



# 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

We sure did have a very busy and successful summer. We were out 3 days a week on the library bus. Lots of people participated in our summer reading clubs. We were also at the Farmer's Market and Main ST USA. There were plenty of fun and interesting programs for all ages at the library. Our stairs were finally repaired and the exterior work on the back of the Children's library is going well. And now our librarians start their school visits along with class visits here at the library.

We have two new public, self-service copiers. They might take a bit to get used to but they offer some convenient, additional services. In addition to black and white copying, they also do color copying, enlarging, two sided printing, faxing, can save documents to a flash drive and do mobile printing. Mobile printing is sending your print job to the copiers by email or by uploading to a site online from your smartphone, iPad tablet, laptop or home computer. When you arrive at the library you can then print it off. Directions are available at the Information Desk.

There is a change in the Cedar Street parking lot exit. It is now also an entrance. In addition, the YMCA has retained its original entrance/exit on Columbus Blvd. Although the two lots have not been joined, if our parking area is full, you can park in the YMCA lot. The chain link fence is going to be removed and will no longer separate the two parking areas.

Pat Rutkowski, Director

### Library Closings

Monday Oct. 9  
Columbus Day

### Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale

Wed. Oct. 11 2-6 pm (Preview \$5 entry)  
Thurs. Oct. 12, 1-6 pm (free)  
Fri. Oct. 13, 10-4 pm (free)  
Sat. Oct. 14, 9-2 pm (free)

## Adult Programs for October

### Life and the Law Lecture Series:

#### Divorce

Tues. Oct. 3, 6:30 pm Community Room.  
Attorneys Rembish and LaSaracina will give an overview of a pre-selected legal topic and open the floor for general questions. October's focus will be on the legal elements of divorce. To register, call the Information Desk at 860-224-3155, ext. 125.



#### NBPL Chess Club

Saturday, Oct. 14 & 28, 11-3 pm  
Learn the game of chess or play a match on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month.



#### Senior Book Discussion Group

Tues. Oct. 17, 1 pm Senior Center.  
The book will be **Razor Girl** by Carl Hiaasen. *New members welcome. Copies available at Check Out Desk.*



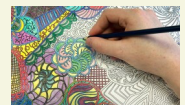
#### Book Discussion Group

Tues. Oct 17, 7 pm Community Room.  
The book will be **Skeletons at the Feast** by Chris Bohjalian. *New members welcome. Copies available at Check Out Desk.*



#### Cookies and Coloring Club

Wed. Oct. 18, 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 you can also bring your own coloring materials.

#### Save the Date

Wednesday, November 1, 6:30 pm

Bach and the Modern World:  
A Musical Performance by  
Julie Ribchinsky, CCSU Professor of Music



## Adult Programs continued

### Third Thursday Theater

Thurs. Oct. 19, 1 pm Community Room.

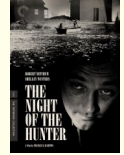
**Me Before You.** A girl in a small town forms an unlikely bond with a recently paralyzed man she's taking care of. (PG-13)



### Lunchtime Matinee

Wed. Oct. 25, 12 noon Community Room.

**The Night of the Hunter (1955)** A self-styled preacher marries and murders the widow of an executed convict with whom he once shared a cell.



## Teen Department

### Teen Movie - The Mummy

Tues. Oct. 3, 4-6 pm Community Room.

Join us for a movie and a free snack.



### Teen Advisory Board

Wed. Oct. 4, 4-5 pm Teen Room.

Decorate the Teen Room for Halloween and share your ideas.



### Teen Movie - Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales

Tues. Oct. 10, 4-6:30 pm Teen Room.

Join us for a movie and a free snack.



### Teen Gaming

Wed. Oct. 11 & 25, 4-5:30 pm

Teen Room.

Gamers of all kind, join our gaming club! We have a Wii U, a Nintendo Switch, and plenty of board games, but we also welcome card and tabletop gamers.



### Fandom Friday: Anime Edition

Fri. Oct. 13, 3:30-4:45 pm

Teen Room.

Are you a fan of a TV show, movie, anime, game, podcast, or webseries? Talk about your favorites with other fans while enjoying free snacks, fandom activities, and prizes. You can even make a button featuring your favorite characters.

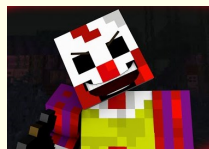


### Tween Time: Creepy Minecraft

Tues. Oct. 17, 4:30-5:30 pm

Community Room.

4th to 8th graders, you are invited to play Minecraft on the Wii U, create your own Minecraft sword, "exploding" creeper candy, and try some hands-on building.



### STEAM: Halloween Gingerbread Houses

Wed. Oct. 18, 4-5 pm

Community Room.

Learn about architecture and construction by crafting Halloween-themed gingerbread houses.



### Teen Movie - Hocus Pocus

Tues. Oct. 24, 4-6 pm Teen Room.

Join us for a movie and a free snack.



### Fandom Friday: Halloween

Fri. Oct. 27, 3:30-4:45 pm

Teen Room.

Are you a fan of a TV show, movie, anime, game, podcast, or webseries? Talk about your favorites with other fans while enjoying free snacks, fandom activities, and prizes. You can even make a button featuring your favorite characters.



### Trick or Treat at the Teen Desk

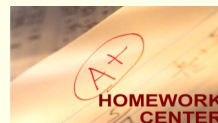
Tues. Oct. 31, 2-8 pm Teen Room.

Show off your costume and get a treat at the Teen Desk on Halloween!



### 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. Oct. 2, 16, 23 & 30, 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. Oct. 4, 11, 18 & 25, 10 am  
Storytime for children ages 3-5. Stories, finger plays, songs, and a craft or short film.

### Family Story Hour

Thurs. Oct. 5 & 12, 6:30 pm  
Storytime for children ages 3-8. Stories and short film.

### Time for Tots

Fridays Oct. 20 & 27, 10 am  
Storytime and time to play with toys for children under 3 years, accompanied by an adult.

### Special Programs

#### Performing Pages

Sat. Oct. 7, 2 pm  
We'll read a story and bring it to life! Working together, we will find a way for everyone to be a part of our exciting tale. At the end we will present our brand new play to the library. For children in kindergarten through third grade. **Registration is required.**



#### Imagination Builder

Sat. Oct. 14, 2 pm  
Imagine a mountain of Lego blocks... will you build something spooky? Will you build something funny? Children ages 2-12 years, accompanied by an adult.



### Tween Time: Creepy Minecraft

Tues. Oct. 17, 4:30 pm (Community Room)  
Love Minecraft? Join us for games, crafts, and food. Grades 4-8.



### Halloween Story/Craft

Thurs. Oct. 19, 6:30 pm  
Best suited for children ages 3-8 years, accompanied by a caregiver.



### Halloween Movie

Sat. Oct. 21, 2 pm  
Families are invited to a showing of **Toy Story of Terror** followed by a Halloween craft. All ages, children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.



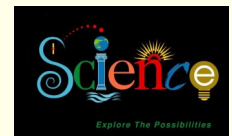
### Halloween Costume Party

Thurs. Oct. 26, 6:30 pm  
Will you be a super hero? Will you be a princess? Will you be something cute or scary? Join us for stories and songs and a costume parade. There will be treats... and maybe some tricks... Ages 3-8 accompanied by an adult.



### Science Saturday

Sat. Oct. 28, 2 pm & 3pm  
Come to one of two interactive, hands-on science activities with a Halloween theme! Participate in fun experiments like building with candy pumpkins and making oobleck. 2 pm: Ages 3-6 with an adult, 3pm: ages 7-10. **Registration is required.**



### Help your little pumpkins grow...

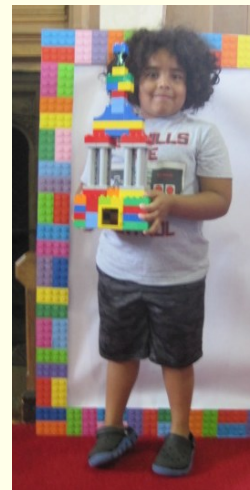
Babies are born learning; a child is never too young to benefit from being read to. Reading aloud teaches them

new words, new concepts, and fosters a love of books.

You are your child's first and most important teacher. Read with enthusiasm, use funny voices and silly sound effects. Your child will love it! Make reading a part of your daily routine. It soon will become a treasured part of your day.

Just 15 minutes of reading every day will help your pumpkins grow. Ask a librarian for help finding just-right books for you and your child to share.

### Imagination Builder



What can you do with a pile of LEGO blocks? The kids got to use their imagination to build anything they could think of with a large supply of LEGOs provided by the library.

## Friends of NBPL



It's time for the Friends Fall Book Sale. This year it is bigger and better than ever. Our storage area is overflowing with thousands of gently used books sorted into dozens of categories and priced to sell. In particular, we have very large quantities of Children's and Young Adult books, books on religion and books in Polish. Our Special Book Section is having a clearance sale of some of its inventory, including Heritage Press slipcase editions, Children's Collectible Series, Sheet Music and sets of Choral Music (mostly for church choirs) and much more. We are also planning a few other surprises during the sale. Because we have so many books, we will be restocking daily so be sure to visit us more than once. See

the front page for the dates and times.

Don't forget to visit the Friends Every Day Book Sale located on the library's main floor and open during regular library hours. Books are restocked weekly and sorted by category, including some categories not included in the Fall Book Sale. In October, featured categories are *Very Scary Books* and *Music*. The author of the month is Dean Koontz.

### 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-Friday  
2 pm-8 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, & Friday  
9 am-5 pm

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Save the dates:

Saturday December 2, Holiday Pop-Up Sale, with books and other items suitable for holiday giving and holiday baked goods.

The month of January 2018: Annual DVD and Books on CD sale

### On Display @ the Main Library

Hall Case

**Planes, Trains and Automobiles**

Photos by Larry Bilansky

Front Case

**Lead Awareness and Flu Immunization**

New Britain Health Dept.

### 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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