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After a delay, the restroom renovations started at the end of October. This will be done on the childrens and main floor adult restrooms.

During this work there will be only one restroom available located on the ground floor near the Community Room. We are also in the process of repairing deteriorated capstones on the exterior stairway in the rear of the building.

We are happy to be one of 65 public libraries awarded with a substantial grant from the Governor. This funding is to be used to increase our capacity in serving the public: for PPE, equipment and furniture, cleaning supplies and IT equipment.

Parking meters have been removed in front of the library so for the time being parking is free on High Street. The City will be replacing them with new ones.

Happy Thanksgiving to all. Although the holiday celebrations will not be as usual, it is still a day of thanksgiving. And as you can see from the above, the library has much to be thankful for – including being able to provide needed library services to you during this challenging time.

Pat Rutkowski, Library Director

Words from Our Director

Virtual Zoom Social Security and Retirement Maximization

Sat. Nov. 7, 9 am

If you are approaching or in retirement, then make sure to sign up for our Zoom workshop! Protect yourself from retirement's greatest threats. Understand the biggest tax law and fiscal stimulus change in decades; the Secure and Cares Act. What will all of this it mean for you? Join us an find out more.

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



Virtual Movie Screening

Fri. Nov. 13, 2 pm

Join us for a virtual movie screening of the 1963 classic **Charade** starring Cary Grant and Audrey Hepburn.



Virtual Bingo: Thanksgiving Edition

Tues. Nov. 17, 11 am

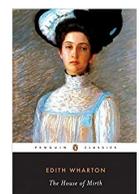
Are you ready to play some bingo via Zoom and see if you can win first place!



Senior Book Discussion Group

Tues. Nov. 17, 1 pm Senior Center

The book will be **House of Mirth** by Edith Wharton. *Copies available at the Check Out Desk. New members always welcome. Subject to change to Zoom.*



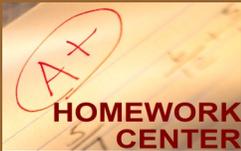
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Main: 20 High St. New Britain, CT 06051
Jefferson Branch: 140 Horse Plain Road



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

Adult Programs

Virtual Death Café

Sat. Nov. 21, 11 am
Join us for another edition of our Death Café where



we have a conversation on death led by our Reference Librarian Brett. A Death Cafe is a group directed discussion on the topic of death. It is a exploratory discussion group with no agenda, objectives, or themes rather than a grief support or counseling session. Traditionally, cake is served at in-person Death Cafés, so participants are welcome to join this online event with a sweet treat and a cup of their favorite tea.

Fall Themed Trivia Night

Wed. Nov. 25, 6 pm

Ready to test your knowledge, laugh a lot, and have some fun? Join us for our special fall themed Trivia Night. Team up, come solo or pair up. Compete to win first prize!



Teen Programs

Grab and Go

Activity Kits: Paracord Bracelets

Pick up an activity kit today with all the supplies and instructions you need to make your own Paracord bracelet! The only tools you need to own are a pair of scissors, a measuring tape or ruler, and a lighter.



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, 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.



Trivia Tuesday: Comic Book Movies

Tues. Nov. 17, 4 pm

Join us for a virtual trivia game! Answer questions based on comic book movies. Compete with your friends to find out who is the biggest fan of Marvel, DC, and more. Register today on our website: www.nbpl.info/teens.html.



Virtual Movie Afternoon: Plan 9 from Outer Space

Tues. Nov. 24, 4 pm

Cult classic or worst movie ever? You decide! Share your thoughts in the chat. Sign up on our website www.nbpl.info/teens.html to receive a Zoom link and additional instructions.



Children's Programs

Facebook Live Storytimes

Virtual Terrific Tots on Facebook Live

Storytime for children

ages 2½-3½ years.

Mondays at 10 am

Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30



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

Nov. 2 **Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star**

Stories about nighttime.

Nov. 9 **Bears! Bears! Bears!**

Spend a day with the bears.

Nov. 16 **Sleep Tight**

Stories for bedtime.

Nov. 23 **...and some Pumpkin Pie**

Food stories for Thanksgiving

Nov. 30 **Eeek! A Mouse!**

Stories with mice.

Virtual Super Kids on Facebook Live

Storytime for children ages 3-5 years.

Wednesdays at 10 am

Nov. 4, 18, & 25

Stories, fingerplays, and songs with Miss JoAnn.



Nov. 4 **Apple Picking**

A basket full of apple stores.

Nov. 18 **Grrr...**

Stories about bears.

Nov. 25 **Feeling Thankful**

For friends, potatoes and pie!

Virtual Time for Tots on Facebook Live

Fridays at 10 am

Nov. 6, 13, & 20

Stories, songs, and fingerplays with Miss Martha and Miss

Audrey for children ages 3 years or under.



Bingo on the front lawn

Sat. Nov. 7, 2 pm

Bring a blanket for your family, ages 5-12 years with an adult. In the event of rain, this program will be cancelled.

Registration required. Please call the Children's Department at 860-224-3155, ext. 121. Maximum of 20 families.



Kindness During Difficult Times

Sat. Nov. 14, 11 am

Stories of kindness shown in the bleakest of times which made friendships grow around the world. Children attending will receive a free book by R.J. Palacio, author of **Wonder**.

Grades 3-6. **Registration is required and begins on November 2;** please call the Children's Department at 860-224-3155, ext. 121.



Science-to-Go Kits: Turkey Rockets

Turkeys may not be the best flyers, but how about turkey ROCKETS?

Using the turkey template and balloon included in this month's kit, you can see how far your turkey will fly using air power! And don't forget to get out in the beautiful fall weather—go for a walk, or a hike, or apple picking, and take along the Fall Bingo Cards in your kit and see how many wonders of nature you can find. Quantities are limited, and these kits are best suited for ages 4-10.



Comic Mime Robert Rivest



Trapped in a box? Pull on a long rope and find a giant beast tied to it? Be carried off while holding a big bunch of balloons? It could happen, and it did, right on the front lawn. We used our imaginations to get out of the box, escape the beast, and after traveling around the world we landed back in front of the library. What a morning!



Friends of the New Britain Public Library

Another month with masks, hand sanitizer and social distancing to keep the virus away. In this new normal environment, the Friends have been active this fall, even though we were not able to have our usual big book sale in October. Instead we had two outdoor mini sales. The first, in September, had a back-to-school theme offering text books, reference and classic books. The second sale in October featured adult fiction, children's books and DVDs. The highlight of the October sale was the free child sized masks made by Wendy Whicher, a Friends' board member and skilled seamstress.

We are planning to have our popular Holiday Pop-Up Sale on Saturday December 5, from 10 am to 2 pm, at the main library. This event offers gift books for all ages, CDs, DVDs, holiday decorations, small gifts, costume jewelry and more! Masks and social distancing are required. The sale is subject to cancellation for inclement weather and COVID-19 protocols.

Friends of the Library Mobile Booksale



The Everyday Booksale is still closed but the Friends of the Library have a mobile book cart sale up next to the Information Desk. It has both fiction and non-fiction all for \$1. Please pay the Information Desk.

Welcome to Creativebug!

Have you tried out our **Creativebug** database yet? Creativebug is the number one inspirational resource for DIY crafters and makers. It has thousands of award-winning art & craft video classes taught by recognized design experts and artists. Learn a new craft or get inspiration for a craft project. You can make a free account with your library card to access this amazing craft database. Check it out here <http://nbpl.info/databases.html>.

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

Wednesday, November 11
Veterans Day

Wednesday, November 25
5 pm closing

Thursday, November 26
Thanksgiving

Library Displays

No Displays