

NWAL News from the Stacks

JANUARY 2026



A Director's Look Ahead to 2026

As we step into 2026, I'm filled with excitement for what's in store for our library and community. This year promises to be one of growth, innovation, and meaningful connection.

One of our most anticipated milestones will be the unveiling of our **newly renovated Children's and Teen Section**, made possible through the generous **Chester County Erb Grant** and our **2025 VNA Grant**. This transformation will create a vibrant, dedicated space for our younger readers while also allowing us to designate a comfortable and relaxed area for adults—a win for patrons of all ages! We're especially grateful to our partners, the

volunteers from Merck, who will be painting the Teen and Children's sections for us in February. Their dedication to our community is truly inspiring.

We're committed to bringing you new and innovative programming alongside the continued programs you've come to love and expect. There's truly something for everyone.

Thoughtful Thursdays return with the brilliant **Dr. Susanne Johnston**, who will be creating amazing 250th Anniversary content each month. Mark your calendars for **January 15th at 6:30 PM** when she'll explore the question: "*Did your relatives fight in the Revolutionary War?*"

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It's the perfect way to kick off a year of historical discovery.

We will continue to support our community through our **monthly Red Cross Blood Drives**. Sign up to save a life today—your donation makes a real difference.

In February, we're thrilled to launch an **exciting partnership with North Penn School District** as we bring student artwork to life and display it at the library. It's a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the creativity of our young artists and strengthen our connection with local schools.

Starting in the month of love, we'll also launch a **monthly focus on Family Research and Genealogy** using firsthand sources. I'm thrilled to share something deeply personal: love letters between my grandmother and grandfather dating back to 1947. Each month, I'll share excerpts from their correspondence, and I invite you to walk through history with me. It's a beautiful reminder that the stories we preserve today become the treasures of tomorrow.

Our team is getting some much-deserved rest over these next few days, and we look forward to serving everyone in 2026! We appreciate every one of you and look forward to seeing you all this year.

Here's to a year of discovery, connection, and community! Thank you for your support in 2025!

Jennifer, Director NWAL



Monthly Calendars



January 2026

General Calendar
See other side for
Children/Teen Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	*Events with an asterisk require registration which can be found on our website			1 Happy New Year! Library Closed	2 Canasta 12pm	3
4	5 Mahjong 1pm	6 Mahjong/Canasta 12pm Liz Hanbidge Mobile Office 11:30am	7	8 Upper Gwynedd Democrats 6:30pm	9 Canasta 12pm Movie Matinee 1pm	10 Reel and Craft 1pm AI Program* 3pm
11	12 Mahjong 1pm Fiber Arts 1pm Swedesford Garden Club 6:30pm	13 Mahjong/Canasta 12pm Friends Meeting Zoom 6pm Jayne's Evening Book Club 7pm	14 Adult Game Night 6pm	15 Blood Drive 1-5pm Thoughtful Thursday 6:30pm	16 Canasta 12pm Movie Matinee 1pm	17 Board Game 12pm
18	19 Library Closed	20 Mahjong/Canasta 12pm	21 North Wales Library Board Meeting 6:30pm	22 Plot Twist & Pour 6pm	23 Canasta 12pm Movie Matinee 1pm *Family Mini Golf 5:30pm	24 AI Program* 3pm
25	26 Mahjong 1pm Jayne's Cookbook Club 6:30pm	27 Mahjong/Canasta 12pm	28 Jayne's Daytime Book Club 2pm	29	30 Canasta 12pm Movie Matinee 1pm	31 Chili Brew Event 5-7pm

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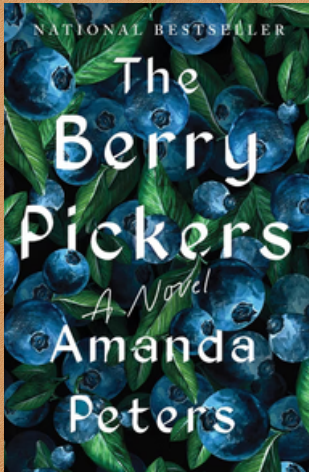


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Book Clubs

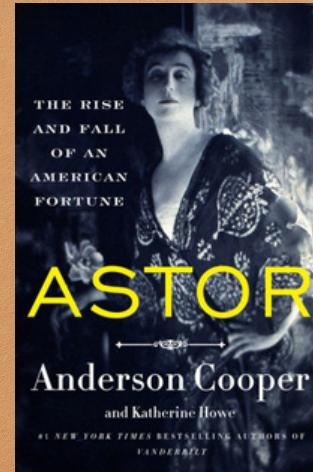
BOOKS CAN BE PURCHASED STARTING AT \$10.



EVENING BOOK CLUB

THE BERRY PICKERS BY AMANDA PETERS

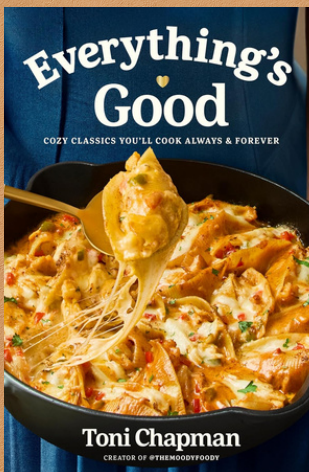
JANUARY 13TH @ 7:00PM



PLOT TWIST & POUR

ASTOR BY ANDERSON COOPER

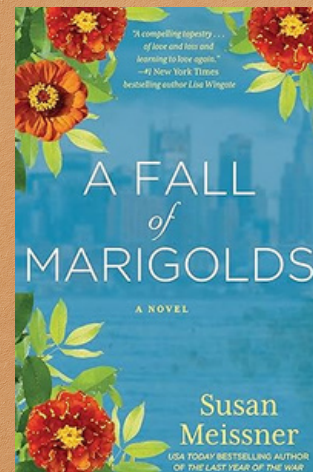
JANUARY 22ND @ 6:00PM



COOKBOOK CLUB

EVERYTHING'S GOOD BY TONI CHAPMAN

JANUARY 26TH @ 6:30PM



DAYTIME BOOK CLUB

A FALL OF MARIGOLDS BY SUSAN MEISSNER

JANUARY 28TH @ 2:00PM

Family Bingo Night

Wednesday

JANUARY | 7th

5:15 PM

Join us for a delightful half-hour of family-friendly Bingo! Every participating child will receive prizes, making it a fun time for everyone.

Registration Required



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

PLEASE BRING A LAPTOP TO UTILIZE DURING PROGRAMMING



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
Please Bring A Laptop to Utilize During Programing

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Adult Workshop

SparKK Initiative in Collaboration
with North Wales Area Library

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THOUGHTFUL THURSDAY

1ST OF A SIX MONTH SERIES

 IT'S THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICA! 



DO YOU HAVE AN ANCESTOR WHO FOUGHT IN THE
REVOLUTIONARY WAR?

✦ HISTORY BUFF? ✦ GENEALOGY ENTHUSIAST? ✦ LOVED
KEN BURNS' AMERICAN REVOLUTION SERIES?

 **FIRST SESSION: JANUARY 15TH, 2026**

@6:30 PM IN OUR COMMUNITY ROOM

**TOPIC 1: DO YOU HAVE AN ANCESTOR WHO FOUGHT
IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR?**

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PRESENTED BY DR. SUSANNE JOHNSTON

**STEP BACK IN TIME AND RELIVE
HISTORY LIKE NEVER BEFORE!**

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19 January, 2026

**MARTIN
LUTHER
KING JR
DAY**


Day of Service

**North Wales Area
Library will be
closed**



POWER OF THE PEN

**MONTHLY TWEEN/TEEN WRITING & ART
WORKSHOPS**



FOR YOUNG ARTISTS AND WRITERS IN 6TH
GRADE AND UP WHO ARE LOOKING TO
CONNECT WITH PEERS, EXPLORE DIFFERENT
FORMS OF WRITING, AND EXPERIMENT WITH
A VARIETY OF ART MEDIUMS. SOME
SESSIONS WILL FEATURE GUEST ARTISTS
AND WRITERS WHO WILL LEAD WORKSHOPS
ABOUT THEIR CRAFT, ALONG WITH
OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARTICIPANTS TO
SHARE THEIR OWN WORK IN A SUPPORTIVE,
CREATIVE COMMUNITY.

REGISTER ONLINE! QUESTIONS? EMAIL NICOLE
NSKINNER@NORTHWALESLIBRARY.ORG

JANUARY 22ND AT 6PM



THIS EVENT IS FREE
BUT DONATIONS ARE
ALWAYS WELCOME!



MINI GOLF AT THE NORTH WALES AREA LIBRARY IS BACK!

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23RD, 5:30PM-7PM

THE LIBRARY WILL BE CONVERTED
INTO A 9-HOLE MINI GOLF COURSE!

Swing on over for a fantastic family outing with a twist
—a mini golf course inside the North Wales Area Library.

Yes, you heard right, tee off among the books!



registration is required with time slot!

All of our children's programs are designed to be inclusive, welcoming participants of all abilities. If you require any accommodations, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at ethompson@northwaleslibrary.org.



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



For more information:

librarian@northwaleslibrary.org

NORTH WALES AREA LIBRARY

LOVE & PASSION

NOT HERE!!!

*Roses are Red &
Violets are Blue*

I'd Still Rather Play Trivia than Date You!

TRIVIA W/QUIZZO GUYS!

SATURDAY
14TH
FEB, 2026

BYOB

LIGHT SNACKS PROVIDED
TICKET PURCHASE REQUIRED

FREE PARKING AREA, DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM

NWAL - 233 S. SWARTLEY ST. NORTH WALES

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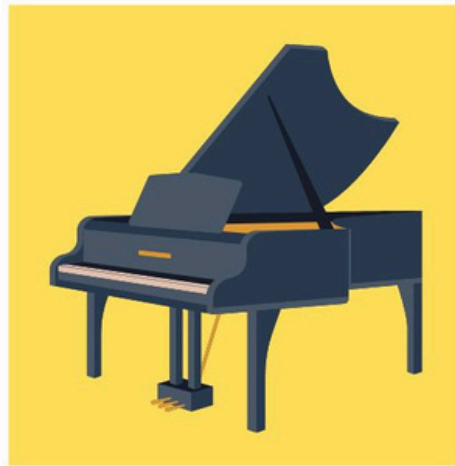
Get into the Mardi Gras spirit at North Wales Area Library and learn all about the musical traditions of the Crescent City and their influence on popular music around the world!

NEW ORLEANS:

AMERICA'S MOST IMPORTANT MUSICAL CITY

AN INTERACTIVE CONCERT LECTURE PRESENTED BY NORTH WALES AREA LIBRARY

Through musical analysis, live musical performance, and audience participation, the Patrick Kerksen Trio will help bring some Mardi Gras up to Pennsylvania!



FEATURING THE PATRICK KERKSEN TRIO

**FEBRUARY 13TH,
2026 6:00-7:15**

**MORE INFORMATION AT
[HTTPS://WWW.NORTHWALESLIBRARY.ORG](https://www.northwaleslibrary.org) AND
PATRICKKERKSENPIANO.COM**

