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Goal: \$100,000



LIBRARY'S FINEST GALA

The 2025 Library's Finest Gala is approaching quickly! Visit us at ncdlc.org/gala to hear more about our annual Gala and to purchase tickets. The Library's Finest is an annual fundraiser that brings the area's young adults together in a friendly, fun competition to support the library. This night of food and fun supporting the Library will be held at the Villa on June 6. We hope you will celebrate a great year with us!



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SPOTLIGHT



Join us in the final installation of our cultural series: Religious Experiences Around the World! From May 6-May 10, the Library will be joined by Tibetan Monks from the Drepung Loseling Monastery. During the week they will be hosting a Sand Mandala Painting Exhibition right here at the Library.

On May 9, the Scottish Rite Cathedral will host a once-in-a-lifetime performance, "The Mystical Arts of Tibet: Sacred Music, Sacred Chants for Peace & Healing". The performance begins at 9:30 AM. Tickets cost \$15, but the library has 200 sponsored tickets available on a first come first serve basis. Scan the QR code below or visit ncdlc.org/cultural for more information and to claim your ticket.



SUMMER READING KICKOFF



Join us on Saturday, May 31 for our Color Our World: Summer Reading Launch party! The fun begins at 11:00 AM with your chance to sign up for our summer reading program. Dive into a world of books and earn exciting prizes all summer long! While you're signing up, unleash your inner artist with colorful crafts, color our library with vibrant chalk art masterpieces, and enjoy light refreshments. At 12:00 PM, the party really gets foaming with Funtastic Foam Parties! We'll have two foam cannons blasting colorful foam and pumping up the music for an epic foam party experience. Dance, play, and get covered in a rainbow of suds! For more information, check out our Facebook page or visit ncdlc.org. We can't wait to start summer reading with you!

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.



Children PreK-5th Grade

Pre-K Storytime

May 6, 13, 20, 27 | 10:00-11:30

Library Explorers Outdoors!

12:00-2:00
May 1 - Scotland Meadows Union
May 8 - Shenango Community Park
May 15 - New Wilmington Borough Park
May 22 - Ewing Park
May 29 - Marti Park

Mother Goose Storytime & Weebuild

May 7, 14, 21, 28 | 10:00-11:30

Reading Buddies

May 10 | 1:00-2:00

A reading program where children are welcome to share their favorite books with dogs!

First Chapter Reading Club

May 30 | 3:30-4:30

Join us for a reading and discussion group that introduces school-ages readers to different subjects and genres each month.



Tween and Young Adult Ages 8-18

Tween Tuesday

May 6, 13, 20 | 2:30-3:30

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

Teen Reading Lounge

May 7, 14, 21 | 2:30-3:30

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

ARRL HAM Radio Club

May 29 | 6:00-8:00

Collaborative Club with New Castle Jr/Sr High School.



Family and all Ages

Mandala Sand Painting Opening Ceremony

May 6 | 12:30-1:30

Join the Drepung Loseling Monastery as they perform the Mandala Sand Painting Opening Ceremony.

Mystical Arts of Tibet Performance

May 9 | 9:30

Mandala Sand Painting Closing Ceremony

May 10 | 2:00-3:00

This ceremony will mark the end of the Drepung Loseling Monastery's visit to the New Castle Public Library.

Beatnik Café

May 12 | 6:00-8:00

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

Remake Learning Days

May 17 | 10:00-2:00

Get ready for a day of hands-on, nature-filled fun at Cascade Park for Remake Learning Days!

Color Our World: Launching Our Summer Reading Adventure!

May 31 | 11:00-1:00

Launch into an unforgettable summer of reading at our Color Our World kickoff party!



Adults Ages 19 and up

May Day Movie Showing

May 1 | 2:00-4:00

Celebrate International Worker's Day with a movie about worker's rights and histories.

Cascade Park Tours

May 3 & 17 | 9:00

Come enjoy the beauty and local history!

Library Stitchers

May 2 & 16 | 12:00-3:00

Social Action Group

May 3 | 10:00-11:30

Meet with peers to discuss current events and promote positive change.

Nonfiction Book Club

May 3 | 3:00-4:00

Counting the Cost by Jill Duggar

NCPL Book Group

May 5 | 9:30-11:00

August Wilson: A Life by Patti Hartigan

Ruby Tuesday Dine-to-Donate

May 5 | 4:00-10:00

15% of your meal goes towards the library!

Tuesday Night Book Club

May 6 | 6:00-8:00

Wild Dark Shore by Charlotte McConaghy

Movie Night

May 7, 14, 28 | 5:30

Crochet/Knit Club

May 8 & 22 | 5:00-6:00

Mingle with Monks

May 8 | 7:00

Get to know the Monks of the Drepung Loseling Monastery at the Stone Castle Abbey!

Recipe Series: Dips!

May 13 | 2:00-3:00

To continue with our recipe series, bring in your favorite homemade dips with the recipe!

Grief Support Group

May 14 | 1:00-2:30

Genealogy Club

May 17 | 2:00-3:00

From Earth to Art: A Journey Through the History of Clay Working

May 21 | 5:30-7:00

Members of the PennOhio Clay Guild will be joining us for an exciting presentation on the history of clay working.

A Visit From the Coroner's Office

May 27 | 6:30-8:00

Lawrence County Deputy Coroner Adam Chmura will be visiting the library to present a look into the daily operations of the coroner's office.

Chair Yoga for Grief

May 28 | 1:00-2:00

Grief and emotions can be felt in our bodies join us for gentle yoga to release grief.

Prohibition Night

May 31 | 5:00-8:00

Step back in time for an unforgettable evening of illicit indulgence at New Castle Union Craft Distillery's Prohibition Night!

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



Bookmobile

Challenges

May 1 & 15 | 9:00-10:00

2706 Mercer Rd, New Castle

Shenango on the Green

May 1 | 1:00-2:00

238 S Market St, New Wilmington

RJ Schill Apartments

May 6 | 1:00-2:00

410 Short St, Ellwood City

Wampum Park Apartments

May 7 | 1:00-2:00

159 Alpha Dr, Wampum

New Bedford Presbyterian Church

May 7 | 4:00-5:00

151 Woodland Dr, New Bedford

Highland Terrace Apartments

May 14 | 2:00-3:00

111 W Fairmont Ave, New Castle

The Grove at New Castle

May 15 | 2:00-3:00

715 Harbor St, New Castle

Shenango Treetops

May 19 | 2:00-3:00

1562 Frew Mill Rd, New Castle

UPMC Jameson Place

May 20 | 10:30-11:30

3345 Wilmington Rd, New Castle

YMCA Storytime

May 21 | 10:00-11:00

20 W Washington St, New Castle

Maria's Country Store

May 21 | 12:00-1:00

832 Plain Grove Rd, Volant

Villa Maria

May 27 | 1:30-2:30

276 Villa Maria Rd, Pulaski

Neshannock Woods

May 28 | 2:00-3:00

209 Cambridge St, New Castle

Y-Zone

May 30 | 10:30-11:30

428 Eleanor Dr, New Castle

Clen-Moore Place

May 30 | 1:00-2:00

22 W Clen Moore Blvd, New Castle

A Sampling of New Books This Month

Children

Freedom Celebration: A Juneteenth Party by Angela Dalton

Firefly Season by Cynthia Leitich Smith

Young Adult

The Dark Tide by Alicia Jasinska

Boichi, Riichi Inagaki v. 1, 2, & 3

by Riichi Inagaki Boichi

Adult

Say You'll Remember Me by Abby

Jiminez

Overkill by J.A. Jance

Far From Home by Danielle Steel*

Give Me Butterflies by Jillian Meadows*

* denotes audiobook

May 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			01 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00-10:00 Challenges 12:00-2:00 Library Explorers Outdoors 12:00-3:00 May Day Movie Showing 1:00-2:00 Shenango on the Green 	02 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:00-3:00 Library Stitchers 	03 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 Cascade Park Tour 10:00-11:30 Social Action Group 1:00-3:00 Art Reception at the Hoyt 3:00-4:00 Nonfiction Book Club

May 6-11 | Mandala Sand Painting

05 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30-11:00 NCPL Book Group 4:00-10:00 Ruby Tuesday Dine-to-Donate 6:00-7:30 Family Time 	06 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00-11:30 Pre-K Storytime 12:30-1:30 Mandala Sand Painting Opening Ceremony 2:30-3:30 Tween Tuesday RJ Schill 1:00-2:00 Apartments Tuesday 6:00-8:00 Evening Book Club 	07 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00-11:30 Mother Goose & Weebuild 1:00-2:00 Wampum Park Apartments 2:30-3:30 Teen Reading Lounge 4:00-5:00 New Bedford Church 5:30 Movie Night 	08 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:00-2:00 Library Explorers Outdoors 5:00-6:00 Crochet/Knit Club 7:00 Mingle with Monks-Limited Tickets 	09 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30-11:00 The Mystical Arts of Tibet: Sacred Music and Chants for Peace and Healing <p>Library Closed for Special Event Opening At Noon</p>	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:00-2:00 Reading Buddies 2:00-3:00 Mandala Sand Painting Closing Ceremony
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May 19-24 | Spring into Reading Scavenger Hunt | Immigration Journeys

19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:00-3:00 Shenango Treetops 	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00-11:30 Pre-K Storytime 10:30-11:30 UPMC Jameson Place 2:30-3:30 Tween Tuesday 4:30 Board Meeting 	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00-11:00 YMCA Storytime 10:00-11:30 Mother Goose & Weebuild 12:00-1:00 Maria's Country Store 2:30-3:30 Teen Reading Lounge 5:30-7:00 The History of Clay Making 	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:00-2:00 Library Explorers Outdoors 5:00-6:00 Crochet/Knit Club 	23	24
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May 26-31 | What's Your Summer Reading Goal? | Spring into Reading Scavenger Hunt

26 <p>Library Closed for Memorial Day</p>	27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00-11:30 Pre-K Storytime 1:30-2:30 Villa Maria 6:30-8:00 A Visit From the Coroner's Office 	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00-11:30 Mother Goose & Weebuild 1:00-2:00 Yoga for Grief 2:00-3:00 Neshannock Woods 5:30 Movie Night 	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:00-2:00 Library Explorers Outdoors 6:00-8:00 ARRL HAM Radio Club 	30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30-11:30 Y-Zone 1:00-2:00 Clen-Moore Place 3:30-4:30 First Chapter Reading Club 	31 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:00-1:00 Summer Reading Launch Party 5:00-8:00 Prohibition Night
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What's New With Us?

Adult Services

Gabrielle Lucas, Adult Services Manager
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This May, we've curated a special lineup of programs to engage your mind, body, and spirit. Stop by all week from May 6-11 to view a mandala sand painting by the Drepung Loseling Monastery. Plus, later in the month join us for a thought-provoking presentation by the Lawrence County Coroner's Office, a creative exploration on the history of pottery with the PennOhio Clay Guild, and a gentle, healing Yoga for Grief chair yoga session hosted by Three Rivers Hospice. We hope to see you there!

Circulation

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May is here, and it's time to celebrate all things fresh and blooming! As the days get longer and the sun shines brighter, our circulation team is here to help keep you connected. Whether you're catching up on your favorite magazine, getting lost in a novel, or staying up-to-date with current events, we've got you covered. Be sure to check out our special May promotions and updates! Stay tuned for exciting changes, new offerings, and helpful tips to make your reading experience even better. Thank you for being a valued member of our community!

Development

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The library is bringing back tours of Cascade Park! Tickets are now available for two tour dates this May. Enjoy the beauty and history of this local gem and support the library. All proceeds from the tours go towards the Cascade Park Trust Fund.



District Services

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The New Castle Library District has a new delivery vehicle and a new delivery driver! Phil Fitts Ford dealership is partly sponsoring the cost of the new 2025 Ford Escape Hybrid delivery vehicle and is helping the district bring needed resources to families in the 24 public libraries throughout Lawrence, Mercer, Armstrong and Butler counties! As the District Library Center, New Castle Public Library is providing District Director training on District Resources on May 2. All the libraries will participate in the development of their annual agreement of services on May 9. This year, the New Castle Public Library provided the opportunity for each of the member libraries to have additional support funding for programming, technology upgrades and continuing education. These funds must all be spent by May 15.

Outreach

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May is a month of growth and connection! Our Outreach Division is excited to continue fostering relationships within the community through engaging programs and services. This month, we're focusing on expanding our reach, bringing new opportunities to those who need them most. Whether it's hosting a local event, offering resources, or partnering with organizations, we are dedicated to making a positive impact. Stay tuned for upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, and new initiatives. We're grateful for your continued support and look forward to working together to strengthen our community this May and beyond!

Youth Services

Cat Huth, MLIS, Youth Services Librarian
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Kickoff summer with the return of our Summer Reading Party on May 31 at 11:00 AM. Join us as we "Color Our World" with crafts, outdoor fun, and a colorful foam party! We're partnering with fantastic community groups to make this kickoff unforgettable. Don't miss the fun!

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 Division

Explore your local history and your family tree!

Sensory Kits

Our sensory kits include tools designed to enhance motor skills, letter and color recognition, and daily living skills in children. The kits can also help maintain calm emotions in those who experience sensory issues.

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

Library's Finest Gala

Secure your tickets to the 2025 Gala by scanning the QR code below or by visiting ncdlc.org/gala.



Friday, June 6

5:00 - 8:30 PM

The Villa

2500 New Butler Road, New Castle



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Don't forget to bring your family and friends! Then simply present this flyer to your server, and we'll **Give Back 15% of the purchase** to your organization.