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NBPL News

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Welcome back! We are delighted to be able to reopen to the public once again on July 6.

Although we continued to offer a variety of library services while we were closed, it was difficult not seeing our library visitors. We missed you!

COVID-19 has certainly had an impact on the library. As we reopen, we must do it in a way that keeps you and the staff safe. Services and hours are modified. Bear with us as we try the best as we can to provide the library services that you have come to expect under the requirements of reopening. Masks and social distancing are a must. Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the building. Building capacity will be limited to 50%. Only adults are allowed in Children's Services for now. Four teens can be in the Teen Room at the same time. Feel free to browse the stacks but we do encourage brief visits, initially. Adult and teen computers are available for 30 minutes. (And while we were closed, the Computer Center was moved to a new location). The Magazine Room is not yet open but we can retrieve titles for you to borrow. The Jefferson Branch is closed to the public until further notice. Curbside pickup and printing will continue to be offered at the main library and the branch. Libraries are not sending out books yet so you will need to pick those up at the other library. Our programming has gone virtual and it has been a success! Check out the library's YouTube channel for a variety of helpful tutorials on a few of our services. The Community Room is the quarantine area for returns and large group gatherings are not yet permitted. It will be awhile before the room is available for use by community groups or for our in person programs. We hope that as conditions improve, we will be able to offer more.

Words from Our Director

—Pat Rutkowski, Director

We will continue to offer **Curbside Pick Up** in our back parking lot. Call 860-224-3155 ext. 110 for more details.

Option 1: Call us!

Call the Library at 860-224-3155 ext. 125 to request/place holds on items. Once items are ready, you will be notified and arrangements will be made for pick up.

Option 2: Place a hold!

Place your own holds from home in the Library Catalog. Once the items are ready, you will be notified, and you can call the library to schedule an appointment for pick up.

Curbside Printing

Email your document as an attachment to nbplprinting@nbpl.info. In the body of the email please include your name and a phone number to reach you. We will contact you when we are ready to arrange a pick up time. Please give us up to 1 business day to call you! Cost is \$.15 a page. EXACT CHANGE IS REQUIRED!

Due to privacy concerns, the library staff cannot handle sensitive information such as personal, finance or healthcare information.



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Instagram & Twitter @NewBritLib

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

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
and lots more!

Teens!

To see our **Teen Summer Reading Flyer**, visit nbpl.info/teens.html. The flyer comes with a set of suggested summer reading activities in a bingo card format. Print your own or request one with your next curbside pick up!

Adult Programs

The Any Book Book Club

Wed. July 15, 6 pm

Do you love books and talking about books but dislike having to read what someone else selected for you? If yes, then sign up for the any book book club for a virtual discussion over Zoom with fellow New Britain Book lovers! Register online or by calling us at 860-224-3155 ext 125.

Grounded Goodwife

Presents: Ginger Ale/

DIY Vanilla/Almond

Extract

Tues. July 21, 6 pm

Join the Grounded Goodwife on Zoom to learn how to make a DIY Ginger Ale/Vanilla/Almond Extract! Call to register 860-224-3155 ext. 125.



Godfrey

Memorial Library

presents: Genealogy for Beginners on Zoom

Thurs. July 23, 6 pm

Join Carol Ansel, a professional genealogist and the Director of the Godfrey Memorial Library in Middletown CT, for a presentation on genealogy for beginners. Call to register 860-224-3155 ext. 125.

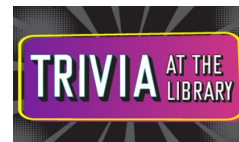


Zoom Trivia Night

Round 3

Wed. July 29, 6 pm

Ready to test your knowledge, laugh a lot and have some fun? Join us for our Trivia Night! Team up, come solo or pair up! Adults are welcome for an evening of fun and casual trivia. Call to register 860-224-3155 ext. 125.



Try Our Digital Escape Room!

Help stop Trolegar the troll from crashing our website! Help us banish him by completing the clues to find the hidden codes, puzzles and cypher. Visit our website for more details on how to play.



Teen Programs



Grab and Go Activity Kits will be

available at the Curbside Pickup table starting on June 22.



Keep an eye out for programs available on **Zoom**. Follow the library on social media to get the latest updates and learn how to register.

Online Summer Reading Club for Grades 6-12

The YA summer reading club will be available starting July 1st on **Flipgrid**.

Register at flipgrid.com/nbpl2020. You can also access Flipgrid as an iOS or Google Play app, using the group name **nbpl2020**. The password is **YASRC2020**. Share your favorite summer reads with your friends by uploading short video reviews. Reviews of books, ebooks, audiobooks, graphic novels, and manga are all welcome!



Children's Programs

Facebook Live Storytime

Wednesdays at 10 am
July 8, 15, 29
Storytime for ages 3-8 years



July 8 **Tall Tales Stories about Giraffes** with Miss Amy and her friend Leo

July 15 **At The Beach** with Miss JoAnn

July 29 **Imagine If This Happened...**
with Miss JoAnn

Zoom Activities

We will send you the login information before the show.
Call to register 860-224-3155 ext. 121.



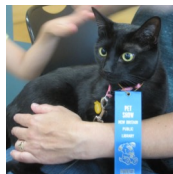
Music Play Patrol On Zoom

Thurs. July 9 , 6:30 pm
Musical storytelling.
Registration required beginning July 1.



Pet Show

Wed. July 22, 10 am
Show us your pet, or just watch the show. Registration required for pets and audience members, and begins July 8. Children ages 3-12 may enter their pets. There are limited number of spaces.



Teddy Bear Picnic

Wed. August 5, 10 am
Grab a blanket, your favorite stuffy and your picnic basket, and join us on Zoom for an imaginary outing in the woods with the teddy bears.
Registration is required and begins on July 22. best suited for ages 3-8.



Facebook Live Events

Thursdays at 3 pm
July 16, 23, 30
Storytime for ages 3-8 years

July 16
Beatlemania! Stories by Lennon and McCartney with Miss Cathy



July 23
Don't Be a Chicken
Storytime with Miss Amy



July 30
A Click Clack Anniversary: 20 Years on the farm with Farmer Brown, the cows, and DUCK, with Miss Cathy.

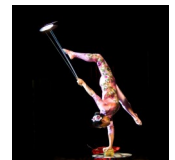
Time for Tots On Facebook Live

Fridays at 10 am
July 10, 17, 24, 31
August 7 & 14
Stories, songs, and finger plays with Miss Martha and Miss Audrey.
Best suited for children under 3 with an adult.



Live and In Person on the Library's Front Lawn! Chinese Acrobat Li Lui!

August 6, at 4 pm
Bring a blanket for your family!
Everyone welcome.



News from The Hive

MAKERspace Update

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we've had to postpone the launch of **The Hive** until a later date. Keep checking back with us as for the opening date. **The Hive** will have many cool offerings. You will also be able to bring your ideas to life and your videos to your YouTube channel with **The Hive's** iMac recording and editing software, as well as microphones, a green screen, and a camcorder.



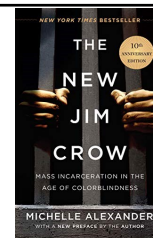
Friends of the New Britain Public Library

We are all living in uncertain times. The coronavirus caused the Friends' Spring Book Sale to be canceled and, because the library has been closed, our inventory of books now fills all available storage space. Unfortunately, we will be unable to accept donations of books until further notice.

In April, with schools and library closed, the Friends distributed almost 500 gently used books to pre-school through 6th grade children through the New Britain School District's meals program. This prompted grants to the Friends from two New Britain families to purchase new books for New Britain kids in need. One grant of \$1,000 came from a donor advised fund of the Community Foundation of Greater New Britain, the other a personal grant of \$250. Both grantors wish to remain anonymous. We thank them for their generosity and commitment to the children of New Britain. With these funds, 400+ brand new books were purchased from First Book, a non-profit that provides books and learning materials to kids in need, to be distributed through the District's meals program. Many thanks to the School District and to Amy Litke, Children's Librarian, who helped us choose the books for this program.

Black Lives Matter: Community Reads available for instant access on Overdrive or Libby —No waitlists!

Until July 15th, the downloadable audiobook of Michelle Alexander's *New York Times* bestseller ***The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*** will be available for simultaneous access with no waitlist. Named one of the Most Influential Books of the Last 20 Years by the Chronicle of Higher Education and winner of the NAACP Image Award for Nonfiction, Alexander's critically acclaimed book examines racial disparities through the lens of mass incarceration.



The second title, an ebook, ***Me and White Supremacy: Combat Racism, Change the World, and Become a Good Ancestor*** by Layla F. Saad will be available for instant access until July 12. This *New York Times* bestseller is based on the viral me and white supremacy Instagram challenge and provides a framework for readers to dismantle the privilege within themselves.

Library Hours and Locations

Main Library 20 High Street 860-224-3155	Teen Room Monday-Thursday 10 am-6 pm	Computer Center Monday-Thursday 9 am-5:30 pm Friday 9 am-4:30 pm Saturday 10-4:30 pm
Monday-Thursday 9 am-6 pm	Friday 10 am-5 pm	
Friday 9 am -5 pm	Saturday 10 am-5 pm	Jefferson Branch Curbside Pickup Only 140 Horse Plain Road 860-225-4700
Saturday 10 am-5 pm	Local History Room Monday & Wednesday 9 am-2 pm	Monday-Friday 9:30 am-4:30 pm

Library Closings

No closings

Library Displays

Front Case

Adult Summer Reading