

February 2025 AT YOUR LIBRARY!

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NEW CASTLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

We extend our sincerest thanks to all who have donated to our 2024-25 campaign Inspire. We look forward to putting all resources back into our community! *To extend a donation, please visit our website or email donate@ncdlc.org.*

Current Funds: \$37,000
Goal: \$100,000



YOUR DONATION'S IMPACT

Our Youth Department recently collaborated with the Western PA Christian Home Education group, providing space and support for a Geography Fair. Children created displays with posterboards, personal stories, books, and even several treats from around the world. Events like these showcase the importance of our Youth Department in its ability to indulge and enliven young curiosity that is so vital in education and development. With Inspire, we hope to continue broadening the horizons of our youngest patrons at such a vital time in their lives.



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY



The Friends of the New Castle Public Library is a non-profit organization created in 1922 dedicated to promoting and supporting the library. The Friends donate monthly to purchase the current best-selling titles in fiction and non-fiction. As you look around the Library, shelving, display cases, chairs, and even computer tables were purchased by the Friends. *To become a friend, please visit our website and click on Friends and Book Cellar under About Us.*

BOOK CELLAR



Run by our volunteers from Friends of the Library, our Book Cellar offers a wide array of gently-used books and novelties at a discounted rate. If you're looking to clear up some space as we look forward to the new year, consider making a donation to the Book Cellar so other patrons can continue to love your books and gifts.

SPOTLIGHT



On December 12th, the New Castle Public Library held a donor talk during which patrons were invited to a casual discussion about donations, communications, and outreach. During the talk, Director Andrew Henley stressed the importance of the community in maintaining a library, which was exemplified as patrons offered ideas on improving fundraising efforts. The library team was grateful for all advice offered and informed the audience of the library's ongoing projects and future plans.

VOLUNTEER

We are incredibly grateful to our volunteers for the role they play in keeping our library up and running. If you would like to join our volunteer team, please contact the library by emailing volunteer@ncdlc.org.

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Children PreK-5th Grade

Play and Grow

February 1 and 15 | 11:00-1:00

Parents socialize while children play in this nod to NCPL's position as a Family Place Library and a take-off of Commonwealth Library's Play and Grow initiative for Small & Rural Libraries.

Family Time

February 3 | 6:00-7:30

Storytime, games and snacks for families during evening hours.

Library Explorers Indoors

Every Tuesday | 10:00-11:30

February 4, 11, 18, 25

Mother Goose Storytime & Weebuild

Every Wednesday | 10:00-11:30

February 5, 12, 19, 26

Mardi Gras Find-the-Baby

February 25 | All Day

Search the library for five hidden babies in honor of the traditional Mardi Gras king cake.

Reading Buddies

February 8 | 1:00-2:00

A reading program where children are welcome to share their favorite books with their peers.

Family Place Together Time Series

February 20 and 27 | 10:00-11:30

An informative program for children and their caregivers alongside community resource partners and child development experts.



Tween and Young Adult

Ages 8-18

Pokémon Club

February 2 | 10:00-11:00am

Enjoy Pokémon-themed activities, card games, and Pokémon GO adventures!

Teen Reading Lounge

February 3, 10, 24 | 2:30-3:30

The Lounge is a place to discover cool books, explore your passions, and make a difference.

Tween Tuesday

Every Tuesday | 2:30-3:30

February 4, 11, 18, 25

A fun afterschool activity for kids aged 8-12 featuring games, STEM projects and crafts.

Anti-Valentine's Day Bash

February 13 | 3:30-5:30

Celebrate the single life with our anti-Valentine's Day bash, where black clothing is a must and dates are a no-go.

Teen Gaming Club

February 20 | 3:30-5:30

Enjoy free play, friendly tournaments, and gaming discussions over board games, video games, and tabletop RPGs.

Animation Monday

February 24 | 2:30-3:30

Discuss and enjoy anime, manga, and animated movies over snacks.

ARRL HAM Radio Club

February 27 | 6:00-8:00

Collaborative Club with New Castle Jr/Sr High School Principal Kim Kladitis.



Adults Ages 19 and up

NCPL Book Group

February 3 | 9:30-11:00

Libby Workshop

February 3 | 11:00-12:00

Explore and learn how to use Libby! Be sure to bring whatever device you plan to use Libby on as well as your library card.

Cakes and Pies Potluck

February 4 | 2:00-3:00

Bring in your own pie or cake creation to sample with others.

Genealogy Club

February 15 | 2:00-3:00

Enjoy dedicating an hour to discovering your family history.

Library Stitchers

Every Other Friday | 12:00-3:00

February 7 and 21

Grief Support Group

February 11 | 1:30-2:30

Journal of a Black Woman in Blue

Book Talk

February 25 | 5:30-7:00

Join us for a discussion with Brenda Tate, author of *Journal of a Black Woman in Blue*, which highlights her experiences as one of Pittsburgh's first female police officers.



Family and all Ages

Puzzle Challenge

February 1 | 1:00-4:00

Get to know your community while racing in teams to complete a 250-piece puzzle!

Build a DIY Bird Feeder

February 6 | 1:00-2:30

Crochet/Knit Club

February 13 | 5:00-6:00

Chess Club

February 15 | 10:00-11:30

Saturday Movie Matinee

February 22 | 2:00-4:00

Beatnik Café

February 10 | 6:00-8:00

Enjoy local music and entertainment in an open-mic environment!

Planes of Paper Competition

February 10 | 3:30-4:30

An all ages workshop where patrons will get to make cool and unique paper airplanes!

Paint with Bob Ross

February 18 | 5:00-6:00

An immersive painting experience as we channel the joy and creativity of Bob Ross!

Creative Writing Club

February 28 | 3:00-4:00

Gathers writers of all levels to discuss the craft with like-minded individuals

Register for events and programs at www.ncdlc.org or call (724) 658-6659



Bookmobile Schedule

Wampum Park Apartments

February 5 | 2:00-3:00

159 Alpha Dr, Wampum

Shenango on the Green

February 6 | 1:00-2:00

238 S Market St, New Wilmington

New Bedford Evangelical

Presbyterian Church

February 12 | 4:00-5:00

151 Woodland Dr, New Bedford

Highland Terrace Apartments

February 12 | 2:00-3:00

111 W Fairmont Ave, New Castle

UPMC Jameson Place

February 18 | 10:30-11:30

3345 Wilmington Rd, New Castle

Maria's Country Store

February 19 | 12:00-1:00

832 Plain Grove Rd, Volant

Villa Maria

February 26 | 10:00-11:00

276 Villa Maria Rd, Pulaski

A Sampling of New Books This Month

Children's

The Interpreter, Olivia Abtahi

Stories of the Spirit of Justice, Jemar Tisby

Be a Food Scientist, Ruth Owen

To Walk the Sky: How Iroquois

Steelworkers Helped Build Towering

Cities, Patricia Morris Buckley

Will's Race for Home, Jewell Parker

Rhodes

Young Adult

Money for Adulthood: Fun Tips and

Financial Tricks for Teens, Michelle Hung

Breath of the Dragon, Fonda Lee

I Am Not Jessica Chen, Ann Liang

A Language of Dragons, S. F. Williamson

Rhino's Run, Robert Lipsyte

Adult

Witchcraft for Wayward Girls, Grady Hendrix

Hope: The Autobiography, Pope Francis

All the Water in the World, Eiren Caffell

The Life of Herod the Great, Zora Neale Hurston

The Containment: Detroit, the Supreme Court, and the Battle for Racial Justice in the North, Michelle Adams

February

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					01 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00- Pokémon Club 11:00- Play and Grow 1:00- Puzzle Challenge 3:00- Nonfiction Book Club
February 3-8 1000 Paper Cranes Passive Program					
03 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30- NPCL Book Group 11:00- Libby Workshop 2:30- Teen Reading Lounge 6:00- Family Time 	04 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00- Library Explorers Indoors 2:00- Cakes and Pies Potluck 2:30- Tween Tuesday 	05 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00- Mother Goose & Weebuild 2:00- Wampum Park Apartments 5:30- Movie Night 	06 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:00- Shenango on the Green 1:00- Build a DIY Bird Feeder 	07 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:00- Library Stitches 	08 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:00- Reading Buddies
February 10-15 I Love My Library Because...					
10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:30- Teen Reading Lounge 3:30- Planes of Paper Competition 6:00- Beatnik Café 	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00- Library Explorers Indoors 1:30- Grief Support Group 2:30- Tween Tuesday 	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00- Mother Goose & Weebuild 2:00- Highland Terrace Apartments 4:00- New Bedford Church 5:30- Movie Night 	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3:30- Anti-Valentine's Day Bash 5:00- Crochet/Knit Club 	14	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00- Chess Club 11:00- Play and Grow 2:00- Genealogy Club
February 18-22 Guess the Book in the Jar					
17 <p style="text-align: center;">President's Day Library Closed</p>	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00- Library Explorers Indoors 10:30- UPMC Jameson Place 2:30- Tween Tuesday 5:00- Paint with Bob Ross 	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00- Mother Goose & Weebuild 12:00- Maria's Country Store 5:30- Movie Night 	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00- Family Place Together Time Series 3:30- Teen Gaming Club 	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:00- Library Stitches 	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:00- Saturday Movie Matinee
February 24-March 10 Oscar Prediction Contest					
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What's New With Us?

Adult Services

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Adult Services is excited to introduce a slate of programs celebrating African-American History Month! Brenda Tate, Pittsburgh's first African-American female police officer, will be presenting her new book, *Journal of a Black Woman in Blue*, on February 25. We will also be celebrating the birthday of Vivian Davidson Hewitt, the first African-American librarian in Pittsburgh, with a display of her life and achievements. Genealogy Club will continue on February 15. Come learn about microfilm and our obituary index with us!

Circulation

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Stay connected this February with our Library Circulation Department! This is the perfect time to discover your next literary adventure. Whether you're looking for a thrilling mystery, a heartwarming romance, or a thought-provoking nonfiction book, we have something for everyone. Browse our shelves, explore our online resources, and let us help you find your perfect read.

Development

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Our Library's Finest are a group of active under-40 community members who value the library's services and programming. They raise funds in a friendly competition to raise awareness and funding to support our work in the community. Looking for something fun to do? Please check our website for the many great fundraising activities our Library's Finest have going on!

District Services

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The New Castle Public Library is the District Center for four counties, providing support to all libraries in the district. Our staff have had a busy start to 2025. This month we are providing New Director Training for seven Library Directors which will help them with programming by utilizing the district assets collection managed by the New Castle Public Library, as well as a District Strategic Planning Session to plan future district goals.

Outreach

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This February, the Bookmobile Department is excited to bring library services directly to our community! Keep an eye out for our special routes and events designed to engage readers of all ages. We'll be visiting local schools, senior centers, and neighborhoods to promote our collection and encourage new sign-ups. Let's make February a month of discovery, learning, and connection on the go with the Bookmobile!

Youth Services

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February is bursting with new events at the library! Families can attend Reading Buddies, a brand new program promoting literacy as children read to therapy dogs, or attend the Saturday Movie Matinee. Teens can dive into a brand new Teen Reading Lounge series, where they'll discover cool books, explore their passions, and use their voices to make a difference. February also sees the return of Family Place Together Time, a series designed to connect families with valuable community resources.

RESOURCES

[Tutor.com](#)

Your library card provides you with free access to tutor.com. Get live help from 3-10pm 361 days a year!

[Genealogy Department](#)

Explore your local history and your family tree!

[Sensory Kits](#)

Our sensory kits provide tools to improve motor skills, letter and color recognition, and daily living skills in children. Sensory kits can also help maintain calm emotions in those who experience sensory issues.

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