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# NBPL News

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This month will mark a year of COVID impact on the library. It was one year ago in March, that we closed to the public until we reopened in July. Its been a challenging year for us all. But March brings promise as spring arrives on Saturday, March 20. Spring is a season of renewal and rejuvenation and more daylight! Once more we will be able to enjoy time outdoors. Although we will be dealing with the pandemic for longer than we would like, the vaccination has arrived and rates are decreasing. Places are reopening. Sports are returning. Slowly but surely we will get to something similar to what life was before the pandemic. Certainly it will not be the same. That's not necessarily a bad thing. Here at the library we learned to adapt. We were creative and discovered new ways of providing services and added new services. As we look to the future we hope to see all our library users return –either in person or virtually. We are never further than a phone call or a click on a computer!

## Words from Our Director

Pat Rutkowski, Director

### Cutting the Cord

Thurs. March 11, 6 pm  
 Cancel your cable and watch TV and movies over the Internet. But what should you sign up for? We'll talk about streaming services and devices, and what you need to successfully cut the cord in this informative virtual Zoom program.



### Virtual Senior Book Discussion Group

Tues. March 16, 1 pm Zoom  
 The book will be *Maybe You Should Talk To Someone* by Lori Gottlieb.  
*Copies available at the Check Out Desk.*



**All adult programs are virtual and on Zoom.**  
**Call to register 860-224-3155 ext. 125.**

### Booby Trapped: The Bra in America

Fri. March 19, 2 pm  
 In a 2014 survey of 3,000, 92 percent rated their bra, “an enemy. I wish I had never met her.”

Before the bra was invented, corsets lifted breasts to artificial heights—but they pushed from below instead of lifting from above. In 1913, using two pocket handkerchiefs and some pink ribbon, socialite Mary Phelps Jacob created the “backless brassiere,” and became the first patent recipient for the modern bra. From Jacob's invention, to the bullet bra of the 40s, to modern-day pillow cup push-up plunge bras, our boobs have been cinched, flattened down, and lifted up. Join Ehris and Velya for an uplifting look at the history of the bra in America!



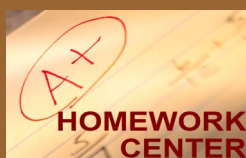
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 Jefferson Branch: 140 Horse Plain Road



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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 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.



All teen programs are virtual and on Zoom.

You can register by calling our Teen Desk 860-224-3155 ext. 130

## Adult Programs

### **Virtual Death Café**

Mon. March 22, 2:30 pm

A Death Café is a group directed discussion of death as a topic with no particular agenda, objectives, or themes. Join us for another edition of our **Death Café** where we have a conversation on death led by our Reference Librarian Brett.



### **Book Discussion Group**

Tues. March 23, 7 pm  
(Police Station Community Room, 10 Chestnut St.) The book will be *The Mountain Between Us* by Charles Martin. Copies available at the Check Out Desk. New members always welcome.



### **Trivia Night: TV Edition**

Thurs. March 25, 6 pm  
Ready to test your knowledge, laugh a lot, and have some fun? Join us for our special TV Shows themed Trivia Night. Team up, come solo, or pair up.



### **Virtual Movie Screening**

Mon. March 29, 11 am  
Join us for a virtual movie screening of the classic 1961 Marlon Brando western, *One Eyed Jacks*.



## Teen Programs

### **Grab and Go**

#### **Activity Kits: Rainbow Suncatchers**

Ready to break up the dreary winter? Stop by the Teen Room and grab a kit to make your own rainbow suncatcher to hang in your window. All materials and instructions will be provided.



#### **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, and 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](http://www.nbpl.info/teens.html).



### **Virtual Teen Advisory Board**

Tues. March 2, 4 pm  
Teens, we need to hear from you about what the library can do for you in these challenging times. Join us for our Teen Advisory Board meeting, and share your ideas!



### **Virtual Trivia Tuesday: Disney Trivia**

Tues. March 16, 4 pm  
Compete with other teens to see who knows the most about Disney!



# Children's Programs

## Facebook Live Storytimes

### Virtual Terrific Tots on Facebook Live

Storytime for children ages 2½-3½ years.  
Mondays at 10 am  
March 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29



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

March 1 **Rat-a-Tat-Tat and Toot-Toot-Toot**  
Stories about music.

March 8 **A Flock of Stories**  
Stories about sheep.

March 15 **An Elephant Never Forgets**  
Stories about elephants.

March 22 **Oink!**  
Stories about pigs.

March 29 **What's in the Basket?**  
Stories for Easter.

### Virtual Super Kids on Facebook Live

Storytime for children ages 3-5 years.  
Wednesdays at 10 am  
March 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31



Stories, fingerplays, and songs with Miss JoAnn and Miss Cathy.

March 3 **Grab Your Hat and Follow the Cat**  
Dr. Seuss stories.

March 10 **Wake up, World!**  
Stories for Spring.

March 17 **Shamrocks and Lucky Stories**  
Stories for St. Patrick's Day.

March 24 **Tea Time**  
Share a cup of stories.

March 31 **Here Comes Peter Cottontail**  
Stories for Easter.

### Virtual Time for Tots on Facebook Live

Fridays at 10 am  
March 5, 12, 19, & 26  
Stories, songs, and fingerplays with Miss Martha and Miss Audrey for children ages 3 years or under.



### Science-to-Go Kits: Science with Seuss!

Inspired by Dr. Seuss's birthday on March 2, our Science-To-Go kit will match up some favorite Seuss books with experiments you can do at home. Supplies are included for a *Cat in the Hat* challenge, an activity based on *One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish*, and a flyer listing some other book/experiment combinations you can try this month.



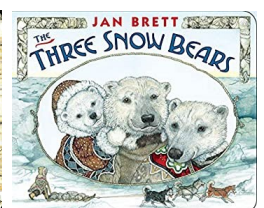
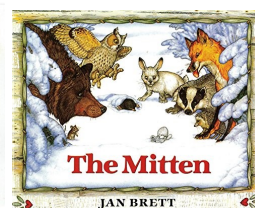
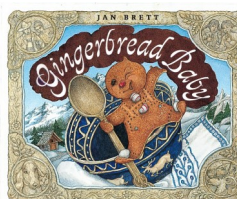
These activities require adult supervision and assistance, and are appropriate for ages 3 and up. Quantities are limited.

**Take & Make craft kits are available. Preschool to 5th grade. Ask for them at the Children's Desk.**

Coming in April...

We will celebrate National Library Week (April 4-10) with a Zoom storytime starring author **Jan Brett!** She will be reading her latest book. Stay tuned for more details.

Some classic books by Jan Brett are the *Gingerbread Baby*, *The Mitten*, and *The Three Snow Bears*. All available to borrow in the Children's Department.







## Friends of the New Britain Public Library

The Friends will be holding a mini book sale outside in the library parking lot on Saturday April 10, from 10 am to 2 pm.

The sale will include nonfiction books only in these categories: Children's, History, Biography, Military, Gardening, and Do-It-Yourself. We will also be offering DVDs. We will not be able to accept credit cards at this sale so all purchases must be paid by cash only. Masks and social distancing are required. Rain/Snow date is Saturday, April 17.

Other outdoor mini sales offering different categories of books may occur during the summer and early fall depending on COVID protocols and other factors. We really miss our twice a year big sales when we have a few days to visit with our old friends and make new ones. Stay safe and we hope to see you on April 10<sup>th</sup> for the mini book sale.

### Winter Reading Challenge

Our Winter Reading Challenge is heading into it's last month! Request a log sheet from the Information Desk or enter online. Read & review a book to be entered in a raffle for a chance to win a prize.



### Our New Zoom Room

We now have a private Zoom Room which you can book for up to two hours of use for Zoom meetings, phone calls, or Skype video calls. It provides privacy and is meant for single patron use at a time. It has a outlet for power and you can book it in advance or use it on a first come first serve basis.



### Free Online Computer Tutorials

Check out the Goodwill Community Foundation's excellent online computer tutorials at [www.gcflearnfree.org](http://www.gcflearnfree.org)

Subjects include:

PC Basics & Internet  
Email  
Word & Excel  
PowerPoint & Publisher  
Job Skills and much more!



### Library Hours and Locations

#### Main Library

20 High Street  
860-224-3155

Monday-Thursday  
9 am-6 pm

Friday  
9 am -5 pm

Saturday  
10 am-5 pm

#### Teen Room

Monday-Thursday  
2 pm-6 pm

Friday  
2 pm-5 pm

Saturday  
10 am-5 pm

Local History Room  
Monday & Wednesday  
9 am-2 pm

#### Computer Center

Monday-Thursday  
9 am-5:30 pm  
Friday  
9 am-4:30 pm  
Saturday  
10-4:30 pm

#### Jefferson Branch Curbside Pickup Only

140 Horse Plain Road  
860-225-4700  
Monday-Friday  
9:30 am-4:30 pm

### Library Closings

**No Holidays**

### Library Displays

**No Displays**