Darkness* by Ashley Perez and *A Court of Mist and Fury* by Sarah Mass. Both available at the Check Out desk.



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

Wednesday, June 19
Juneteenth

Library Displays

Front Case

None

Hall Case

Juneteenth
Beverly Jelks