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NBPL News

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September is Library Card Sign-up Month. The most important card in your pocket is your library card!

From borrowing books, audiobooks, e-books, and museum passes, steaming movies to learning new skills, finding information in databases, a library card helps you do more of what you enjoy. Dive into a new hobby. Spark your

creativity. Libraries play a crucial role in the education and development of children, from story times for preschoolers to college and career planning for high schoolers, fostering literacy and a love of reading. Be sure to bring your kids in for their own cards. A library card is your most important school supply—it's elemental, really—and everyone should have one! Of course, as a library user you know all this! We are glad that you are. Spread the word for us. Share with others what a library has for them. Everyone who signs up for a new card, gets a NBPL book bag, a pencil, a pin and a chance to win a gift card.

Words from Our Director

—Pat Rukowski, Director

Adult Programs

Sourdough Starter Class

Wed. Sept. 6, 6 pm
Community Room

Come make and take a sourdough starter, learn some bread making techniques and tricks, and try some freshly baked bread! Registration required. Call the Info Desk or register online.



Resume Writing Class

Thurs. Sept. 7 & 14, 10 am
Community Room

Need help writing a resume? Come to this two-part presentation on how to create, re-write or update your resume. Brought to you by Brainfuse JobNow.



DNA Testing Services Virtual Informational Session

Wed. Sept. 13, 6 pm
Community Room

Using DNA testing in genealogy is a great way to find more family for your family tree and to learn more about your family's history! Learn more about the differences, testing types and costs of different DNA testing services. Presented by Eric Migdal.



Digitization Day (3 sessions)

Thurs. Sept. 14, 21, & 28, 2-4 pm
Makerspace

Do you have old photos you'd like to digitally preserve? VHS tapes you'd like to convert to DVD? Old film negatives you'd love to save and share? Registration required.



www.facebook.com/nbpl.ct
Instagram & Twitter @NewBritLib

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

**Photography Contest
Community Gallery**



Photographs submitted for our photography contest will be displayed in our Community Room on **Saturday September 9**, from **10-12 pm** where people can vote for their favorite photograph!

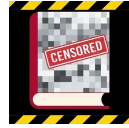


New Britain Public Library Collage Unveiling

Sept. 21
4-8 pm
Makerspace
Come see the final results of our neighborhood collage created by Rashmi Talpade and members of the New Britain Community

Banned Book Club

Sat. Sept. 16, 3-4 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 September is *Genderqueer: A Memoir* by Maia Kobabe. Copies available at the Check Out Desk.



Senior Center Book Discussion Group

Tues. Sept. 19, 1 pm
Senior Center, 55 Pearl St.
The book will be *1876: A Novel* by Gore Vidal and *The Good Fight* by Anne Quirk. Copies available at the Check Out Desk.



Teen Programs

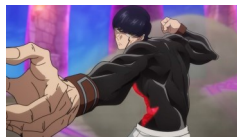
Teen Advisory Board

Wed. Sept. 6, 4 pm
Teen Room
We're starting up the Teen Advisory Board once again! Share ideas for everything from programs to Teen Room decor. Pizza and soda will be served.



Anime Club

Tues. Sept. 12, 4 pm
Community Room
Watch and discuss the latest Japanese cartoons. Snacks will be provided. This program is geared towards 12-18 year olds.



Silent Library

Sat. Sept. 16, 2 pm
Teen Room
Can you hold it together while enduring challenges geared towards getting you to make noise? The name of the game is silent library and in order to win you must endure "interesting" challenges without making a sound.



Book Discussion Group

Tues. Sept. 19, 6:30 pm
Community Room
The book will be *The Woman Who Smashed Codes* by Jason Fagone. Copies available at the Check Out Desk.



Lawyers in Libraries: Free Legal Advice

Wed. Sept. 20, 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.



Teen Gaming

Wed. Sept. 20, 4 pm
Community Room
Join us the third Wednesday of each month for our Teen Gaming. For September we'll be playing 1, 2, Switch!



Teen DIY Custom Mugs

Tues. Sept. 26, 4 pm
Makerspace
Learn how to make your own customized mugs using special sharpie markers or nail polish! Registration is required.



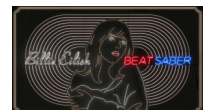
Sniff Off Contest

Sept. 25-30,
Teen Room
The week of Sept. 25th you can participate in our "sniff off" contest. Match all the blend names with the correct tea leaves for a chance to win a gift card.



Oculus Quest 2

Teens are invited to try out the Meta Quest 2 Virtual Reality headset in the Teen Room during open hours.



Children's Programs

Terrific Tots

Monday, 10 am

Sept. 11, 18, 25

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.

Sept. 11—**Splish! Splash!** Swim into fish stories.

Sept. 18—**The Wheels on the Bus...**take us to storytime!

Sept. 25—**Sit Up and Beg...**for dog stories.



Tales on Tuesday (Facebook Live)

Tuesdays, 10- 5 pm

Sept. 5, 12, 19

Stories for preschoolers

Sept. 5—**In the Jungle** Stories about jungle animals.

Sept. 12—**Dig and Build**

Construction stories.

Sept. 19—**Long, Long Ago...**stories about dinosaurs.

Sept. 26—**Hey, that Rhymes!**



Super Kids

Wednesdays, 10 am

Sept. 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.



Sept. 6—**With A Moo, Moo Here...**Stories from down on the farm.

Sept. 13—**Time to Count Sheep:** stories to make you yawn.

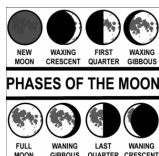
Sept. 20—**Leaves and Pumpkins:** stories for fall

Sept. 27—**Roll Up Your Windows:** stories about the car wash.

Science to Go Kits:

Phases of the Moon

Best for ages 3-12, while supplies last.



Family Story Hour

Thursdays Sept. 7, 14 21, 28, 6:30 pm

Gather by the fireplace for storytime with Miss Cathy for children ages 3-8. Stories and a short film.

Sept. 7—**Early to Bed** Fall asleep laughing with these silly bedtime stories & a short movie.

Sept. 14—**Pirate School** Get ready for Talk Like a Pirate Day with stories & a craft.

Sept. 21—**Give Peace a Chance** celebrate the International Day of Peace with stories and Peace Dove craft.

Sept. 28—**By the Light of the Harvest Moon** We'll welcome the Autumnal Equinox with stories and a short movie.



Time for Tots

Fridays, Sept. 15, 22, & 29 10-11:30 am
Playtime and stories in the Community Room. For children under 3 with an adult.



Big Blue Block Day

Sat. Sept. 23, 10-4 pm

What can you build? Have fun using our blue building blocks to create your structures, houses, forts, whatever you can imagine.



Large Print for Children

Large Print

Large print books are not just for the visually impaired. They are also a great choice for reluctant and struggling readers.

With fewer words on the page, large print books make visualizing easier. The combination of increased font size and more white space helps readers decode words, improves tracking, and increases comprehension.

Less words on the page make reading less daunting for the reader who will turn the pages faster increasing feelings of accomplishment while reducing anxiety. The Children's Department now has a collection of large print books for young readers. Check them out!



Friends of the New Britain Public Library

We're deep in preparations for our Fall Book Sale. While visiting the library, be sure to check out our display case entitled "How We Learn." It showcases some of the amazing titles available at the Fall Book Sale.

Speaking of the **Fall Book Sale**, our volunteers are busy sorting and preparing for the big Sale which is scheduled as follows: Thursday, October 12, 10 am – 2 pm (\$10 admission, free to members of NBPL Friends). Friday, October 13, 10 am – 4 pm (free admission, Friday-only specials). Saturday, October 14, 10 am – 2 pm (free admission, \$10 bag sale, our bags, excludes media).

It is one of our two big fundraisers of the year, with all proceeds directly benefitting the library. We are most grateful to our volunteers and donors and to the library staff for their continued support. For more information, visit www.nbpl.info, www.bookscouter.com, or call the Information Desk at (860) 224-3155 ext. 125. We can also be reached via email at nbplfriends@nbpl.info.

Intro To Tarot

Sat. Sept. 23, 2-3 pm

Community Room

Curious about Tarot? Want to know how to get started doing readings yourself? Come learn and get a free Tarot reading with Professional Reader Lauren Condron.



Just Dance—Game Night!

Wed. Sept 27, 6:30-7:30 pm

Community Room

Experience "Just Dance 2022" on the Nintendo Switch. Dance along with your favorite songs using a controller or your phone! Pick from a wide variety of popular and classic songs. No registration required, just walk-in and come dance!



1 on 1 Computer Tech Help

Mon. Sept. 11, 11 am

Sat. Sept. 16, 11 am

Mon. Sept. 18, 3 pm

Sat. Sept. 23, 11 am

To book a time slot, please call the Information Desk.



New Databases: Kanopy and Chilton Library

Kanopy is streaming platform for films, TV shows, and documentaries.

Chilton Library provides access to repair, maintenance, and service information on most cars, trucks, vans, and SUVs.

<https://www.nbpl.info/databases.html>

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, September 2
Monday, September 4
Labor Day

Library Displays

Front Case

Library Card Sign Up Month
Staff

Hall Case

How We Learn
Friends of the NB Library