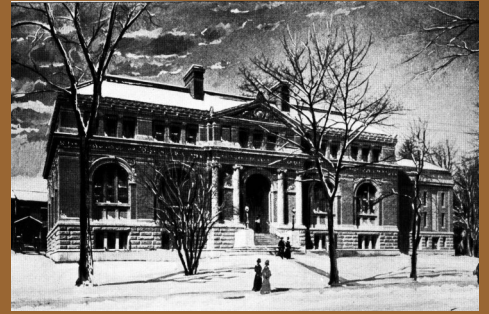




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I am sure we are all eagerly awaiting 2021. It promises to be a healthier New Year as the vaccination for COVID will be available. This past year has been a year unlike any other. Thanks to the staff, we have been here for you with library services and will continue to be here for you. Hopefully at a future point we will be able to restore hours and services we aren't able to provide during this time. Rest assured we take our responsibility seriously to keep everyone safe and healthy to the best of our abilities. A big thank you to our donors for helping us do so with your donations as well as grant funding from the Governor, the Community Foundation of Greater New Britain, and the invaluable guidance and assistance from the City.

With the State funding, bipolar ionization technology will be added to our HVAC system. This will neutralize pathogens and remove them from the air via an electrostatic force, adding to the needed adjustments already made to keep the air healthy. The renovations of the public adult and children restrooms will be also completed in January. And if you are still not ready to come in, we will still offer curbside pickup and printing. Happy New Year!

Pat Rutkowski, Director

Words from Our Director

Winter Reading Challenge

Our winter reading challenge continues into January! 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!



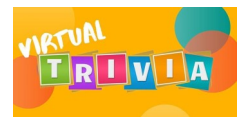
Virtual Movie Screening

Wed. Jan. 6, 2 pm
Join us for a virtual movie screening of the 1949 noir classic **D.O.A.** Register online or call the Information Desk.



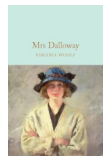
Trivia Night: Winter Edition

Thurs. Jan. 14, 6 pm
Ready to test your knowledge, laugh a lot, and have some fun? Join us for our special winter themed Trivia Night. Team up, come solo, or pair up. Compete to win first prize!



Virtual Senior Book Discussion Group

Tues. Jan. 19, 1 pm Zoom
The book will be **Mrs. Dalloway** by Virginia Woolf. *Copies available at the Check Out Desk. New members always welcome.*



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



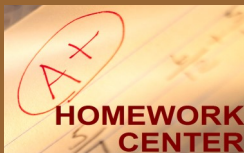
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Instagram & Twitter @NewBritLib

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 Death Café

Sat. Jan. 23, 2 pm
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 set agenda.



Teen Programs

Grab and Go Activity Kits: Origami Star Decorations

Brighten up this dark time with a garland of your own origami paper stars. Or, you may want to make your stars into ornaments. Either way, our January Grab & Go Activity Kit, available in the Teen Room or by Curbside Pickup, has you covered.



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**.



Book Discussion Group

Tues. Jan. 26, 7 pm
(Police Station Community Room, 10 Chestnut St.)

The book will be **The Women's Hour: The Great Fight to Win the Vote** by Elaine Weiss. Copies available at the Check Out Desk. New members always welcome. Subject to change to Zoom.



Virtual Spelling Bee

Wed. Jan. 27, 2 pm
Think you have what it takes to BEE the best speller in New Britain? Come to our virtual Spelling Bee and find out. The Spelling Bee will have three rounds of competition: Easy, Intermediate, and Advanced words. Register online or by calling the Information Desk!



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. Jan. 12, 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 first ever virtual Teen Advisory Board meeting, and share your ideas!



Virtual Trivia Tuesday: Young Adult Literature

Tues. Jan. 26, 4 pm
Join us for a virtual trivia game! Answer questions based on Young Adult Literature. Register today on our website: www.nbpl.info/teens.html.



Children's Programs

Facebook Live Storytimes

Virtual Terrific Tots on Facebook Live

Storytime for children ages 2½-3½ years.
Mondays at 10 am
Jan. 4, 11, & 25



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

Jan. 4 **Boots, Mittens, Scarf and Hat**
Snow clothes.

Jan. 11 **Let It Snow!**
Stories for winter.

Jan. 25 **Have a Slice**
Stories about pizza.

Virtual Super Kids on Facebook Live

Storytime for children ages 3-5 years.
Wednesdays at 10 am
Jan. 6, 13, 20, & 27

Stories, fingerplays, and songs with Miss JoAnn.

Jan. 6 **Polar? Grizzly? Teddy?**
Stories about bears.

Jan. 13 **Cold Weather Friends**
Stories about snowmen.

Jan. 20 **Quack!**
Stories about ducks.

Jan. 27 **Comin' Round the Bend**
Stories about trains.



Virtual Time for Tots on Facebook Live

Fridays at 10 am
Jan. 8, 15, 22, & 29
Stories, songs, and fingerplays with Miss Martha and Miss Audrey for children ages 3 years or under.



MLK Celebration in partnership with the New Britain Museum of American Art, Kids Hour Featuring Local Heroes

Wed. Jan. 20, 6:30 pm

Join us for stories with Miss

Audrey and several community heroes. Museum staff will showcase artwork by local students. This event is free and all event viewers will be entered into a book giveaway. Program will be presented via Zoom.

Registration required. Program and registration information can be found on NBMAA.ORG/CALENDAR

Martin Luther King Day



Science-to-Go Kits: Science is for the Birds!

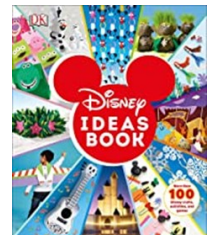
Our Science-To-Go kit this month challenges you to learn about, and attract, a variety of birds to your yard. Not all of our feathered friends migrate to warmer climates in the winter. Discover which ones you are likely to see, even in winter, and how to help them through the months when food is harder to find. 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.

Just Imagine

It's a new year, and when you are cleaning out old things, give them to your children to play with to build their imaginations. Think of the stories they will make up and the backdrops they will create. You may also find items they can use for craft projects. For inspiration, check out some craft books from the library. We also have items you can pick up for your children's DIY creations. Just imagine....





Friends of the New Britain Public Library

Thank you to the brave shoppers who came to the Annual Friends Holiday Pop-up Sale on December 5 and 12 despite the inclement weather. We are hopeful that for next year's sale, life will return to normal and the weather be more cooperative.

Unless COVID-19 protocols change significantly and allow larger indoor events, we are not planning to have our Spring Book Sale that normally happens in late March or early April. Instead, once good weather returns, we are hoping to do some mini sales of specific categories of books outside in the parking lot. More to come in subsequent newsletters.

The Every Day Book Sale remains closed but we do have a rolling cart next to the Information Desk with fiction and nonfiction books at \$1.00 each.

We wish you all a happy and healthy 2021.

Take Renewing Your Library Items off the To Do List!



Four days before the items' due date, items will automatically renew. You can have up to 2 automatic renewals on your library materials.

Eligible items must have no holds, be a renewable item, and a New Britain Public Library item.

You can check your library account online to find out what has renewed or call the Check Out Desk at 860-224-3155 ext. 110.

We are not charging fines at this time, but please do return materials as soon as possible, so other patrons can enjoy them.

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

Friday, January 1
New Year's Day

Monday, January 18
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Library Displays

No Displays