

OCTOBER 2025



October at the Library!

We're here for a terror-ific time here at the library! We have plenty of activities and events for the spooky season: Halloween-themed crafts (and cookies!), stories, and a costume party! Plus, for our tweens and teens, we have a special Harry Potter themed escape room!

This month also marks our Fall Book Sale—a great opportunity to find your next read AND support the library!

Here's where it gets really exciting: we are having our second annual Paranormal Night this month! Step into a world where reality meets the supernatural; we'll have psychics and readings, a metaphysical marketplace, themed cocktails, and more! Grab your tickets [here](#).

Finally, thank you to everyone who attended our Farm to Table Gala last month! It was a beautiful evening; thank you to our community for coming together in celebration. ✨



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The Power of "Yes": A Library's Legacy

*Jennifer Koch's speech from our
Farm to Table Gala*

Good evening, distinguished guests and fellow book lovers. As we gather in this elegant space to celebrate our beloved library and community beacon, I find myself reflecting on a simple word that has shaped not only my recent experiences but the very foundation of this institution: **"Yes."**

Two new friends here in North Wales, recently reminded me of the transformative power of this three-letter word. And when I look at our library's 101-year journey, I see a tapestry woven from countless affirmations:

"Yes" to founding a library in 1923.

"Yes" to providing our first home in 1924.

"Yes" to sheltering us in the elementary school basement.

"Yes" to the mortgage and generous donors who helped us establish our current home in 2010.

Each affirmation has been a stepping stone, leading us to this moment—a century-old institution still vibrant, still growing, and yes, experiencing some growing pains.

Tonight, we're asking you to join this legacy of affirmation.

To say **"yes"** to our 2026 renovation plans. **"Yes"** to addressing our wonderful problem of overcrowded youth programs. **"Yes"** to creating more private meeting spaces and comfortable areas for our adults and teens.

As you explore the silent auction treasures, consider the raffles, visit our 12x12 donation cube, or challenge Justin to a round of "Literary Flip," I hope you'll consider adding your "yes" to our story. Your affirmation tonight becomes tomorrow's chapter in our continuing narrative.

And speaking of individuals who embody the spirit of "yes" in the literary world, it is my distinct pleasure to introduce our keynote speaker.

Jennifer Roth, the innovative heart of North Wales Elementary's library, earned her bachelor's degree in library science education from Kutztown University in 2010 and her master's from Clarion University in 2018. Before bringing her magic to North Wales in 2017, she inspired young readers at Gettysburg Area School District for six years.

Jennifer is famous for telling hesitant readers, "You don't hate reading; you just haven't found the right book YET." This philosophy of possibility—this commitment to "yes"—has transformed countless young lives.

When not creating literary adventures for her students, Jennifer enjoys life in Upper Perkiomen with her husband Chuck and their children, Chip and Conner, plus their lovable dog Lucy. A devoted fan of "The Land of Stories" series and "I Love Lucy," she brings creativity and joy to everything she touches.

Please join me in welcoming a true champion of possibility, a librarian who turns "maybe someday" into "yes, today"—
Jennifer Roth!

[To read Jennifer Roth's speech, click here.](#)



Monthly Calendars



General Calendar

See other side for Children/Teen Calendar



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|--|---|--|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | ** Events with an asterisk next time them require registration which can be found on our website | | 1 | 2 | 3 Canasta 12pm Movie Matinee 1pm | 4 |
| 5 | 6 Mahjong 1pm Adult Art Class 1pm | 7 Liz Hanbidge Mobile Office 11:30am Mahjong/Canasta 12:30pm Movie Matinee 1pm | 8 Dine & Donate Pour House DONATE All Abilities adult game time 3-5pm | 9 | 10 Canasta 12pm Movie Matinee 1pm | 11 Paranormal Night 6pm-9:30pm |
| 12 | 13 Mahjong 1pm Fiber Arts Group 1pm Adult Art Class 1pm Swedesford Garden Club 6:15 | 14 Mahjong/Canasta 12:30pm Movie Matinee 1pm Friends Meeting 6pm | 15 | 16 | 17 Canasta 12pm Movie Matinee 1pm Fall Booksale 8am-3pm | 18 Fall Booksale 8am-3pm |
| 19 | 20 Mahjong 1pm Adult Art Class 1pm | 21 Mahjong/Canasta 12:30pm Movie Matinee 1pm Evening Book Club 7pm | 22 Book Club 2pm Board Meeting 6:30pm | 23 Red Cross Blood Drive 1pm Thoughtful Thursday 6:30-8pm | 24 Canasta 12pm Movie Matinee 1pm | 25 |
| 26 | 27 Mahjong 1pm Adult Art Class 1pm Parent Cafe 5pm | 28 Mahjong/Canasta 12:30pm Movie Matinee 1pm | 29 | 30 Plot Twist & Pour Book Club 6pm | 31 Canasta 12pm Movie Matinee 1pm | |

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| 5 Fire Safety Week | 6 *Kindergarten Prep 11am | 7 Miss Vicki's Story Time 10am STEAM 10:30am *Homeschool Study Hall 12pm | 8 *Python Coding 5:30- 6:30pm | 9 Miss Erin's Story Time 11am Teddy Bear Sleepover | 10 Storybook Sprouts 10:30am | 11 Chess Club - 1pm One in Math 11am-12pm Atypical Amazing Children - 1pm |
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| 26 Cat face icon | 27 *Kindergarten Prep 11am *Parent Cafe 5pm | 28 Miss Vicki's Story Time 10am STEAM 10:30am *Homeschool Study Hall 12pm *Halloween Costume Party 5pm | 29 *Halloween Toddler Sing Sing 11am *Python Coding 5:30- 6:30pm | 30 Miss Erin's Halloween Story Time 11am | 31 Have a safe Halloween Bat icon | Ghost icon |



Click a calendar to download a printable copy!

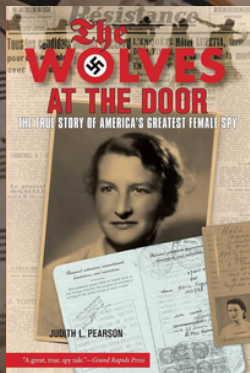


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Book Clubs

BOOKS CAN BE PURCHASED STARTING AT \$10.



EVENING BOOK CLUB

WOLVES AT THE DOOR: THE TRUE STORY OF AMERICA'S GREATEST FEMALE SPY

JUDITH PEARSON

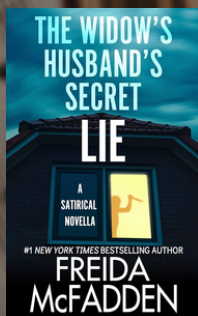
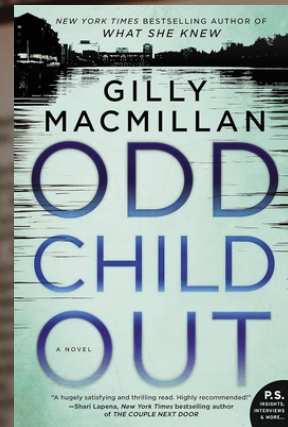
OCTOBER 21ST @7PM

AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

ODD CHILD OUT: A NOVEL

GILLY MACMILLAN

OCTOBER 22ND @2PM



PLOT TWIST & POUR BOOK CLUB

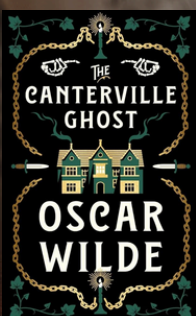
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THE WIDOW'S HUSBAND'S SECRET LIE

THE CANTERVILLE GHOST

OCTOBER 30TH @6:15PM



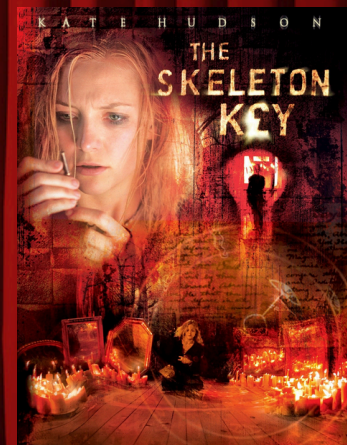
MOVIE MATINEE

TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS



YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN

October 3rd
PG, 1 hr 46 min



THE SKELETON KEY

October 6th + 10th
PG-13, 1 hr 44 min



PSYCHO

October 13th + 17th
R, 1 hr 49 min



KNIVES OUT

October 20th + 24th
PG-13, 2 hr 10 min

POLTERGEIST



POLTERGEIST

October 27th + 31st
PG, 2 hr

USED BOOK SALE

**Donate your read
books and grab some
new ones!**

Bring us your dusty shelf-dwellers;
they are our treasure! Donate your
used books and give them a second
chapter in a new home.

FALL NWAL BOOK SALE - 10/17 & 10/18

TELL CONGRESS:

PROTECT LIBRARY FUNDING

Federal funding supports essential services at NORTH WALES AREA LIBRARY, including:

- Access PA/POWER Library (partial federal funding, also includes Library Access funds)
- Federal Funds for basic library functions including: internet, books, and programming.
- End of digital resource availability through apps like Libby

Those services are in jeopardy if federal funding is eliminated. Contact your Senators and Representative and urge them to save federal funding for libraries.



***NO STATE BUDGET
PASSED – WE NEED YOU!***



ala.org/showup

Animal and Plant Partnerships!

Join us for an engaging session with Aaron Gross from the Briar Bush Nature Center, exploring the fascinating relationships between animals and plants with a captivating PowerPoint presentation.

Hosted by the Swedesford Garden Club
North Wales Area Library
October 13, 2025 at 6:15pm

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NORTH WALES AREA LIBRARY
INVITES YOU TO OUR OCTOBER

DINE & DONATE

Have a delicious meal with family and friends while supporting your favorite local library!



The Pour House
29 Arpt Sq Rd, North Wales, PA 19454



**OCTOBER 8TH
6-8PM**

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North Wales Area Library presents

After Dark: The Library's 2nd Annual Paranormal Night

with Eric Mintel & Dominick Satteler

October 11th | 6-9:30pm

**Join us for an enchanted evening
of spiritual connections, mystical
discoveries, and otherworldly
experiences.**

BLOOD DONORS ARE LIFE-SAVERS.

SAVE A LIFE, GIVE YOUR BLOOD.



You can make a difference in someone else's life!
Join our blood donation drive **October 23rd.**

Thoughtful Thursday

THE JOY OF SOX

"Our mission is simple...to provide joy and health to those experiencing homelessness by giving them new socks."



**Join us October 23rd
6:30-8PM**

**Founders Tom & Nancy Costello will discuss their journey
& The Joy of Sox!**



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NORTH WALES AREA LIBRARY'S 5TH ANNUAL

Holiday Marketplace

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST
10AM - 3PM**

NORTH WALES ARTS AND CULTURAL CENTER
125 N. MAIN STREET
NORTH WALES, PA 19454

**HOLIDAY MAGIC IN THE HEART OF
NORTH WALES!**

ADMISSION TO OUR SHOPPERS & GUESTS IS FREE,
THOUGH DONATIONS ARE WARMLY APPRECIATED!

JOIN US FOR A DAY OF SHOPPING, MUSIC, FOOD,
AND FESTIVE COMMUNITY SPIRIT!

