



NBPL NEWS

"The True University of these Days is a Collection of Books"

Thomas Carlyle



New Britain Public Library
EST. 1853

Words from our Director

We were so glad to have heat and electricity during the infamous week of Oct. 31st. In fact, we were one of the few libraries in the area who were able to open. We didn't skip a beat and were open for our regular hours. Despite the fact that most of the staff was dealing with effects of the storm at home, they came to work and we were able to provide a warm and comfortable place for the folks without. It was a hubbub of activity—with over 7,000 patron visits from Monday through Saturday! People were here to use our computers, our Wi-Fi, charge their cell phones and laptops, read books, magazines and newspapers and warm up with a cup of free coffee. There were times when there wasn't a free seat in the house or should I say library! So next time, think library! Be warm, be informed, be connected, be charged @ your library.

The holidays are fast approaching. Please join us during the holiday season when we welcome the CCARC singers, and the New Britain High School Madrigals. Dates and times are listed under programs. Happy Holidays from the staff of the library.

Pat Rutkowski, Director

Library Closing

Sat. Dec. 24
Christmas Eve

Mon. Dec. 26
Christmas
(observed)

Save the Date

Library Themed
Film Festival
Jan. 4-6 at 1 pm



Adult Programs for December

First Friday Film

Fri. Dec. 2, 1 pm Community Room.

Driving Miss Daisy (1989) An old Jewish woman and her African-American chauffeur in the South have a relationship that grows over the years. (PG)

Open Mike Poetry Reading

Sat. Dec. 3, 2-4 pm Community Room.
Bring two poems to share. Ages 16 +



Bond Film Series

The final film in this series.

Sat. Dec. 3, 10 am Community Room.

Casino Royale (2006) starring Daniel Craig. (PG-13)



Dance Workshop

Mon. Dec. 5, 7 pm Community Room.

Free dance lessons, led by instructor Adrienne Marie. Drop in and have fun. Ages 18 and up.



Writers' Group

Wed. Dec. 7 & 21, 6:30-8:30 pm

Community Room. Share your recent work and get constructive feedback. Adults age 18+



Facebook & Surfing and Shopping Safely Online

Sat. Dec. 10, 10 am Community Room.

Author Abby Stokes will present a talk on Facebook and the Internet. Abby has written extensively about computers for beginners.



New Britain High School Madrigal Singers

Tues. Dec. 13, 11:45 am

Join us as the New Britain High School Madrigal Singers perform throughout the library.



Carol Sing

Wed. Dec. 14, 10:30 am Main Library

Join us for a festive morning of holiday carols with the CCARC Singers.



Senior Book Discussion Group

Tues. Dec. 20, 1 pm New Britain Senior Center.

The book is *The Last Lecture* by Randy Pausch.

Adult Programs continued

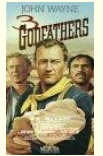
Book Discussion Group

Tues. Dec. 20, 7 pm Community Room.
The Book Discussion Group will meet and discuss *Little Pink House* by Jeff Benedict. *New members always welcome. Copies available at Check Out Desk.*



Movie Matinee

Wed. Dec. 28, noon Community Room.
Three Godfathers (1948). John Wayne stars in a John Ford directed Christmas story. Bring your lunch—we'll provide dessert and beverages. (PG)



Teen Department

Teen Advisory Board Meeting

Tues. Dec. 1, 4-5 pm Community Office.
Share your opinions about teen books, movies, programs, and more! Ages 12-17



Teen Movie: Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides

Tues Dec. 20, 3:15-5:30 pm Community Room.
Ages 13-17



Tween Time: Lights! Camera! Action!

Wed. Dec. 7, 4:30-6:00 pm Community Room.
Find out how to become the person behind the camera! Grades 4-8



Tween Time: Snowpocalypse

Wed. Dec. 21, 4:30-5:30 pm Community Room.
Keep warm in your sleeping bag during our snowy movie. Grades 4-8



Teen Book Club

Wed. Dec. 14, 4-5 pm Community Room.
Join us for a snack and tell us about your favorite books! Ages 12-17



Teen Craft: Zentangle Designs

Tues. Dec. 27—Sat. Dec. 31, Teen Room.
Learn how to create these interesting and intricate designs. Ages 12-17



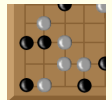
Teen Dance!

Thurs. Dec. 15 & Mon. Dec. 19, 7-8:30 pm Community Room.
Free dance lessons with instructor Adrienne Marie. Drop in and have fun. Ages 13-17



Board Games Week

Tues. Dec. 27—Sat. Dec. 31, Teen Room.
Come play a board game of your choice!



Halloween Dress Up at the Library



Children's Department

Terrific Tots

Mon. Dec. 5, 12, & 19, 10:00 am
Storytime for children ages 2½-3½, and their parents or caregivers. Activities include stories, a simple craft or short movie, and time to play with library toys at the end of the program.

Super Kids

Wed. Dec. 7, 14, 21, & 28, 10 am
Storytime for children ages 3-5. Stories, finger plays, songs, and a craft or short film.

Family Story Hour

Thurs. Dec. 15, 22, & 29, 6:30 pm
Storytime for children ages 3-8. Stories and short film.

Time for Tots

Fri. Dec. 2, 9, & 16, 10-11:30 am
Storytime and time to play with toys for children under 3 years accompanied by parent/caregiver.

Jefferson Branch

Wii Fun

Thurs. Dec 15, 2-4 pm
Come play on the library's Nintendo Wii. Grades 4-8

Special Programs

CPFlutes

Thurs. Dec. 1, 6:30 pm
An intergenerational flute choir will perform music of the season. All ages welcome.



Polar Express Reading Party

Thurs. Dec. 8, 6:30 pm
Enjoy a reading of the famous story, make a train craft, and decorate cookies. Ages 3-8 accompanied by an adult.



Let's Talk Reading Party

Mon. Dec. 12, 2:30 pm
For parents of infants and toddlers. Learn to use books as tools for talking with your children. Free book and other materials. For information call 860-224-3155 ext. 121.



Family Movies

Tues. Dec. 27 & Thurs. Dec. 29, 2:00 pm
Relax and enjoy a movie for the whole family. Children under 8 must be with an adult.

No registration for programs unless noted.

Library Awards and Gifts



An award in recognition of achievements in the workplace from the city of New Britain Commission on Persons with Disabilities presented to Bryan, a library clerk.



Members of the Friends present a generous gift from the proceeds of their book sale to the library director, Pat Rutkowski.

Friends of NBPL



As we enter the holiday season the Friends would like to thank all of those who made 2011 a very successful year for the Friends. Your membership in the Friends and your support for our Every Day Book Sale and Spring and Summer book sales allowed us to contribute over \$18,000 that the library used to purchase books, renew the library's movie license and fund programs.

Our Every Day Book Sale for December has a holiday theme and can help you with your holiday shopping. Featured categories are books for Holiday Giving, a selection of nearly new fiction and non fiction suitable for gifts and stocking stuffers, which are smaller gift books. We also have a good selection of Holiday fiction. Authors of the month are Jan Karon and Jodi Picoult.

Happy Holidays from the Friends of the New Britain Public Library!

Hours & Locations

Main Library

20 High Street
(860) 224-3155

Monday-Thursday
9 am-9 pm
Friday
9 am-5 pm
Saturday
9 am-5 pm

Children's Dept.

Monday-Thursday
9 am-8 pm
Friday
9 am-5 pm
Saturday
9 am-5 pm

Teen Room

Monday-Wednesday
2 pm-8 pm
Thursday
1 pm-8 pm
Friday
2 pm- 5 pm
Saturday
10 am- 5 pm

Jefferson Branch

140 Horse Plain Road
(860) 225-4700
Monday & Tuesday
9 am-6 pm
Wednesday & Thursday
9 am-5 pm
Friday
9 am-3 pm

Benjamin Franklin School paintings

In the 1930's and 1940's, teachers and students from the Benjamin Franklin School worked on six paintings depicting scenes from popular children's stories. Small groups of students and one teacher worked on each painting. The paintings were on display in the school auditorium until the building was closed in 1975. After that, they were in storage for over 25 years. In the upcoming months, we will feature a painting and give information about the artists and scene.

The Pied Piper was painted in 1932. The student artists were Casimer Laskarzewski, Walter Lipski, Frank Marchione and Joseph Melzinski. The teacher was Ruth Guiberson. This featured painting and all the other paintings can be seen in the Children's Department.



On Display @ the Main Library

Hall Case

Life Magazine December Covers
by
Reference Department

Front Case

Upcoming Events
by
Trinity On Main

Free Computer Classes

Now held in the Community Room (Ground Floor)
unless otherwise noted.

Call 860-224-3155 ext. 125 to make a reservation.

Intro to Word Wed. Dec. 7, 9:30-11 am

Job Search Strategies (Labor Dept.) Tues. Dec. 13, 9:30-12 noon

Intro to Excel Tues. Dec. 13, 6:30-8 pm

