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# NBPL News

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I am delighted to share wonderful news! Viktor Sjöberg is the new director. He comes to the NBPL from his last position as Director of the East Bonner County Library District in Sandpoint, Idaho, with previous library experience in California. He received his Master of Library and Information Science degree from the University of Borås, Sweden. The future looks very promising and exciting. I am off to enjoy my retirement, leaving the library in many capable hands and looking forward to where the library goes in the future. Kudos to the staff for all their amazing work and for making our library so welcoming. Many thanks to everyone for making my library career such a gift. On to the next chapter...

## Words from Our Director

—Pat Rutkowski, Director

## Adult Programs

### New Writers Group

Sat. March 2, 2:30-4 pm

Local History Room

Calling all aspiring writers! This new monthly writers' group is the perfect opportunity to meet other authors and get feedback on your work. Every month we'll share what we're working on, do writing exercises, and network with other writers. Registration required.



### Financial Fitness Workshop

Tues. March. 5, 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Community Room

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



### New Britain High School Musical Preview—Lucky Stiff

Wed. March 6, 6 pm

Community Room

Come see a preview of songs from the upcoming New Britain High School musical farce *Lucky Stiff!* This musical has it all: mistaken identities and murder, diamonds and dogs, and revenge and romance! Registration is encouraged and walk-ins are welcome. Register online or call.



### Wellness in the Library: Just Dance 2024 Fitness

Mon. March 11, 6-7 pm

Community Room

Need a low impact and fun workout? Dance along to popular songs and get your body moving at the library! Registration is encouraged and walk-ins are welcome.



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Instagram & Twitter @NewBritLib

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



**Adventurers Club**

Thursdays, 4 pm  
Ground Floor  
Join us for monthly sessions of HeroQuest and Dungeons and Dragons. New players welcome but seats are limited. Register online or call the library.

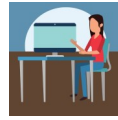
**National Barbie Day Movie Screening—The**



**Barbie Movie**  
Fri. March 8,  
2:30—4:30 pm  
Community Room  
Hey Barbie! Hi Ken!  
Enjoy a screening of the 2023 Barbie movie, starring Margot Robbie, America Ferrara, and Ryan Gosling.

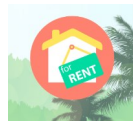
**Computer Basics: Gmail**

Wed. March 13, 6-7 pm  
Community Room  
This lesson will be about creating and using a Gmail account. Register online or in person at the Information Desk.



**Tenant/Renter Workshop**

Sat. March 16,  
9:30-12:30 pm  
Community Room  
For anyone seeking a better understanding of the challenges of renting and related tenant rights, we will walk you through everything you should know as a renter. Registration required.



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**Teen Programs**

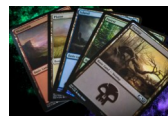
**Teen Advisory Board**

Wed. March 6, 5:30 pm  
Teen Room  
Share ideas for everything from programs to Teen Room decor. We want to hear from you all on what you would like to see for the Teen Room for the spring months. Pizza and soda will be served.



**Intro to Gaming: Magic the Gathering**

Tues. March 12, 6-7 pm  
Community Room  
Want to learn how to play the trading card game Magic: The Gathering? All skill levels are welcome. Register online or over the phone and get yourself a booster pack.



**Wax Paper Lanterns**

Mon. March 18, 6 pm  
Makerspace  
Spring is almost here! Join us in the makerspace to get your craft on and make your very own wax paper lantern. All supplies are provided. Register online or call.



**Memory Tips with Wendy Hurwitz**

Sat. March 16, 2:30-3:30 pm  
Community Room  
Did you know that the techniques used by memory athletes can be taught? Come learn about the tips and techniques used by Olympic-level memorizers who compete to see who can memorize large amounts of information.



**Banned Book Club**

Sat. March 16, 3-4 pm  
Local History Room  
We will be reading books that have been challenged or banned in public libraries. If this is your first meeting, register online or in person. This month's book is *Lawn Boy* by Jonathan Evison. Copies available at the Check Out Desk.



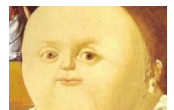
**Teen Gaming: AEW Fight Forever**

Wed. March 20, 4 pm  
Join us the third Wednesday of each month for our Teen Gaming. For March we're ready for a real slobberknocker with the hit wrestling video game, AEW Fight Forever.



**\*New\* in the Teen Room: 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.



**March Manga Madness**

All throughout March we are holding a contest to determine the best Manga characters! Cast your vote on our discord or in the Teen Room for your favorite characters. Each week teens will have a chance to vote on the different matchups.



# Children's Programs

## Terrific Tots

Mondays, 10 am  
 March 4, 11, 18, 25, 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.



March 4—**Fluffy!** Stories about sheep.  
 March 11—**Let's Climb!** Stories up a tree.  
 March 18—**Bawk!!!** Chicken stories.  
 March 25—**A Basketful of Easter Stories**

## Tales on Tuesday (Facebook Live)

Tuesdays, 10-5 pm  
 March 5, 12, 19, & 26  
 Stories for preschoolers



March 5—**Stories from Dr. Seuss** with Miss JoAnn.  
 March 12—**Make Believe** with Miss Martha.  
 March 19—**Meet My Family** with Miss Christina.  
 March 26—**When the Wind Blows** wind stories with Miss Cathy.

## Super Kids

Wednesdays, 10 am  
 March 6, 13, 20, & 27  
 Storytime with Miss JoAnn for children 3-5 years accompanied by an adult. Stories, fingerplays, songs, and a craft or activity.



March 6—**Rhyme Time With Dr Seuss**  
 March 13—**Shamrocks and Leprechauns:** stories for St. Patrick's Day.  
 March 20—**Wake Up World:** stories about spring.  
 March 27—**Bunnies & Chicks:** stories for Easter.



## Family Story Hour

Thursdays March 7, 14, 21, & 28,  
 6:30 pm  
 Storytime with Miss Cathy for children ages 3-8. Stories and a short film.

March 7—**Watching the Moon:** stories for Ramadan.  
 March 14—**It's Good To Be Green:** a celebration of St. Patrick's Day.  
 March 21—**Move to the Beat:** stories about dancing.  
 March 28—**Bunnies Don't Lay Eggs!** Stories for Easter and spring.

## Time for Tots

Fridays, March 1, 8, 15, & 22 10-11:30 am  
 Playtime and stories in the Community Room. For children under 3 with an adult.



## Create Your Own Leprechaun Trap

Sat. March 2, 2 pm  
 Ages 5 and up. Registration required.  
 To sign up call the Children's Dept.



## Science to Go Kits: Exploring Colors Rainbow Science

Best for ages 5 and up. Available while supplies last.



## It's Here! Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

**Free books** for children birth-5 years!  
 New Britain children can be enrolled in the program to receive a book in the mail every month. Enrollment forms are available in the Children's Department or online:  
[unitedwayinc.org/books](http://unitedwayinc.org/books)



Thank you to Congresswoman Jahana Hayes for working to bring this program to New Britain.



## Friends of the New Britain Public Library

Spring is almost here, which means our book sale is just weeks away. In March, the small display case offers a preview of that sale. The Everyday Book Sale, too, revolves around everything spring. For instance - gardening, birds, all things Irish and more. Tom Clancy and Maeve Binchy are the co-authors of the month.

The Spring Book Sale is scheduled for the following dates and times.

**Thursday, April 18, 10 – 2 pm** (\$10 preview, free to Friends of NBPL)

**Friday, April 19, 10 – 4 pm** (Free admission) Watch for Friday Specials. **Saturday, April 20, 10 - 2 pm** (free admission) Bag Sale Day.

More information is available at [www.nbpl.info](http://www.nbpl.info) and at [booksalefinder.com](http://booksalefinder.com). You can also reach us via email at [nbplfriends@nbpl.info](mailto:nbplfriends@nbpl.info).

### Senior Center Book Discussion Group

Tues. March 19, 1 pm

Senior Center, 55 Pearl St.

The book will be *Anxious People* by Fred Backman. Copies available at the Check Out Desk.



### Intro to Cricut

Wed. March 20, 6 pm

Makerspace

Curious about how to use our Cricut machine? Want to learn more about the variety of projects you can make? Design and take home a custom bookmark. Register now for our Intro to the Cricut Machine Workshop! Register online or call.



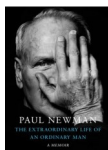
### Book Discussion Group

Tues. March 19, 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.



### Intro to Gaming: Warhammer 40K

Sat. March 30, 11 am-2 pm

Community Room

Come try out a game of Warhammer 40k! All materials needed to play will be provided so just bring yourselves and have some fun. Never played Warhammer before? No problem! Our instructors will help guide you.



### 1 on 1 Tech Help

Mondays in March, 3 pm

Sign up for an hour slot for help with your computer, table, phone or software.



## 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

Friday, March 29  
Good Friday

## Library Displays

### Front Case

**Spring Into Reading**  
Friends of the NB Library