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NBPL News

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Two months have passed since our reopening. All continues to go well. Our busiest days, in terms of visitors, were the first two days of our reopening. It has since settled down to a

comfortable number, far below what we would have normally. Our concerns of exceeding the building capacity have never come to fruition. Although our numbers aren't huge, what we do know is that we are providing service to those who really need it. August brought tropical storm Isaias. Incredibly, almost 200 people came to the library on that day. We were here for them, after the storm left them without electricity and Internet access. During all this, staff has done an amazing job in providing services and a welcoming place during challenging times. They might make it look easy but it isn't. Everything involves more steps and more thinking. This is what libraries do. They are there, especially in difficult times, when people need them most. We continue to be diligent in cleaning, following guidelines and protocols, as we strive to keep staff and visitors safe. More excitement is yet to come. Thanks to the City, two projects will be starting to benefit our residents. With CDBG funds, we will be doing much needed renovations on several restrooms. In addition, the City is working with the school district and expanding its free Wi-Fi network to provide Internet access for families and students who have an immediate need. They will also be upgrading the library's Wi-Fi. Our system will be more robust with additional access points, and access throughout the building, including Children's and the Teen Room. We will be able to provide stronger, more reliable connections and are grateful for the City's and School District's assistance and expertise.

Words from Our Director

—Pat Rutkowski, Director

The New Britain Public Library Board of Trustees presents Literary Libations Vol. VI on Zoom!

Thursday, September 24, 2020

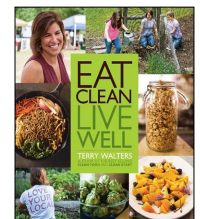
6-8 pm on Zoom

\$35 Donation



Featuring
award winning
author Terry
Walters

Cook along with Terry or sit back and enjoy your preferred libation! Learn how to boost your immune system and stay healthy—new recipes, a cooking demonstration using super foods from your own pantry, engaging conversation, signed cookbook door prizes!



Literary Libations VI was originally planned as a farm to table event.

In order to hold the event safely, it will be FARM to ZOOM!

Details about registration coming soon!

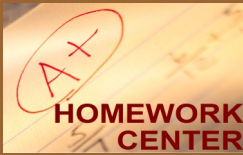


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Main: 20 High St. New Britain, CT 06051
Jefferson Branch: 140 Horse Plain Road

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 starting September 14th 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

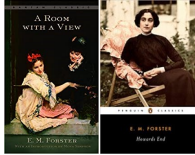
Virtual Bingo

Thurs. Sept. 10, 6 pm
Are you ready to play some bingo via Zoom? See if you can win first place and a small prize! Registration is required.



Virtual Senior Book Discussion Group

Tues. Sept. 15, 1 pm
The book will be **Room with a View** and **Howard's End** by E.M. Forester. Copies available at the Check Out Desk. New members always welcome.



Managing Your Money in Challenging Times: COVID-19 Edition



Wed. Sept. 16, 6 pm
In this virtual personal finance workshop, we'll discuss some of the likely financial impacts from COVID-19, action steps to consider, and share informational resources. This is a good time to review how you manage your money and plan for your future.

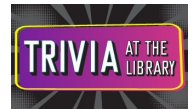
Virtual Monday Matinee

Mon. Sept. 21, 1 pm
Join us for a virtual movie screening of the classic 1940's screwball comedy **His Girl Friday**.



Zoom Trivia Night

Wed. Sept. 30, 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.



Teen Programs

Grab and Go Activity Kits: Make Your Own Self-Care Kit

Going back to school this year may be especially stressful, and it's important to take care of yourself. Get a Build Your Own Self-Care Kit at the Curbside Pickup Table, or in the Teen Department this September.



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, 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**



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



Trivia Tuesday

Tues. Sept. 22, 4 pm
Join us for a virtual trivia game! Answer questions based on comic book movies. Compete with your friends to find out who is the biggest fan of Marvel, DC, and more movies. Register today on our website: www.nbpl.info/teens.html



Children's Programs

Facebook Live Storytime

Terrific Tots on Facebook Live

Storytime for children ages
2½-3½ years.

Mondays at 10 am
Sept. 14, 21, 28

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

Sept. 14 **Let's Go Fishing**

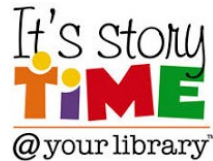
Stories about fishing.

Sept. 21 **Meet Me at the Bus Stop**

Let's ride school buses and city buses.

Sept. 28 **Fetch!**

Stories about dogs.



Super Kids on Facebook Live

Storytime for children ages
3-5 years.

Wednesdays at 10 am
Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30

Stories, fingerplays, and songs
with Miss JoAnn.

Sept. 2 **Safari Time**

Stories about jungle animals.

Sept. 9 **How Big**

Stories about dinosaurs.

Sept. 16 **Ahoy, Matey!**

Stories about pirates.

Sept. 23 **Jump into Fall**

Sept. 30 **Who's Afraid?**

Stories about monsters.



Time for Tots on Facebook Live

Fridays at 10 am

Sept. 18 & 25

Stories, songs, and fingerplays
with Miss Martha and Miss
Audrey for children ages 3 years
or under.



Science-to-Go Kits: Build up some STEAM

Each kit contains some
simple building challenges.
Use the enclosed index cards
to see how high you can
build, how strong a structure you can create, or how
creative a structure you can make. Preschool to 5th
grade. While supplies last.



Live and in person on the library's front lawn. Comic Mime with Robert Rivest

Sat. Sept. 26, 11 am

Join us on the front lawn for Comic Mime
with Robert Rivest. Bring a blanket for
your family. No registration, everyone
welcome.



The amazing Chinese Acrobat Li Lui
performing on the front lawn of the library
last month.



Friends of the New Britain Public Library

As we go into the sixth month of this new world created by the coronavirus there are so many uncertainties that make it difficult to plan ahead. Some things are certain. There will be no Annual Meeting of members. The Fall Book Sale in October is cancelled. The Every Day book sale on the main floor of the library is closed indefinitely and the Friends are not accepting donations of books, media or anything else until further notice. Annual membership renewals that usually occur in September and October will be delayed until November.

What we don't know at this time is when it will be safe to resume our normal activities. When that happens, we will be ready to go. We miss our members, our customers and library staff. Stay safe!

News from The Hive

MAKERspace Update

Have you always wanted to try jewelry making but didn't know how to get started? The Hive will have a selection of basic tools and supplies for you to create with. You can bring your own beads or use some of ours! We will have supplies for making earrings, bracelets, necklaces and more! Our subscription to the **Creative Bug database** has some great video instructions, and we have a collection of jewelry making books and magazines available at the library. We will also have a few printouts of some easy projects to try. Watch this space for news about our opening date, still to be decided. We can't wait to see what you make!



Library Hours and Locations

Main Library 20 High Street 860-224-3155	Teen Room Monday-Thursday 2 pm-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 2 pm-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

Monday, September 7
Labor Day

Library Displays

No Displays