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NBPL News

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It's soon the start of a new year. We are looking forward to moving on some long awaited projects. Additional elevator work is needed to replace parts so that it will continue to provide good service to library users. This will put the elevator out of commission for approximately two weeks. We will do our best to provide for your needs if this impacts your library use. As soon as the contractor schedules a date, we will let you know.

After a delay, we are moving forward on our new makerspace. The first step will be to move the Computer Center to the area behind the Information Desk. As mentioned previously, electrical work will need to be done and that is planned for mid-January and should only take a couple of days.

We continue to raise funding for the exterior repair project and are working with architects to design the necessary plans. It is a step closer, as the architects were here in December surveying the building.

In addition, we have received CBDG funding to update some of our restrooms for ADA compliance. We will also let you know when that will be scheduled.

As we look forward to a happy and exciting new year, on behalf of the staff and the library board, may I wish you a very happy and healthy new year!

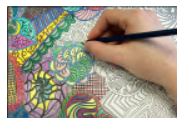
— Pat Rutkowski, Director

Adult Programs

Cookies and Coloring Club

Wed. Jan. 8, 6:30 pm
Community Room

Join us for our monthly adult coloring club.



NBPL Chess Club

Sat. Jan. 11 & 25, 11-3 pm
Ground Floor

Learn the game of chess or play a match on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month.



Friends of the New Britain Public Library DVD sale!

January 3 through January 31 on the main floor of the library. We have thousands of DVDs, most priced at \$2.00 each.

Senior Book Discussion Group

Tues. Jan. 21, 1 pm

Senior Center 55 Pearl Street

The book will be *Woman in Cabin 10* by Ruth Ware. Copies available at the Check Out Desk.



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Instagram & Twitter @NewBritLib

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

Free Film Screenings

For Adults

Third Thursday:
Love Simon
(2018)
Thurs.
Jan. 16, 1 pm



Lunchtime Matinee:
The Maltese Falcon (1941)
Wed.
Jan. 29, 12 pm



For Teens

Abominable
Tues. Jan. 14
4-6 pm



Maleficent: Mistress of Evil
Tues. Jan. 28
4-6 pm



Adult Programs

Book Discussion Group

Tues. Jan. 7, 7 pm
Community Room
The book will be **Famous Nathan** by Lloyd Handwerker.



Tues. Jan. 21, 7 pm
Community Room
The book will be **Vox** by Christina Dalcher. *New members welcome. Copies available at the Check Out Desk.*



Teen Programs

STEAM: Artist Trading Cards

Wed. Jan. 8, 4-5:30 pm
Community Room
Learn how to express your creativity and trade personalized artist cards around the world! Beginners welcome, supplies provided. Registration is required.



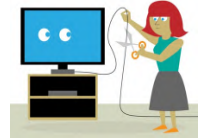
STEAM: Explore

Fri. Jan. 10 & 31, 3-4:30 pm
Teen Room
The Teen Room will be transformed into a pop-up maker space. Express yourself with our craft supplies and button maker, learn the basics of coding with the Turing Tumble, build projects and more.



Cut the Cord

Wed. Jan. 29, 6:30 pm
Community Room
Cancel your cable and watch TV and movies over the internet. But what should you sign up for? We'll talk about streaming services and devices, and what you need to successfully cut the cord. Registration is recommended. Call the Information Desk at 860-224-3155, ext. 125.



Save the Date

A Compilation of Indian Traditional Dance Celebrating Mahashivati + Holi
Saturday, February 22 at 3 pm

Gaming Tournament: Dragonball FighterZ

Tues. Jan. 21, 4-5:30 pm
Community Room
Play against other teens to prove your skills and maybe win a prize. The first sixteen competitors will be added to a bracket to compete for the top spot.



Teen Gaming

Wed. Jan. 29, 4-5:30 pm
Community Room
Join us for Smash Bros, Mario Kart, board games and more.



The New Britain High School Madrigals strolled through the library for their annual singing of carols.



Children's Programs

Monthly Programs

Terrific Tots

Mon. Jan. 6, 13, & 27, 10 am
 Storytime for children ages 2½-3½ and their caregivers. Stories, a simple craft, and time to play with toys at the end of the program.

Super Kids

Wed. Jan. 8, 15, 22, & 29, 10 am
 Storytime for children ages 3-5. Stories, finger plays, songs, and a craft or short film.

Family Story Hour

Thurs. Jan. 2, 16, & 30, 6:30 pm
 Storytime for children ages 3-8. Stories and a short film.

Time For Tots

Fri. Jan. 3, 10, 17, & 24, 10 am
 Storytime and time to play with toys for children under 3.

No registration unless noted.

All children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Special Programs

Imagination Builder

Sat. Jan. 4, 2-4 pm
 Get lost in a blizzard of Lego Duplo blocks. Children ages 2-12.



Winter Story/Craft

Thurs. Jan. 9, 6:30 pm
 Best suited for children ages 3-8.



Science Saturday

Sat. Jan. 11, 2:15 pm & 3pm
 Spotlight on Circuits: Participants will investigate circuits using littleBits components, and then put that knowledge to use by making a handy flashlight to take home. **Registration is required.**



2:15 pm: ages 3-6 **3 pm:** ages 7-10

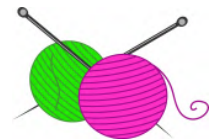
Hip Hop Class with Miss Julia

Sat. Jan. 18, 2 pm & 2:30 pm
 Dance away the winter blues and learn some new hip hop moves! Best for ages 7-12.



Cozy Up with a Good Yarn

Story/Craft
 Thurs. Jan. 23, 6:30 pm
 Enjoy hearing some cozy stories about knitting and then make a fluffy yarn pompom. Best suited for children ages 3-8.



We were visited by several special guests in December: the CCARC Singers, Ebenezer Scrooge and Bob Cratchit, the ghosts of Christmas Past and Present, in *A Christmas Carol*, performed by The Hampstead Stage Company.





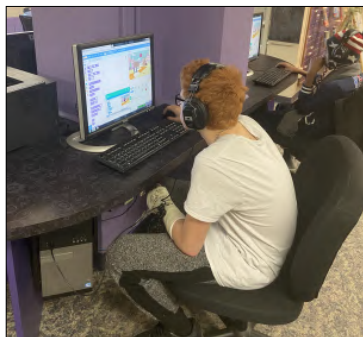
Friends of the New Britain Public Library

Thank you to all who made our Holiday Pop-Up Sale a resounding success. We all love this event: everyone is in the holiday spirit and we get to visit with old friends and make new ones. As usual the library elves (Friends members, library staff, Library and Friends board members and more) produced amazing baked goods and our new section of gently used costume jewelry was very popular. We are already thinking how to make next year's event even better.

January brings our annual DVD and books on CD sale that will run from January 3 through January 31 on the main floor of the library. We have thousands of DVDs, most priced at \$2.00 each. We will be restocking weekly so be sure to drop by more than once.

At the Every Day Book Sale, featured categories for January are *Health* and *Self Help* to assist in meeting those New Year's resolutions and *Travel* to help you plan your vacations in 2020. The author of the month is Sandra Brown. The Friends wish you all a happy and healthy New Year.

Coding in the Teen Room



The New Britain Public Library's Teen Department received an Hour of Code mini-grant from the American Library Association to do some Code Your Hero coding programming during Computer Science Education Week in December. Pictured above are teens participating in the Animate An Adventure Game program.

Free Computer Classes

Please visit or call the Information Desk if you would like help with computers, software, tablets, or e-readers.

Subjects include:

PC basics & Internet
Email
Word & Excel
PowerPoint & Publisher
Ancestry.com

Library Hours and Locations

Main Library

20 High Street
860-224-3155

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

Local History Room

Monday & Wednesday
9 am-2 pm
Tuesday 2-4 pm

Computer Center

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 - Friday
9 am-5 pm

Library Closings

Tuesday, Dec. 31 (5 pm closing)

New Years Eve

Wednesday Jan. 1

New Years Day

Monday Jan. 20

Martin Luther King Jr Day

Library Displays

Hall Case

The Peace in the World
Fermata Arts Foundation

Front Case

New Britain Industrial Museum