



NWAL News from the Stacks

December

2025



The Gift of Yes:

Building Tomorrow's Library, Today

As we stand at the threshold of 2026—a year that promises technological leaps, cultural shifts, and countless unknowns—one thing remains beautifully constant: the power of community coming together to say “yes”.

This holiday season, nonprofits across our region are facing a perfect storm of challenges. Funding gaps widen. Staffing shortages persist. The needs of our neighbors grow more complex. Yet amid these struggles, there's a quiet revolution happening in living rooms, coffee shops, and yes, libraries—people are choosing to say “yes” to the organizations that hold their communities together.

YOUR Library Needs Your “Yes”

The North Wales Area Library isn't just surviving these challenges -

we're determined to thrive through them. But we can't do it alone. As we prepare to turn the calendar to 2026, we're not just thinking about keeping our doors open (though that matters enormously). We're dreaming bigger:

- **Yes**, to expanding our digital literacy programs for seniors navigating an increasingly online world.
- **Yes**, to creating safe, welcoming spaces for teens who need somewhere to belong.
- **Yes**, to building collections that reflect every voice in our diverse community.
- **Yes**, to being the bridge between where we are and where we're going.

What Does 2026 Hold?

Nobody knows for certain what the new year will bring. Will AI reshape how we work and learn? Will our

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community face new challenges we haven't imagined? What we *do* know is this: **whatever 2026 holds, our library will be here—a steady anchor in changing times, a place where questions are welcomed and curiosity is celebrated. But only if YOU say yes.**

The Ripple Effect of Your Gift

When you support the library this holiday season, you're not just donating. You're casting a vote for the kind of community you want to live in. You're saying yes to:

- The child who discovers their favorite author on our shelves
 - The job seeker who uses our computers to find their next opportunity
 - The lifelong learner who attends their first program and makes a new friend;
 - The family who finds free, enriching activities when budgets are tight.
- Every gift—whether \$25 or \$2,500—creates ripples that extend far beyond our walls.

Join Us in Saying YES

This December, as you consider where to direct your year-end giving, we hope you'll include the **North Wales Area Library** in your plans. Your support doesn't just help us survive; it helps us build the library our community will need in 2026 and beyond.

Because in a world full of uncertainty, saying yes to your library is saying yes to connection, knowledge, hope and our future success.

Ready to make your gift, use this QR Code:



or mail your donation to:

North Wales Area Library, 233 S. Swartley Street, North Wales, PA 19454




Together, let's make 2026 a year of possibility.



Monthly Calendars

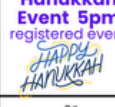
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General Calendar
See other Side for
Children/Teen Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tue.Sday	Wedne.Sday	Thurs.Sday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Mahjong 1pm	2 Mahjong/Canasta 12pm	3	4	5 Canasta 12pm Movie Matinee 1pm Santa Event 5pm	6
7	8 Mahjong 1pm Fiber Arts 1pm Swedesford Garden Club 6:30pm Ginger Bread Contest	9 Mahjong/Canasta 12pm Liz Hanbidge Mobile Office 11:30am	10 Holiday Adult Game Night 6pm	11 Upper Gwynedd Democrates 6:30pm	12 Canasta 12pm Movie Matinee 1pm	13
Hanukkah¹⁴ Event 5pm registered event 	15 Mahjong 1pm	16 Mahjong/Canasta 12pm Friends Meeting Zoom 6pm Book Club dinner 6pm	17 North Wales Library Board Meeting 6:30pm	18 Blood Drive 1-5pm Thoughtful Thursday 6:30pm	19 Canasta 12pm Movie Matinee 1pm	20 Board Game Meetup 12pm Reel and Craft 1pm
21	22 Mahjong 1pm Jayne's Cookbook Club 6:30pm	23 Mahjong/Canasta 12pm Plot Twist & Pour 6:30pm Library Closes 3pm	24 Library Closed	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS Library Closed	26 Canasta 12pm	27
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Click a
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a printable
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DECEMBER 2025

Book Clubs

BOOKS CAN BE PURCHASED STARTING AT \$10.



JAYNE'S COOKBOOK CLUB

LIVIN' IT

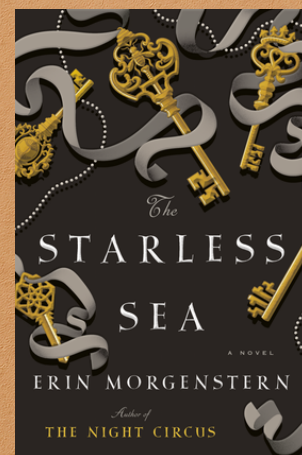
MICHAEL PERZEL & RICK MOWAT

DECEMBER 22ND @ 6:30PM

PLOT TWIST & POUR BOOK CLUB

THE STARLESS SEA
ERIN MORGANSTERN

DECEMBER 23RD @ 6:30PM



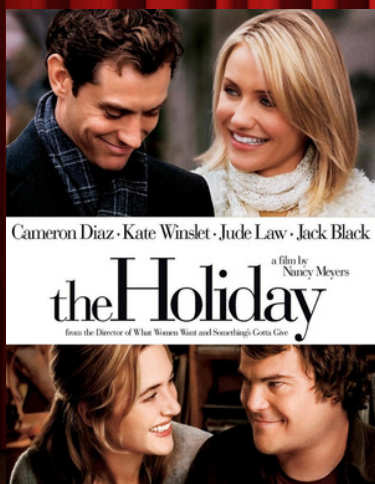
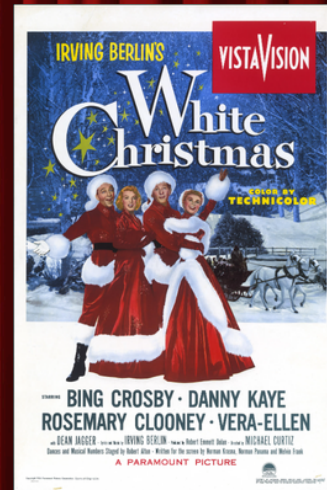
MOVIE MATINEE

FRIDAYS IN DECEMBER

WHITE CHRISTMAS

December 5th

Not Rated, 2 hr 13 min



THE HOLIDAY

December 12th

PG-13, 1 hr 40 min

NATIONAL LAMPOON'S CHRISTMAS VACATION

December 19th

PG-13, 1 hr 37 min



Giving Tuesday

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2ND



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Roots & Wings Donation



Giving Tree



Click each
logo to
learn more
about
donating!

***Giving Tuesday is the largest donation day for
non-profits!***

**Experience the joy of giving and help lift up our struggling nonprofits
—our library needs the community's support now more than ever!**



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HOLIDAY Open House

SANTA IS COMING TO THE LIBRARY

DECEMBER

FRIDAY 5 5:00PM

**WE WILL HAVE PICTURES WITH SANTA, CAROLERS,
COOKIES AND HOT CHOCOLATE, FUN CRAFTS,
AND BE SURE TO DROP OFF YOUR LETTERS TO
SANTA!**

*Any Donation
appreciated
at event*





GIRL SCOUT Book Nook



You're invited to join local Girl Scouts for a story time and craft activity! All girls in the North Penn Area in grades K-3 are welcome to attend!

**WHERE: NORTH WALES AREA LIBRARY,
233 SWARTLEY STREET, NORTH WALES**

WHEN: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16TH | 5:45-6:45PM

QUESTIONS? EMAIL US AT NPGIRLSOUTS@GMAIL.COM





Community Giving Tree Tags:

**Home at Last Rescue
Senior Dog Rescue
North Wales Area Library
North Wales Families
Joy of Sox**

We also need Gift Cards for Upcoming Projects:

*Ace Hardware, Home Depot,
Amazon, Walmart, Pizza, Chic-Fil-A,
WaWa, Pet Smart, & Michaels*



NWAL Wishes:

From Our Giving Tuesday Amazon Wish List:

<https://a.co/4C41SCZ>

Dustbuster Aquarium Bean Bag Chairs
Bubbles Bubble Machine Chalk
Copier Paper 4k HDMI Cord
Thermal Laminating Pouches
Heavy Duty Stapler FlexiSand Kinetic Sand
6 Qt Plastic Storage Toy Storage
Reptile Carpet Rabbit Food Rabbit Litter
Lysol Disinfectant Spray Clorox Wipes Paper Towels
Play Doh in Bulk Stickers & Prizes

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WaWa, Pet Smart, & Michaels*



ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE WORKSHOP

SparkK Initiative in collaboration with North Wales Library

CURIOUS YOUNG MINDS CAN EXPLORE THE EXCITING WORLD OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN THIS INTERACTIVE CLASS LED BY DEVESH WAGHMARE, VICE PRESIDENT OF NORTH PENN HIGH SCHOOL'S AI CLUB. STUDENTS WILL LEARN HOW AI SHAPES THE TECHNOLOGY AROUND THEM—FROM VOICE ASSISTANTS TO VIDEO GAMES—THROUGH FUN DEMONSTRATIONS AND HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES. DESIGNED FOR GRADES 4-8, THIS CLASS MAKES BIG IDEAS SIMPLE, CREATIVE, AND INSPIRING.



JANUARY 3RD & 17TH 3-4PM
GRADES 4-8

**LAPTOPS WILL BE PROVIDED FOR USE DURING THIS
PROGRAM**



Register online!

Email Nicole with questions at

nskinner@northwaleslibrary.org

AI:

What it is and how it is changing our world

Technology moves fast—but understanding it doesn't have to be hard. Join Devesh Waghmare, an 11th-grade student and AI educator from North Penn High School, for a friendly, down-to-earth introduction to Artificial Intelligence. Learn what AI really is, how it's already part of daily life, and what it might mean for the next generation. This program is designed for adults and retirees who want to stay informed, ask questions, and better understand the technology shaping today's world.

January 10th and 24th 3-4pm
**Laptops will be provided for
use during the program.**



Adult Workshop

**SparKK Initiative in Collaboration
with North Wales Area Library**

Register online!

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*Join Us Saturday,
January 31st*

BREWS

FOR A

Chili

NIGHT

SATURDAY,
JANUARY 31ST
5:00-7:00 PM

@ NORTH WALES AREA LIBRARY

Chili Cook Off Competition will be held
at the library. The competition will be
judged by our ticket holders. Tickets
will go on sale January 1st.

A Portion of the
Proceeds Benefit
the Winning Non-
Profit!

ONE FREE ENTRY
PER NON-PROFIT
SPACE IS LIMITED



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December 1, 2025

RE: Make Your Year-End Gift Count—Support North Wales Area Library Today
Dear «First Name»,

My name is **Tobi** and from my cozy spot in the Director's Office, I've witnessed something extraordinary this year: 1,000 new people discovered what makes our library special. One thousand new library cards. One thousand new stories beginning. And here's what really amazes me—73% of them are adults, proving that libraries aren't just nostalgic places from childhood. We're thriving, growing, and more relevant than ever in today's world.



Every day, I watch the magic unfold. I see tiny hands reach for their very first books and adults discovering new skills through our

technology classes. I hear giggles during story time and witness the quiet determination of someone working toward their GED. I've been read to by children who are just learning their letters, and I've seen families from every background find their place here.



"Our family loves the North Wales Area Library! As parents of young children, we were looking for a familiar place where our daughters could not only learn but also feel like a part of the community and the NWAL has provided that and so much more!

In the short amount of time that our daughter has been a frequent visitor to the library we have new friends, learned many new things utilizing the countless programs offered and provided to her as an outlet to socialize at her own pace.

The weekly highlight for our daughter is always story time. She loves singing & dancing with her friends, finding out what new books will be read and participating in the unique interactive experience that each librarian offers.

I really get into the different themed weeks that are put together. Space week was enjoyable for me because I was able to refresh my memory on facts about the solar system, help my daughter create her own constellation and enter the inflatable planetarium with her. There is always something new to experience at the library, even for us as parents.

We cannot thank the North Wales Area Library enough for how welcoming they have been to our family and for all the effort they put forth to make the library a place that our entire family can enjoy!"

♥ - The Orzechowski Family

My caregivers here are extraordinary. They don't just take care of me (though they do spoil me with the juiciest crickets and the perfect basking temperature), they take care of this entire community. They plan programs, answer questions, recommend books, create safe spaces, and work tirelessly to ensure that everyone who walks through our doors feels like they belong.

But here's something that worries me (and trust me, bearded dragons don't worry easily): with significant decreases in government funding and available general operating grants, the library that has become my home—and your community's heart—needs your help.

Those 1,000 new cardholders? They're counting on us to be here. The families who gather for story time, the job seekers using our computers, the students finding quiet study space, the seniors learning new technology—they all need us to stay open and keep our programs running.

This December, will you help us continue serving our growing community?

Your donation—whether it's a one-time donation of \$25, \$50, \$100, or a recurring monthly gift—will directly support our general operations and ensure that we can continue offering free programming to everyone who needs us. Every dollar you give helps us:

- Keep our doors open during uncertain times;
- Maintain our free programs for all ages;
- Remain a hub of inclusivity and connection for everyone.

Please make your tax-deductible donation today and help us write the next chapter of our story. Because here's what I've learned, libraries aren't just about books. They're about **Community, Connection, Inclusivity, and Possibility**. They're about second chances and first discoveries. They're about belonging. In a world that often feels divided, we remain a place where everyone comes together. And that's worth fighting for.

With gratitude (and a little tail wave),

Tobi 🐉

Resident Bearded Dragon & Biggest Library Fan
@North Wales Area Library



P.S. Did you know getting a library card is **FREE**! Sadly, the day-to-day operations are not. Donate today and I'll personally celebrate with you! If you'd like to meet me while making your donation, I'm usually available for visits Tuesday-Friday or for pre-scheduled reading sessions. I promise to be an excellent listener!