

The Library Link

◆ NORTHERN TIER LIBRARY
SEPTEMBER 2026



Both the Richland & Pine Centers will be closed on Monday, September 7 for Labor Day. Additionally, the Richland Center will close at 1 PM on Saturday, September 19 to prepare for our Murder in the Stacks event.

MURDER IN THE STACKS: A 1920S MYSTERY

Saturday, September 19 @ 6 PM

Dust off your pearls, straighten your suspenders & prepare for an evening of mystery & intrigue at Murder in the Stacks: A 1920s Mystery. Hosted by the Northern Tier Regional Library & sponsored by Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield & Allegheny Health Network Wexford, this event will transport guests back to the Roaring Twenties, where glamour, secrets, & suspense await around every corner.

Inspired by the spirit of the Jazz Age, the evening will feature an interactive mystery experience that invites guests to become part of the story as they search for clues, question suspects, & work together to solve a captivating whodunit. Throughout the evening, attendees can also enjoy casino games, music, vintage cocktails, appetizers, & desserts.

Mark your calendars & prepare to uncover the culprit at Murder in the Stacks, an evening where every guest becomes part of the story.

Tickets are \$50 per person & can be purchased online or in person at our Richland & Pine Center locations.

Thank you to our event sponsors!



ALL ABOUT ACUPUNCTURE

Tuesday, September 1 @ 6 PM

Join us for a presentation on acupuncture & traditional Chinese medicine by Leslie Meinert, L.Ac.

Learn some of the basic theory & benefits of this practice & have a chance to ask any questions you may have.

SEPTEMBER IS LOVE YOUR LIBRARY MONTH!

We're celebrating another Love Your Library campaign this month! All donations made to Northern Tier during the month of September will receive a prorated match from the Buncher Foundation. As one of our fundraisers, the library will offer a selection of high quality plants for sale:

8" mums (6 colors): **\$7.75**
6" kale (purple or white): **\$5.50**
12" pansy bowl: **\$16.00**

An order form is enclosed & **the deadline to preorder is Saturday, September 5.**

Northern Tier will have some additional events for the Love Your Library campaign including a murder-mystery fundraiser & a book sale from September 1 - 15. Please come in to take a look & remember that all plant, program, & book sale proceeds boost our Love Your Library donation total!

LOVE YOUR LIBRARY

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
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,
September 1 - 29**

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.

Sept 21: Mushroom Garland

Create a mini garland with DIY mushrooms.

Sept 28: Acorn Decorations

Make a fall decoration from acorn caps & marbles.

BABY PLAYTIME

Tuesdays, September 1 - 29 @ 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, September 2 - October 1 @ 10:30 AM

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

NATUREOLOGY: WHALES

Tuesday, September 8 @ 5:30 PM

Bigger than dinosaurs, these critters are not fish. They're mammals, & they've got the hair & belly buttons to prove it! Even stranger, they once were the size of dogs & walked on land. Learn more about whales at this month's Natureology with Tony Palermo.

MAKER MONDAYS

Monday, September 14 @ 3 PM

Join us on select Mondays to create fun projects related to art, crafts, electronics, sewing, & more! This month will feature Crochet where you can learn some basic crochet stitches.

POKÉMON CLUB

Monday, September 14 @ 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.

Adult Programs



Honor & Memorial Program

Donations were made in honor & memory of:

Vivian Castiglioni

from Helen McKinley

PITTSBURGH'S HISTORIC STADIUMS & ARENAS

Wednesday, October 7 @ 6:30 PM

From the earliest pro football & hockey teams to groundbreaking facilities like Duquesne Garden & the Civic Arena, Pittsburgh has led the way. Following the success of his first book on Pittsburgh's major league baseball parks, local historian Mark Fatla documents the history of Pittsburgh's professional football, hockey & basketball venues in his latest book *Pittsburgh's Historic Stadiums & Arenas*. Explore that history through dozens of historic images & an engaging lecture by the author.

An experienced and engaging speaker, Mark Fatla has presented at national & regional conferences, including the National Trust for Historic Preservation & the National Main Street Center. He has received numerous awards, including the 2025 Rimmel Award from the Allegheny City Society for his contributions to Northside history. A lifelong baseball fan, he lives on the Northside in an 1870 house just a short walk from the site of many of these historic sports venues.

BLOOD DONATION DRIVE

Monday, October 12 @ 1 PM

Donate blood this October to help patients who rely on blood donations- no tricks, just treats! Richland American Legion Post 548 will be hosting a blood drive at Northern Tier Library. Make an appointment at **vitalant.org** or call **877-25-VITAL** & use blood drive code: **100565039**.

Adult Programs

CLASSIC SCREWBALL COMEDY SERIES

Tuesday, October 13 @ 7 PM

Northern Tier Library, in partnership with the Pittsburgh Classic Movie Club, will show *Bringing Up Baby*, a film about a paleontologist in a number of predicaments involving a scatterbrained heiress & a leopard named Baby.

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



Enjoy watching classic movies? This film series will also be showing *The Lady Eve* on Tuesday, November 10 & *My Man Godfrey* on Tuesday, December 1!

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.

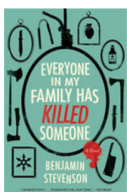
Book Clubs

BRIDGET'S BOOK CLUB **September 9 @ 6:30 PM**

A monthly book club for all fiction lovers.

- *Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone* by Benjamin Stevenson

Ernie writes guides to writing mysteries, & everyone in Ernie's family has killed someone. Some, the high achievers, have killed more than once. In his dysfunctional family, some are good, others are bad, & some are just unfortunate. Knives Out & Clue meet Agatha Christie & The Thursday Murder Club in this fiendishly clever, locked room mystery that blends classic & modern whodunits.

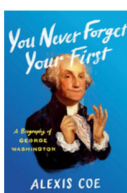


NONFICTION DISCUSSION **September 15 @ 1 PM**

A monthly book club featuring nonfiction titles.

- *You Never Forget Your First* by Alexis Coe

Alexis Coe takes a closer look at our first president & finds he is not quite the man we remember. With irresistible style & warm humor, *You Never Forget Your First* combines rigorous research & lively storytelling that will have readers, including those who thought presidential biographies were just for dads, inhaling every page.



Monthly Groups

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 on Tuesday, September 1 at 10 AM.

PINOCHLE

This card group meets every Tuesday at 1 PM. New players are always welcome!

AMERICAN MAHJONG

Join us at 1 PM every Wednesday to play American Mahjong with others.

TECHNOLOGY HELP

Register for a 30-minute session between 2 & 4 PM on Wednesdays, September 2, 16 - 30 to get help with a technology-related topic.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON GAMES

Play various tabletop games at the library on Fridays, September 4 & 18 at 1 PM!

YARNS N'AT

This fiber arts group will meet on Saturdays, September 5 & 19 at 10 AM to practice their preferred style of fiber art.

CONVERSATION GROUP

Stop by on Thursday, September 10 at 1 PM to share ideas & hear what others have to say.

LUNCH AT THE LIBRARY: MEMORY CAFE

Memory cafes offer individuals with cognitive impairment & their caregivers the opportunity to socialize. Come for a respite from stress while enjoying a light lunch with activity on Mondays, September 14 & 28 at 12:30 PM.

KNIT LIT

Knitters, crocheters, & all yarn art enthusiasts can join us on Tuesday, September 15 at 6:30 PM with whatever project they're working on.

PLANT-BASED PITTSBURGH

This month will feature a viewing of *How Not to Die*, a bold documentary about the human diet, on Wednesday, September 23 at 5:30 PM.

GERMAN CONVERSATION GROUP

Practice German & learn about the culture on Thursday, September 24 at 3:30 PM.

SERENITY: ADULT DESTRESS KITS

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



Northern Tier Regional Library
4015 Dickey Road, Gibsonia PA 15044

Pine Center Programs

FAMILY STORYTIME

Fridays, September 4 - October 2 @ 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, September 10 @ 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, September 17 @ 5 PM

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

LEARN MAHJONG

Tuesday, September 15 @ 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, September 14 @ 2 PM

A book club to explore genres & literary themes.

► *The Love of My Afterlife* by Kirsty Greenwood

If she wasn't dead already, Delphie would be dying of embarrassment. Not only did she die by choking on a microwaveable burger, but now she's standing in front of the hottest man she's ever seen. When she's offered a deal in which she can return to earth & reconnect with the mysterious man, she jumps at the opportunity to find her possible soulmate & a fresh start. But Delphie is going to have to listen to her heart, learn to ask for help, & perhaps even see the magic in the life she's leaving behind.



COFFEE & CRIME

Thursday, September 24 @ 5:30 PM

A book club for mysteries, procedurals & true crime.

► *The Stranger Beside Me* by Ann Rule

Ann Rule's *The Stranger Beside Me* defies our expectation that we would surely know if a monster lived among us, worked alongside of us, appeared as one of us. With a slow chill that intensifies with each heart-pounding page, Rule describes her dawning awareness that Ted Bundy, her sensitive coworker on a crisis hotline, was one of the most prolific serial killers in America.



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



Libby. hoopla

