

August 2025 AT YOUR LIBRARY!

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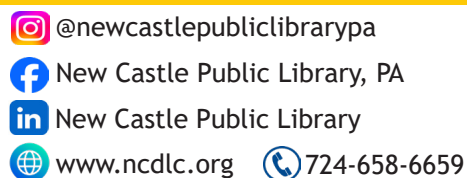
AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE 2025



At the end of June, some of our staff attended the 2025 American Library Association Conference in Philadelphia. The ALA Conference brings together librarians from all over the country to “exchange innovative ideas and turn them into impactful action” (ALA Conference website). The conference featured many prominent voices in the literature world such as Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer and author George Takei. Program subjects ranged from AI to library tours to professional development and genealogy. The conference also offered a marketplace, a look into local libraries, and limitless networking opportunities. We asked our attendees to share their favorite things about their experience at the ALA conference. Here is what they had to say!

Isabelle Daniels (Development Manager): Meeting librarians from all over the country! | **Carissa Neary** (Deputy Director of Finance): Enjoyed the marketplace as we got to connect with vendors whom we work with frequently and provide feedback and suggestions! | **Gabrielle Lucas** (Adult Services Librarian): I enjoyed being able to hear new perspectives and ideas for programming and digitization of local history materials! | **Zoey Ralston** (Circulation Librarian): I enjoyed learning about current library trends, technology, and how we can make the library a better place! | **Cat Huth** (Youth Services Librarian): ALA truly showcased the innovative projects and heartfelt dedication librarians pour into their communities, sparking many ideas I’m excited to bring back to our library. | **Barbara McGary** (District Consultant): This was one of the best conferences have ever attended! I enjoyed meeting inspiring authors, interviewing with the former Librarian of Congress, and more. But even with all of the amazing programming the best part of the conference was spending time with my NCPL management team!

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CASCADE PARK FUNDRAISER



Donate to the Restore the Memories Campaign and help restore the Historic Carousel Building in Cascade Park! Loved and remembered by many, it’s a reminder of the history and recreational heritage of Western PA. It is in dire need of your help! Scan the QR code to donate to the Restore the Memories Campaign!

Should this project become unsuccessful or unfeasible, the funds will be redirected to the New Castle Public Library’s Cascade Park Trust Fund to support other park enhancements.



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Visit the Friends of the Library for their Big Bag Sale from 10-2 on August 2nd! For \$5 and you can fill a bag with great finds, books and DVDs only! Come back for the Friend’s official return on August 9th at 10 AM when they host their Grand Opening!

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

First Monday Family Time

August 4 | 6:00-7:30

Pre-K Storytime

August 5, 12, 19, 26 | 10:00-11:30

Mother Goose Storytime & Weebuild

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

Library Explorers Outdoors!

12:00-2:00

August 7 - Shenango Community Park

August 14 - Pearson Park

August 21 - Cascade Park

August 28 - Marti Park

Reading Buddies

August 9 | 1:00-2:00

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

Stuffed Animal Hospital

August 16 | 9:00-4:00

Give your beloved stuffed animal the VIP treatment they deserve!

First Chapter Reading Club

August 29 | 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

Library Scavenger Hunt

August 6 | 2:00-3:00

Go on a digital treasure hunt to explore online library resources!

Dinner and a Show

August 19 | 4:00-6:00

Enjoy pizza and anime at the public library!

Homework Help Hours

August 25 & 28 | 2:30-4:00

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

Gaming, Manga, Animation (GMA) Club

August 27 | 2:30-3:30

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

Tween Tuesday

August 26 | 2:30-3:30

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

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



Adults Ages 19 and up

Tech Time

August 1 & 15 | 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!

Nonfiction Book Club

August 2 | 9:00-10:00

World in Flames by Jerald Walker

Tuesday Night Book Club

August 5 | 6:00-8:00

The Warmth of the Other Suns by

Isabel Wilkerson

Movie Night

August 6, 13, 20, 27 | 5:30

Tie-Dye Ceramic Mugs

August 7 | 6:00-7:30

Unleash your inner artist and create a vibrant, one-of-a-kind tie-dye mug in this exciting adult craft program!

August is Chocolate Month!

August 12 | 2:00-3:00

Sample Chocolate Recipes!

Grief Support Group

August 13 | 1:00-2:30

Crochet/Knit Club

August 14 & 28 | 5:00-6:00

True Crime Storytime

August 21 | 6:30-8:00

Bring your most interesting short summaries of true crime stories to share. Ages 18+ only.

Frieda McFadden Trivia Night

August 26 | 3:30-4:30

Test your knowledge of one of the most popular thriller writers in America.



Family and All Ages

Color Our World: The Grand Finale!

August 2 | 11:00-1:00

A fun-filled celebration to wrap up a fantastic Summer Reading Program!

Beatnik Café

August 11 | 6:00-8:00

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

Chess Club

August 16 | 10:00-11:30

Historic Cascade Park Walking Tours

August 23 | 10:00-11:00

Join us at Cascade Park for a tour of the rich park history and our hope for its future! The proceeds from the event will benefit the New Castle Public Library's Cascade Park Trust Fund. Online registration required.



Bookmobile

RJ Schill Apartments

August 5 | 1:00-2:00

410 Short St, Ellwood City

Wampum Park Apartments

August 6 | 1:00-2:00

159 Alpha Dr, Wampum

Challenges

August 7 & 21 | 9:00-10:00

2706 Mercer Rd, New Castle

Shenango on the Green

August 7 | 1:00-2:00

238 S Market St, New Wilmington

Highland Terrace Apartments

August 13 | 1:00-2:00

111 W Fairmont Ave, New Castle

Shenango Treetops

August 18 | 2:00-3:00

1562 Frew Mill Rd, New Castle

UPMC Jameson Place

August 19 | 10:30-11:30

3345 Wilmington Rd, New Castle

Maria's Country Store

August 20 | 12:00-1:00

832 Plain Grove Rd, Volant

The Grove at New Castle

August 21 | 2:00-3:00

715 Harbor St, New Castle

Villa Maria

August 25 | 1:30-2:30

276 Villa Maria Rd, Pulaski

Neshannock Woods

August 27 | 2:00-3:00

209 Cambridge St, New Castle

Y-Zone

August 29 | 10:30-11:30

428 Eleanor Dr, New Castle

A Sampling of New Books This Month

Children

Bebé Ama a Abuelita / *Baby Loves*

Grandma by Chela de la Vega

Wanda Hears the Stars: A Blind

Astronomer Listens to the

Universe by Amy S. Hansen

Hulk Teach! by Jeffrey Brown

Young Adult

Transformers v. 3 Combiner Chaos by Daniel Johnson

Uglies by Scott Westerfeld

Adult

We Are All Guilty Here by Karin Slaughter

Rehab: An American Scandal by Shoshanna Walter

Black Cherokee by Antonio Michael Downing

The Fall 2025 Cultural Series: Our Interconnected World

Introducing our Fall 2025 Cultural Series: Our Interconnected World! This series will focus on 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. Events will begin in September, so keep an eye out for more information!

August 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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				★ 2:00- 4:00 Tech Time	★ 9:00- Nonfiction 10:00 Book Club 10:00- Friends of the 2:00 Library's Big Bag Book Sale 11:00- Color Our 1:00 World: The Grand Finale!
04	05	06	07	08	09
12:00- Buddy Bench 1:00 Unveiling 6:00- First Monday 7:30 Family Time	10:00- Pre-K 11:30 Storytime 1:00- RJ Schill 2:00 Apartments ★ 6:00- Tuesday Night 8:00 Book Club	10:00- Mother Goose 11:30 & Weebuild 1:00- Wampum Park 2:00 Apartments 2:00- Library 3:00 Scavenger Hunt ★ 5:30 Movie Night	9:00- Challenges 10:00 12:00- Library 2:00 Explorers Outdoors 1:00- Shenango on the Green 2:00 ★ 6:00- Tie-Dye 7:30 Ceramic Mugs		10:00- Friends of the 2:00 Library's Grand Opening 1:00- Reading 2:00 Buddies
11	12	13	14	15	16
6:00- Beatnik Café 8:00	10:00- Pre-K 11:30 Storytime ★ 2:00- August is 3:00 Chocolate Month!	10:00- Mother Goose 11:30 & Weebuild 1:00- Highland 2:00 Terrace ★ 1:00- Grief Support 2:30 Group ★ 5:30 Movie Night	12:00- Library 2:00 Explorers Outdoors ★ 5:00- Crochet/ 6:00 Knit Club	★ 2:00- Tech Time 4:00	9:00- Stuffed Animal 4:00 Hospital 10:00- Chess Club 11:30
18	19	20	21	22	23
2:00- Shenango 3:00 Treetops	10:00- Pre-K 11:30 Storytime 10:30- UPMC 11:30 Jameson Place 4:00- Dinner and 6:00 a Show	10:00- Mother Goose 11:30 & Weebuild 12:00- Maria's 1:00 Country Store ★ 5:30 Movie Night	9:00- Challenges 10:00 12:00- Library 2:00 Explorers Outdoors 2:00- The Grove 3:00 at New Castle ★ 6:30- True Crime 8:00 Storytime		10:00- Cascade Park 11:00 Walking Tour
25	26	27	28	29	30
1:30- Villa Maria 2:30 2:30- Homework 4:00 Help Hours	10:00- Pre-K 11:30 Storytime 2:30- Tween 3:30 Tuesday ★ 3:30- Frieda 4:30 McFadden Trivia Night	10:00- Mother Goose 11:30 & Weebuild 2:00- Neshannock 3:00 Woods 2:30- GMA Club 3:30 ★ 5:30 Movie Night	12:00- Library 2:00 Explorers Outdoors 2:30- Homework 4:00 Help Hours ★ 5:00- Crochet/ 6:00 Knit Club	10:30- Y-Zone 11:30 3:30- First Chapter 4:30 Reading Club	



WHAT'S NEW WITH US

Youth Services

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The dog days of summer are here, but don't let the end of the Summer Reading Program fool you - the fun is just getting started at the library! August is packed with exciting events for all ages. Little ones can bring their beloved companions to the Stuffed Animal Hospital, where they'll give their stuffies a thorough check-up while learning about health and wellness. Teens can get ready for a night of good food and entertainment with our special Teen Dinner and a Show. Keep the summer vibes going with us all month long!

District Services

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This month, library directors and board presidents are invited to a district training on effective Communicating in the Workplace provided by the Work Wisdom Consulting Group. Community members are encouraged to join us for a new and engaging community group by signing up for the MUG CLUB! New members will receive an original pottery piece from a local artist and receive the opportunity to engage with their local district libraries and artisan coffee blends!

Development

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Come join us at the Children's playground at Cascade Park for the unveiling of a new buddy bench! In partnership with Primary Health and the Master Gardeners, the buddy bench looks to promote socialization and community in our parks. The unveiling will be August 4th, 2025 at noon!

Outreach

Aly Cumpston, Outreach Specialist
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August is a busy month for our Outreach team! We're bringing the library to you with pop-up events, bookmobile visits, and community partnerships all month long. Look for us at local festivals, back-to-school events, and neighborhood gatherings. Need help getting a library card or learning about our services? We've got you covered. Outreach is all about access, so wherever you are, we're here to connect you with books, resources, and more!

Circulation

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As summer winds down, August is the perfect time to stock up on your next great read! Visit the Circulation Desk for help with checkouts, renewals, and placing holds. Don't forget to return your summer materials on time. Ask us about library card sign-ups, just in time for National Library Card Sign-Up Month in September. Looking for something new? We're happy to recommend books, audiobooks, and more to match your interests!

Adult Services

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Get ready for an exciting August at the library! Explore the digital world with the return of Tech Time, offering one-on-one assistance for all your device questions, from e-books to general computer help. Then, delve into captivating real-life mysteries with our NEW True Crime StoryTime, where we'll share fascinating and chilling tales of actual events. Join us for these and many more engaging programs this month!

Color Our World

Scan the QR Code or visit ncdlc.org/events to register for Summer Reading events!



Visit the Help Desk to turn in Summer Reading Bingo cards and win summer prizes!

RESOURCES

Tutor.com

Your library card provides you with free access to Tutor.com. Live help is available from 3-10 PM, 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 who experience sensory overload.

Internet Access, Printing Services, STEM Kits, and Programs and Classes for All Ages

Mug Club

Join Mug Club today! A one-of-a-kind monthly subscription experience that blends art, flavor, and community impact. 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. Scan the QR Code here to sign up!

