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We extend our sincerest thanks to all who have donated to our 2024-25 campaign Inspire. We look forward to putting all resources back into our community! To extend a donation, please visit our website or email donate@ncdlc.org.

Current Funds: \$60,000
Goal: \$100,000

LIBRARY'S FINEST GALA

The New Castle Public Library is excited for the return of the Library's Finest Gala being held at The Villa on Friday, June 6, 2025. The Gala is catered sit-down dinner and cocktail attire is requested. Attendees must be over the age of 21 as there will be an open bar. Tickets are \$100 for early admission beginning at 4:30 PM or \$85 for regular admission beginning at 5 PM. To learn more and to purchase tickets, visit ncdlc.org/gala.



SPOTLIGHT



In April, the library's Cultural Series presents two new groups! "Practicing Gelassenheit: Learning about the Amish," showcasing the history of the local settlement of Old Order Amish in our region, will be on Thursday, April 10 at 6:00 PM by Dr. Kristin Park, Professor of Sociology from Westminster College. Then, the Sisters of the Humility of Mary will be at the library for a presentation that will discuss the history of the convent and its experiences from France to New Bedford, PA in the 1800s. This presentation will be held on Tuesday, April 29 at 6:00 PM.



INCREASING OUTREACH



Help us increase the library's outreach in our community! We are looking for recommendations of nursing homes, daycares, senior living facilities, and even local events for the Bookmobile to visit. We appreciate all recommendations regardless of your connection with the location or event, and encourage you to reach out. If you have a recommendation please contact our Outreach Specialist via email at acumpston@ncdlc.org or by phone at 724-658-6659 ext. 110 as listed on the back page!

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.

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Children PreK-5th Grade

Pre-K Storytime

April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | 10:00-11:30

Mother Goose Storytime & Weebuild

April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | 10:00-11:30

Library Explorers Outdoors!

12:00-2:00

April 3 and 24 - Marti Park

April 10 - Cascade Park

April 17 - Shenango Community Park

Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy our beautiful parks with your library friends!

Family Time

April 7 | 6:00-7:30

Storytime, games and snacks for families during evening hours.

Reading Buddies

April 12 | 1:00-2:00

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

First Chapter Reading Club

April 25 | 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

April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | 2:30-3:30

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

Teen Reading Lounge

April 7, 14, 23, 30 | 2:30-3:30

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

Animation Monday

April 21 | 6:00-8:00

ARRL HAM Radio Club

April 24 | 6:00-8:00

Collaborative Club with New Castle Jr/Sr High School

A Sampling of New Books This Month

Children

An Anthology of Butterflies and Moths
by DK

Will the Pigeon Graduate? by Mo Willems
A Song for You and I by K. O'Neill

Young Adult

Brain Boy by Austin McConnell
Five Nights at Freddy's, the Fourth Closet by Scott Cawthon
A Curse of Roses by Diana Pinguicha

Adult

Far From Home by Danielle Steel
Dream Count by Chimamanda Ngozi Adiche
I'm That Girl by Jordan Chiles



Adults Ages 19 and up

Movie Night

April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | 5:30

Library Stitchers

April 4 and 18 | 12:00-3:00

Nonfiction Book Club

April 5 | 3:00-4:00

The Magician by Colm Toibin

NCPL Book Group

April 7 | 9:30-11:00

Trust by Hernan Diaz

Book Spine Poetry

April 7 - 12

Create unique poems out of book titles in celebration of National Poetry Month.

Grief Support Group

April 9 | 1:00-2:30

Cultural Series: Religious Experiences

Across the World

April 10 and 29 | 6:00

Join us April 10 for a presentation on historic Old Order Amish by Dr. Kristin Park. We will continue our series on April 29 for a history of the Humility of Mary covenant from France to New Bedford.

Silent Reading Lounge

April 12 | 2:00-3:00

Celebrate Drop Everything and Read Day with a silent reading group! Bring your current read or pick a new one and sit in silence with others to enjoy company without disruption!

"Mystery" Mystery Books

April 14 - 19

"Blind Date with a Book" focused on mysteries!

Easter Appetizers

April 15 | 2:00-3:00

Continuation of our recipe series with Easter themed appetizers!

Clearing the Air: The Risks of Tobacco and Vaping

April 16 | 5:00-6:00

Informative workshop hosted by Adagio Health covering the health risks associated with smoking and vaping.

Genealogy Club

April 19 | 2:00-3:00

Seed Swap

April 22 | 6:00-7:00

Celebrate Earth Day at the library by bringing your extra seeds to share with fellow gardeners.

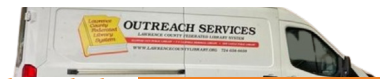
Welcome Drepung Loseling Monastery

April 28 - May 3

Sign our banner to welcome the Drepung Loseling Monastery for their visit!



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



Bookmobile

RJ Schill Apartments

April 1 | 1:00-2:00

410 Short St, Ellwood City

Wampum Park Apartments

April 2 | 1:00-2:00

159 Alpha Dr, Wampum

New Bedford Presbyterian Church

April 2 | 4:00-5:00

151 Woodland Dr, New Bedford

Shenango on the Green

April 3 | 1:00-2:00

238 S Market St, New Wilmington

Highland Terrace Apartments

April 9 | 2:00-3:00

111 W Fairmont Ave, New Castle

UPMC Jameson Place

April 15 | 10:30-11:30

3345 Wilmington Rd, New Castle

YMCA Storytime

April 16 | 10:00-11:00

20 W Washington St, New Castle

Maria's Country Store

April 16 | 12:00-1:00

832 Plain Grove Rd, Volant

The Grove at New Castle

April 17 | 2:00-3:00

715 Harbor St, New Castle

Shenango Treetops

April 21 | 2:00-3:00

1562 Frew Mill Rd, New Castle

Villa Maria

April 29 | 1:30-2:30

276 Villa Maria Rd, Pulaski

Neshannock Woods

April 30 | 2:00-3:00

209 Cambridge St, New Castle



Family and all Ages

Redacted Poetry Rendezvous

April 2 | 3:00-4:00

Stop by and try your hand at some redacted poetry for National Poetry Month!

Crochet/Knit Club

April 10 | 5:00-6:00

Titanic Boarding Passes

April 14 - 19

Pick up a boarding pass and research the passenger to discover their story and if they survived!

Beatnik Café

April 14 | 6:00-8:00

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

Riardo's Dine-to-Donate

April 15 | 4:00-10:00

Eat in or take your order to-go to and 10% of your purchase will go to the library. Enter our raffle and 50/50.

National Park Week Book Display

April 19-26

Find our display about National Parks and their activities.

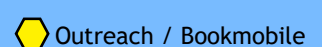
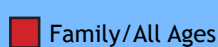
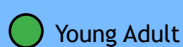
Applebee's Dine-to-Donate

April 24 | 11:00 - Close

Join us at Applebees on Wilmington Road where 15% of your meal cost will be donated to the library.

April 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	01	02	03	04	05
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ 10:00- PreK 11:30 Storytime ● 1:00- RJ Schill 2:00 Apartments ● 2:30- Tween 3:30 Tuesday 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ 10:00- Mother Goose 11:30 & Weebuild ● 1:00- Wampum Park 2:00 Apartments ■ 3:00- Redacted 4:00 Poetry Rendezvous ● 4:00- New Bedford 5:00 Church 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 12:00- Library 2:00 Explorers Outdoors ● 1:00- Shenango on the Green 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ 12:00- Library 3:00 Stitches 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ 3:00- Nonfiction 4:00 Book Club
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What's New With Us?

Adult Services

Gabrielle Lucas, Adult Services Manager
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Our spring cultural series is in full swing, and we're so excited for what's coming next! Last month, we explored Quakerism and the Harmony Society, and now we're continuing our journey with two remarkable guests. Join us for Religious Experiences Around the World as we welcome Dr. Kristin Park from Westminster College on April 10 to learn about the Old Order Amish, and Sr. Joann Gardner from the Villa Maria Convent on April 29. We can't wait to share these incredible experiences with you!

Circulation

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April at the Circulation Department is all about spring renewal! Whether you're looking to dive into a new book, check out the latest movies, or explore digital resources, we've got you covered. Don't forget to ask about our spring reading challenges and events! Our team is here to assist with renewals and reservations and ensure that your library experience is seamless. Visit us this month, and make the most of everything our library offers! Happy reading!

Development

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Support the Library's Inspire campaign while having a delicious meal at an upcoming Dine to Donate events! Order from Riardo's on April 15 from 4:00 PM to close and 10% of the proceeds will be donated to the library. There will be a 50/50 and raffle baskets, so come show your support for the community! On April 24, dine at Applebee's between in Neshannock between 11 AM and close for 15% of your purchase to be donated!

District Services

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The District spent February traveling and meeting with libraries across the four counties of the district! The district team visited the remaining libraries in March and is working on its next five year strategic plan! We started collecting data on needs for the next district negotiated agreement and goals for the next five years. The Annual Reports were submitted in March. Lastly, the team is developing Trustee Training opportunities for later this summer.

Outreach

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Join us for exciting events and programs hosted by the Outreach Division in our community! We're bringing the library experience to your neighborhood. Our outreach team is dedicated to promoting literacy, learning, and community engagement. Discover new resources, participate in interactive events, and connect with others. Whether you're a lifelong learner or just starting a new hobby, there's something for everyone. Stay tuned for upcoming events and opportunities to get involved. Let's make reading, learning, and growing together easier than ever. Visit our website or call for more details!

Youth Services

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Thursdays in April mean the return of Library Explorers Outdoors! We can't wait to welcome children back to the park for fun and learning. April also marks the return of the Teen Reading Lounge and Youth-Led Humanities! This second session explores diverse cultures through interactive art experiences, engaging students with thought-provoking questions and an examination of artistic styles from around the world. Join us for these exciting spring programs!

RESOURCES

[Tutor.com](https://www.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.

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[Programs and Classes for All Ages ...and more!](#)

Get your tickets for
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