

The Library Link

◆ NORTHERN TIER LIBRARY
NOVEMBER 2025



The Richland Center will close at 4 PM on Wednesday, November 26. Both the Richland & Pine Center libraries will be closed on Thursday, November 27 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

**PARENT WORKSHOP: RAISING KIDS
IN A SCREEN-SATURATED WORLD**
Monday, November 3 @ 6 PM

Are you concerned about how screens & social media are impacting your child's development, mental health & school experience? You're not alone.

Join PA Unplugged, a statewide coalition of parents & experts, for a powerful & engaging workshop designed to support families navigating the digital landscape. Learn about the science behind screen time, hear from educators, & connect with other parents in your community.

What to expect:

- Eye-opening research on screen-based childhood & social media
- Insights into persuasive design & how tech is engineered to be addictive
- Small group discussions by age group (0-5, 6-10, 11-13, 14-18)
- A supportive space to share concerns & brainstorm solutions

Whether you're just starting to think about screen time or already deep in the trenches, this workshop offers practical tools, community support, & expert guidance. Let's work together to create healthier digital habits for our kids. For more information, please visit paunplugged.org. This program is open to all parents & caregivers. Registration is required.



HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

Get ready for a library full of extraordinary trees, innovative gift baskets & unique seasonal finds! This year's offerings include tickets to cultural events like the Phipps Conservatory, Heinz History Center & Pittsburgh Symphony as well as gift baskets featuring various goods from Bluey to McCauley Celin Eyecare. Don't forget gift cards from local businesses including Tequila Jalisco, Kat's Coffeehouse & Walnut Grill!

Bids will be accepted until *Friday, December 5 @ 5 PM* for our decorated trees & wreaths, & *Thursday, December 11 @ 5 PM* for all other raffle items. Thank you, & remember that all proceeds benefit the library!

**JOHN PATRICK HEISERMAN:
A NIGHT OF MUSIC**
Thursday, November 20 @ 7 PM

Join the Friends of Northern Tier Library in welcoming John Patrick Heiserman for a night of music! Patrick is an entertainer who knows how to connect with the audience. His sound is timeless, drawing inspiration from the musical eras of the 1920s through 1960s, with a dash of modern influence. Whether he's crooning a jazz standard, playing a bluesy original, or charming the crowd with a whistle & story, he brings heart & humanity to every stage—simply by being his authentic self.

Lower level doors open at 6:30 with the show starting at 7 PM. Light refreshments will be provided & registration is requested. *There is a suggested donation of \$5 per person.*

**Northern Tier Library
Richland Center**

4015 Dickey Rd
Gibsonia PA 15044
724-449-2665
northerntierlibrary.org

Mon - Wed: 9 am - 7 pm
Thu - Sat: 9 am - 5 pm
Sun: CLOSED

**Northern Tier Library
Pine Center**

100 Pine Park Dr
Wexford PA 15090
724-449-2665 ext. 35

Mon & Wed: 9 am - 5 pm
Thu: 11 am - 7 pm
Sat: 9 am - 2 pm

Mission Statement

To provide resources that inspire, inform, educate & entertain the public.

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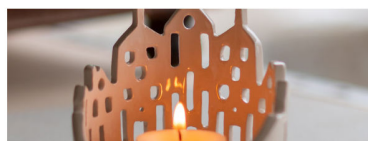
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United Way Donations

Did you know that you can donate to your library through United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania?

Use agency code **#1601**

Kids & Teen Programs



Kids Take-Home Program Kits

WEEKLY CRAFT

**Pickup on Tuesdays,
November 4 - December 9**

Kids of all ages can register for a simple, weekly take-home paper craft that can be picked up in our lobby.

Take-home crafts will be on break November 25 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

MAKERSPACE KITS

Kids & teens can enjoy a take-home kit featuring supplies from our Makerspace that can be picked up in our lobby.

November 10: DIY Comics
Draw your own story using a comic template.

November 17: City Tealight
Make a small cityscape decoration from recycled materials & a tealight.



Honor & Memorial Program

Donations were made in honor & memory of:

Donald Keys

from Heather Ramsey

Richard Knapp from
Robert & Ellen Sapinkopf

Alan Penn
from Deanna Swartout

Carol Zimmerman
from Janet Eck
from Greta Stash

BABY PLAYTIME

Tuesdays, November 4 - December 16 @ 11 AM

Enjoy half an hour of fun with your baby! This program is intended for babies ages 0-18 months. *Storytime will be on break November 25 for the Thanksgiving holiday.*

STORY & PLAYTIME

Wednesdays & Thursdays, November 5 - December 11 @ 10:30 AM

Share songs, rhymes, and books at this storytime event! This program is for toddlers, preschoolers & their families. *Storytime will be on break November 26 & 27 for the Thanksgiving holiday.*

MAKER MONDAYS

Monday, November 3 @ 3 PM

Hey teens! Join us at Northern Tier Library on select Mondays to create fun projects related to art, crafts, electronics, sewing, & more! This month will feature learning how to crochet a colorful granny square.

POKÉMON CLUB

Monday, November 3 @ 5:30 PM

Bring your cards or games & meet other Pokémon trainers at the library. Boards will be available for the card game & a Pokémon-related project will be there to enjoy. Self-directed & open to children, teens & their families.

ISLAND HOPPERS: AN ACNH CLUB

Monday, November 10 @ 5 PM

Join fellow Animal Crossing enthusiasts for an hour of New Horizons on your Nintendo Switch! BYOD (bring your own device), explore other people's islands, get design ideas, swap resources & make new friends!

NATUREOLOGY: BIRDS

Tuesday, November 11 @ 5:30 PM

Small to large, these feathered creatures eat more, breathe more, & know more—they're smart! Even better, they're the grandkids of dinosaurs. Find out more about birds at this month's Natureology with Tony Palermo.

READ TO A DOG

Saturday, November 15 @ 10:30 AM

Have your child practice reading aloud with confidence in a judgement-free space or simply visit with a therapy dog. Each child will have 15 minutes to read to & visit with our new four-legged friend, Toby, & his handler. Children are encouraged to bring their own book to read. This program is intended for children of reading/elementary age. Due to limited time slots, we request advance registration & timely arrivals so each appointment runs smoothly.

KIDCODECLUB

Monday, November 24 @ 5 PM

Register for some kid-oriented, tech-centered socializing & fun. Kids should bring their own laptop or Chromebook to share inspiration, play each other's games, & collaborate on new ideas & projects. For children ages 10 & up.

AMERICAN GIRL DOLLS: FALL CRAFTS

Monday, November 24 @ 5 PM

Join us for a special evening of fall crafts inspired by & made for your American Girl Doll! The library will have its resident dolls available to mingle throughout the event & a variety of cute DIY projects for participants to tackle. For children ages 5 & up.

Adult Programs

RECIPE EXCHANGE

Tuesday, November 18 @ 3:30 PM

Looking for new recipes to try for the holidays? Stop by this program with a typed or handwritten copy of your favorite recipes to exchange with others! The library will provide recipe cards & copies of other recipes to share.

RESEARCHING YOUR FAMILY'S STORY WITH ANCESTRY.COM

Wednesday, November 19 @ 6:30 PM

Do you have an Ancestry.com account & don't know how to use it? Or maybe you've used the library version but want to learn more about how to search effectively?

Join professional genealogist Trish Buben of Stonycreek Genealogy to learn how to find your family's stories in searchable online records. Topics will include beginning a family tree on Ancestry.com, search tips, & ways to break down brick walls in your personal research. Registration is required.

Book Clubs

BRIDGET'S BOOK CLUB **November 12 @ 6:30 PM**

A monthly book club for all fiction lovers.

► *The Most Wonderful Crime of the Year* by Ally Carter

Maggie is the new Queen of the Cozy Mystery & Ethan is Mr. Big-Time Thriller. She hates his guts. He thinks her name is Marcie. But when they both accept an invitation to attend a Christmas house party, neither is expecting their host to be the Duchess of Death herself, author Eleanor Ashley. That night, the weather turns & the next morning Eleanor is gone, vanished from a locked room. As the snow gets deeper & the stakes get higher, every clue will bring Maggie & Ethan closer to the truth—and each other.

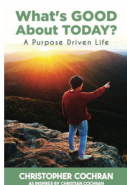


NONFICTION DISCUSSION **November 18 @ 1 PM**

A monthly book club featuring nonfiction titles.

► *What's GOOD About TODAY?* by Christopher Cochran

The Nonfiction Discussion Group will meet with Christopher Cochran, author of *What's GOOD About TODAY? A Purpose Driven Life*. In place of reading the book, there will be a short presentation followed by an open discussion & Q&A with the author.



Monthly Groups

SERENITY: ADULT DESTRESS KITS

Grab one of these free packets for adults filled with puzzles, a craft & some fun community tidbits. Available all month for pickup while supplies last!

YARNS N'AT

This fiber arts group will meet on Saturdays, November 1 & 15 at 10 AM to practice their preferred style of fiber art.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends sponsor our annual Book Sale & other programs in support of the library. Current & new members are welcome to join us on Tuesday, November 4 at 10 AM.

A GREAT DEAL GAME GROUP

Join us at 1 PM to play Pinochle on Tuesdays or American Mahjong on Wednesdays.

TECHNOLOGY HELP

Register for a 30-minute session between 2 & 4 PM on Wednesdays, November 5 - 26 to get help with a technology-related topic.

PUZZLE SWAP

Pittsburgh Puzzle Exchange will host a swap at the library on Saturday, November 8 at 11 AM. Bring as many puzzles as you wish & take as many "new" ones as you brought!

CONVERSATION GROUP

Stop by on Thursday, November 13 at 1 PM to share ideas and hear what others have to say.

KNIT LIT

Knitters, crocheters, & yarn art enthusiasts are welcome to join us on Tuesday, November 18 at 6:30 PM. If you're working on a project, bring it with you! Talk about life, books you've read, & craft projects you're working on but may never finish.

GERMAN CONVERSATION GROUP

Practice your German & learn about the German culture with others on Thursday, November 20 at 3:30 PM.



Northern Tier Regional Library
4015 Dickey Road, Gibsonia PA 15044

In Memory

On July 11, the library lost Leslie Wright, a valued staff member & dedicated library supporter. With a degree in library science from Geneva University, Leslie was hired at the former Richland Public Library in 1974. She followed in the footsteps of her mother Justine, a volunteer of the Richland Civic Club, original founders of the library.

For the next 52 years, Leslie served our community through her work at the library. Many of us have never known the library without Leslie being a part of it. We will miss her wry humor, selfless attitude, & love for her library.

Pine Center Programs

FAMILY STORYTIME

Fridays, November 7 - December 12 @ 11 AM

Come to the Pine Center for an all-ages storytime! Sing, move, read books & practice rhymes. This event is for children of all ages.

Storytime will be on break November 28 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

STEM TAKE-HOME CRAFT

The Pine Center will offer a free STEM take-home craft available for pickup while supplies last!

LIBRARY LEADERS

Thursday, November 13 @ 4:30 PM

Want to have a say in the future of our Pine Center? Join these monthly town hall meetings for student volunteers in grades 5 & up.

AMERICAN MAHJONG

Thursday, November 20 @ 5 PM

Beginners to expert levels are all welcome at these sessions of American Mahjong! Please bring your own game board along if you have one.

LEARN MAHJONG

Tuesday, November 18 @ 5:30 PM

Want to learn to play Mahjong? Register for this class to learn the tiles, rules & strategies involved with this centuries old game. This class is for beginners only.

THE PINE NEEDLES

Thursday, November 6 @ 4 PM

All yarn enthusiasts can join to talk about life, discuss books they're reading & share fiber art projects they're working on but may never finish.

PINING FOR BOOKS

Monday, November 10 @ 2 PM

A book club to explore genres & literary themes.

➤ *The Secret History of Food* by Matt Siegel

Is Italian olive oil really Italian, or are we dipping our bread in lamp oil? Why are we drawn to foods that can hurt us, like hot peppers? *The Secret History of Food* is an entertaining look at the little-known history surrounding the foods we know & love.



COFFEE & CRIME

Thursday, December 4 @ 5:30 PM

A book club for mysteries, procedurals & true crime.

The end of the year is quickly approaching meaning it is time for Coffee & Crime's first ever Book Pick Party!! For this special meeting, we will be voting on the 10 books to be read in 2026. Bring a few book suggestions, a snack to share, or just your mystery-loving heart. Both new & current members are welcome.

eLibrary resources to use at home, including Libby & Hoopla, can be found at elibrary.einetwork.net



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