



NBPL NEWS

"The True University of these Days is a Collection of Books"

Thomas Carlyle



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Words from our Director

As soon as the weather cooperates, we are looking forward to the repair of the back stairs. They are definitely showing their age and continue to deteriorate. This will be a fix as we plan ahead for a more permanent remedy.

We have an update on the proposed joint parking lot with the YMCA. Unfortunately, due to the lack of adequate funding, it is not going to happen. The parking areas will not be joined with a connecting drive. We will still be sharing our parking lots and will have access to additional parking, if our lot is full. The YMCA will be repaving their lot starting in April, including the exit to Cedar Street. It will impact exiting from our lot but there will be a workaround at that time.

Both of those projects will provide some inconvenience to library users and we apologize in advance.

We are also closely watching the State budget process. The Governor is proposing cuts which will directly affect libraries. On the chopping block is the reimbursement funding which libraries receive for participating in borrowIT, the program which lets you use your library card to borrow at any of the 192 libraries participating in the program. This is a valuable program to us as it makes our funding go further and fills the needs of our users with items we cannot supply with our budget. Let's keep our libraries in the business of sharing. Contact your legislator and let them know how important this service is to you. More information and details are available at the Information Desk.

Pat Rutkowski, Director

Library Closings

Fri. April 14
Good Friday

Adult Programs for April

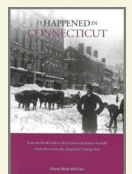
Pysanky Easter Egg Decorating

Sat. April 1, 10-12 pm Community Room. Sharon Leonard will teach patrons the Pysanky method of Easter egg decorating. This form of Polish and Ukrainian egg decorating uses special wax and color to make beautiful eggs. Each participant will be able to go home with one decorated egg. To register for the program, call the Information Desk at 860-224-3155, ext. 125.



It Really Happened in Connecticut

Sat. April 8, 10-11 am Community Room. Witchcraft trials, a serial murderer who inspired a popular movie, and a bizarre vagabond who has fascinated people for over 150 years are three of the amazing yet true stories from the state's past. Historian Diana Ross McCain will discuss these stories in the presentation organized around her books *It Happened in Connecticut* and *Mysteries and Legends of New England*. To register for the program, call the Information Desk at 860-224-3155, ext. 125.



NBPL Chess Club

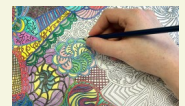
Saturday, April 8 & 22, 11-3 pm
Learn the game of chess or play a match on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month. Beginner and advanced players welcome.



Cookies and Coloring Club

Wed. April 12, 6:30-7:30 pm
Community Room.

Join us for our monthly adult coloring club. We will provide the art supplies and the cookies, but you can also bring your own coloring materials.



Adult Programs continued

Third Thursday Theater

Thurs. April 13, 1 pm Community Room.

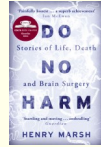
Brooklyn. An Irish immigrant lands in 1950s Brooklyn, where she quickly falls into a romance with a local. (PG-13)



Senior Book Discussion Group

Tues. April 18, 1 pm Senior Center.

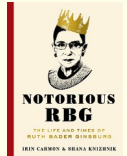
The book will be **Do No Harm: Stories of Life, Death, and Brain Surgery** by Henry Marsh. *New members welcome. Copies available at Check Out Desk.*



Book Discussion Group

Tues. April 18, 7 pm Community Room.

The book will be **Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsberg** by Irin Carmon and Shana Knizhnik. *New members welcome. Copies available at Check Out Desk.*



Lunchtime Matinee

Wed. April 26, 12 noon Community Room.

Stairway to Heaven (1946) Bring your lunch to this movie matinee and we'll provide dessert. A WWII British pilot, who miraculously survives a plane crash, goes on to fall for an American WAC.



Teen Department

Teen Movie - Moana

Tues. April 4, 4-6 pm Community Room. Join us for Disney's **Moana**. Snacks will be provided.



Teen Advisory Board

Wed. April 5, 4-5 pm Teen Room. Meet some friends, enjoy free snacks, and share your ideas for the Teen Room.



Teen Movie - Rogue One: A Star Wars Story

Tues. April 11, 4-6:30 pm Teen Room. Join us for the latest film from the Star Wars Universe. Free snacks.



STEAM: Bath Bombs

Wed. April 19, 4-5 pm Community Room.

Using basic chemistry and common household items, you can make your own fizzy bath bombs! All supplies are provided and you can keep what you make.



Teen Movie - A Monster Calls

Tues. April 25, 4-6 pm Community Room. Join us for **A Monster Calls**. Free snacks.



Teen Gaming

Wed. April 12, 4-5:30 pm Teen Room. Join us for an afternoon of gaming fun. Wii U and board games provided.



Teen Gaming

Wed. April 26, 4-5:30 pm Community Room. Come for an afternoon of gaming fun. Wii U and board games provided.



Teen Movie - Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them

Tues. April 18, 4-6:30 pm Teen Room. Join us for a screening of the latest film from the Harry Potter universe and enjoy a free snack.

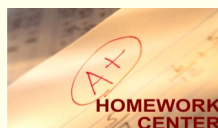


Fandom Friday: Anime

Fri. April 28, 3:30-4:45 pm Community Room. Are you an anime fan? Come to the Teen Room to meet fellow fans, try some new anime, get some Japanese snacks, and maybe win a prize! Speak to the Teen Librarian if you would like to suggest an anime to be shown.



Homework Center Free Tutoring



Call 860-224-3155 ext. 130 to schedule a free half hour session with one of our professional tutors. All New Britain students in grades 6-12 are welcome. Funded by the American Savings Foundation.

Children's Department

Terrific Tots

Mon. April 3, 10, 17 & 24, 10 am
Storytime for children ages 2½-3½ and their caregivers. Activities include stories, a simple craft, and time to play with library toys at the end of the program.

Super Kids

Wed. April 5, 12, 19 & 26, 10 am
Storytime for children ages 3-5. Stories, finger plays, songs, and a craft or short film.

Family Story Hour

Thurs. April 6, 20 & 27, 6:30 pm
Storytime for children ages 3-8. Stories and short film.

Time for Tots

Fri. April 7, 21 & 28, 10-11:30 am
Storytime and time for play for children under 3 years, accompanied by an adult.

Easter Story/Craft

Thurs. April 13, 6:30 pm
For children ages 3-8 accompanied by a caregiver.



Science Saturday

Sat. April 29, 2 pm
Learn all about bugs in this fun, interactive story time. We'll be making clay insects, bug imprints, and exploring how insects see with "Insect Eyes." For children ages 3-7 years, accompanied by a caregiver. **Registration required.**



No registration required unless noted.

Earth Day



Earth Day has been celebrated on April 22 each year since 1970. It's a day to focus on a healthy, clean environment, for ourselves, and for future generations. We have many inspiring stories of people and communities who have taken up the call to Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle. Ask for these books and more in the Children's Department.

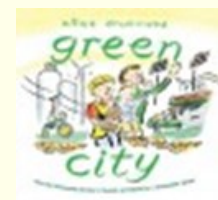
Llamas in the Library



Duffy the llama amazed and amused a large crowd in the Children's Department. Debbie Labbe of Country Quilt Llama Farm shared information and answered lots of questions for the children.



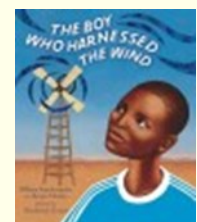
One plastic bag by Isatou Ceesay and the recycling women of the Gambia



Green City: How One Community Survived a Tornado and Rebuilt for a Sustainable Future by Allan Drummond



Energy Island: How One Community Harnessed the Wind and Changed Their World by Allan Drummond



The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind by William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer

Friends of NBPL



Thank you to all who supported our January DVD sale. We sold more than a thousand DVDs and books on CDs, and the proceeds will greatly benefit the library.

Our next sale is our big Spring Book Sale. It will open with a preview on Wednesday, May 3 from 1 pm to 6 pm with a \$5 admission but free to Friends of the New Britain Public Library. Admission is free on Thursday, May 4 from 1 pm to 6 pm; Friday, May 5 from 10 am to 4 pm and Saturday, May 6 from 9 am to 2 pm. We have thousands of books in many categories. This time we have a very large number of books for children, books on religion, military, classics, cookbooks, and books in Polish along with DVDs, music CDs and vinyl records. We will be restocking daily because we have more books than space to display them all at once so do plan

on visiting the sale more than once.

At the Every Day Book Sale in April we will be celebrating National Poetry Month and National Gardening Month. The author of the month is Patricia Cornwell.

Hours & Locations

Main Library

20 High Street
(860) 224-3155

HOURS

Monday-Thursday
9 am-9 pm
Friday & Saturday
9 am-5 pm

Children's Dept.

Monday-Thursday
9 am-8 pm
Friday & Saturday
9 am-5 pm

Teen Room

Monday-Thursday
2 pm-8 pm
Friday
2 pm-5 pm
Saturday
10 am-5 pm

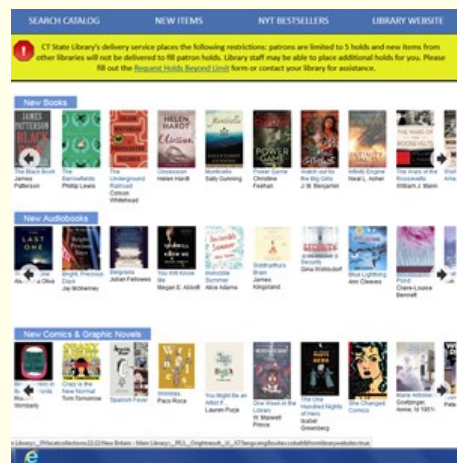
Computer Center Hours

Monday-Thursday
9 am-8:30 pm
Friday & Saturday
9 am-4:30 pm

Jefferson Branch

140 Horse Plain Road
(860) 225-4700
Monday & Tuesday
9 am-6 pm
Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday
9 am-5 pm

New Feature in the Library's Catalog



Check out the NEW ITEMS feature on the top menu in the library's online catalog. Click on "NEW ITEMS" and choose from New Books, New Audiobooks, New Comics & Graphic Novels, and New DVDs and Blu-Rays. New titles will cycle through at the click of a mouse. Items include all new purchases by the library and not just new releases.

Also, the NYT BEST SELLERS LIST is now just a click away conveniently located right next to the NEW ITEMS link.

On Display @ the Main Library

Hall Case

Young People's Poster Contest

New Britain Symphony

Front Case

**From Our Hands To Yours—
The Life of the Library Book**

New Britain Public Library

Free Computer Classes

Please visit or call the Information Desk if you would like help with computers, software, tablets, or e-readers. We offer scheduled times, as well as walk-ins for classes.

Subjects include:

PC basics, Internet, email, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher, Intro to Ancestry.com (genealogy database), Encore (online public library catalog) and Overdrive (our e-book download catalog). We also offer one-on-one tutorials for your tablet, laptop, or e-reader.



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