

October 2025 AT YOUR LIBRARY!

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FALL CULTURAL SERIES

Our Interconnected World continues in October! It is a month packed full of education with a visit to the Lawrence County Sportsman's Association and a hybrid 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 native, environmentalist 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 World, aims to incorporate those unique presentations and exhibitions to share the importance of our environment in culture. Visit ncdlc.org/cultural for more information.



Joseph DiZinno



Curt Meine

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PaLA

Pennsylvania Library Association

Director Andrew Henley and Circulation Librarian Zoey Ralston are attending the PaLA Conference in Erie, PA. The conference theme is "Raising Library Spirits - Uplifting the Future!" celebrating how libraries have evolved and adapted in meeting the needs of today's patrons and how they can continue to evolve for the future. Zoey is a panelist for Leveraging Technology to Drive Library Card Signups. OneCard is a prime example of technology utilization driving library card signups. Every student within the local districts are issued a library card through their student ID allowing them to access physical and electronic resources.

GROW FUNDRAISER

Thank you to everyone who attended the after-hours Grow Launch Party on September 12. It was a joyous celebration! We are greatly appreciative of our community for joining us in the need to provide nourishing snacks for youth and continuing to support the much-needed and overdue building improvements. To learn more about this year's campaign and to make a contribution visit ncdlc.org/grow.



\$3,000 raised out of \$100,000 goal

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY



The Friends of the Library organized in 1992. 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. The Book Cellar has relocated to its home in the basement. Stop by and take a look on your next visit. To learn more and become a member visit ncdlc.org/friends-book-cellar.

Book Cellar Hours:

Thursday & Friday:

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

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



Show your support for the Grow campaign by purchasing a limited-edition t-shirt. Visit ncdlc.org/grow to make your purchase today.

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.



Children PreK-5th Grade

Pre-K Storytime

Tuesdays | 10:00-11:30

Mother Goose Storytime & Weebuild

Wednesdays | 10:00-11:30

Family Place Together Time

Thursdays | 10:00-11:30

First Monday Family Time

October 6 | 6:00-7:30

Pokémon Club

October 11 | 11:00 - 12:30

Reading Buddies

October 11 | 1:00-2:00

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



Tween and Young Adult Ages 8-18

Tween Tuesday

Tuesdays | 2:30-3:30

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

Homework Help Hours

Tuesdays & Thursdays | 2:30-4:00

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

Penny Power-Up: Level Up Your Money

October 1 | 2:30-3:30

Learn how to afford the fun things you want, while saving money for the essentials in life.

Movie Day!

October 15 | 2:30-4:30

Cooking 101

October 29 | 2:30-3:30

We will be making parfaits, a French desert that layers sweet pudding with whipped cream, graham crackers, fruit, and chocolate.



Adults Ages 19 and up

Movie Night

Wednesdays | 5:30

Tech Time

October 3 & 17 | 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!

The Buzz on Bees

October 4 | 2:00

Put on a bee suit and get an up-close look at Westminster College's thriving apiary.

NCPL Book Group

October 6 | 9:30-11:00

A Woman of No Importance by Sonia Purnell

Tuesday Evening Book Club

October 7 | 6:00-8:00

North Woods by Daniel Mason

Grief Support Group

October 8 | 1:00-2:30

Crochet/Knit Club

October 9 & 23 | 5:00-6:00

Eastern European Genealogy Workshop

October 9 | 6:00-8:00

In partnership with the Polish Americans of Lawrence County, learn about resources, challenges, and effective methodologies specific to the region.

Beyond the Shot

October 11 | 11:00

Tour and learn how the Lawrence County Sportsman's Association supports wildlife.

True Crime Storytime (18+)

October 16 | 6:30-8:00

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

Genealogy Club

October 18 | 2:00-3:00

Decomposition & Discovery

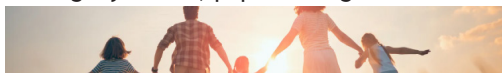
October 21 | 6:00-7:30

Explore the science of human decomposition and learn how body farms are used help us solve crimes and identify bodies.

Colorful Cuts of Poland: Wycinanki

October 28 | 6:00-8:00

Polish Americans of Lawrence County are hosting Wycinanki, papercutting event.



Family and All Ages

Misinformation Escape Room

October 8 | 5:30-7:00

October 10 | 12:00-3:30

Celebrate Banned Books week, with an escape room aimed at combating misinformation.

Groups up to 6 people welcome to sign up.

Dine-to-Donate: Applebee's

October 9 | 11:00-Close

Dine at Applebee's in Neshannock to support Grow. Mention the library for a portion of your meal to be donated.

DIY Spiderweb Decorations

October 9 | 3:00-4:00

Animals Up Close Youth Art Reception

October 11 | 12:00 - 2:00

Reception for the photography display, in partnership with Arts & Education at the Hoyt.

NCPL Board Meeting

October 14 | 4:30-5:30

Beatnik Café

October 20 | 6:00-8:00

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

Recipes You've Been Scared to Make

October 23 | 2:00-3:00

Haunted Library: An After-Hours

Spooktacular!

October 31 | 6:00-8:00

Come dressed in your most boo-tiful or beastly attire and prepare for an evening of ghoulish delights, creative expression, and thrilling entertainment.



Bookmobile

Clen-Moore Place

October 6 | 1:30-2:30

410 Short St, Ellwood City

RJ Schill Apartments

October 7 | 1:00-2:00

410 Short St, Ellwood City

Wampum Park Apartments

October 1 | 1:00-2:00

159 Alpha Dr, Wampum

Challenges

October 2 & 16 | 9:00-10:00

2706 Mercer Rd, New Castle

Shenango on the Green

October 2 | 1:00-2:00

238 S Market St, New Wilmington

Highland Terrace Apartments

October 8 | 1:00-2:00

111 W Fairmont Ave, New Castle

Berner

October 9 & 23 | 1:00-2:00

111 Progress Ave, New Castle

Maria's Country Store

October 15 | 12:00-1:00

832 Plain Grove Rd, Volant

YMCA Storytime

October 15 | 10:00-11:00

209 Cambridge St, New Castle

The Grove at New Castle

October 16 | 2:00-3:00

715 Harbor St, New Castle

Shenango Treetops

October 20 | 2:00-3:00

1562 Frew Mill Rd, New Castle

Jameson Place

October 21 | 10:30-11:30

3345 Wilmington Rd, New Castle

Neshannock Woods

October 29 | 2:00-3:00

209 Cambridge St, New Castle

Y-Zone

October 31 | 10:30-11:30

428 Eleanor Dr, New Castle

Villa Maria

October 27 | 1:30-2:30

276 Villa Maria Rd, Pulaski

A Sampling of New Books This Month

Children

Grandmother Moon

by Wunneanatsu Lamb-Cason

Let's Get Together by Brandy Colbert

Young Adult

Hunger's Bite by Taylor Robin

The House No One Sees

by Adina King

Tell Me Every Lie by Ellen Hagan

Adult

Remain by Nicholas Sparks

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

October 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		01	02	03	04
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00- Mother Goose & Weebuild 1:00- Wampum Park 2:00 Apartments 2:30- Penny 3:30 Power-Up 5:30 Movie Night 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00- Challenges 10:00 10:00- Family Place 11:30 Together Time 1:00- Shenango on the Green 2:00 2:30- Homework 4:00 Help Hours 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:00- Tech Time 4:00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:00 The Buzz on Bees
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Indigenous People's Day Library Closed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00- Hard-to-Recycle 1:00 Pre-K 10:00- Storytime 11:30 Tween 2:30 Tuesday 2:30- Homework 4:00 Help Hours 4:30- NCPL Board 5:30 Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00- YMCA 11:00 Storytime 10:00- Mother Goose & Weebuild 11:30 Maria's 12:00- Country Store 1:00 Movie Day! 2:30- Movie Night 4:30 5:30 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00- Challenges 10:00 10:00- Family Place 11:30 Together Time 11:30 The Grove at New Castle 2:00- Homework 2:30- Help Hours 4:00 True Crime 6:30- Storytime (18+) 8:00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:00- Roaming 1:00 Romance Book Club 2:00- Tech Time 4:00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00-Chess Club 11:30 2:00- Genealogy 3:00 Club
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WHAT'S NEW WITH US

Adult Services

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This October, Adult Services is bustling with a diverse range of programs. Our Interconnected World continues with a sweet lesson on beekeeping at Westminster College's apiary during The Buzz on Bees. The following week, we'll visit the Lawrence County Sportsman's Association to learn about hunting safety. Finally, just in time for Halloween, George Mason University Professor Dr. DiZinno will lead a fascinating discussion on body farms. In addition to these exciting events, we'll still have our regular book club meetings and tech help sessions.

Development

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This Summer, the Development Team had the privilege of working with Rutgers University students participating in the Master of Business and Science (MBS) Externship Program to develop a marketing and fundraising strategy for this year's Grow campaign which launched on September 12! Over the course of ten weeks, the students generated content, graphics, a webpage, an event calendar, and various newsletters. The group won awards for best presentation and best slides! This Fall, a new group of students is working to visualize food insecurity in New Castle and how the library can continue making an impact. Stay updated on the campaign at ncdlc.org/grow.

District Services

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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!

Circulation

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October is here, and the Circulation Department is celebrating all things fall! Stop by to check out our seasonal displays featuring spooky stories, cozy reads, and staff favorites. Need help finding your next great book or renewing your library card? We've got you covered! Don't miss our Halloween-themed party on October 31. Whether you're picking up holds or browsing for something new, we're here to make your library visit a treat!

Youth Services

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October is here and it's full of fun events for all ages! Family Place, our series for ages 16 months to 3 years old, is back. Drop in to meet with our community partners and child development experts in a welcoming atmosphere. Teens can get a head start on their financial future at our Level Up Your Money Skills workshop. And don't forget to join us for our Halloween Party on October 31 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. It's an evening of spooky fun for the whole family.

Outreach

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This October, the Outreach Division is bringing the library to you! Look for us at community events, school visits, and pop-up library stops all month long. We're spreading the word about library services, signing up new cardholders, and sharing spooky stories perfect for fall. Have a group or organization that could benefit from a library visit? Let us know—we'd love to connect! Wherever you are in the community, Outreach is here to keep you reading and informed.

Our Interconnected World Sponsors



Stone Castle Abbey | Mrs. Rosina M. James | Ms. Gail Blakeley
Mr. Arthur and Mrs. Sybil Epstein | Ms. Margaret J. Lowman
Mr. James E. Shaftic | Mrs. Annette Santolla | Siripong Family
Mr. Nicholas and Mrs. Sue Paolini

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](#)