

December 2025 AT YOUR LIBRARY!

New Castle Public Library
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HOLIDAY SHOPPING

Visit the Friends of the Library Book Cellar located in the basement for new and used items including decorations, jewelry, books, puzzles, and more!

Temporary Book Cellar Hours

Thursday: 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Friday: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Shop our Bonfire storefront by visiting the Events & More tab and click on Bonfire. Here you can shop library-themed wears including t-shirts, mugs, and canvas bags. Your purchase will be shipped directly to you!



Visit lawrence175.org to get Lawrence County ornaments including McConnells Mill and the Courthouse, as well as the 175th Anniversary flag and commemorative t-shirt. These items can be picked up at the library or mailed directly to you!



Finish all your holiday shopping with a visit to our gift wrapping fundraiser on Saturday, December 6 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Holiday Open House! Funds raised will support the Grow campaign!

NEW HOURS

As many of you know, the Pennsylvania State Budget impasse puts constraints on many sectors within our community. In order to provide for our community to the best of our ability, we are temporarily adjusting our library hours.

Temporary Library Hours

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

We understand that schedule changes can be inconvenient, and we appreciate your patience and understanding. We look forward to serving you again soon at our full capacity.

For any questions or concerns about rentals, events, and programs, please call 724.658.6559, and you will be transferred to the appropriate contact or visit ncdlc.org/events.

GROW FUNDRAISER

Furthering the success of the Grow Campaign, Development Manager Isabelle Daniels has been working with student's through Rutgers University's MBS Externship Exchange Mentor. The students have been researching food insecurity and ways libraries can help.



\$23,365 raised out of \$100,000 goal

LEADERSHIP & GROWTH



Circulation Librarian and Volunteer Coordinator Zoey Ralston is a member of the 2025-26 Leadership Lawrence co-hort. Over the next 7 months, Zoey will tour local businesses, engage with political leaders, expand her leadership skills, and participate in a team project to improve the community.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Organized in 1992, the Friends' membership has grown over the years as more people learn about the activities and achievements of the Friends. New members are always welcome. Dues are tax-deductible. To learn more and become a member visit ncdlc.org/friends-book-cellar.

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

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Children PreK-5th Grade

Pre-K Storytime

Tuesdays | 10:00-11:30

December 23 - Holiday Party

Sponsored by an anonymous donor!

Mother Goose Storytime & Weebuild

Wednesdays | 10:00-11:30

December 24 - Holiday Party

First Monday Family Time

December 1 | 6:00-7:30

Craft a "count down" garland. There will be stories, songs, STEAM challenges and treats.

Pokémon Club

December 13 | 11:00 - 12:30

Reading Buddies

December 13 | 1:00-2:00

Children are invited to read aloud to friendly therapy dogs or participate in author-themed read-alongs. Bring your favorite books or enjoy stories we've selected.

3rd Day of Christmas Children's Tea

December 27 | 1:00-3:00

There will be winter-themed craft tables, singing, tea-time treats and socializing.



Tween and Young Adult Ages 8-18

Tween Tuesday

Tuesdays | 2:30-3:30 | No Session Dec. 23 & 30
A fun afterschool activity for tweens featuring games, STEM projects, and crafts.

Homework Help Hours

Tuesdays & Thursdays | 2:30-4:00

No session December 11, 18, 23, 25, 30

Live one-on-one tutoring as well as virtual assistance through tutor.com.

Gaming, Manga, and Animation (GMA) Club

December 3 | 2:30-3:30

Craft your own manga character on December 3, Follow along with manga artist Mark Crilley to create your own version of Chibi, Naruto, or whatever character you choose to make!

Gifting 101: Yarn-Letters & Decorations

December 10 | 2:30-3:30

Get crafty with this yarn-wrapped letters project! Use the initials of your favorite people (or yourself!) to create personalized presents with colorful yarn.

Gifting 101: Jewelry

December 17 | 2:30-3:30

Design and craft wearable accessories like bracelets, necklaces, and bag-charms using various materials, including beads, tassels, charms, jump rings, wire, silk and more.



Adults Ages 19 and up

NCPL Book Group

December 1 | 9:30-11:00 | Hunters' Woods

The Collected Regrets of Clover by

Mikki Brammer

Tuesday Evening Book Club

December 2 | 4:30-5:45

Cher, Part 1 by Cher

Donuts and Development

December 5 | 9:30-10:30

Meet with CEO Andrew Henley and the Development Division to learn about fundraising events and opportunities as well as what renovations are taking place.

Tech Time

December 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!

Non-Fiction Book Club

December 6 | 9:00-10:00

Yellow Bird by Sierra Crane Merdoch

Grief Support Group

December 10 | 1:00-2:30

True Crime Storytime (18+)

December 18 | 6:30-8:00 | Zoom

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

Roaming Romance Book Club

December 19 | 12:00-1:00 | Off-site

Check with our circulation desk to find where to meet us with your romance read.

Genealogy Club

December 20 | 2:00-3:00

An Austen Afternoon

December 20 | 2:00-4:00

Step into the world of Regency romance!

Join us for a delightful tea party to celebrate the 250th anniversary of Jane Austen's birth accompanied by a movie and bingo!



Family and All Ages

Crochet/Knit Club

December 4 & 18 | 4:30-5:30

Learn new stitches, patterns, and techniques.

Gift-Wrapping Fundraiser

December 6 | 11:00-2:00

Have gifts that need wrapped gorgeously? All the proceeds will go towards the Library's Grow Campaign and will support efforts to combat food insecurity in our community.

Holiday Open House

December 6 | 11:00-2:00

There will be a sleigh-full of winter-themed activities for everyone to enjoy, including cookie decorating, ornament making and a festive family photo booth.

Beatnik Café

December 8 | 6:00-8:00 | The Confluence

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

Tea Time at the Library

December 12 | 3:00-4:00

Sample different varieties of tea and cookies.

Youth Art Reception

December 13 | 1:00-3:00

Join us for a reception for youth artist Emma Zacherl, in partnership with Arts & Education at the Hoyt. Zacherl creates watercolor and water-mixable oil paintings of historical subjects.

Recipe Series: Something That Keeps You Warm

December 16 | 2:00-3:00

Bring your favorite recipe to share and join in conversation.

Holiday Movie Hangout

December 20 | 10:00-12:00

Get into the festive spirit with an afternoon of cozy holiday cheer! Join us for a special screening of a classic Christmas movie, complete with all the best movie snacks.

New Year at Noon

December 31 | 11:30-12:30

Enjoy delicious snacks, create memorable crafts, and gather to celebrate the spirit of the New Year.



Bookmobile

RJ Schill Apartments

December 2 | 1:00-2:00

410 Short St, Ellwood City

Clen-Moore Place

December 2 | 2:30-3:30

22 W Clen Moore Blvd, New Castle

Wampum Park Apartments

December 3 | 1:00-2:00

159 Alpha Dr, Wampum

Challenges

December 4 & 18 | 10:30-11:30

2706 Mercer Rd, New Castle

Shenango on the Green

December 4 | 1:00-2:00

238 S Market St, New Wilmington

New Wilmington Holiday Parade

December 5 | 5:30-8:00

Downtown New Wilmington

Ellwood City Holiday Parade

December 6 | 2:00-5:00

Downtown Ellwood City

Highland Terrace Apartments

December 10 | 1:00-2:00

111 W Fairmont Ave, New Castle

Jameson Place

December 16 | 10:30-11:30

3345 Wilmington Rd, New Castle

Shenango Treetops

December 16 | 2:00-3:00

1562 Frew Mill Rd, New Castle

Maria's Country Store

December 17 | 12:00-1:00

832 Plain Grove Rd, Volant

Y-Zone

December 26 | 10:30-11:30

428 Eleanor Dr, New Castle

Villa Maria

December 30 | 10:30-11:30

276 Villa Maria Rd, Pulaski

December 2025

Monday 01	Tuesday 02	Wednesday 03	Thursday 04	Friday 05	Saturday 06
9:30-11:00 NCPL Book Group (Hunters' Woods) Library Closed	10:00-11:30 Pre-K Storytime 1:00-2:00 RJ Scholl Apts. 2:30-3:30 Clen-Moore Place 2:30-4:00 Homework Help Hours 4:30-5:45 Tues. Evening Book Club	10:00-11:30 Mother Goose & Weebuild 1:00-2:00 Wampum Park Apts. 2:30-3:30 GMA Club	10:30-11:30 Challenges 1:00-2:00 Shenango on the Green 2:30-4:00 Homework Help Hours 5:00-6:00 Crochet/Knit Club	9:30-10:30 Donuts and Development 2:00-4:00 Tech Time 2:00-5:00 New Wilmington Holiday Parade	9:00-10:00 Non-Fiction Book Club 11:00-2:00 Holiday Open House 11:00-2:00 Gift Wrapping 2:00-5:00 Ellwood City Holiday Parade
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15	16	17	18	19	20
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Library Closed	10:00-11:30 Pre-K Storytime	10:00-11:30 Mother Goose & Weebuild Closing at 12 p.m.	Christmas Day Library Closed	10:30-11:30 Y-Zone 12:00-1:00 Roaming Romance Book Club	1:00-3:00 3rd Day of Christmas Children's Tea
29	30	31	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		
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GROW WITH US

Looking to grow your business? Want to support community enrichment opportunities? Consider sponsoring programs hosted by the New Castle Public Library! Here's what you can expect!

PROGRAM SPONSORS

ONE TIME:

\$25 Donation

Name and logo included on:

- Print Marketing
- Social Media & Electronic Marketing for the singular program

Have a special interest, let us know and we will share with you what programs may be best for you. For example, if you like flowers, we may suggest that you sponsor a Lawrence County Master Gardener's program.

RECURRING:

\$100 Donation

Name and logo included on:

- Print Marketing
- Social Media & Electronic Marketing for the selected program

You will be recognized for your sponsorship for the duration of the month. For example, an **anonymous donor** is sponsoring **Pre-K Storytime** for the month of **December!**

WINTER PROGRAM SPONSORS

THE HEINZ ENDOWMENTS

HOWARD HEINZ ENDOWMENT • VIRA I. HEINZ ENDOWMENT



KIDS FRIDGE

\$500 Donation

Name and logo included on:

- Print Marketing
- Social Media & Electronic Marketing
- Directly placed on fridge

There is an average cost of \$350 a month for the purchase of snacks for the Fridge. Showcase your support of the library by sponsoring the Kids Fridge for a month,

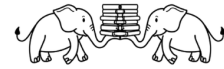
reducing food insecurity, and contributing to the Grow campaign. Since it's inception in 2023, over 5,000 snacks have been given out to youth patrons.



Continuous Sponsors include:

Pittsburgh Greater Community Food Bank and Apple Castle

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

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 who experience sensory overload.

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