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NBPL News

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Throughout our many years the library has had a wealth of dedicated, committed and hardworking staff. Recently, we lost two such members. Both were long time staff and lifelong New Britain residents. They contributed much to our library and impacted many lives. I had the honor to work with these great ladies. It is only fitting to pay homage to them.

Eleanor Dixon had a successful career of 49 years, mostly at our East Street Branch and also the Chamberlain Branch, retiring in 2002. She loved the library, loved the children and encouraged them to read. She enjoyed sharing library services with all the visitors to the branch. Even in her passing she continues to support the library as many donations have been made to the library in her memory.

Irene Truss worked at the main library for 47 years, retiring in 1986. She started in the children's library, then worked in the Business and Technical Services and ended her career in the Reference Department. Her knowledge of the community was immeasurable. She could always find the answer to the any question. The quintessential librarian she served as a mentor to many. Even in retirement she continued to donate materials related to New Britain history and be a source of information.

In our line of work we make a difference in people's lives. These two most certainly did make difference in many lives. A salute to Eleanor and Irene.

—Pat Rutkowski, Director

Words from Our Director

Adult Programs

NBPL Chess Club

Sat. June 8 & 22, 11-3 pm
Ground Floor

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



Cookies and Coloring Club

Wed. June 12, 6:30 pm
Community Room

Join us for our monthly adult coloring club. We provide art supplies and cookies.



Understanding Your Credit

Sat. June 8, 2 pm
Community Room

Learn the steps needed to better understand your credit, how to check your credit score, and ways you can improve your financial situation including how to prepare yourself for home ownership. Registration is recommended. Call the Information Desk at 860-224-3155, ext. 125.



Join us at the Summer Reading Bash and sign up for the Adult Summer Reading program. Write a book review for each book you read this summer and enter it for a weekly raffle prize drawing.



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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:
The Hate You Give (2018)
Thurs.
June 20, 1 pm



Lunchtime Matinee:
Bell, Book and Candle (1958)
Wed. June 26, 12 pm



For Teens

How To Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World
Tues. June 4
4-6 pm



Lego Movie 2
Tues. June 11
4-6 pm



The Martian
Tues. June 25
4-6:30 pm



Adult Programs

Senior Book Discussion Group

Tues. June 18, 1 pm
Senior Center
55 Pearl Street
The book will be **Lilac Girls** by Martha Hall Kelly. *Copies available at the Check Out Desk.*



Book Discussion Group

Tues. June 18, 7 pm
Community Room
The book will be **Just Mercy** by Bryan Stevenson. *New members welcome. Copies available at the Check Out Desk.*



Teen Programs

STEAM: Decorate Your Graduation Cap

Wed. June 12
4-5 pm Teen Room
Celebrate your academic achievement in style! Come to the library to decorate your graduation cap. Bring your own cap, all other supplies provided.



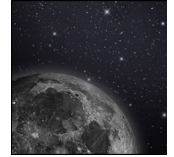
Summer Reading Registration Begins

Mon. June 17
Teen Room
Starting today you can earn prizes by reading and completing fun activities. Come to the Teen Room to find out more, and get your first prize just for signing up!



Solar System and Night Sky

Wed. June 19, 6:30 pm
Community Room
Take a trip through the solar system without leaving your seat! Learn about the planets, the moon, important constellations in the sky, and discover what the Mars Rovers have been seeing as well as the latest discoveries in astronomy. Presented by the Stamford Museum and Nature Center. Registration is recommended. Call the Information Desk at 860-224-3155, ext. 125.



Summer Reading Bash

Wed. June 19, 10-3 pm
Register for the Summer Reading Club and make your own button, play board games, and play the Nintendo Switch.

Summer Reading Club Kickoff Pizza Party

Thurs. June 20, 4-5:30 pm
Community Room
Celebrate the start of summer with a pizza party! Play games, relax with friends and family, and find out about all the exciting library programs coming up. You can even win a prize by signing up for summer reading!



Maker Monday: Galaxy Jars

Mon. June 24
3-4 pm
Community Room
Learn how to make your own colorful, space-themed lantern.



Children's Programs

Monthly Programs

Super Kids

Wed. June 5 & 12, 10 am
Storytime for children ages 3-5. Stories, finger plays, songs, and a craft or short film.

Family Story Hour

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

Special Programs

A Universe of Stories: Summer Reading Begins!



Sat. June 8
Summer reading club registration begins. Join the club and get a prize! Preschool through 6th grade.

Imagination Builder

Sat. June 8, 2-4 pm
Free time to play with a huge pile of Lego Duplo blocks. Children ages 2-12.



Jefferson Programs

Family Movie Days

Mon. June 3 & 24, 4 pm
Join us for the movies **Air Bound** and **The BFG**.



Special Programs

Father's Day Story/Craft

Thurs. June 13, 6:30 pm
Ages 3-8.



Summer Reading Bash!

Wed. June 19, 10 am - 3pm
Activities for all ages: meet a llama, tattoos, children's dance party and hip hop class, crafts for kids. Summer Reading Club registration for children, teens, and adults. There will be snacks, a book sale, and more!



It's Not Rocket Science Story/Craft

Thurs. June 20, 6:30 pm
Best suited for ages 3-8.



Tuesdays at the Movies

Tues. June 25, 2 pm
Join us on Tuesday afternoons throughout the summer for a family movie in the Community Room. Check the Children's Department for a list of what's playing this week.



Robert Rivest—Space: First Mime on the Moon*

Wed. June 26, 10 am
Explore a universe of funny space stories. Best suited for children ages 3-8 years.



Jim Cruise: The Spoon Man*

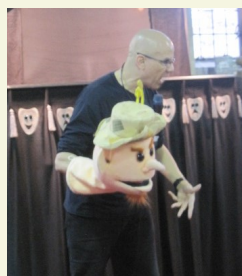
Thurs. June 27, 6:30 pm
He plays the spoons, you can, too! Best suited for children ages 3-8 years.



No registration unless noted.
All children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

*These programs made possible through the generosity of the Friends of the New Britain Public Library

John McDonough of Pumpnickel Puppets presented **Peter Rabbit**. After the visit to Mr. MacGregor's garden, the audience was not only introduced to the puppets used in the story, but also to a fancy cat and a big jumping rabbit, and learned how they could make their own puppets with items found at home.





Friends of the New Britain Public Library

The Friends' first event of the summer is the Annual Meeting of Members of the Friends of the New Britain Public Library at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, June 18 in the library's Community Room. On the next day, Wednesday, June 19, we will participate in the library's Summer Bash where we will offer a selection of fiction and nonfiction books for sale and give a free book of their choice to library patrons of all ages who sign up for a summer reading club.

The Every Day Book Sale has added Young Adult Books to its permanent inventory. Special categories during June include books about the American space program to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing on July 20, 1969. Also featured will be Military History and cookbooks on Grilling and Barbeque. The author of the month is Catherine Coulter.



Author Elizabeth Gaffney joined our Evening Book Discussion Group via Skype this past May to discuss her book **When the World Was Young**. The book is available to borrow from the library. A special thank you to Ed Colon for helping to arrange the guest appearance.

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
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

(*Summer hours start June 17*)
Monday-Thursday
10 am-8 pm
Friday & 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

No Closings for June

Library Displays

Hall Case

Artwork
By Bryan Fuchs

Front Case

Universe of Stories
By NBPL Summer Reading Clubs