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NBPL News

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We have amazing supporters! Children's Family Night program, *Waiting for the Moon: Stories for Ramadan*, turned into a wonderful and special celebration. Thank you to Rahim, his family and his friends, for the delicious, traditional food that they brought and shared with everyone. It was a fun and wonderful, learning experience. Last month, the Friends of the Library held another successful book sale. It involved many hours of organizing, planning and working at the book sale. They are committed and passionate about raising funds to help support the library budget...and they do it well. Thank you!

Words from Our Director

Pat Rutkowski, Director

Exciting news! The new carpets will be installed starting the week of May 22 (tentatively) on the main floor. Children's Services, will be done first, then the Check Out Desk area/Media Room, the Information /Computer Center and ending in the original Library building. The library will be closed to the public during the Check Out Desk installation for about a week but staff will be here to provide telephone and curbside services. Specific dates will be shared soon!

Adult Programs

Homebuyers Seminar

Wed. May 3, 5pm Community Room
Aimed at first time homebuyers this presentation will be a comprehensive guide through the first time homebuyer process.



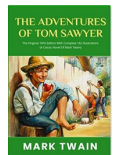
Terra Cotta Pot Design

Sat. May 13, 10 am
Community Room
Design your own terra cotta pot using our Cricut Maker. Registration is required. Register online or by calling our Information Desk.



Senior Center Book Discussion Group

Tues. May 16, 1 pm
Senior Center, 55 Pearl St.
The book will be *Adventures of Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain.



Book Discussion Group

Tues. May 16, 6:30 pm
Community Room
The book will be *The Sewing Girl's Tale* by John Sweet.



Lawyers in Libraries:

Free Legal Advice

Wed. May 17, 5:30-7:30 pm
Community Room
An attorney will be at the library on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 5:30 pm-7:30 pm. Call to register for a free 20 minute consultation.



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Instagram & Twitter @NewBritLib

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

Adult programs are now in person unless otherwise noted.

You can register online via our digital calendar under Programs and Events, or by calling our Information Desk 860-224-3155 ext. 125



A Ramadan program was held in the Children's Department this past March. After our Ramadan story time some of our families generously shared food for Iftar, the fast breaking meal. Everyone enjoyed the stories and the food.

Meditation Exploration

Tues. May 23, 6:30 pm
Community Room
Come gain knowledge about meditation and participate in several types of meditation. Beginners are welcome. Registration recommended, but drop-ins welcome.



Teen Programs

Oreo Taste Test

Wed. May 3, 2 pm
Teen Room
Try a blind Oreo taste test in the Teen Room. Rank your favorites and we'll display the winning cookies the next day. First come first served.



Anime Club

Tues. May 9, 4 pm
Community Room
Join us the second Tuesday of every month for Anime Club. Watch and discuss the latest Japanese cartoons in a movie theater-like environment. Snacks will be provided. This program is geared towards 13-18 year olds.



Teen Craft Time

Wed. May 17, 4 pm
Teen Room
Join us the third Wednesday of every month for Teen Craft Time. Come into the Teen Room to try out a variety of different crafting activities including rainbow loom bracelets, button making, collage art, and more. Materials will be provided.



Virtual Trivia (On Zoom)

Wed. May 24, 6 pm
Our May Trivia Night will be a Mother's Day edition. Register online or by calling the Information Desk.



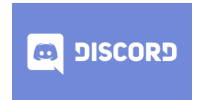
Teen Gaming

Tues. May 23, 4 pm
Community Room
This is the perfect chance to play Nintendo Switch games like Super Smash Bros. and Mario Kart 8 on the big screen. There will also be an assortment of different tabletop games to try out with your friends.



Discord Server and Tik Tok

New Britain teens are invited to join the Teen Room's Discord server to chat, get the latest info on events, and stay in touch with friends. You can also find us on TikTok@nbplteens. Ask how to join at the Teen Desk.



Read, Review, Rewards!

Read a book, graphic novel, or manga, write a review, and receive a free book. Submit your reviews at our website: nbpl.info/teens.html.



Oculus Quest 2

Teens are invited to try out the Oculus Quest 2 virtual reality headset in the Teen Room during our open hours. We have popular games including Beat Saber and Five Nights at Freddy's. Visit the Teen Room for additional details.



Children's Programs

Terrific Tots

Mondays 10 am

May 1, 8, & 15

Storytime with Miss Amy

for children ages 2½-3½ and an adult. Activities include stories, a simple craft, and time to play with library toys at the end of the program.

May 1—**Celebrate Me!!**

May 8—**Splash!** Stories about ponds

May 15—**Time for Tea** Stories & a tea party



Tales on Tuesday on

Facebook Live

Tuesdays 10-5 pm

May 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30

Stories for preschoolers.

May 2—**Tweet, Tweet! Tweet!** Stories about birds.

May 9—**April Showers Bring** Stories about May flowers.

May 16—**Got an Itch?** For some bug stories.

May 23—**Zzzzz...** Bedtime stories.

May 30—**Stand on Your Head** Upside down stories.



Super Kids

Wednesdays 10 am

May 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31

Storytime with Miss JoAnn for children ages 3-5. Stories, fingerplays, songs and a craft or activity.



May 3—**Let's Take a Trip.** Stories about traveling.

May 10—**Hop!** Stories about frogs.

May 17—**A Bouquet of Gardening Stories**

May 24—**Curtsey or Bow** Stories about royalty.

May 31—**Crawl or Fly** Stories about bugs.

Family Story Hour

Thursdays 6:30 pm

May 4, 11, 18 & 25

Gather by the fireplace for storytime with Miss Cathy for children ages 3-8.

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

May 4—**Royally Good Stories** A celebration of King's coronation.

May 11—**You're the Best!** Stories for Mother's Day.

May 18—**The Pigeon Turns 20!** Will he finally get to drive the bus?

May 25—**Let's Get Growing** Stories about gardens and gardening.



Time for Tots

Fridays 10-11:30 am

May 5, 12, & 19, Community Room

Storytime with Miss Audrey and Miss Martha and time to play with toys for children under 3 years, accompanied by an adult.



Virtual Saturday Storytime on

Facebook Live

Sat. May 6, 10-5 pm

Dig in the Dirt and enjoy gardening stories with Miss JoAnn. Best for ages 3-8.



Story Walk: Digging for Words Jose Alberto Gutierrez and the Library He Built

Sat. May 13, 2 pm

Families are invited to follow the pages and listen to a story as they stroll through the library. Includes a craft, snacks, and a copy of the book. Presented in conjunction with the Consolidated District of New Britain.



Science to Go Kits: MAY the Force Be With You

Come to the Children's Department and pick up a Star Wars science kit. Best for ages 4-8.





Friends of the New Britain Public Library

While the Friends don't have any events planned for this month, we continue to be busy behind the scenes – going through our inventory and sorting through the avalanche of new donations we receive weekly.

Our next event is the Annual Textbook/Reference Sale which will take place from August 15 –September 11, 2023. It features textbooks covering many subject areas from Anthropology to Zoology and everything in between, plus useful reference materials. It is open during library hours so you can shop for the Fall semester anytime.

The Friends also manage the Everyday Book Sale which is located on the main floor. It includes both fiction and nonfiction and is restocked weekly. The theme for May is “Women: Spirited, Strong & Loving”, and the selection includes poetry by women. The author of the month is Nora Roberts. This is the perfect place to get your summer reads.

Pop in Vaccine Clinic

All shots including bivalent booster
HRA with Griffin Health

Thursday, May 4 & 25
9-12 pm

Community Room

Bring your vaccine card if you have it.



1 on 1 Computer Tech Help

Mon. May 8, 11 am

Sat. May 13, 3 pm

Sat. May 20, 3 pm

Mon. May 22, 11 am

Makerspace

Participants can now sign up for a 60 minute one-on-one session. To book a time slot, please call the Information Desk.



Spice Club

The Spice Club is back! Stop by the Information Desk to pick up a “Spice Club” recipe kit. Each kit will have information and history of each featured spice and some pre-measured feature spice for two recipes that month. This month's featured spice is **cilantro**.



Puzzle Club To Go!

Stop by our Info Desk to pick up a free puzzle club kit. Sudoku grids, crossword puzzles, tricky word searches, and more!



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 2-6 pm

Tuesday 2-6 pm

Wednesday 2-7 pm

Thursday 2-7 pm

Friday & Saturday

1:30 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, May 27

Monday, May 29

Memorial Day

Library Displays

Front Case

Celebrate Bike Month
Mark Hoffman

Hall Case

New Britain High School
Mike Tino