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# NBPL News

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Don't miss the Friends of the Library's fall book sale. As always, it is full of bargains! The small, but mighty group of volunteers, have been working hard, sorting and organizing all the wonderful donations they have received so they will be ready for the big event. We are not taking any donations until after the book sale as the preparation demands all their time. Although they make it look very easy and simple, there is much work that is done behind the scenes to get ready for the sale. Donations will be accepted once again starting Tuesday, October 17th. They are always looking for new members. Interested? Contact them via email at [nbplfriends@nbpl.info](mailto:nbplfriends@nbpl.info) or you can find the membership form on their web site at [www.friendsofnewbritainpubliclibraryct.org/become-a-friend/](http://www.friendsofnewbritainpubliclibraryct.org/become-a-friend/). See you in October!

## Words from Our Director

Pat Rutkowski, Director

### Adult Programs

#### **Documentary: The Wisdom of Trauma**

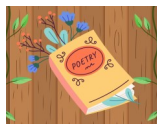
Tues. Oct. 3, 2 pm Community Room  
Join us for this powerful documentary where we travel alongside physician and bestselling author Dr. Gabor Maté, a man who has dedicated his life to understanding the connection between illness, addiction, trauma and society.



#### **Random Acts of Poetry:**

##### **Poetry Reading**

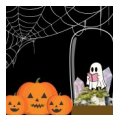
Wed. Oct. 4, 5:30-6:30 pm  
Community Room



Come down to the library and share some poetry with us! Read from your favorite author or share original poems. Registration encouraged.

#### **Spooky Terrarium Craft**

Sat. Oct. 7, 2-3 pm Makerspace  
Come make a cute and spooky fall themed glass terrarium in the Makerspace. Registration encouraged.



#### **Friends of the Library Book Sale**

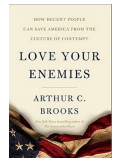
Thurs Oct. 12, 10-2 pm (\$10)  
Fri. Oct. 13, 10-4 pm (free)  
Sat. Oct. 14, 10-2 pm (free)

#### **Senior Center Book**

##### **Discussion Group**

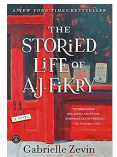
Tues. Oct. 17, 1 pm  
Senior Center, 55 Pearl St.

The book will be *Love Your Enemies* by Arthur Brooks. Copies available at the Check Out Desk.



#### **Book Discussion Group**

Tues. Oct. 17, 6:30 pm  
Community Room  
The book will be *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin. Copies available at the Check Out Desk.



#### **Lawyers in the Library: Free Legal Advice**

Wed. Oct. 18, 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.



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Instagram & Twitter @NewBritLib

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

**Adult Program  
Registration**

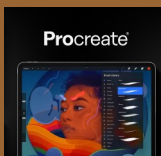
Register for adult programs online on our homepage under **Programs & Events** or call the Information Desk. 860-224-3155 ext. 125

**Pierogi Tasting**  
Sat. Oct. 7th  
11-12pm  
Upstairs Lobby



**Teens**

New to the Teen Room is access to our two new iPads and apple pencils. During our open hours, teens can borrow these iPads for up to an hour and utilize these tablets to create their own unique digital illustrations with Procreate. A student ID or library card is required for use.



**Observe the Moon Day**

Sat. Oct. 21, 10-12 pm  
Makerspace



Come take a virtual trip to the moon with our VR headsets or make a watercolor moon for National Observe the Moon day!

**Banned Book Club**

Sat. Oct. 21, 3:30-4:30 pm  
Community Room



NEW monthly book club where we will be reading books that have been challenged or banned in public libraries. The book for October is *All Boys Aren't Blue* by George M. Johnson. Copies available at the Check Out Desk.

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**Teen Programs**

**Ghost in a Jar**

Tues. Oct. 3, 4 pm  
Teen Room

Create your own spooky terrarium to get into the Halloween spirit! All supplies will be provided. **Registration is required.**



**Haunted Break in Bag**

Oct. 9-14, 4 pm  
Teen Room



You're trapped in a creepy manor. Solve the puzzle packer to unlock the "front door" and escape! Ask for a break-in bag and try your hand at solving the puzzle yourself.

**Teen Advisory Board**

Wed. Oct. 11, 4 pm  
Teen Room



Share ideas for everything from programs to Teen Room decor. Pizza and soda will be served.

**How To Use Your Mind  
To Enhance Your Mood**

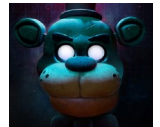
Sat. Oct. 21, 2:30-3:30 pm  
Community Room



Did you know that the thoughts we think may influence our mood? Come learn how our mind can affect our mood and how we can address it. Presented by Dr. Wendy Hurwitz, graduate of Yale University School of Medicine and nationally recognized expert on stress. Dr. Hurwitz is an expert in two fields: Mind/Body Medicine and Energy Medicine. **Registration required.**

**Teen Gaming: Five Nights  
at Freddy's VR**

Wed. Oct. 18, 4 pm  
Teen Room



Get ready to experience Five Nights at Freddy's in a new way! We'll be hooking up some VR headsets for a truly chilling experience.

**LGBTQ+ Info Presentation**

Tues. Oct. 24, 6:30 pm  
Community Room



Join us for a presentation on all things LGBTQ+. This presentation is a great chance to learn about a wide range of topics such as terminology, allyship, and how to create safe spaces.

**Pickle Autopsy**

Thurs. Oct. 26, 4 pm  
Community Room

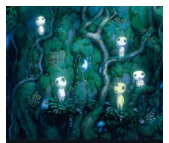


Two pickle gangs had it out with each other and now you must become a forensic pathologist and help us determine the cause of death for these poor pickles.

**Registration is required.**

**Anime Club**

Tues. Oct. 31, 4 pm  
Teen Room



We will be screening the classic anime, *Princess Mononoke*.

# Children's Programs

## Terrific Tots

Monday, 10 am

Oct. 2, 16, 23, & 30

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.



Oct. 2—**Stories FALLing like leaves**

Oct. 16—**A Bushel of Apple Stories**

Oct. 23—**Pie and Jack-O-Lanterns...**Stories about pumpkins.

Oct. 30—**Trick or Treat for Stories!** Wear your Halloween costume.

## Tales on Tuesday (Facebook Live)

Tuesdays, 10– 5 pm

Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31

Stories for preschoolers



Oct. 3—**Shake that Bushy Tail** Stories about squirrels with Miss Cathy.

Oct. 10—**Jump into a Pile of Fall Stories** with Miss JoAnn.

Oct. 17—**One Little Two Little Three Little Pumpkin Stories** with Miss Martha.

Oct. 24—**Hang Upside-Down and Enjoy some Bat Stories** with Miss Christina

Oct. 31—**Tippy Toe...BOO!** Stories for Halloween with Miss Amy

## Super Kids

Wednesdays, 10 am

Oct. 4, 11, 18 & 25

Storytime with Miss JoAnn for children 3-5 years accompanied by an adult. Stories, fingerplays, songs, and a craft or activity.



Oct. 4—**Who is in the Garden?** Stories about scarecrows.

Oct. 11—**Magical Stories at the Wave of a Wand**

Oct. 18—**Big & Round & Orange:** Pumpkin Stories.

Oct. 25—**Black Cats & Flying Bats:** Stories for Halloween.

## Family Story Hour

Thursdays Oct. 5, 12, & 26, 6:30 pm  
Gather by the fireplace for storytime with Miss Cathy for children ages 3-8. Stories and a short film.

Oct. 5—**A Celebration of Hispanic Holidays**

Oct. 12—**Nuts about Squirrels**

Oct. 19—**Halloween Tricks and Treats with Mime Robert Rivest (6 pm)**

Oct. 26—**Which Witch?** Hauntingly good tales...



## Time for Tots

Fridays, Oct. 6, 20, & 27 10-11:30 am  
Playtime and stories in the Community Room. For children under 3 with an adult.



## International Dinosaur Month

### Celebration—Stories in the Bones

Sat. Oct. 14, 2 pm

Bones to build with and bones for treats. Best for ages 5-10.



## Halloween Drive-Thru

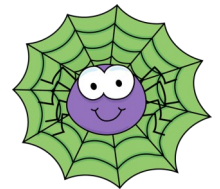
Sat. Oct. 28, 2 pm

Come by broom or pumpkin coach to trick-or-treat in the library parking lot. For children 12 and under.



## Science to Go Kits: Spiders and Their Webs

Best for ages 4-8. Available while supplies last.



Read together...





## Friends of the New Britain Public Library

Our Fall Book Sale is almost here. It opens with a paid preview (\$10 per person, free to members of the NB Friends) on Thursday, October 12 from 10 am – 2 pm. Admission is free on Friday, October 13 (10 am – 4 pm) and Saturday, October 14 (10 am – 2 pm). Look for the Friday specials and the all-day bag sale (\$10 bag, our bag) on Saturday.

The Friends have pledged to bring out for sale every book, every media item, every tchotchke, every single item which has been donated to date. Despite our every effort to bring this large and varied inventory under control, buyers may have to be flexible, literally and metaphorically, and look under every table in the room. We have, as always, been blessed with the most generous donors and want to pass on this largesse to everyone who attends our Fall Book Sale.

A full description of the sale can be found at [www.booksalefinder.com](http://www.booksalefinder.com), and [www.nbpl.info](http://www.nbpl.info).

### Open Mic Night

Mon. Oct. 23, 5:30-7:30 pm

Community Room

Are you a local artist with a song to sing or poems to share? Want to try out a new stand up or dance routine? Come find your voice at the library! Registration required for performers.



### Better Balance Workshop

Wed. Oct. 25, 6:30-7:30 pm

Community Room

Join Maggie Downie, owner of Personal Euphoria Pilates and fitness studio, and explore ways to improve your balance and stability. She'll review what types of movement help improve balance. Registration encouraged.



### Movies and Mocktails

Sat. Oct. 28, 12-3 pm

Community Room

Come watch the 1988 film Practical Magic and make some magical non-alcoholic margaritas! Movie showtime is 1:15 pm.

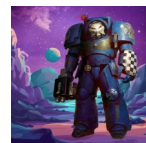


### Intro to Gaming Club: Warhammer 40k

Mon. Oct. 30, 6-7 pm

Community Room

Interested in learning more about Warhammer 40k? Looking to find more people to play with or advice about painting miniatures? Come to the first meeting of our "Intro to Gaming club," hosted by Jim Searle and Johnathan Mieckle. Registration encouraged.



## 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

Monday October 9  
Columbus Day/Indigenous  
Peoples' Day

## Library Displays

### **Front Case**

Telescope Display  
Staff

### **Hall Case**

Polish Heritage Month  
Polish Culture Club of  
Greater Hartford