

May 2026 AT YOUR LIBRARY!

New Castle Public Library
207 East North Street
New Castle, PA 16101
www.ncdlc.org
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MEMORIAL TRUST FUND

The New Castle Public Library Board of Directors approved the Kathryn Senko Fray Memorial Trust Fund at their March Board Meeting. The memorial fund is a statement of what Kathryn lived by and believed in, supporting the youth. As a 1984 graduate of New Castle High School, Kathryn completed her Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Education at Slippery Rock University, and later earned a Master's of Education from Westminster College. Kathryn taught chemistry at Laurel High School for 14 years, served as an assistant Track and Field coach, and oversaw the 8th-grade Travel Club's annual trips. The memorial trust fund will provide permanent funding for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) collection items and STEM programming, with a preference towards Youth Services.

Those interested in making a contribution to the Kathryn Senko Fray Memorial Trust Fund can do so by mailing a check payable to New Castle Public Library with Kathryn Senko Fray Memorial Trust Fund written in the memo line or by visiting tinyurl.com/ksfmontfund.

MUG CLUB

Can't get enough audiobooks? By joining our mug club you will not only get a one-of-a-kind handmade mug designed by a PennOhio Clay guild potter but your contribution supports our Libby collection. Visit ncdlc.org/mug for more information and to purchase your mug today!

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Library support the library through their ongoing fundraiser, the Book Cellar. New members are always welcome. To learn more and become a member of the Friends', visit ncdlc.org/friends-book-cellar or stop by the Book Cellar during its open hours:
Thursdays - 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Fridays - 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Saturdays - 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

FIREFIGHTER FOR A DAY

Stop by the Patron Services Desk to enter for the chance to win the experience to be a Firefighter for a Day featuring: a ride on a Fire Truck, storytime at the library, a tour of the fire department, and lunch! Entries cost \$1 each. The winner will be announced via Facebook Live on April 30, 2026. The Firefighter for a day experience will take place on Saturday, May 23, 2026.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

CEO and Library Director Andrew Henley and Deputy Director of Finance and Institutional Advancement Carissa Neary are headed to the International Public Library Fundraising Conference in Columbus, Ohio this June where they will present! The team has raised over \$1M since August 2023!

ANNUAL MAGAZINE

View our Annual Magazine by visiting ncdlc.org/about. The publication includes highlights of programs, services, community partnerships, fundraising efforts, donor recognition, and institutional updates for the 2025 year.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Tuesday - Thursday:
10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Friday & Saturday:
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Sunday & Monday: Closed

ROOM RENTALS


The library's Copernicus Room is available to be rented out by individuals, community groups, and businesses. The meeting room provides a private space, is available during regular library hours, and should be reserved at least two weeks in. To learn more visit ndlc.org/meeting-rooms. To book the room, call 724-658-6659 ext 128 or email rental@ncdlc.org.

GROW FUNDRAISER





60% of the funds raised during the 2025/26 Grow campaign will be used to reduce food insecurity and nourish the community's youth, while the other 40% of funding received will be used for immediate building improvements. To learn more about Grow including upcoming events or how you can make a difference, visit ncdlc.org/grow today. Please note that our annual Gala was canceled for this year.



\$43,428 raised out of \$100,000 goal

Grow events and programs are
denoted by our signature flower. 

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 www.ncdlc.org  724-658-6659



Children PreK-5th Grade

Pre-K Storytime

Tuesdays | 10:30-12:00

Library Closed on Tuesday, May 26

Mother Goose Storytime & Weebuild

Wednesdays | 10:30-12:00

Pokémon Club

May 9 | 11:00 - 12:00

Reading Buddies

May 9 | 1:00 - 2:00

Library Explorers Outdoors

We meet at county parks from noon to 2:00 p.m. for learning fun and outdoor play. Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the park with your friends.

May 7 | Marti Park: ReMake Learning Event with Lawrence County Conservation District, Jeannie Shay, and the STREAM Table

May 14 | Westminster College Field Station: ReMake Learning Event with Dr. Patrick Krantz who will talk about bees and pollinators

May 21 | Shenango Community Park Trail Walk: Do you see what I see?

May 28 | Scotland Meadows - Duck, Duck, GOOSE!



LAWRENCE COUNTY
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

143 Day at the Library

May 23 | 11:00 - 2:00

Celebrate kindness in honor of Mr. Rogers. We will encourage small acts of gratitude and will discuss doing good deeds.



Tween and Young Adult Ages 8-18

Guess that Manga!

May 6 | 2:30-3:30

Give verbal clues and act out various manga for your team to guess the right answer. Be careful; don't say forbidden terms or you're out!

Friendship Bracelets

May 13 | 2:30-3:30

Make and give a thoughtful gift for someone you care about. The bracelets are quick and super-easy to make, the perfect craft to learn.

Don't Drop the (Poke)Ball!

May 20 | 2:30-3:30

Challenge yourself! Teams will compete for bragging rights and prizes, and there will be snacks.

Teens Try; Youth Led Humanities

May 23 | 1:00-2:00

Cassie Holsopple will lead a group discussion about fantasy themes in art, literature, and imagination followed by creating fantasy art.



Library Website Puzzling

May 27 | 2:30-3:30

Enjoy a snack and explore the library website to learn more about the library's resources.



Adults Ages 19 and up

Tuesday Night Book Club

May 5 | 4:30-5:45

The Sirens by Emilia Hart

NCPL Book Group

May 6 | 10:30 - 12:00

The Bookshop: A History of the American Bookstore by Evan Friss

Speakers of Singing Winds

May 7 | 6:00 | Stone Castle Abbey

The Speakers of Singing Winds are Native Americans currently living in Western Pennsylvania who travel as the speakers' bureau for the Council of the Three Rivers American Indian Center. Several different nations are represented, and individual speakers carry a wide diversity of background and life experience which they openly share as part of their presentations. Attendees will get to witness the beauty and rhythm of the heartbeat of the Nation as traditional and modern Native Americans music and dance come to life, as well as discover the ways of life of indigenous peoples who lived in Western Pennsylvania.

Grief Support Group

May 13 | 1:00-2:30

This group is facilitated by grief counselors at Three Rivers Hospice. This grief support group aims to provide a supportive environment where you can freely express your feelings, thoughts, and worries. Together we can find strength, resilience, and hope. We kindly request that you pre-register by calling Erin at 412-478-6052.

Recipe Series: Spring Desserts

May 14 | 2:00 - 3:00

Bring a favorite dessert to share and sample along with the recipe.

Genealogy Club

May 23 | 2:00-3:00

Come check out the new home of the Genealogy Center on the first floor of the library and work with our Genealogy Lead Chris Fabian, who has been with the library for 45 years.



Family and All Ages

Beatnik Café

May 11 | 6:00-8:00 | After Hours

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

Friends of the NCPL Board Meeting

May 13 | 11:00 - 12:00

Crochet/Knit Club

May 14 & 28 | 4:30 - 5:30

DIY Bead Lizard Keychain

May 19 | 3:00 - 3:45

NCPL Board Meeting

May 19 | 4:30 - 5:30

Summer Reading Kick-Off Party

May 30 | 11:00 - 2:00

See back page for more information!



Bookmobile

RJ Schill Apartments

May 5 | 1:00-2:00

410 Short St, Ellwood City

Clen-Moore Place

May 5 | 2:30-3:30

22 W Clen Moore Blvd, New Castle

Wampum Park Apartments

May 6 | 1:00-2:00

159 Alpha Dr, Wampum

Shenango on the Green

May 7 | 1:00-2:00

238 S Market St, New Wilmington

Challenges

May 7 & 21 | 10:30-11:30

2706 Mercer Rd, New Castle

Highland Terrace Apartments

May 13 | 1:00-2:00

111 W Fairmont Ave, New Castle

Berner International

May 14 & 28 | 1:00-2:30

111 Progress Ave, New Castle

Jameson Place

May 19 | 10:30-11:30

3345 Wilmington Rd, New Castle

Shenango Treetops

May 19 | 2:00-3:00

1562 Frew Mill Rd, New Castle

Maria's Country Store

May 20 | 12:00-1:00

832 Plain Grove Rd, Volant

Neshannock Woods

May 27 | 2:00-3:00

209 Cambridge St, New Castle

Northview Estates

May 28 | 10:30-11:30

276 Villa Maria Rd, Pulaski

Y-Zone

May 29 | 10:30-11:30

428 Eleanor Dr, New Castle

Villa Maria

The library is closed on our regularly scheduled day. Please check our social media pages for updates as to when our next stop will be. Thank you for your understanding!

Program Sponsors

Thank you to Growing Together Community Center and The Doula's Advocate for sponsoring both Children's and Tween and Young Adult programming.



Growing Together
COMMUNITY CENTER

The Doula's Advocate



Courtney Camara

May 2026

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Register for events and programs at ncdlc.org/events or by calling 724-658-6659

Program Color Code
 Children Teen and Young Adults
 Adult Family and All Ages
 Bookmobile

Asterisk (*) denotes off-site program;
 Bookmobile stops are off-site

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4:30-5:45

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Shenango on the Green

6:00



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Northview Estates
Library Explorers Outdoors*
Crochet / Knit Club
Berner International

10:30-11:30 Y Zone

11:00-2:00

Summer Reading Kick-Off Party

GROW WITH US

Want to support community enrichment opportunities? Consider sponsoring programs hosted by the New Castle Public Library such as one-time and recurring programs or series, like the Summer Reading Program. To learn more, contact development@ncdlc.org or call 724.658.6659 ext. 104.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM



Get ready to Unearth a Story this summer! Join us for our summer reading kick-off party on Saturday, May 30 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the library! We will travel back to a time when giants roamed the earth. We are thrilled to welcome magician Steve Haberman, who will lead us on a prehistoric journey filled with “dino-mite” illusions. The fun isn’t extinct when the show ends; Steve will be staying to twist custom balloon animals (perhaps even a T-Rex or two!) for all our young explorers. Our local community partners will also have various activities set up. While you’re at the library, make sure to register for the Summer Reading Program. Pick up your reading logs and start your quest to discover the treasures hidden within the pages of a book. Let’s dig in!

KIDS FRIDGE UPDATE!



Through the hard work and dedication of the Youth Services Department staff, the library is now partnering with the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank through the Child Nutrition and Youth Programs! This partnership allows us to keep the fridge full of healthy snacks such as granola bars, yogurt, cheese sticks, fruit and more at a lower cost.

This partnership is vital to us as we work to sustain

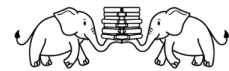
the Kids Fridge. If you are interested in reducing food insecurity amongst our youth, consider donating to our Grow campaign, 60% of the proceeds will be used to reduce food insecurity and nourish the community’s youth, while the other 40% of funding received will be used for immediate building improvements.

Since its inception in 2023, over 8,000 snacks have been given out to youth patrons. It was reported that 1 in 5 children in Lawrence County may not have enough food¹.

Continuous Sponsors include:

Pittsburgh Greater Community Food Bank, Apple Castle, Grable Foundation, & Stoessel Orchard Fund of The Pittsburgh Foundation
Source: pittsburghfoodbank.org, Hunger in Our Region webpage¹

MUG CLUB



Sip, Support, and Read with Purpose!

We’re brewing up something special—a one-of-a-kind monthly or yearly subscription experience that blends art, flavor, and community impact.

Yearly, you’ll receive a handcrafted ceramic literacy themed mug. Monthly, savor the goodness of locally roasted coffee or tea, and support access to digital reads through the New Castle District Library Center’s Libby platform.

For only \$15.00 per month or \$180.00 per year, you will be a part of this exclusive club! Spaces limited.

Scan the QR code or visit ncdlc.org/mug to learn more and to join the club!



PennOhio Clay Guild



RESOURCES

Kids Fridge

Youth patrons can enjoy healthy snacks at no cost from the fridge.

Genealogy Division

Explore your local history and your family tree every third Saturday of the month at Genealogy Club!

Sensory Kits

Our sensory kits include tools to help enhance motor skills, letter and color recognition, daily living skills while maintaining calm emotions in children who experience sensory overload.

[Internet Access, Printing Services, STEM Kits, and Programs and Classes for All Ages](#)