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NBPL News

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Our Computer Center move has hit a snag. The electrical work, that was planned to start at the end of April, is on hold. We hope to reschedule it at the end of May or in June. As soon as we had a definite date we will let you know.

Words from Our Director

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, June 19th, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - the Summer Bash is coming. This is our annual celebration of our summer reading clubs with a day of activity on the front lawn and summer reading registration.

Our Annual Giving letters went out last month and the response is phenomenal. Once again we are raising these funds for the exterior renovation project of our original historic buildings. Your support is incredible. It is a strong statement that you know the importance of our beautiful, historic buildings. Together we will get this done! If you haven't received a donation letter and would like to make a donation for this cause, you can pick one up at the Check Out Desk. No amount is too small, or too large!

Join us for a Story Walk, sponsored by the Consolidated School District of New Britain on Saturday, May 4. The first 50 families receive a copy of the book **The Library**. See the details on page 3.

—Pat Rutkowski, Director

Adult Programs

Cookies and Coloring Club

Wed. May 8, 6:30 pm
Community Room

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



NBPL Chess Club

Sat. May 11, 11-3 pm
(meets only once for May)
Ground Floor



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

Beatles String Quartet

Wed. May 15, 6:30 pm
Community Room

The songs of the Beatles are considered to be music reflecting the desires of a generation that continues to inspire. This performance of Beatles music will be performed in special arrangements for string quartet by the New Britain Symphony Orchestra's own Fab Four: Meredith Bryant and Stephan Tieszen on the violin, Carolyn Engle on the cello, Amy Jones on the viola. Registration is not required.



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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 Sense of an Ending (2017)



Thurs. May 16, 1 pm

Lunchtime Matinee:
Please Don't Eat the Daisies (1960)



Wed. May 29, 12 pm

For Teens

Escape Room
Tues. May 14
4-6 pm



Happy Death Day 2U
Tues. May 28
4-6 pm

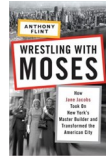


Adult Programs

Senior Book Discussion Group

Tues. May 21, 1 pm
Senior Center

55 Pearl Street
The book will be *Wrestling with Moses* by Anthony Flint. Copies available at the Check Out Desk.



Book Discussion Group

Tues. May 21, 7 pm
Community Room
The book will be *When the World was Young* by Elizabeth Gaffney. New members welcome. Copies available at the Check Out Desk.



Teen Programs

Teen Advisory Board

Wed. May 1, 4-5 pm
Teen Room

Come to the Teen Room to meet friends, get a snack, and share your ideas for programs!



May the Fourth:

Star Wars Day
Sat. May 4, 10-4 pm
Teen Room



Celebrate Star Wars Day and check out one of our Star Wars items, and make a button featuring your favorite character.

Comic Book Day

Sat. May 4, 10-4 pm
Community Room
Free comics will be available courtesy of The Eye Opener in Newington.

STEAM: Explore

Sat. May 18 &
Fri. May 24



3-4:30 pm Teen Room
The Teen Room will be transformed into a pop-up makerspace!

Teen Gaming

Tues. May 21 &
Wed. May 29,
4-5:30 pm
Community Room



Gamers of all kind, join our gaming club. We have a Wii U, Nintendo Switch, and plenty of board games.

Homework Center

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. Walk-ins welcome. Funded by the American Savings Foundation.



Teens playing video games during a recent gaming session. Teen Gaming happens twice a month.

Children's Programs

Monthly Programs

Terrific Tots

Mon. May 6 & 13, 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. May 1, 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. May 16 & 30, 6:30 pm

Storytime for children ages 3-8. Stories and a short film.

Time for Tots

Fri. May 3, 10, & 17, 10 am

Community Room

Storytime and time for play with toys for children under 3 years accompanied by an adult.

Jefferson Programs

Family Movie Days

Mon. May 6 & 20, 4 pm

Join us for the movies

Pondemonium and
Pondemonium 2.



Theo and Debbie Labbe of Country Quilt Llama delighted the crowd during their library visit. If you missed seeing them, they will be back for our Summer Reading Bash on Wednesday, June 19 at 1:00 pm. Everyone is welcome!

Special Programs

Ramadan Story/Craft

Thurs. May 2, 6:30 pm

Best suited for children ages 3-8 years.



Story Walk

Sat. May 4, 2 pm

Families will visit stations throughout the library as we read pages from our book,

The Library, by Sarah Stewart. Free snow-cones, popcorn, and cotton candy!

The first 50 families will receive a copy of the book. Sponsored by the Consolidated School District of New Britain.



Pumpnickel Puppets

presents: Peter Rabbit

Thurs. May 9, 6:30 pm

Everyone welcome. Best suited for children ages 3-8 years.



Science Saturday

Sat. May 11, 2 pm & 3pm

Both Junior and Senior scientists will take a look at different kinds of seeds. Both groups will create a growing gift for Mom.



2 pm: ages 3-6 with an adult: Make a greenhouse to watch a seed germinate.

3 pm: ages 7-10: Construct a hydroponic garden.

Registration is required.

Imagination Builder

Sat. May 18, 2 pm

Let your imagination run free and create whatever you'd like out of a huge pile of Duplo blocks. Children ages 2-12.



Happy Birthday, Elmer!

Thurs. May 23, 6:30 pm

Elmer the Patchwork Elephant is turning 30! Celebrate with stories and a craft. Best suited for children ages 3-8 years.



*No registration unless noted.

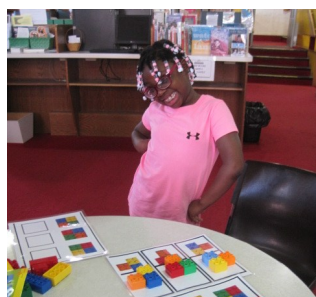
*All children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.



Friends of the New Britain Public Library

A big thank you to all the folks who made the Friends' April Book Sale such a success. Attendance exceeded our expectations, we met our funding goals for our great library and we thoroughly enjoyed seeing old friends and meeting new ones. Planning is already underway for the Fall Book Sale, scheduled for October 17-19. Our next event is the annual month-long used textbook sale in late summer. Exact dates will be provided in the June newsletter.

During May the Every Day Book Sale will feature Military History, books about Birds and books on Gardening. The Author of the Month is Jonathan Kellerman. Happy reading!



Volunteers from the Jumpstart program at CCSU spent the afternoon engaging with children on various activities including making bookmarks, coloring, stacking blocks to match their name, and creating amazing constructions with Duplo blocks.

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

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

Saturday May 25 and Monday
May 27 Memorial Day

Library Displays

Hall Case

Abstract Art
By Deb Harrick

Front Case

Artwork
By Fairouz Alfares