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# NBPL News

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April brings the Friends' of the Library mini book sale on April 10, and the celebration of National Library Week, April 4-10. This year's theme, Welcome to Your Library, is simple and basic, but emphasizes the powerful message that everyone is welcome to use library services; services which extend far beyond the four walls of a building. During the pandemic, libraries went above and beyond to adapt to our changing world to meet the needs of library users. Staff provided information by email and telephone. Items could be borrowed from the downloadable collection from home or by curbside pickup. Programming became virtual. Homebound delivery was available for those not able to get out. As life returns to "normal" we look forward to getting back to our community outreach, involvement and school visits. Be sure to check out the special activities in this newsletter which we will be offering to celebrate library week. Thank a library worker on National Library Workers Day, Tuesday April 7. Libraries work because they do!

## Words from Our Director

—Pat Rutkowski, Director

## Adult Programs

### Library Week Activities

#### April 4-10

Join us for a week full of fun activities, giveaways, programs and more! To get started in the celebration stop by the Information Desk or call us at 860-224-3155 ext. 125 to sign up and receive a FREE library activity bag filled with library themed puzzles, DIY bookmarks, coloring pages, and a special New Britain Public Library bingo card. Fill out the bingo card by April 30 for your chance to win a gift card!



The Jefferson Branch will be open to the public as of Monday, April 5 for browsing and computer use. Hours will be 8:30 am-5 pm, Monday-Friday. Closed 1-2 pm. Curbside services will continue.

### Hollow Book Crafting Tutorial

Wed. April 7, 10 am  
Learn how to take existing hardcover books and craft them into secret storage spaces for your belongings!



### Virtual Trivia: Library Week Edition

Thurs. April 8, 6 pm  
Ready to test your knowledge, laugh a lot, and have some fun? Join us for our Library Week edition of virtual Trivia Night. Team up, come solo, or pair up.



**All adult programs are virtual and on Zoom. Call to register 860-224-3155 ext. 125.**



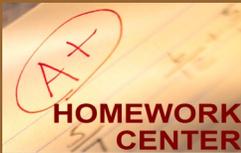
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Instagram & Twitter @NewBritLib

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



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You can register by calling our Information Desk 860-224-3155 ext. 125



**Homework Center**  
Are you in grade 6-12? Need some extra help with homework, a particular subject, SAT prep, or English as a second language? Call us at 860-224-3155 ext. 130 to make an appointment with one of our Homework Center tutors. This is a free service funded by the American Savings Foundation.



All teen programs are virtual and on Zoom.

You can register by calling our Teen Desk 860-224-3155 ext. 130

**Virtual Money Smart Week**  
**April 10-17**



Check out a wide variety of special financial programs in recognition of Money Smart Week. These free programs will address a variety of topics including investing, retirement, credit, debt and savings.

**Virtual Movie Screening**



Mon. April 19, 11 am  
Join us for a virtual movie screening of the classic 1952 noir, *Kansas City Confidential*.

# Teen Programs

**Grab and Go Activity Kits: Rainbow Suncatchers**



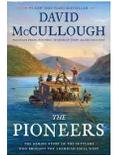
Ready to break up the dreary winter? Stop by the Teen Room and grab a kit to make your own rainbow suncatcher to hang in your window. All materials and instructions will be provided.

**Animal Crossing: New Horizons**



Calling all Animal Crossing players! Come explore the library's island: Honeybee. Check out our in-game library and museum, fish, and harvest fruit and flowers. Pick up some recipes, and maybe earn a special gift for visiting. Visit the NBPL island during library hours using the library's Nintendo Switch friend code, **SW-0692-6879-1975**.

**Virtual Senior Book Discussion Group**



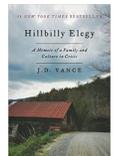
Tues. April 20, 1 pm  
The book will be *The Pioneers* by David McCulloch. Copies available at the Check Out Desk.

**Virtual Death Café**



Mon. April 26, 2:30 pm  
Join us for another edition of our **Death Café** where we have a conversation on death with no agenda, objectives, or themes, led by our Reference Librarian Brett.

**Book Discussion Group**



Tues. April 27, 7 pm  
(Police Station Community Room, 10 Chestnut St.) The book will be *Hillbilly Elegy* by JD Vance. Copies available at the Check Out Desk. New members always welcome.

**Read, Review, Rewards!**



There is a reading program at the library. Read a book, graphic novel, or manga, write a review, and receive a free book. Submit your reviews at the our website [www.nbpl.info/teens.html](http://www.nbpl.info/teens.html).

**Virtual Teen Advisory Board**



Tues. April 6, 4 pm  
Teens, we need to hear from you about what the library can do for you in these challenging times. Join us for our Teen Advisory Board meeting, and share your ideas!

**Virtual Trivia Tuesday: YA Literature Trivia**



Tues. April 20, 4 pm  
Compete with other teens to see who knows the most about teen lit!

# Children's Programs

## Facebook Live Storytimes

### Virtual Terrific Tots on Facebook Live

Storytime for children ages 2½-3½ years.  
Mondays at 10 am  
April 5, 12, 19, & 26



Stories, fingerplays, and songs with Miss Amy. Pick up the craft of the week at the library to extend the storytime experience.

### April 5 **Home Run!**

Stories about baseball.

### April 12 **Tales from the Hen House**

Stories about chickens.

### April 19 **Spin a Story**

Stories about spiders.

### April 26 **Splash!**

Stories about ponds.

### Virtual Super Kids on Facebook Live

Storytime for children ages 3-5 years.  
Wednesdays at 10 am  
April 7, 14, 21, & 28



Stories, fingerplays, and songs with Miss JoAnn and Miss Cathy.

### April 7 **Dirt and Seeds and Watering Cans**

Stories about gardening.

### April 14 **Blast Off!**

Stories about space.

### April 21 **Fly with Me**

Stories about birds.

### April 28 **Are You Curious**

Stores about monkeys.

### Virtual Time for Tots on Facebook Live

Fridays at 10 am  
April 9, 16, 23, & 30

Stories, songs, and fingerplays with Miss Martha and Miss Audrey for children ages 3 years or under with an adult.



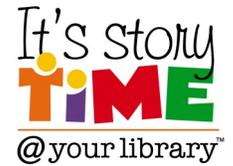
### Virtual Facebook Live Saturday Storytimes

Saturdays at 10 am  
April 3 & 17

### April 3 **Sharing Food Together:**

food and community with Miss Audrey

April 17 **Caring for the Earth:** stories for Earth Day with Miss Cathy



### National Library Week

#### April 4-10

### Welcome to Your Library

Visit the library in person or virtually. Prizes for children getting their first library card.



### Virtual Nancy Drew Escape Room

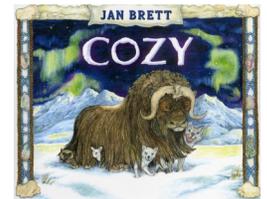
Kids of all ages are invited to check out our Virtual Escape Room, and solve clues alongside Nancy Drew as she makes her way to her very own movie premiere! Find the link on our Facebook page or through our website.



### Storytime with Jan Brett

Sat. April 10, 2 pm

Joining us via Zoom, Ms Brett will read her latest book, Cozy, and share research done at a Musk Ox farm in Alaska. She will talk about her inspiration and include some fascinating science facts. Registration required on our website: [www.nbpl.info](http://www.nbpl.info), or by calling the Children's Department at 860-224-3155, ext. 121. There will be a drawing for five autographed copies of the book.



### Science-to-Go Kits: Back to Nature

This month's kits focus on observing nature, in celebration of Earth Day. Kits will contain materials that allow children to see how a seed grows, as well as materials to construct a display for things you find on a springtime nature walk. These activities require adult supervision and assistance. Ages 3 and up. Quantities are limited.





## Friends of the New Britain Public Library

Spring is here at long last and the Friends are celebrating its return with a Mini Book Sale to be held in the main library parking lot on Saturday, April 10, from 10 am to 2 pm. This sale will feature DVDs of all kinds and nonfiction titles covering only History, Biography, Military, Gardening, Crafts, Do-it-Yourself and Children's. Rain date is the following Saturday, April 17, from 10 am to 2 pm. Cash only please! Masks and social distancing are required.

Don't forget to visit our rolling cart of fiction and nonfiction titles near the Information Desk in the main library. All books in the cart are priced at \$1.00 each.

### Second Innings Courses (Starting April 12)

Learn new technology skills & improve your employment prospects with second innings courses! Second Innings provides free opportunities for unemployed/underemployed people to learn new skills and find better job opportunities. Second Innings offers technology courses designed by industry experts in the areas that have the most demand for jobs. There is a strong emphasis on hands-on practice and capstone projects. Dates and times can be found at [www.oursecondinnings.org/registration](http://www.oursecondinnings.org/registration)



### Book in a Jar Challenge April 4-10

Can you guess the book just from some scraps of paper? Stop by the information desk and fill out an entry slip with your guess and contact information between April 4 and April 10 and see if you win a special prize!



### Free Online Computer Tutorials

Check out the Goodwill Community Foundation's excellent online computer tutorials at [www.gcflearnfree.org](http://www.gcflearnfree.org)

Subjects include:

PC Basics & Internet

Email

Word & Excel

PowerPoint & Publisher  
Job Skills and much more!



### Library Hours and Locations

#### Main Library

20 High Street  
860-224-3155

Monday-Thursday  
9 am-6 pm

Friday  
9 am -5 pm

Saturday  
10 am-5 pm

#### Teen Room

Monday-Thursday  
2 pm-6 pm

Friday  
2 pm-5 pm

Saturday  
10 am-5 pm

Local History Room  
Monday & Wednesday  
9 am-2 pm

#### Computer Center

Monday-Thursday  
9 am-5:30 pm  
Friday

9 am-4:30 pm  
Saturday  
10-4:30 pm

#### Jefferson Branch

140 Horse Plain Road  
860-225-4700

Monday-Friday  
8:30 am-5 pm  
Closed 1-2 pm

### Library Closings

Friday, April 2  
Good Friday

### Library Displays

**No Displays**