



# NBPL NEWS

“The True University of these Days is a Collection of Books”  
Thomas Carlyle



New Britain Public Library  
EST. 1853

## Words from our Director

Holiday greetings to you and yours from the library staff and board of trustees. May the New Year bring health, happiness and many visits to the library! During this busy holiday season, be sure to make time for yourself. Try to make it as stress free as possible. Take a walk at night and stargaze. Remember to have some fun. Do something that makes you happy. Smell some lemons – seriously, lemon scents instantly boost your mood. And of course, visit the library. Borrow some holiday music to listen to. Get lost in a book. Come to a library program. We have a great collection of books for holiday doings and many magazines with holiday help. Make your own cards, crafts, decorations, foods, cookies, ornaments and handmade gifts. You can also borrow December magazines in the library’s downloadable collection, from the online catalog, from home, with lots of articles on holiday help. Most importantly, remember what the season is truly all about.

Pat Rutkowski, Library Director

### Library Closings

Sat. Dec. 24  
Christmas Eve  
  
Mon. Dec. 26  
Christmas Day  
(Observed)  
  
Mon. Jan. 2  
New Years Day  
(Observed)

Catch the holiday spirit! CCARC Singers will perform in the Children’s Department Wednesday, December 7 at 10 am and the New Britain High School Madrigal Singers will be strolling through the library on Tuesday, December 13 around 11:40ish.



## Adult Programs for December

### Way to Go Connecticut: Navigating Your Transportation Options



Thurs. Dec. 8, 3-4 pm Community Room.  
This program is designed to help seniors, veterans, disabled, and low income individuals learn about the availability of no cost or discounted transportation services in North Central Connecticut. To register for this program, stop by the Information Desk or call 860-224-3155, ext. 125.

### Cooking Gourmet in 60 Minutes: Author Talk and Appetizer Demo



Wed. Dec. 14, 6:30 pm  
Community Room.  
Author Dale Reney will demonstrate how to prepare a holiday bread and cranberry-orange relish appetizer from his book **Cooking Gourmet in 60 Minutes**. Books will be available for purchase following the program. To register for this program, stop by the Information Desk or call 860-224-3155, ext. 125.

### NBPL Chess Club

Saturday, Dec. 10, 11-3 pm  
Learn the game of chess or play a match on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month. There will NOT be a meeting on Dec. 24, due to holiday closing.



### Third Thursday Theater

Thurs. Dec. 15, 1 pm Community Room.  
**Love, Rosie** A heartwarming comedy of errors. Rosie and Alex seem to find their way back to one another. Is it friendship or something more? (R)



### Hartford Healthcare Center for Healthy Aging: Dementia and Caregiving

Tues. Dec. 6, 13, 20, 27 & Jan 3, 1-2:30 pm Community Room

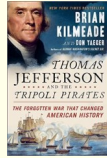
This five week educational program will give an overview of dementia, tips for caregiving, taking care of the caregiver, and some of the legal and financial aspects. RSVP to Hartford Healthcare Center for Healthy Aging: 1-877-424-4641

## Adult Programs continued

### Senior Book Discussion Group

Tues. Dec. 20, 1 pm Senior Center.

The book will be **Thomas Jefferson and the Tripoli Pirates** by Brian Kilmeade and Don Yaeger. *New members welcome. Copies available at Check Out Desk.*



### Cookies and Coloring Club

Wed. Dec. 21, 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 patrons are also welcome to bring their own coloring materials.



### Book Discussion Group

Tues. Dec. 20, 7 pm Community Room.

The book will be **The Light Between Oceans** by Margot Stedman. *New members welcome. Copies available at Check Out Desk.*



### Lunchtime Matinee

Wed. Dec. 28, 12 noon Community Room.

**The Trouble with Harry** (1955). The trouble with Harry is that he's dead, and while no one really minds, everyone feels responsible.



## Teen Department

### Teen Advisory Board

Thurs. Dec. 1, 4-5:30 pm Teen Room.

Help get the Teen Room ready for winter! Make and put up decorations, get a snack, and share your ideas.



### Fandom Friday: Star Wars

Fri. Dec. 2, 3:30-4:45 pm  
Teen Room.

Calling all Star Wars fans! Get a snack, play some games, and meet other people who love Star Wars as much as you do. The button maker will be available so you can make your own fandom pins.



### Teen Gaming

Wed. Dec. 7, 4-5:30 pm  
Community Room.

Join us for an afternoon of gaming fun. Wii U and board games provided.



### Teen Movie - Secret Life of Pets

Tues. Dec. 13, 4-6:00 pm Teen Room.  
Join us for a movie and a free snack.



### STEAM: Graffiti String Art

Wed. Dec. 14, 4-5 pm Teen Room.

Join us each month for STEAM: Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math programs. Make your own graffiti style art using spray paint and string. Perfect for decorating your room or giving as a gift this holiday season.



### Fandom Friday: Suicide Squad

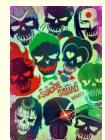
Fri. Dec. 16, 3:30-4:45 pm  
Teen Room.

Meet other fans of DC's Suicide Squad, get a snack, and make your own characters using perler beads. The button maker will be available so you can make your own fandom pins!

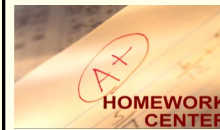


### Teen Movie - Suicide Squad

Tues. Dec. 20, 4-6:30 pm Community Room.  
Join us for a movie and a free snack.



### Homework Center



Our Homework Center is open! 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.

## Mobile Hotspots are Coming!



Don't have internet access at home? Borrow one of the library's Mobile Hotspots for two weeks. You can connect up to 10 devices including laptops, tablets and smartphones. Simply complete a Lending Agreement form at the Information Desk and you can test out a Hotspot at home or on the go. Full details are available at the Information Desk or at [www.nbpl.info](http://www.nbpl.info). Hotspots will be available to borrow starting on December 13 for cardholders 18 and older.

## Children's Department

### Terrific Tots

Mon. Dec. 5, 12, & 19, 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. Dec. 14, 21, & 28, 10 am  
 Storytime for children ages 3-5. Stories, finger plays, songs, and a craft or short film.

### Family Story Hour

Thurs. Dec. 1, 22, & 29, 6:30 pm  
 Storytime for children ages 3-8. Stories and short film.

### Time for Tots

Fri. Dec. 2, 9, & 16, 10-11:30 am  
 Storytime and time for play for children under 3 years, accompanied by an adult.

### CCARC Singers

Wed. Dec. 7, 10 am  
 Join us for music of the season. Everyone welcome.



### Garden of Beats with Conga J

Thurs. Dec. 8, 6:30 pm  
 Join the drum circle—all are welcome. Best suited for ages 3-8 accompanied by a caregiver.



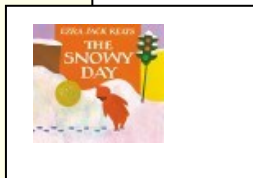
### Christmas Story/Craft

Thurs. Dec. 15, 6:30 pm  
 Best suited for ages 3-8 accompanied by a caregiver.



**Winter begins on December 21, enjoy the season with snowy tales!**

## Picture Book Titles Word Search

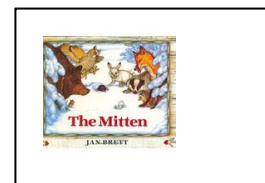
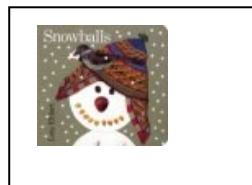


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- THE HAT
- SNOWFLAKES FALL
- BEAR SNORES ON
- BIG SNOW
- SNOWBALLS
- THE MITTEN
- FROZEN NOSES
- THE SNOWY DAY
- OWL MOON



Play this puzzle online at : <http://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/92772/>





## Friends of NBPL



Suddenly we have short days, long cold nights and the beginning of the holiday season! All very good reasons to visit Friends events to find something good to read or to give as a gift! The Friends second annual Holiday Pop-Up Sale will be held in the lobby of the Main Library on Tuesday, December 6 from 10 am to 4 pm. In addition to books for all age groups, you will find stocking stuffers and other surprises, along with baked goods made by Friends, library board members, and library staff. (Thank you to all!) For the first time, we will accept Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover credit cards.

In January, the Friends will hold a month long sale of DVDs and books on CD in the lobby of the Main Library. The sale will begin on Tuesday, January 3 and end on Monday, January 30 and will be open during regular library hours. Payment is made at the Information Desk. No credit cards accepted during this sale.

At the Every Day Book Sale, December's featured categories are Christmas Books (both fiction and nonfiction) and Religion. The author of the month is Stuart Woods.

The regular December meeting of the Friends board has been cancelled. The January and February meetings will begin at 4:30 pm rather than the usual starting time of 5:30 pm.

### 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

9 am-5 pm

Friday

9 am-3 pm

### Holiday Pop-Up Sale

Do your holiday shopping  
at the Library!

Sponsored by the Friends of  
The New Britain Public Library



**Tuesday, December 6, 2016**  
**10 am – 4 pm**

Lobby of Main Library

Featuring gift books, baked goods, cards and other unique items!  
We accept Visa, MasterCard, American Express & Discover Cards.  
All proceeds benefit the NB Public Library.

#### On Display @ the Main Library

Hall Case

**Winter Holidays**

New Britain Public Library

Front Case

**Christmas Village**

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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