

# The Library Link

♦NORTHERN TIER LIBRARY  
JANUARY 2026



The Richland Center will close at 4 PM on Wednesday, December 31, and both the Richland & Pine Centers will be closed on Thursday, January 1 for the New Year.

## BEAT THE WINTER BLUES KIT

**Lobby pickup starting @ 12 PM on Friday, January 16**

The days are shorter & colder so to lift your spirits, register for this take-home kit for adults! Inside will include crafts & activities to beat the winter blues. Registration is required by Wednesday, January 14 to account for supplies.

## WINTER READING BINGO

Cuddle up with a good book this winter while earning chances to win a prize with our new Winter Reading Bingo program! Grab a bingo sheet & read a book to follow each prompt. Each bingo will earn you one raffle ticket with up to 5 earnable per sheet. Turn in your card by Wednesday, January 28.

## READ ACROSS THE USA

**Begins Friday, January 2**

Celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence & read your way across the USA throughout this year-long challenge, starting on January 2! Complete 25 books, each set in a different state, & receive a free book coupon for our Book Sale. Complete a book from each of the 50 states & you will be entered into a drawing for a gift card.

## PUZZLE SWAP

**Saturday, January 10 @ 11 AM**

Do you have a puzzle that you've completed & are ready for something new? Instead of purchasing one, Pittsburgh Puzzle Exchange is hosting a swap at the library! Bring as many puzzles as you wish & take as many "new" ones as you brought.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our library last year. Whether you made a financial donation or purchased something through our Holiday Boutique, your support is so greatly appreciated. The library could not do what it does without the generous support of a caring community.

## DECORATION DONATIONS

Are you downsizing your holiday decoration collection? Do you have any slim, artificial Christmas trees under 5' tall in good condition or medium-to-large baskets that you're looking to get rid of? We'd love to take them off your hands! Drop them off in the library at your convenience & thank you for your donation!

## LOCAL AUTHOR STORYTIME:

**DANIELLE COCHRAN**

**Saturday, February 21 @ 11 AM**

Local author Danielle Cochran will visit our library to share her book *There's a Dachshund in My House!* Find out who Danielle is, what inspired the book, & how Maple & Oscar came to life with the help of an illustrator from the Ukraine & how she created these images during a time of war in her country. The presentation will be followed by a cozy storytime where Danielle reads her book aloud to the audience. At the end there will be a book signing with copies for sale.

This event is designed for children, but enjoyable for parents, grandparents, & caregivers as well!



### 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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### United Way Donations

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

Use agency code #1601

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## Kids & Teen Programs



### Kids Take-Home Program Kits

#### WEEKLY CRAFT

**Pickup on Tuesdays, January 6 - February 10**

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

#### MAKERSPACE KITS

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

#### January 5: Constellations

Create a small constellation with glow in the dark stickers.

#### January 19: Stitch Bookmark

Stitch a design into a wooden bookmark. *(Disclaimer: This project uses metal needles; supervision is required for younger participants.)*

#### January 26: Paper Lantern

Design tiny glowing lanterns from various craft materials.

#### BABY PLAYTIME

**Tuesdays, January 6 - February 10 @ 11 AM**

Enjoy half an hour of fun with your baby! This program is intended for babies ages 0-18 months.

#### STORY & PLAYTIME

**Wednesdays & Thursdays, January 7 - February 12 @ 10:30 AM**

Share songs, rhymes, and books at this storytime event! This program is for toddlers, preschoolers & their families.

#### POKÉMON CLUB

**Monday, January 5 @ 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.

#### NATUREOLOGY: DINOSAURS

**Tuesday, January 13 @ 5:30 PM**

For more than 150 million years, giants roamed the earth in both warm & cold climates, leaving their bones, footprints, & descendants. See some examples for yourself with Tony Palermo at this month's Natureology.

#### KIDCODECLUB

**Monday, January 19 @ 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.

#### MAKER MONDAYS

**Monday, January 12 @ 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 basic sewing where you can learn how to properly use a sewing machine & create a small project!

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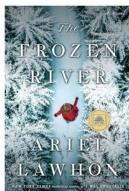
## Book Clubs

#### BRIDGET'S BOOK CLUB **January 14 @ 6:30 PM**

A monthly book club for all fiction lovers.

##### ► *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon

In Maine, 1789, a man is found entombed in the frozen Kennebec River. Martha Ballard, a midwife & healer, is summoned to examine the body & determine the cause of death. When a local physician undermines her conclusion by declaring the death an accident, Martha is forced to investigate the murder on her own. This historical fiction is inspired by the life of Martha Ballard, an 18<sup>th</sup> century midwife who defied the legal system & wrote herself into history.



#### NONFICTION DISCUSSION **January 20 @ 1 PM**

A monthly book club featuring nonfiction titles.

##### ► *I Did a New Thing* by Tabitha Brown

Years ago, Tabitha Brown started a 30-day personal challenge that she called "I Did a New Thing!" The challenge was simple. Every day she would do something she'd never done before. In *I Did a New Thing*, Tab shares her own stories & those of others, alongside gentle guidance & encouragement to create these incredible changes for yourself & see what good can come from them.



# Holiday Boutique Donors

Thank you to the local businesses & individuals who supported Northern Tier Library by donating to our 2025 Holiday Boutique!

## **Basket, Certificate & Gift Card Sponsors**

Adler & Sons: Gibsonia Tree Service Mulch & Supply  
Alloy Personal Training (Wexford)  
Back to Life Chiropractic (Gibsonia)  
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A Fare to Remember at Home (Allison Park)  
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Pittsburgh Botanic Garden  
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Pittsburgh Playhouse at Point Park University  
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## **Tree & Wreath Sponsors**

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## **Monthly Groups**

### **FRIDAY AFTERNOON GAMES**

Play various tabletop games at the library on Fridays, January 2 & 16 at 1 PM!

### **YARNS N'AT**

This fiber arts group will meet on Saturdays, January 3 & 17 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, January 6 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, January 7 - 28 to get help with a technology-related topic.

### **CONVERSATION GROUP**

Stop by on Thursday, January 8 at 1 PM to share ideas and hear what others have to say.

### **KNIT LIT**

Knitters, crocheters, & yarn enthusiasts are welcome to join us on Tuesday, January 20 at 6:30 PM. If you're working on a project, bring it with you!

### **GERMAN CONVERSATION GROUP**

Practice your German & learn about the German culture with others on Thursday, January 22 at 3:30 PM.

### **PLANT-BASED PITTSBURGH**

It's not just chilly outside, it will be chili inside too! Join us on Wednesday, January 28 at 5:30 PM for a plant-based chili cookoff! Have a taste & vote for your favorite! A few helpers are needed to make their best vegetarian chili recipe. Please send Donna an email at [dherrle@gmail.com](mailto:dherrle@gmail.com) to volunteer. May the best bean win!

### **SERENITY: ADULT DESTRESS KITS**

Grab a free packet for adults filled with puzzles, a craft & some fun community tidbits.



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## Pine Center Programs

### FAMILY STORYTIME

**Fridays, January 9 - February 13 @ 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.

### STEM TAKE-HOME CRAFT

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

### LIBRARY LEADERS

**Thursday, January 8 @ 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.

### THE PINE NEEDLES

**Thursday, January 8 @ 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.

### AMERICAN MAHJONG

**Thursday, January 15 @ 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.

### PINING FOR BOOKS

**Monday, January 12 @ 2 PM**

A book club to explore genres & literary themes.

► *Great Circle* by Maggie Shipstead

After being rescued from a sinking ocean liner, Marian Graves drops out of school at the age of 14. She finds herself in an arrangement that will haunt her for the rest of her life, even as it allows her to fulfill her dream of flying over the North & South Poles. A century later, Hadley Baxter is cast to play Marian in a film centered on her disappearance. Her immersion into the character of Marian unfolds alongside Marian's own story, as the two women's destinies—and their hunger for self-determination in vastly different places & times—collide.



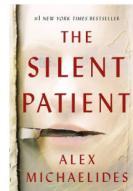
### COFFEE & CRIME

**Thursday, January 22 @ 5:30 PM**

A book club for mysteries, procedurals & true crime.

► *The Silent Patient* by Alex Michaelides

*The Silent Patient* is a shocking psychological thriller of a woman's act of violence against her husband—and of the therapist obsessed with uncovering her motive.



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