



NBPL NEWS

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

Thomas Carlyle



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Words from our Director

Happy New Year!

Another year has passed, another year to look forward to. On behalf of the staff and the library board, I wish you a healthy, successful and happy new year. May your troubles be small and your achievements great. Thank you for being part of the library family.

Pat Rutkowski, Director

Library Closing

Mon. Jan. 2
New Years

Mon. Jan. 16
MLK Day

Adult Programs for January

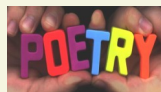
Writers' Group

Wed. Jan. 4 & 18, 6:30-8:30 pm
Community Room. Share your recent work and get constructive feedback. Adults age 18+



Open Mike Poetry Reading

Sat. Jan. 7, 2-4 pm Community Room.
Bring two poems to share. Ages 16 +



Senior Book Discussion Group

Tues. Jan. 17, 1 pm **New Britain Senior Center.**
The book is *The Nine Tailors* by Dorothy Sayers.

Book Discussion Group

Tues. Jan. 17, 7 pm Community Room.
The Book Discussion Group will meet and discuss *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* by Douglas Adams. *New members always welcome. Copies available at Check Out Desk.*



Library Science Film Series

In collaboration with the Connecticut Library Consortium and in conjunction with the exhibition *Library Science* at the Artspace gallery in New Haven this series features films in which libraries plays a central role. More info at: www.libraryscienceexhibition.org/



All films shown in the Community Room.

Wed. Jan. 4, 1 pm

Soylent Green (1973) Charlton Heston stars in this sci-fi cult classic about a futuristic dystopia in which librarians control information. (PG)

Thurs. Jan 5, 1 pm

Storm Center (1953) Bette Davis stars as a small-town librarian in this political drama about Communism and book banning.

Fri. Jan. 6, 1 pm

Fahrenheit 451 (1966) Based on the Ray Bradbury novel (which was named after the temperature at which paper burns and written on a rented library typewriter), this sci-fi thriller stars Oskar Werner as a firefighter whose job is to burn all books. With Julie Christie.

Adult Programs continued

Chinese New Year Film

Mon. Jan. 23, 6:30 pm Community Room.
Eat Drink Man Woman (1994) A senior chef lives with his three grown daughters; the middle one finds her future plans affected by unexpected events and life changes of the other household members.



Movie Matinee

Wed. Jan. 25, noon Community Room.
Cold Turkey (1971). A tobacco company offers \$25 million to any American town that quits smoking for 30 days. Eagle Rock, Iowa accepts the challenge. Bring your lunch—we'll provide dessert and beverages. (PG)



December Program Highlights



Author Abby Stokes talks about Facebook and the internet.



If you missed our December program “Facebook, Surfing and Shopping Safely Online” with Abby Stokes you missed a wonderful program. You can still get her words of wisdom by reading her book “Is This Thing On? The revised edition is coming out this month and will be available at the library.

Abby Stokes has demystified computers for people, mostly seniors, in the course of the past 17 years. She is a firm believer that “if my mother can learn the computer anyone can,” and is confident that everyone can master the computer and navigate the Internet.

In her words “This world that you keep hearing about is not passing you by—it’s just waiting for you to come along. What computers can offer you is amazing and boundless, but you’re not alone if it seems elusive and intimidating.” Her enthusiasm was catchy and her advice reassuring. Technology doesn’t have to take over your life. You can pick and choose how and when you want it in your life. You can read more at her web site <http://abbyandme.com/abby-stokesblog>.



The talented New Britain High School Madrigal singers put everyone in the holiday spirit when they performed throughout the library.



Staff Changes

Best wishes to Jessica Miller, our Teen Librarian for 4 years who left in December for a new Young Adult position and to Kim Usselman a Library Associate of the Children’s Department for 5 years who also left in December. Both will be working in libraries in Massachusetts. Congratulations! Both will be missed.

Children's Department

Terrific Tots

Mon. Jan. 9, 23, & 30, 10 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. Jan. 4, 11, 18, & 25, 10 am
Storytime for children ages 3-5. Stories, finger plays, songs, and a craft or short film.

Family Story Hour

Thurs. Jan. 5 & 19, 6:30 pm
Storytime for children ages 3-8. Stories and short film.

Time for Tots

Fri. Jan. 6, 13, 20 & 27, 10-11:30 am
Storytime and time to play with toys for children under 3 years accompanied by parent/caregiver.

Special Programs

Let's Talk Reading Party

Mon. Jan. 9, 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.



Winter Story/Craft

Thurs. Jan. 12, 6:30 pm
Come make a craft and listen to a winter story. Ages 3-8 accompanied by an adult.



Celebrate Pizza!

Thurs. Jan 26, 6:30 pm
Enjoy a slice, and share stories about everyone's favorite treat. Ages 3-8 accompanied by an adult.



The wonderful Main Street Singers spread holiday cheer at the library after the New Britain tree lighting.



No registration for programs unless noted.

Fundraiser Prize Winners!

Tracy Chee-Gonzalez wins the Blu-ray DVD player.



The drawing begins!

The winners and participants of the library fundraiser tea cup drawing.



Sandra Rivera wins the flat screen television.



The lucky ticket?

Friends of NBPL



The Friends ring in the New Year with their annual Video Sale located near the Information Desk. Videos are priced at \$1.00 each.

At the Every Day Book Sale our featured categories for January are *Antiques and Collectibles* and *Warm Up With A Good Book* fiction selected by the Friends for good winter reading. Author of the month is James Patterson.

Our best wishes to all of our friends for the New Year!

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-5pm

Teen Room

Monday-Wednesday
2 pm-8 pm
Thursday
1 pm-8 pm
Friday
2 pm- 5 pm
Saturday
12 noon- 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.

This month's painting, Jack and the Beanstalk, was painted in 1933. The student artists were Edward Bezruzyk, Frank Marchione, Leo Tajmajer and Mario Vincenti. The teacher who worked on the painting with the students 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
Handmade Jewelry
Lesli-Ann Lewis

Front Case
In the Empire of the Golden
Dragon
Ben Raha

Free Computer Classes

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

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

Mouse Tutorial Fri. Jan. 6, 10-11 am (Computer Center)

Interviewing Techniques (Labor Dept.) Tues. Jan. 10, 9:30-12 noon

Intro to Computers Tues. Jan. 10, 6:30-8 pm

Intermediate Word Sat. Jan. 14, 9:30-11 am

Intermediate Excel Wed. Jan. 18, 9:30-11 am

Internet Basics Thurs. Jan. 26, 9:30-11 am



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