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# NBPL News

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Become a better writer! Adopt a cat! Celebrate National Drawing Day! In addition to all the great events and programming taking place this month, I also want to encourage you to check out Hoopla, one of our online services. With Hoopla, you can browse and enjoy (instantly available) audiobooks, eBooks, comics, movies, TV, magazines, or music anywhere using your device or computer. Get out your library card and visit [hoopladigital.com](http://hoopladigital.com) today, or scan the QR code to download the app.

## Words from Our Director



—Viktor Sjöberg, Director

## Adult Programs

### Wellness At The Library: Sound Meditation

Wed. May 1, 6:30 pm

Community Room

Embark on a tranquil journey with local sound healing practitioner Jodene as your sound guide. Sound healing is the use of specific instruments, music, tones, and vibrations to help balance the body and experience emotional release. Bring your yoga mat, blankets, pillows, anything you need to get comfortable and relaxed. Register online or at the Info Desk.



### When Setting is a Character:

#### Writers Workshop

Mon. May 6, 6 pm

Community Room

Author Margarita Barresi discusses how writers can make a novel's setting feel like a character, using her historical novel *A Delicate Marriage* as an example.

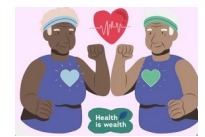


### Americorps Health

Sat. May 11, 2 pm

Hawley Room

Come to this free 1-hour Healthy Living education session and learn more about basic health care information such as patient rights and responsibilities, tips for reading a medicine label, nutrition tips, information on chronic diseases, and more. Those who complete the 1 hour session will be able to earn a gift card, as an appreciation for their attendance.

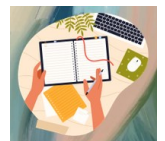


### Writers Group

Sat. May 11, 2:30-4 pm

Periodical Room

This group meets bi-monthly to talk about our current writing projects, get and give writing advice, and work together to progress as writers! This month's writing prompt choices are: start your story with a character staring at a picture they don't remember taking or research a real city/state/country that you have never visited, then write a scene that takes place in that location.



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



**National Drawing Day**

Fri. May 10, 4pm  
Community Room  
NBPL would like to invite patrons to submit a drawing of your favorite book related character, place or object for a chance to win a prize! Winners will be picked on May 10th. **Registration is required.** Patrons may register and submit their drawings by May 4th at the Reference, Teen or Children's desks. All ages are welcome to participate. Limit one drawing per patron, please. Pictures will be on display from May 6-10th.

**1 on 1 Tech Help**

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



**Learn To Play the Ukulele**

Tues. May 14, 6 pm  
Community Room  
Want to try an instrument that is fun and easy to play? Join Julie Stepanek as she shows the fundamentals of ukulele playing. No experience necessary. Ukuleles provided. Register online or at the InfoDesk.



**Virtual Drawing Night!**

Wed. May 15, 6:30 pm  
On ZOOM  
Come celebrate National Drawing day and play the Doodle challenge live in this virtual event! Take turns drawing and guessing what people have drawn, all on Zoom! Please register to get the Zoom link.



**Teen Programs**

**Anime in the Teen Room**

Tuesdays, May 7, 14, 21, 28, 6-7 pm Teen Room  
Join us Tuesdays in May for a chance to watch the latest and greatest in Japanese animation. This month we'll be watching *One Piece* in honor of our March Manga Madness winner.



**DIY Cat Toys**

Wed. May 1, 6 pm  
Community Room  
Patrons can get crafty using provided patterns to assemble their very own cat toys. All needed supplies will be provided.



**Teen Advisory Board**

Wed. May. 13, 6 pm  
Teen Room  
Share ideas for everything from programs to Teen Room decor. Pizza and soda will be served. New members welcome!



**Cat Adoption Event**

Sat. May 18, 12-2 pm  
Community Room  
Come meet some of the adoptable cats from Hidden Treasures adoption center! If potential adopters would like to fill out an application prior to the event, they can send an email requesting an application to: info@ht-ac.org



**Healthy Aging with Maquita Sellers**

Mon. May 20, 12 pm  
Community Room  
Our bodies change throughout the course of life and our daily activities and habits shape our physiology. Join us to learn how exercise can be used as a tool to help prevent and fight disease and age-related decline. Register online or at the Info Desk.



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**Teen Tower Challenge**

Mon. May 20, 6 pm  
Teen Room  
Come solo or work in teams to build the tallest tower in 30 minutes with only marshmallows and toothpicks.



**NBPL Teen Art Showcase**

Do you wanna showcase your artistic skills? Stop by the Teen Desk with your completed artwork and we can put it up on the walls in the Teen Room.



**DIY Mini Notebooks**

Tues. May 28, 6 pm  
We're taking recycled cereal boxes and transforming them into awesome mini notebooks, perfect for bullet journaling. All supplies will be provided.



# Children's Programs

## Terrific Tots

Mondays, 10 am  
May 6, & 13, 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.



May 6—**Splash!** Stories about ponds  
May 13—**Silly Stories** and a surprise...

## Tales on Tuesday (Facebook Live)

Tuesdays, 10-5 pm  
May 7, 14, 21, & 28  
Stories for preschoolers

May 7—**Water Adventures!**  
with Miss JoAnn.  
May 14—**Check Me Out** with  
Miss Martha.

May 21—**Down by the Pond**  
with Miss Amy.  
May 28—**What Shall We Read?** With Miss  
Shantel.

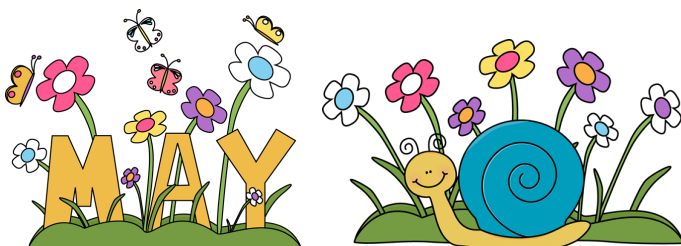


## Super Kids

Wednesdays, 10 am  
May 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29,  
Storytime with Miss JoAnn for  
children 3-5 years accompanied by  
an adult. Stories, fingerplays, songs,  
and a craft or activity.



May 1—**Look Under the Bed:** stories about  
monsters  
May 8—**Ribbit!** Stories about frogs  
May 15—**Flying, Crawling, Buzzing:** bug stories  
May 22—**Walk the Plank** for pirate stories.  
May 29—**A Trip into Space**



## Family Story Hour

Thursdays May 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30  
6:30 pm  
Storytime for children ages 3-8.  
Stories and a short film.

Join our newest children's storytime reader: Miss Shantel! Welcome her to the library and enjoy stories and surprises.



## Time for Tots

Fridays, May 3, 10, & 17 10-11:30 am  
Playtime and stories in the Community  
Room. For children under 3 with an  
adult.



## Fun with Dog Man and Cat Kid

Sat. May 11, 2 pm  
Join us in the Children's Department to celebrate the  
release of *The Scarlet Shedder*, the new graphic novel  
in the Dog Man series! Activities include Dog Man  
themed crafts, activities, and giveaways.

## National Drawing Day Gallery

Mon—Fri. May 6-10,  
Winners announced  
Fri. May 10 at 4 pm



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## Check it out New Museum Passes

**The Barker Character Comic and Cartoon Museum** in  
Cheshire: buy one ticket, get one free.

**The Pez Visitor Center** in Orange: pass entitles the  
bearer to four free general admission passes.

For more information, contact the Children's  
Department.



## Friends of the New Britain Public Library

Another successful sale is behind us. Thank you to everyone who donated, shopped at, and/or helped during the Sale, especially our Board members who typically do all three! We are also lucky to have the help of CCSU student groups, high school students and volunteers from M & T Bank. Special thanks to the library staff whose help makes these events possible.

Our next event is the Annual Textbook Sale scheduled for August-September. It runs for about four weeks and includes hardcover and paperback texts and reference materials in a variety of disciplines. Dates will be announced next month.

Meanwhile, you can pick up good reads for the summer and beyond anytime during library hours at the Everyday Book Sale (EDBS). The author of the month is Kristin Hannah.

### Senior Center Book Discussion Group

Tues. May 21, 1 pm

Senior Center, 55 Pearl St.

The book will be *How the Penguins Saved Veronica* by Hazel Prior. Copies available at the Check Out Desk.



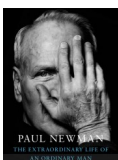
### Book Discussion Group

Tues. May 21, 6:30 pm

Community Room

The book will be *The Extraordinary Life of an Ordinary Man* by Paul Newman.

Copies available at the Check Out Desk. New members always welcome.



### Graduate Informational Session

Wed. May 22, 6:30-7:30 pm

Community Room

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

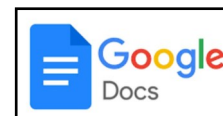


### Computer Basics: Google Docs

Wed. May 29, 6-7 pm

Community Room

This lesson will be about accessing Google Docs through Google Drive. It will also go over the different aspects of creating a Doc (title, fonts, etc.) as well as basic formatting. Register online or in person at the Information 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

Saturday May 25  
Monday May 27  
Memorial Day

### Library Displays

#### **Front Case**

None (under renovation)

#### **Hall Case**

None (under renovation)