

The Library Link

♦NORTHERN TIER LIBRARY
FEBRUARY 2026



Exciting things are happening at the library! Our bathroom renovations have begun! Until further notice, all programs will be held on the library's lower level. During construction, visitors should use the downstairs bathrooms which can be accessed via the stairwell or elevator.

**BIRD TOWN:
RICHLAND APPROVED**
Tuesday, February 10 @ 2 PM

Bird Town PA is a state-wide, grassroots, municipal-level conservation program. Since 2011, it's worked with over 50 municipalities to develop bird friendly communities, reinforce the important role people play in supporting bird populations & create a positive impact on the environment. Partners include, among others, the Audubon Society of Western PA (ASWP). Richland Township is now a participant!

So join us to hear & see what this is all about & become a part of the bird-lover's community. Nick Stahlman from the ASWP will be the lead presenter along with Kathleen Sullivan, Richland Township's Community Organizer.

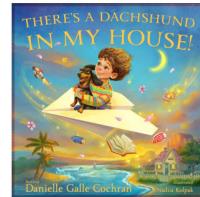
**LEGO ROBOTICS WITH
PITTSBURGH π-RATES**
Saturday, February 7 @ 2 PM

Pittsburgh π-rates, SWPA Regional Champions 25-26 & Florida Sunshine Invitational Finalist 2025, are hosting a STEM workshop on LEGO Robotics & Coding at Northern Tier! Have fun as you build your LEGO Robots & put them up to a challenge in this tech-centered activity. Kids should bring their own laptop, Chromebook, or iPad for this workshop. This program is intended for children ages 7 to 12.

**LOCAL AUTHOR STORYTIME:
DANIELLE COCHRAN**
Saturday, February 21 @ 11 AM

Local author Danielle Cochran will visit our library to share *There's a Dachshund in My House!*, her heartwarming children's story about a curious boy named Oscar & his loyal dachshund, Maple. Find out who Danielle is, what inspired the book, how these characters 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 can be enjoyed by parents, grandparents & caregivers as well!



**BE MY VALENTINE
TAKE-HOME KIT**
**Lobby pickup starting @
12 PM on Friday, February 13**

Create your own valentines with this take-home kit! There will be instructions & supplies inside to make a few special ones to give out to those you love. This kit is intended for teens & adults, but all ages are welcome to register. Registration is required by Thursday, February 12 to account for supplies.

**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

**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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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, February 3 & 10

Kids of all ages can register for a simple, weekly take-home paper craft that can be picked up *inside* the library during construction.

MAKERSPACE KITS

Kids & teens can enjoy a take-home kit featuring supplies from our Makerspace that can be picked up *inside* the library during construction.

February 2: Paper Baskets

Use recycled newspapers to weave a small basket.

February 9: Message Bottle

Create a tiny message in a bottle using craft supplies.

BABY PLAYTIME

Tuesdays, February 3 & 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, February 4, 5, 11 & 12 @ 10:30 AM

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

POKÉMON CLUB

Monday, February 2 @ 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, February 9 @ 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: POLAR OPPOSITES

Tuesday, February 10 @ 5:30 PM

It's cold at either end of the Earth, but that doesn't bother the animals like polar bears & penguins that make these poles their homes. Come see what makes these & other cold-loving critters special at this month's Natureology with Tony Palermo.

LUNAR NEW YEAR CRAFT BUNDLE

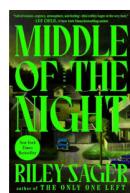
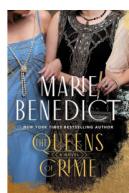
Lobby pickup on Wednesday, February 11

Register for a Lunar New Year bundle that includes a variety of themed crafts to make at home & share with your family! This year is all about the horse! This craft kit is for children of all ages & registration is required by Wednesday, February 4 to account for supplies.

KIDCODECLUB

Monday, February 23 @ 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.



ADULT BATTLE OF THE BOOKS: SPRING EDITION

Wednesday, April 22 @ 6:30 PM

Get ready for another night of literary trivia, friendly competition & team spirit at the Adult Battle of the Books hosted by North Region Libraries! Form a team of 4-5 friends or book lovers to battle it out for bookish glory.

When: Wednesday, April 22 from 6:30 to 9 PM (doors open at 6)

Where: Hampton Community Library (3101 McCully Road, Allison Park)

Cost: \$15 per person

Teams will compete by answering questions based on a carefully curated reading list of librarian-selected books shown on the left. These titles cover a variety of genres & themes, providing a fun challenge for avid readers. Test your knowledge of these books & work together with your team to score points & claim victory. Prizes, snacks, & a great time await! For more information & to register, please visit battleofthenorth.com.

Adult Programs

WILLIAM POWELL & MYRNA LOY CLASSIC MOVIES

Tuesday, March 3 @ 7 PM

Northern Tier Library, in partnership with the Pittsburgh Classic Movie Club, will show *Libeled Lady*, a film about a socialite played by Myrna Loy who sues a big paper for libel after being accused of being a homewrecker.

Doors will open at 6:30 PM with the movie starting at 7 PM. The movie is free to attend & refreshments will be provided, so we ask for registration to account for supplies.

Enjoy watching classic movies? This series will also share *Manhattan Melodrama* on Tuesday, April 7 & *After the Thin Man* on Tuesday, May 5!



Pittsburgh Classic Movie Club's mission is to preserve & promote classic film (Golden Age of Hollywood, 1910-1969) in the community. To that end, they offer free movie screenings throughout the Pittsburgh area.

Book Clubs

BRIDGET'S BOOK CLUB **February 11 @ 6:30 PM**

A monthly book club for all fiction lovers.

► *I Did A New Thing* by Tabitha Brown

The #1 *New York Times* bestselling author, Tabitha Brown, presents an inspirational guide for encouraging positive changes in your life—one day & one challenge at a time. In *I Did a New Thing*, Tab shares her own stories & those of others, alongside gentle guidance to create changes for yourself & see what good has come from them.

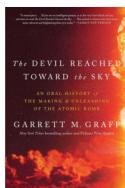


NONFICTION DISCUSSION **February 17 @ 1 PM**

A monthly book club featuring nonfiction titles.

► *The Devil Reached Toward the Sky* by Garrett Graff

A sweeping & comprehensive oral history of the atomic bomb's creation & deployment, marking the 80th anniversary of Hiroshima & Nagasaki. Garrett Graff's new book *The Devil Reached Towards the Sky* is an oral history from scientists, politicians, pilots, soldiers, & survivors of these weapons.



Monthly Groups

TECHNOLOGY HELP

Register for a 30-minute session between 2 & 4 PM on Wednesdays, February 4 - 25 to get help with a technology-related topic.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON GAMES

Play various tabletop games at the library on Fridays, February 6 & 20 at 1 PM!

YARNS N'AT

This fiber arts group will meet on Saturdays, February 7 & 21 at 10 AM to practice their preferred style of fiber art.

A GREAT DEAL GAME GROUP

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

CONVERSATION GROUP

Stop by on Thursday, February 12 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, February 17 at 6:30 PM. If you're working on a project, bring it with you!

PLANT-BASED PITTSBURGH NORTH

Work in teams to mix, mash & roll your way through this plant-based, raw cookie-making event using simple ingredients with no oven or guilt on Tuesday, February 17 at 5:30 PM.

GERMAN CONVERSATION GROUP

Practice your German & learn about the German culture with others on Thursday, February 19 at 3:30 PM.

PUZZLE SWAP

Pittsburgh Puzzle Exchange will host a swap at the library on Saturday, February 28 at 11 AM. Bring as many puzzles as you wish & take as many "new" ones as you brought!

SERENITY: ADULT DESTRESS KITS

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



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4015 Dickey Road, Gibsonia PA 15044

Pine Center Programs

FAMILY STORYTIME

Fridays, February 6 & 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, February 12 @ 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, February 5 @ 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

Thursdays, February 5 & 19 @ 5 PM

Experienced players are welcome at these sessions of American Mahjong! Please bring your own game board along if you have one.

LEARN MAHJONG

Tuesdays, February 10 & March 3 @ 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.

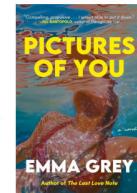
PINING FOR BOOKS

Monday, February 9 @ 2 PM

A book club to explore genres & literary themes.

► *Pictures of You* by Emma Grey

What would you do if you could start over? Evie Hudson should be grieving her dead husband, but since the car crash that claimed his life & landed her in the hospital, she can't remember him at all. When snippets of her memory start falling into place, Evie wonders exactly how she ended up in a life that couldn't be further from the one she dreamed of. This time around, she's seeing all of the things she missed—and the life she gets to choose... again.



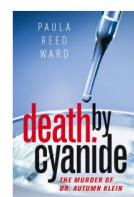
COFFEE & CRIME

Thursday, February 26 @ 5:30 PM

A book club for mysteries, procedurals & true crime.

► *Death by Cyanide* by Paula Reed Ward

A local mystery! In *Death by Cyanide*, Paula Reed Ward, reporter for the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, describes the murder investigation & the trial in this sensational case, taking us from the poisoning & the medical staff's heroic measures to save Klein's life, to the investigation of Ferrante & the emotion & drama inside the courtroom.



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