

The Library Link

◆ NORTHERN TIER LIBRARY
MAY 2026



Both the Richland & Pine Centers will be closed on Monday, May 25 for Memorial Day.

PLANT & GARDEN SALE

Preorders for annuals, herbs, hanging baskets & planters are due by May 2, but a large selection of plants will be available for walk-ins to purchase during sale hours!

Thursday, May 14: 12 to 5 PM
Friday, May 15: 10 AM to 5 PM
Saturday, May 16: 9 AM to 1 PM

Thank you for supporting the library!

THINK LIKE A GARDEN DESIGNER

Thursday, May 7 @ 7 PM

Explore redesigning your own home garden, balancing wish lists with urgent problems, & most importantly, ensuring the space is functional for your everyday life at this presentation from Madeline Quigley. Attendees will learn the first steps & receive plenty of Western PA (aka deer safe) plant recommendations.

AUTHOR TALK: SOFYA STEARNS

Saturday, May 23 @ 1 PM

The One and Only is a powerful collection of real stories exploring the deeply personal journey of raising an only child. Through 40 heartfelt interviews with parents around the world, it reveals the many paths that lead to having one, whether shaped by infertility, health challenges, adoption, financial realities, or a conscious choice.

Sofya Stearns, herself a mother of one, weaves her story alongside others, including LGBTQ+ couples, who have experienced both the challenges & the unexpected beauty of this path.

Books will be available for sale during signing & 20% of sales will be going to an IVF fund. Registration is required.

REMAKE LEARNING DAYS: THE ALPACALYPSE

Saturday, May 9 @ 10 AM

Join us to welcome a special guest: a real Alpaca! The Crafty Alpaca will bring one of their alpacas to meet everyone. Learn felt making, simple weaving & felt punching with their fiber. This event is for all ages, although some activities might not be suitable for younger audiences as they require a bit more dexterity.

YOUTH ASTRO NET:

WEAR THE STARS! MAKE COOL GEAR WITH ASTROPHOTOGRAPHY
Mondays, May 11, May 18, June 1, & June 8 @ 4:30 PM

Future scientists & budding astronomers are invited to learn how to take remote pictures of space using micro observatory telescopes. Discuss how to edit these pictures, theories of light & color, & use your final product to make a t-shirt or button. Participants are encouraged to attend all four dates, but only attending a couple is permitted.

May 11: Learn how to request pictures using a remote telescope.

May 18: Learn how to use editing software to make sense of the requested pictures.

June 1: Learn about color theory, light & filters.

June 8: Learn how to combine multiple images to create one final picture.

Complimentary activities will be offered throughout the program. This event is for children ages 10 to 14 & registration is required.

Northern Tier Library Richland Center

4015 Dickey Rd
Gibsonia PA 15044
724-449-2665
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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
Fri & 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**

Kids & Teen Programs



Kids Take-Home Program Kits

WEEKLY CRAFT

Pickup on Tuesdays, May 5 - 19

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.

May 4: Origami Bookmarks

Fold a bookmark out of colorful paper.

May 11: Cardboard Cats

Create a mini cat using recycled materials.

May 18: Prism Decorations

Make a hanging decoration using string & straws.

BABY PLAYTIME

Tuesdays, May 5 - 19 @ 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, May 6 - 21 @ 10:30 AM

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

POKÉMON CLUB

Monday, May 4 @ 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, May 11 @ 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!

KIDCODECLUB

Monday, May 18 @ 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.

NATUREOLOGY: AMPHIBIANS

Tuesday, May 26 @ 5:30 PM

Our earliest vertebrate ancestors had gills & fins... until they poked their heads out of the water to see food (bugs) & a refuge from bigger critters. Learn about toads, frogs & salamanders at this month's Natureology with Tony Palermo.



Honor & Memorial Program

Donations were made in honor & memory of:

Betty B. Kemerer

from Rodney Kemerer & Lindsay Doran

PUZZLE SWAP

Saturday, May 2 @ 11 AM

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

SPRING TAKE-HOME KIT

Lobby pickup on Friday, May 15 after 12 PM

Make a paper flower bouquet for spring with this take-home kit! This kit is intended for teens & adults, but all ages are welcome. Registration is required by Thursday, May 14 at 9 AM to account for supplies.

PLANT DONATIONS WANTED

We thought that winter might never end, but spring has arrived! Take inventory of your yard & house plants. Do you have a perennial that needs to be split or a house plant that has outgrown its pot? The library would love to find these plants new homes at our Plant Sale! You can drop off your donations starting on Saturday, May 9. We ask that your plants be identified & properly potted.

Adult Programs

WILLIAM POWELL & MYRNA LOY CLASSIC MOVIES

Tuesday, May 5 @ 7 PM

Northern Tier Library, in partnership with the Pittsburgh Classic Movie Club, will show *After the Thin Man*, a film about a private detective & his wealthy wife who are hoping for a quiet New Year at home when there is a murder. Doors open at 6:30 PM with the movie starting at 7 PM. The movie is free to attend & refreshments are provided, so we ask for registration to account for supplies.



BIRD TOWN

Wednesday, May 6 @ 1 PM

Join Richland Township's first official gathering as the 100th Bird Town in PA! Discover Richland's current & future initiatives including the transformation of a community park area into a native flower space, a presentation on how a "hot mess" yard can turn into an Audubon Platinum Certified one, discussing the BIG SIT for World Migratory Bird Day(s), as well as a window for attendee ideas. There will also be time to break off into small groups for bird & garden talk.

Book Clubs

BRIDGET'S BOOK CLUB **May 13 @ 6:30 PM**

A monthly book club for all fiction lovers.

► *West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge

A novel inspired by the incredible true story of two giraffes who made headlines & won the hearts of Depression-era America. Part adventure, part historical saga, & part coming-of-age love story; this book explores what it means to be changed by the grace of animals, the kindness of strangers, the passing of time & a story told before it's too late.

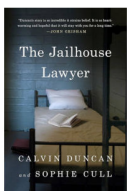


NONFICTION DISCUSSION **May 19 @ 1 PM**

A monthly book club featuring nonfiction titles.

► *Jailhouse Lawyer* by Calvin Duncan & Sophie Cull

Jailhouse Lawyer tells the story of how Calvin Duncan went from facing the death penalty in Orleans Parish Prison to becoming a self-taught "counsel substitute" at Angola, thanks to the mentors, books, & friendships that shaped him. This book explores the cases Duncan worked on, the obstacles he faced & the fight for justice.



FRIDAY AFTERNOON GAMES

Play various tabletop games at the library on Friday, May 1 at 1 PM!

YARNS N'AT

This fiber arts group will meet on Saturday, May 2 at 10 AM to practice their preferred style of fiber art.

HEALTH FOR HUMANITY: YOGA

This free Surya Namaskar & Yoga session is offered by HSS on Monday, May 4 @ 5:30 PM.

A GREAT DEAL GAME GROUP

Join us at 1 PM to play Pinochle on Tuesdays, or American Mahjong on Wednesdays (excluding Wednesday, May 13).

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends sponsor our annual Book Sale & other programs in support of the library. Current and new members are welcome to join on Tuesday, May 5 at 10 AM.

TECHNOLOGY HELP

Register for a 30-minute session between 2 & 4 PM on Wednesdays, May 6 - 27 to get help with a technology-related topic.

CONVERSATION GROUP

Stop by on Thursday, May 14 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, May 19 at 6:30 PM.

PLANT-BASED PITTSBURGH NORTH

Got a favorite kitchen gadget? Bring it (or come empty-handed, we don't judge)! Chat about what works, what wows & what tools help make plant-based cooking shine on Wednesday, May 27 at 5:30 PM.

GERMAN CONVERSATION GROUP

Practice German & learn about the German culture on Thursday, May 28 at 3:30 PM.

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, May 1 - 22 @ 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!

THE PINE NEEDLES

Thursday, May 7 @ 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, May 7 & 21 @ 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

Tuesday, May 19 @ 5 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, May 11 @ 2 PM

A book club to explore genres & literary themes.

► *The House of Eve* by Sadeqa Johnson

In 1950s Philadelphia, 15 year old Ruby Pearsall is on track to becoming the first in her family to attend college. But a taboo love affair threatens to pull her back down into the poverty & desperation that has been passed on to her like a birthright.



Eleanor Quarles arrives in Washington, D.C., with ambition & secrets. Eleanor hopes that a baby will make her finally feel at home in her husband's family & grant her the life she's been searching for. With their stories colliding in the most unexpected of ways, Ruby & Eleanor will both make decisions that change the trajectory of their lives.

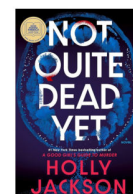
COFFEE & CRIME

Thursday, May 28 @ 5:30 PM

A book club for mysteries, procedurals & true crime.

► *Not Quite Dead Yet* by Holly Jackson

In seven days Jet Mason will be dead, and as her condition deteriorates she has only her childhood friend Billy for help. But nevertheless, she's absolutely determined to solve her own murder.



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