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Last month was very productive at the library. The children's and adult public restrooms will be completed in the beginning of February. Clean and beautiful – they are a great improvement. We are thankful to the City who approved the CDBG funding to get this done.

We also received support from Governor Lamont who dedicated \$2.6 million of Connecticut's Coronavirus Relief Funds to support the state's public libraries so that we could continue to make health and safety improvements and offer services amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. With this funding we added free standing hand sanitizers, a charging locker—where one can securely leave a cell phone, laptop or tablet to charge, and a soundproof phone booth—where one can study in quiet, make cell phone calls in privacy, or do a virtual meeting with Zoom using our free Wi-Fi. Bipolar needlepoint ionization units have been added to the HVAC system to improve the quality and safety of the indoor air by deactivating airborne pollutants and pathogens, such as molds, allergens, pollen, bacteria and viruses, including COVID-19, as part of our continuing effort to provide a safe library.

Curbside Pickup continues to be offered for those who aren't ready to come in and Homebound Delivery is available for anyone who is not able to come in.

Pat Rutkowski, Director

Words from Our Director

Virtual Author Talk: The Lost Family

Tues. Feb. 9, 6 pm

In The Lost Family: How DNA Testing Is Upending Who We Are, Libby Copeland explores the culture of genealogy buffs, the science of DNA, and the business of companies like Ancestry and 23andMe, all while tracing one woman's unusual results and her relentless drive for answers that becomes a thoroughly modern genetic detective story. Join us for a talk with Libby Copeland on Zoom. Registration required.



Virtual "Ask a Reference Librarian"

Mon. Feb. 15, 11:30 am

Have a reference question you've been dying to ask that needs a bit more of a personal touch? Join us on Zoom for a more in depth research session.



Virtual Senior Book Discussion Group

Tues. Feb. 16, 1 pm Zoom

The book will be *The Mysterious Affair at Styles* by Agatha Christie. Copies available at the Check Out Desk.



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



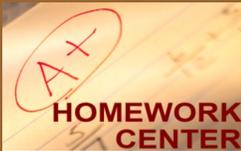
www.facebook.com/nbpl.ct
Instagram & Twitter @NewBritLib

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



All adult programs are virtual and on Zoom.

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. Students must live and/or attend school in New Britain. Virtual sessions may be available; please call for additional information.

Adult Programs

Virtual Movie Screening

Thurs. Feb. 18, 11 am
Join us for a virtual movie screening of the 1936 romantic comedy, *The Amazing Adventure*.



Virtual Death Café

Sat. Feb. 20, 2 pm
Join us for another edition of our **Death Café** where we have a conversation on death led by our Reference Librarian Brett.



Book Discussion Group

Tues. Feb. 23, 7 pm
(Police Station Community Room, 10 Chestnut St.) The book will be *The Lager Queen of Minnesota* by J. Ryan Stradal. Copies available at the Check Out Desk. New members always welcome.



Trivia Night: Movie Lovers Edition

Thurs. Feb. 25, 6 pm
Ready to test your knowledge, laugh a lot, and have some fun? Join us for our special Movie Lovers themed Trivia Night. Team up, come solo, or pair up.



Teen Programs

Grab and Go Activity Kits: Braided Bracelets

Celebrate the loved ones in your life by making Valentine's Day themed friendship bracelets. Or, you may want to make yourself something nice! Either way this kit is available in the Teen Room or by Curbside Pickup.



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**.



Read, Review, Rewards!

There is a new 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.



Virtual Teen Advisory Board

Tues. Feb. 2, 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: Star Wars Edition

Tues. Feb. 23, 4 pm
Compete with other book worms to see who knows the most about Star Wars! Register today on our website: www.nbpl.infoteens.html.



Children's Programs

Facebook Live Storytimes

Virtual Terrific Tots on Facebook Live

Storytime for children ages 2½-3½ years.
Mondays at 10 am
Feb. 1, 8, & 22



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

Feb. 1 **An Elephant Never Forgets**
Stories about elephants.

Feb. 8 **A Long Time Ago**
Stories about dinosaurs.

Feb. 22 **Time for Tea**
A virtual tea party.

Virtual Super Kids on Facebook Live

Storytime for children ages 3-5 years.
Wednesdays at 10 am
Feb. 3, 10, 17, & 24

Stories, fingerplays, and songs with Miss JoAnn.

Feb. 3 **Lots of Spots**
Stories about spots.

Feb. 10 **Be My Valentine**
Stories about Valentine's Day.

Feb. 17 **Breath Fire and Fly!**
Stories about dragons.

Feb. 24 **ROAR!**
Stories about lions.



Virtual Time for Tots on Facebook Live

Fridays at 10 am
Feb. 5, 12, 19, & 26

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



Take Your Child to the Library Day

Sat. Feb. 6, 10 am - 5 pm
Enjoy a visit to the library with your child—get a library card, check out some books, participate in a scavenger hunt, free giveaways—including a book for each family.



Science-to-Go Kits: Science in the Kitchen!

Kits will contain 'recipes' and some ingredients for experiments you can eat or drink. These activities require adult supervision and assistance, and are appropriate for ages 3 and up. Quantities are limited.



Take & Make craft kits are available. Preschool to 5th grade. Ask for them at the Children's Desk.



The first Saturday in February has been designated as Take Your Child to the Library Day and 2021 marks the tenth year of this celebration. That is the day we have a number of special activities planned for families. This year, while the number of activities will be scaled down to encourage social distancing, we will still be recognizing this important day.

Remember the fun you had visiting the library as a child and share that joy with your children, not only on this day—but every day can be Take Your Child to the Library Day.



Friends of the New Britain Public Library

If Groundhog Day is here, can spring be far behind? This winter has seemed to go on and on and we still have no idea when the Friends will be able to resume normal activities. We still are not accepting book donations, the Every Day Book Sale remains closed, and it appears likely that our customary April book sale in the Community Room will not happen. Instead, we are beginning to make plans for a mini book sale in the library parking lot in April. More to come on those plans in the March newsletter. In the meantime, we are offering softcover books in a rolling cart next to the Information Desk at \$1.00 each.

Stay safe and we hope to see you in April.

Winter Reading Challenge

Our Winter Reading Challenge continues into February! Request a log sheet from the Information Desk or enter online.

Read & review a book to be entered in a raffle for a chance to win a prize!



Featured Database: A to Z Food America

Providing 7,000 recipes, 650 articles on ingredients, vintage food labels and ads, historical “what did they eat?” articles, how to make food videos, and more, A to Z Food America is the world's largest database of American food, culture, and recipes. Access it here:

<http://nbpl.info/databases.html>



Free Online Computer Tutorials

Check out the Goodwill Community Foundation's excellent online computer tutorials at 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 Curbside Pickup Only

140 Horse Plain Road
860-225-4700
Monday-Friday
9:30 am-4:30 pm

Library Closings

Monday, February 15
Presidents' Day

Library Displays

No Displays