September 2025 AT YOUR LIBRARY!

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FALL CULTURAL SERIES

Our Interconnected World delves into the intricate ways humanity is interwoven with the natural environment and with each other. Through a diverse range of programs, we'll explore themes of life, death, sustainability, and the profound impact of scientific inquiry on our understanding of the world. Running from September to November, our Cultural Series hosts a number of exciting events! Join us for our kick off at Apple Castle on September 13 for a detailed tour. On September 23, listen to a special presentation by the Lawrence County Conservation District about our local water systems. In October, our Cultural Series explores the apiary at Westminster College to learn about the impact of bees on our ecosystem. The fun doesn't end there, October is packed full of education with a visit to the Lawrence County Sportsman's Association and a presentation on environmental decomposition by former FBI agent Joseph DiZinno. Our Interconnected World wraps up in early November with a visit from Curt Meine, a New Castle environmentalist native. and Senior Fellow at the Aldo Leopold Foundation! Keep an eye out for more information and dates in our



October calendar! Twice a year,

the New Castle Public Library's

Cultural Series aims to educate our

community on different areas that

impact culture. The Spring Cultural

Series: Religious Experiences Around

the World, offered presentations

and performances examining how

religions impact culture. The Fall

Cultural Series: Our Interconnected

those unique presentations and

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incorporate

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World,

(21+) After-Hours event to celebrate the official launch of the GROW Campaign. For more information or to register to attend, please email idaniels@ncdlc.org. For more

information about the campaign, visit ncdlc.org/grow to hear about the initiative and to donate. We look forward to this season of GROWTH

for the New Castle Public Library and our entire community!

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY



to unresolved budget discussions in Harrisburg, Friends of the Library Book Cellar will remain closed Monday-Wednesday until further notice. However, efforts continue with the basket raffle for children's books! The raffle drawing is scheduled for Saturday, September 13, the date of the Friends of the Library indoor yard sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The winner will be drawn at the end of the sale, so be sure to stop by before you miss out! The Cellar is still open and back downstairs, so stop by and take a look on your next visit.

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 email volunteer@ncdlc.org.

FOLLOW & CONTACT US













Children PreK-5th Grade First Monday Family Time

September 1 | 6:00-7:30

Pre-K Storytime

September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | 10:00-11:30 Mother Goose Storytime & Weebuild September 3, 10, 17, 24 | 10:00-11:30 **Library Explorers Outdoors!**

12:00-2:00

September 4 - Shenango Community Park

September 11 - Pearson Park September 18 - Ewing Park September 25 - Marti Park

Reading Buddies

September 13 | 1:00-2:00

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

First Chapter Reading Club September 26 | 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

Cooking 101

September 3 | 2:30-3:30

Come join us for a beginner's cooking lesson! We will be making a healthy, nutritious, and delicious snack, chicken ranch tacos.

Homework Help Hours

September 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30| 2:30-4:00

Live one-on-one tutoring as well as virtual assistance through our friends, Tutor.com.

Gaming, Manga, Animation (GMA) Club

September 10 & 24 | 2:30-3:30

Join other tweens and teens for an hour of gaming, anime, and manga activities.

Teen Think Tank: Trivia Time!

September 17 | 2:30-3:30

Challenge yourself to an afternoon of fun teen-focused questions with your friends!

Tween Tuesday

September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | 2:30-3:30 A fun afterschool activity for tweens aged 8-12 featuring games, STEM projects, and crafts.



Adults Ages 19 and up

Tuesday Evening Book Club

September 2 | 6:00-8:00

All the Colors of the Dark by Chris Whitaker Movie Night

September 3, 10, 17, 24 | 5:30

Nonfiction Book Club

September 6 | 9:00-10:00 Wave by Sonali Deraniyagala

Tech Time

September 5 & 19 | 2:00-4:00

Whether you're a beginner or just need a little help, our friendly staff will be on hand to answer your tech questions!

NCPL Book Group

September 8 | 9:30-11:00 The Women by Kristen Hannah Grief Support Group September 10 | 1:00-2:30

Crochet/Knit Club

September 11 & 25 | 5:00-6:00

Grow Launch Party

September 12 | 6:00-7:30

A private launch party for the Grow Campaign! 21+ Event.

Genealogy Club September 20 | 2:00-3:00

Parent Information Session:

Homework Help

September 16 | 6:00-6:45

An informational session about the library's new, after-school homework help for students!

True Crime Storytime (18+)

September 18 | 6:30-8:00

Bring your most interesting short summaries of true crime stories to share!

Where Olive Trees Weep Screening September 27 | 1:00-3:30

Join us for a special screening of the powerful and poignant documentary.



Family and All Ages Beatnik Café

September 8 | 6:00-8:00

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

Apple Castle Tour September 13 | 11:00-1:00

Kick off the fall cultural series with a tour of Apple Castle, connecting agriculture, nature, and the food on our tables!

NCPL Board Meeting

September 16 | 4:30-5:30

Chess Club

September 20 | 10:00-11:30

LCFLS Board Meeting

September 22 | 1:00-2:00

We All Live Downstream: Lawrence County Conservation District

September 23 | 6:00-8:00

Join us for an enlightening program presented by the Lawrence County Conservation District!

Cascade Park Film Premiere

September 25 | 6:00

Don't misss the premiere of this historic footage of Cascade Park!

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



Bookmobile

Clen-Moore Place September 1 | 1:30-2:30 W Clen Moore Blvd, New Castle **RJ Schill Apartments** September 2 | 1:00-2:00 410 Short St, Ellwood City Wampum Park Apartments September 3 | 1:00-2:00 159 Alpha Dr, Wampum Challenges September 4 & 18 | 9:00-10:00 2706 Mercer Rd, New Castle Shenango on the Green September 4 | 1:00-2:00 238 S Market St, New Wilmington Highland Terrace Apartments September 10 | 1:00-2:00 111 W Fairmont Ave, New Castle Shenango Treetops September 15 | 2:00-3:00 1562 Frew Mill Rd, New Castle Jameson Place September 16 | 10:30-11:30 3345 Wilmington Rd, New Castle Maria's Country Store September 17 | 12:00-1:00

832 Plain Grove Rd, Volant Neshannock Woods September 24 | 2:00-3:00 209 Cambridge St, New Castle Y-Zone

September 26 | 10:30-11:30 428 Eleanor Dr. New Castle

Villa Maria September 29 | 1:30-2:30 276 Villa Maria Rd, Pulaski

A Sampling of New **Books This Month**

Children

A World Without Summer: A Volcano Erupts, A Creature Awakens, and the

Detective Beans: Adventures in Cat

Young Adult

Beasts by Ingvild Bjerkeland

Tell Me Every Lie by Ellen Hagan

Adult The New Book by Nikki Giovanni

Wild Reverence by Rebecca Ross

American Kings: A Biography of the

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Wednesday Thursday **Tuesday** Monday Friday Saturday 05 01 02 06 9:00- Challenges ♦ 9:00- Nonfiction ▲ 10:00- Pre-K 2:00- Tech Time △ 10:00- Mother Goose 10:00 Book Club 11:30 Storytime 11:30 & Weebuild 10:00 4:00 **Labor Day** 1:00- RJ Schill 12:00- Library 1:00- Wampum Park 2:00 Apartments 2:00 Explorers Library Apartments 2:00 2:30-Tween Outdoors 2:30-Cooking 101 3:30 Tuesday Closed 1:00- Shenango on 3:30 2:30- Homework 2:00 the Green **★**5:30 Movie Night 4:00 Help Hours 2:30- Homework ★6:00- Tues. Evening 4:00 Help Hours 8:00 Book Club 09 12 10:00- PA Careerlink ★9:30- NCPL Book △ 10:00- Pre-K △ 10:00- Mother Goose 9:00- Friends of Youth Services 11:00 Group 11:30 Storytime 11:30 & Weebuild 2:00 Resource Fair 3:00 the Library Department Cosing 1:00- Highland 2:30- Tween ♠12:00- Library Indoor Yard 6:00- Beatnik Café 3:30 Tuesday 2:00 Terrace 2:00 Explorers at 3:00 p.m. 8:00 Sale ★1:00- Grief Support Outdoors 11:00- Apple Castle 2:30- Homework ★6:00- Grow Launch 4:00 Help Hours 1:00 Tour 2:30 Group 2:30-Homework 7:30 Party (21+) GMA Club 4:00 Help Hours <u> 1:00-</u> 2:30-Reading 3:30 ★5:00- Crochet/ 2:00 **Buddies** ★ 5:30 Movie Night 1:00-Knit Club Prism Initiative 6:00 Volunteer Fair 17 18 19 20 16 ▲ 10:00 Pre-K Storytime ▲ 10:00- Mother Goose 9:00- Challenges ★ 2:00- Tech Time 10:00- Chess Club 2:00- Shenango 10:30-Jameson 11:30 & Weebuild 3:00 Treetops 10:00 11:30 4:00 11:30 Place 12:00- Library ★2:00- Genealogy 12:00- Maria's △ 6:00- Family Time ★11:00-Voter 2:00 Explorers 3:00 Club 7:30 1:00 Country Store 3:00 Registration Outdoors ■2:30- Tween 2:30- Teen Think 3:30 Tuesday 2:30- Homework 3:30 Tank: Trivia! 2:30- Homework Help Hours 4:00 ★5:30 Movie Night 4:00 Help Hours ★6:30- True Crime 5:30- Touch-a-Trunk 8:00 Storytime 7:30 (18+)★6:00- Parent Session: 6:45 Homework Help 26 1:00- LCFLS Board △ 10:00- Pre-K △ 10:00- Mother Goose 12:00- Library 10:30- Y-Zone ☆1:00- Where Olive 11:30 & Weebuild Explorers 2:00 2:00 Meeting 11:30 Storytime 11:30 3:30 Trees Weep Outdoors 2:30- Tween △ 3:30- First Chapter Screening 2:00- Neshannock 4:30 Reading Club 3:30 Tuesday 2:30-Homework Woods 3:00 2:30- Homework Help Hours 4:00 GMA Club 2:30-Help Hours 4:00 ₩5:00-Crochet/ 3:30 6:00-We All Live Knit Club 6:00 ★ 5:30 Movie Night 8:00 Downstream: 6:00 Cascade Lawrence Park Film County Premiere Conservation District 30 1:30- Villa Maria △ 10:00- Pre-K 11:30 Storytime 2:30 2:30- Tween 3:30 Tuesday 2:30- Homework Help Hours 4:00







WHAT'S NEW WITH US

Adult Services

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This September, we're launching Cultural Series, Fall Interconnected World! Discover the ties between our community, environment, and local heritage. This month, visit Apple Castle to tour the farm and learn about local agriculture, hear from Lawrence County Conservation District on preserving natural water resources, and visit the Lawrence County Sportsman's Association to hear out responsible outdoor recreation and tour their facility! Plus, enjoy our regular adult programs. Check our calendar for details and registration. Join us to connect and learn!

Outreach

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September is a month of connection and community! The Library's Outreach Division is hitting the road with visits to schools, senior centers, and local events to share resources and bring the library to you. Look for us at community fairs, storytimes, and pop-up library stops throughout the month. We're here to make library services accessible to everyone, wherever you are. Stay connected by following our events calendar and joining us for a month full of engagement.

Development

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Help us save the Carousel Building at Cascade Park! This beloved buliding is in dire need of restoration and you can help. The library has been raising funds to fix the water damage done to the building and complete the restoration project. Visit the website below to learn more and donate to our cause.

www.ncdlc.org/restorethememories

Circulation

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Welcome to September at the library! As the season changes, we're here to help with all your borrowing needs. Whether you're checking out books, picking up holds, or getting a library card, our Circulation team is ready to assist. Don't forget to return summer reads and explore our fall collections. Need help finding something? Just ask, we're happy to help! Let's make this a great start to a season full of learning and discovery.

Youth Services

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This September, the library is bustling with exciting programs for all ages! Kids, don't miss the final month of Library Explorers Outdoors before we wrap up for the season. Tweens, get ready for the return of our popular Tween Tuesday weekly program. Teens, sharpen your culinary skills with a Cooking 101 class, or get a head start on your assignments with our brand-new Homework Help hour (and a half), available every Tuesday and Thursday. We can't wait to see you there!

District Services

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September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month! Come sign-up for a Library Card at the New Castle Public Library District Library Center! Library Card holders can access e-books, audiobooks and full .pdf e-magazines through the Libby App! The District Librarians meeting will be held at the Ford City Public Library and virtually through Zoom on September 12 from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Library Leaders SAVE THE DATE for our strategic planning retreat at Stone Castle Abbey on November 15 from 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m!



Sip, Support, and Read with Purpose!

We're brewing up something special—a one-of-a-kind monthly 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 apart of this exclusive club! Spaces limited.

Scan the QR code to be the first to know about the official launch date this month!







RESOURCES

Tutor.com

Your library card provides you with free access to Tutor.com. Live help is available from 3:00-10:00 p.m, 361 days a year!

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

Internet Access, Printing Services, STEM Kits, and Programs

and Classes for All Ages

who experience sensory overload.