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NBPL News

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Let us inspire you to explore the night skies! In November, thanks to the Astronomical Society of Greater Hartford, you can borrow an Orion Starblast 4.5" Astro Reflector telescope. Get a close up look at the night sky, stars, the moon and planets. Craters and mountains on the moon pop out. See Jupiter with its orbiting moons and Saturn and its stunning rings. The telescope is newbie friendly, designed for entry level and intermediate enthusiasts. You will be able to borrow it for one week. It comes with an instruction booklet and map of the night sky. Get a close up look at the night sky and discover its beauty! Also new, we will be offering board games to borrow. The collection will be starting off with the games Sorry, chess, and Scrabble. Happy Thanksgiving!

—Pat Rutkowski, Director

Words from Our Director

Adult Programs

New Britain Adventures Club

Thurs. Nov. 2 & 9, 4-7 pm
Community Room

New monthly gaming club starting this month. November 2 will be **HeroQuest** and November 9 will be **Dungeons and Dragons**.

Registration required.



Fall Watercolor Class—Paint Your Pets

Sat. Nov. 4, 10-12 pm Community Room

Send in a photograph of your pet and learn how to make a beautiful watercolor portrait of them. **Registration required.**



Functional Nutrition with Marta Irene:

The Blind Food Audition

Wed. Nov. 8, 5:30-7 pm

Try new healthy foods prepared and learn about functional nutrition from Marta Irene. Registration is encouraged but walk-ins welcome.



Estate Planning

Mon. Nov. 13, 6-7 pm
Community Room

The past couple years have taught us that life circumstances can change in an instant. If they do, are you prepared? In this program, you'll learn about wills, trusts, powers of attorney (POA), and healthcare directives.



Movie Matinee: Almost Sunrise

Tues. Nov. 14, 2-4 pm
Community Room

This documentary is about two Iraq vets who confront their PTSD on a cross-country journey.



Sound Meditation

Tues. Nov. 14, 6:30-7:30 pm
Community Room

Come join certified yoga instructor Melissa as she uses singing bowls and other instruments to lead a sound meditation that relaxes the body and mind. Registration encouraged.



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Instagram & Twitter @NewBritLib

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

Adult Program Registration

Register for adult programs online on our homepage under **Programs & Events** or call the Information Desk. 860-224-3155 ext. 125

New in the Teen Room



Along with the new VR and Nintendo Switch games we have added new board games like the TikTok sensation Connect 4 Spin. We also have Pokemon Battle Academy for those trainers who want to learn how to play the Pokemon card game with preconstructed decks! The Infinity Game Table is also available to try out starting November 15.

Lawyers in the Library: Free Legal Advice



Wed. Nov. 15, 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.

Nailed It: Turkey Cakes



Sat. Nov. 18, 1-2:30 pm
Community Room
Decorate your very own turkey cake to bring home! Cakes will be judged on the creativity of their turkey cake creations, and the winner will take home a baking tin! **Registration is required.**

Teen Programs

Write the Hook Teen Writing Contest



New Britain teens ages 12-18 are invited to submit the beginning or “hook” to their stories for a chance at winning a prize and their winning submissions posted on our social media.

Monday Night Write-Ins



Mondays Nov. 6, 13, 20, & 27, 6-8 pm Teen Room
Monday write-ins are your chance to meet fellow novelists and write like crazy. Brainstorm, socialize and boost your word count with fellow writers of New Britain. Pop into any session and stay as long as you want.

Teen Advisory Board



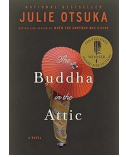
Wed. Nov. 8, 4 pm
Teen Room
Share ideas for everything from programs to Teen Room decor. Pizza and soda will be served.

Banned Book Club



Sat. Nov. 18, 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 *The Bluest Eye* by Toni Morrison. Copies available at the Check Out Desk.

Senior Center Book Discussion Group



Tues. Nov. 21, 1 pm
Senior Center, 55 Pearl St.
The book will be *The Buddha in the Attic* by Julie Otsuka. Copies available at the Check Out Desk.

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Anime Club



Tues. Nov. 14, 4 pm
Teen Room
We will be screening the anime, *Frieren: Beyond Journey’s End*. Snacks will be provided.

Teen Gaming: The Infinity Game Table



Wed. Nov. 15, 4 pm
Teen Room
Join us the third Wednesday of each month for our Teen Gaming. For November we’ll be showing off our new Infinity Game Table. The Infinity Game Table features digital versions of classic board games, including Monopoly, Scrabble, Yahtzee, chess, checkers and many more.

Cake Pops & K-pop



Wed. Nov. 22, 4 pm
Community Room
Calling all K-pop stans: Come watch music videos and talk about your bias while making yummy cake pops. **Registration is required.**

Children's Programs

Terrific Tots

Monday, 10 am

Nov. 6, 13, 20, & 27

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.



Nov. 6—**Jump and Stomp:** Stories about feet

Nov. 13—**Squeaky Stories about Mice**

Nov. 20—**Gather Round the Table...**for

Thanksgiving stories.

Nov. 27—**Goldilocks and Who?!** Stories about bears.

Tales on Tuesday (Facebook Live)

Tuesdays, 10– 5 pm

Nov. 7, 14, 21, & 28

Stories for preschoolers



Nov. 7—**Sweet Treats:** let's bake with Miss Cathy.

Nov. 14—**Travel into Storyland** with Miss JoAnn.

Nov. 21—**Put on Your PJ's** stories for bedtime, with Miss Martha.

Nov. 28—**It's Cold!** How animals prepare for a long winter's nap, with Miss Christina.

Super Kids

Wednesdays, 10 am

Nov. 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.



Nov. 1—**Beep, Boop, Beep:** Stories about robots.

Nov. 8—**Monkey See, Monkey Do** Monkey stories.

Nov. 15—**How Will We Get There?** Hop on the story train.

Nov. 22—**We Gather Together** Stories for Thanksgiving.

Nov. 29—**Play with Me:** Stories about toys.

Family Story Hour

Thursdays Nov. 2, 9, 16, & 30, 6:30 pm
Storytime with Miss Cathy for children ages 3-8. Stories and a short film.



Nov. 2—**Author's Tea with Linda Lanciet-Saltman.**

Join us for a reading of **A Jiffie Adventure: Jiffie Saves the Day!** Enjoy tea and treats. Best for ages 3-8.

(6 pm start time)

Nov. 9—**Powwow** A Celebration of Native Americans

Nov. 16—**Giving Thanks** Food, Friends, and Family!

Nov. 30—**The Great Bake-Off** Who is the best baker in storyland?

Time for Tots

Fridays, Nov. 3, 10, & 17 10-11:30 am

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



Science to Go Kits: Tipi Technology- Engineering a Native American Home

Best for ages 5-10. Available while supplies last.



Pumpkin Time with the Terrific Tots



The children from the Monday Terrific Tots program helped to create this Kitty-cat jack-o'-lantern. Stories build imagination which builds creativity. All 2 1/2 - 3 1/2 year old children are invited to attend with an adult (See above for details.)

For more information call us at 860-224-3155, ex. 121.





Friends of the New Britain Public Library

Our fall book sale is history. Thank you to our patrons, generous book donors and, most of all, to the library staff and our dedicated group of volunteers who made these events possible. We also appreciate the CCSU students and the volunteers from M & T Bank who helped us set up and dismantle the sale.

On Saturday, December 2 (10 am – 1 pm) we will celebrate the season with our Pop Up Holiday Sale featuring books and gifts, jewelry, and baked goods. We wish for good weather. The snow date is Saturday, December 9.

We also have a special opportunity for large lot purchases of some unusual items. We offer about 50 years of Life magazine, and about 30 years of National Geographic -- most in slipcases -- and many decades of Jane's Fighting Ships and World's Aircraft. Please email us at nbplfriends@nbpl.info if you'd like to see these very special selections.

On October 6, Wendy Whicher, our Vice-President, received the first ever New Britain Volunteer Award at the Annual Disability Employment Recognition Event. Congratulations to Wendy on her well-deserved recognition!

Creative Writing Workshop

Mon. Nov. 20, 3-4 pm

Community Room

November is National Novel

Writing Month, but whether you

write novels, memoirs, short stories, or narrative

essays, the basic foundations are the same. This

workshop will cover some of those basics

including the importance of the first few lines.

Beth Gibbs, M.A. is an award winning writer of

fiction and nonfiction and will lead this workshop.

Registration recommended.



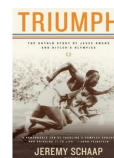
Book Discussion Group

Tues. Nov. 21, 6:30 pm Community Room

The book will be *Triumph* by Jeremy

Schaap. Copies available at the Check Out

Desk. New members always welcome.



Ugly Sweater Make and Take

Wed. Nov. 29, 10-12 pm Makerspace

Create your own holiday "ugly

sweater" at the library! Bring a sweater

you'd like to decorate and come create

with us in the makerspace! **Registration**

required.



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

1:30 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, November 11

Veteran's Day

Wednesday, November 22 (5 pm)

Thursday, November 23

Thanksgiving

Library Displays

Front Case

NB Children's Museum

Hungerford Nature Center

Hall Case

Animal Antagonists (artwork)

Nelson Nunez