



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

Thomas Carlyle



Library of the New Britain Institute, New Britain, Conn.

New Britain Public Library
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Words from our Director

Thank you to our Friends of the Library for their tremendous work at their recent and very successful book sale. They work hard to raise additional funding for the library with their Spring and Fall Book Sales in addition to their Everyday Book Sale at the library. Through their efforts, they have given the library a very generous grant of over \$8,700. Their funding will be used to add to the library's services. Keep in mind, the Friends are always looking for new members.

This month, we observe two significant holidays. On November 11, Veterans Day, originally called Armistice Day, we honor all men and women that have served in the United States Armed Forces. To all veterans, we deeply thank you for your service.

Thanksgiving will follow on November 24. The traditional Thanksgiving dinner, now, may include: turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, candied yams, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie. But if one were to create a historically accurate feast that was served at the so-called "first Thanksgiving," there would be slimmer pickings and would include wildfowl, possibly duck or goose, corn, porridge and venison. And it was a 3 day holiday! Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family!

Remember on November 6, we turn back our clock one hour as we end Daylight Savings Time. It will bring an extra hour of sleep and more light in the morning.

Pat Rutkowski, Library Director

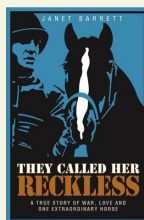
Library Closings

Fri. Nov. 11
Veteran's Day
Wed. Nov. 23
Closing at 5 pm
Thurs. Nov. 24
Thanksgiving
Jefferson Branch
Fri. Nov. 25

Adult Programs for November

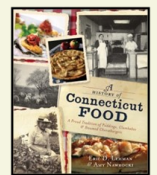
Author Talk—They Called Her Reckless: A True Story of War, Love, and One Extraordinary Horse

Wed. Nov. 9, 6:30-8 pm Community Room.
In honor of Veteran's Day, we will be remembering all those who served this country with a special program featuring a story of a warhorse named Sgt. Reckless and the Marines who depended on her. To register for this program, stop by the Information Desk or call 860-224-3155, ext. 125.



Author Talk—A History of Connecticut Food and Wine

Sat. Nov. 12, 2-3 pm Community Room.
Did you know that "The Nutmeg State" as Connecticut is often nicknamed, is the birthplace of both hamburgers and lollipops? You will also hear how CT played a role in the creation of lobster rolls and clear-broth clam chowder among other anecdotes as well as recipes that will be shared. To register for this program, stop by the Information Desk or call 860-224-3155, ext. 125.



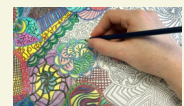
NBPL Chess Club

Saturday, Nov. 12, 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 Nov. 26.



Cookies and Coloring Club

Wed. Nov. 16, 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.



Adult Programs continued

Senior Book Discussion Group

Tues. Nov. 15, 1 pm **Senior Center**.
The book will be **Scoop** by Evelyn Waugh.
New members welcome. Copies
available at Check Out Desk.



Book Discussion Group

Tues. Nov. 15, 7 pm Community Room.
The book will be **Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up** by Marie Kondo. New members
welcome. Copies available at Check Out Desk.



Third Thursday Theater

Thurs. Nov. 17, 1 pm Community Room.
Flowers in the Attic A gothic story of four
siblings torn from a peaceful life and dealing
with a family secret. (PG-13)



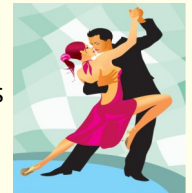
Lunchtime Matinee

Wed. Nov. 30, 12 noon Community Room.
The Shop Around the Corner (1940) A tale
of bickering co-workers who don't know
they're lonely heart pen pals.



Salsa Dance Class

Wed. Nov. 30, 6:30 pm Community Room.
Willie Rios, from the Garage Dance Studio and Gallery, will teach a free salsa dance class. Willie Rios is an established Latin dance teacher with twenty years of professional dance experience. This program is limited to 20 participants and registration is required. To register for this program, stop by the Information Desk or call 860-224-3155, ext. 125.



Teen Department

Teen Movie - Legend of Tarzan

Tues. Nov. 1, 4-6 pm Community Room.
Join us for a movie and a free snack.



Teen Advisory Board

Wed. Nov. 2, 4-5 pm Teen Room.
Meet some friends, enjoy free snacks, and
share your ideas for the Teen Department.



Fandom Friday: Undertale

Fri. Nov. 4, 3:30-4:45 pm
Teen Room.
Join us for an Undertale-themed Fandom
Friday event. The button maker will be available for
you to create your own fandom pins.



Teen Gaming

Wed. Nov. 9, 4-5:30 pm
Community Room.
Join us for an afternoon of gaming fun. Wii U and
board games provided.



Teen Movie - Nerve

Tues. Nov. 15, 4-6:00 pm Teen Room.
Join us for a movie and a free snack.



STEAM: Fun with LEDs

Wed. Nov. 16, 4-5 pm Teen Room.
Join us each month for STEAM: Science,
Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math
programs. This month learn how to make ornaments
with working lights!



Fandom Friday: Doctor Who

Fri. Nov. 18, 3:30-4:45 pm
Teen Room.
Celebrate your favorite Doctor with fellow
Whovians while you watch episodes and eat snacks.



Teen Movie - Finding Dory

Tues. Nov. 22, 4-6 pm Community Room.
Join us for a movie and a free snack.



Teen Movie - Kubo and the Two Strings

Tues. Nov. 29, 4-6 pm Community Room.
Join us for a movie and a free snack.



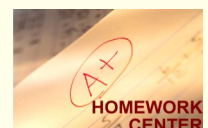
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Homework Center

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.



Children's Department

Terrific Tots

Mon. Nov. 7, 14, 21, & 28, 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. Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, 10 am
Storytime for children ages 3-5. Stories, finger plays, songs, and a craft or short film.

Family Story Hour

Thurs. Nov. 3, 6:30 pm
Storytime for children ages 3-8. Stories and short film.

Time for Tots

Fri. Nov. 4 & 18, 10-11:30 am
Storytime and time for play for children under 3 years, accompanied by an adult.



Mr. Joe led the children in a lively evening of songs and rhythms about brushing their teeth, going to the doctor, and super heroes, as well as old favorites, On Top of Spaghetti, and The Hokey Pokey.

Hampstead Stage Company presents **The Prince and the Pauper**

Thurs. Nov. 10, 6:30 pm
Everyone welcome. Best suited for children ages 3-8 years, accompanied by a caregiver.



Thanksgiving Story/Craft

Thurs. Nov. 17, 6:30 pm
Best suited for ages 3-8 accompanied by a caregiver.



No registration required unless noted.



We Gather Together...

in November to share a special meal with family and friends. When you have finished the turkey and pumpkin pie, it's time to feast on picture books. November is Picture Book Month. Celebrate every day by spending at least 15 minutes reading aloud to your children. Literacy begins with picture books, the starting point on the road to learning to read and write. Help your children get ready for school by working on their listening, comprehension, and vocabulary skills, all by just reading a book. Visit the Children's Department at the Main Library or the Jefferson Branch, and dig into the cornucopia of delicious stories waiting to be shared. Learn more at www.readaloud.org.

Friends of NBPL



The Friends October Book Sale was very well attended, thousands of books were sold and much needed funds were given to the library for materials and programming. We are so grateful to our wonderful donors, volunteers and library staff who made it all happen. Special thanks to the volleyball and cross country teams from the Academy for Science and Innovation in New Britain whose energy and enthusiasm made setting up and dismantling the sale go so smoothly.

Save the dates for our next book sale May 3 through May 6, 2017. Before that big sale, in early December, there will be a one-day pop-up sale of books and other items suitable for holiday giving at the main library.

Details will be found in the December newsletter. At the Every Day Book Sale, special categories for the month are Native American Heritage Month and Getting Ready for the Holidays. 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
9 am-5 pm
Friday
9 am-3 pm

Election 2016 – Vote: It's Your Right—Tuesday, November 8

Voting is finally just around the corner. There are national as well as local elections where you have a voice and voting is one of the best ways for your voice to be heard. This year we are voting for U.S. President, U.S. Senator, U.S. Congress, State Senate and State Representatives. There are also three referendum questions on New Britain's election ballot for changing the City Charter. The first two questions would amend the City Charter to change the term of office of the Mayor and Collector of Taxes from a two year term to a four year term effective in 2017. The third question would amend the City Charter to conform to state statutes.

An explanation of all of these proposed charter amendments is available at the library as well as a listing of candidates for office and where you should vote.

Vote:
It's Your
Right

On Display @ the Main Library

Hall Case

There is No Winter in Ukraine

Children's drawings from
Krivoy Rog, Ukraine

Front Case

Football

NBHS Friends of Football

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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