

Takin' Care of Business

LIBRARY board meeting

Are you civic minded? Have you ever wondered what happens at a **Board of Trustees Meeting**? Find out! Library Board Meetings are open to the public. **This month's meeting is on February 8 at 6:30 PM.**

The **Friends of Northampton Area Public Library** are holding their next meeting on **Tuesday, February 27 at 7:00 PM.** New members are always welcome; we would love to have you join us! Want to support the Friends? See the Strudel Fundraiser below!



More News!

We're getting a new website!

Over the course of the next few months, northamptonapl.org will start to look different. Don't be alarmed! The online calendar and all registrations will remain consistent throughout the transition.

Friends of NAPL Strudel Fundraiser

Order from February 1 through March 7

Pick-up: Monday, March 25, 1:00 PM

Get your 12" **Mattie's Strudel Haus** strudels in time for the Easter/Spring season! You'll have enough to share with your loved ones. Apple and Blueberry-Lemon-Cheese strudels are \$15.00, and Bacon-Egg-&-Cheese, Cherry-Cheese, Cheesesteak, Chicken-Bacon-Ranch, and Spinach-Artichoke strudels are \$17.00.

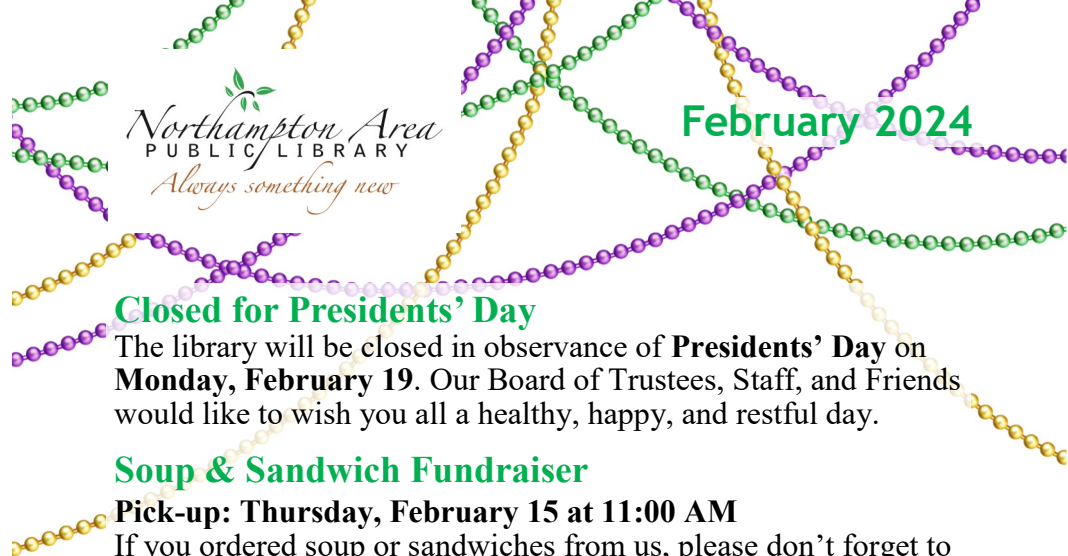
Meet your Staff

Sarah—ILL Librarian & Senior Outreach Coordinator

Sarah started working at NAPL in January 2020 as a library assistant and gradually took on more and more responsibilities until she had a very long job title, Interlibrary Loan Librarian and Senior Outreach Coordinator. Her favorite part of her job is visiting and bringing books to homebound patrons, who—despite the 60+ year age gap—she considers to be her dear friends. When she is not at the library, Sarah enjoys hiking, reading, cooking, and gardening with her husband, Peter. She has two naughty cats, Ulysses and Franklin. Her favorite authors are Elena Ferrante and Kazuo Ishiguro.



Stay up-to-date on the latest from the Library! Visit our website at www.northamptonapl.org or follow us on Facebook!



Closed for Presidents' Day

The library will be closed in observance of **Presidents' Day** on **Monday, February 19.** Our Board of Trustees, Staff, and Friends would like to wish you all a healthy, happy, and restful day.

Soup & Sandwich Fundraiser

Pick-up: Thursday, February 15 at 11:00 AM

If you ordered soup or sandwiches from us, please don't forget to pick them up! Refrigerator space is scarce in the library!

Chili Cook-Off Contest

Registration due by: Saturday, February 17 at 4:00 PM

Contest: Saturday, March 2, 1:00-3:00 PM

Contestants are welcome to show off their favorite recipe, with or without meat, with or without beans, as hot or as mild as you like! Meat may be beef, pork, lamb, chicken, turkey, or wild game. Vegetarian (meatless) chili is wonderful too! **We must have at least 5 contestants for the contest to take place;** if we do not have at least 5 contestants by February 17, all entry fees will be refunded. Grand Prize includes a 1st place medal and 20% of all entry fees!

Flights of chili are on sale for \$5.00 for cash or check only.

Should the contest not take place, refunds will be issued. With your purchase of a flight of chili, you get a guaranteed taste of each contestant's entry and the chance to help our judges vote for the winners!

Starting at 2:00 PM, the general public is welcome to join us for \$3.00 to sample the rest of the chili! Should any chili be left over in the last 15 minutes of the event, 15 oz. portions will be for sale for \$5.00 each.

Laid-Back Book Club

February's Pick: *Once Upon a Wardrobe* by Patti Callahan

The book club for those without a lot of time! All discussion happens through our Facebook Group. Copies are available for members at the Help Desk. Once you join, don't forget to join in!



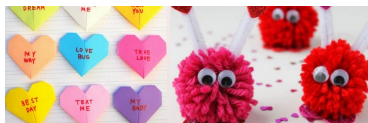
For Children

Kids' Craft Bags

New craft every other week: **February 5 & 20**

Craft bags are available for pickup! There is a limit of 2 per family.

Crafts are first come, first served unless otherwise noted.



Storytimes

Join Miss Tessa for early education storytimes **through February 29**:

- **Lap-sit Storytime:** Tuesdays, 10:30 AM
- **Toddler Storytime:** Wednesdays, 10:00 AM
- **Pre-school Storytime:** Thursdays, 10:00 AM

3-5 Clubs

For our older elementary school students: **Thursdays at 6:00 PM.**

- **Game Club:** February 8
- **STEAM Craft Club:** February 15

K-2 Storycraft

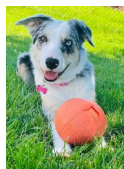
Thursday, February 22, 4:30-5:30 PM

For our early elementary school students we offer stories and crafts!

Read to a Therapy Dog!

Thursday, February 22, 6:00-7:00 PM

Ages 5-10. Registration is required; please call to sign up for a 15-minute slot. Slots are first come, first served.



For Teens (Middle & High School)

Herbal Shower Steamer Kit

Pick-up begins Monday, February 5, 9:00 AM

These shower steamers will contain invigorating peppermint. **Kits are limited; registration is required. Please, no NASD Kids emails.**

Tween & Teen Advisory Board

Tuesday, February 6, 5:00-6:00 PM

Our Teen Advisory Board is a space for teens, grades 6-12, to represent themselves at our library. **Registration requested, not required.**

Tween & Teen Chocolate Olympics

Tuesday, February 6, 6:00-7:00 PM

Calling all candy connoisseurs! Complete four chocolate challenges, and earn lots of sweet treats! Challenges are: Hershey's Kiss chopstick challenge, marshmallow tower building, mystery chocolate taste test, and the M&M relay race. **If you have a food allergy, please contact the Young Adult Program Coordinator upon registration.**

Teen Game Club

Tuesday, February 13, 5:00-6:00 PM

Hang out and play a variety of video, card, and board games with other young adults like you. **Registration for this meeting is requested, but not required. No NASD Kids emails.**

Teen Anime Club

Tuesday, February 13, 6:00-7:00 PM

Hang out, snack, and watch anime with other fans. Members may choose which anime to watch at each meeting. **Registration for this meeting is requested, but not required.**

For Adults

DIY Winter Amaryllis Kit

Pick-up begins Monday, February 12, 9:00 AM

Pretty and colorful winter blooms will cheer up any room.

Kits contain enough materials for a full flower and a bud.

Kits are limited, so registration is required.



Stitch & Chat

Tuesday, February 13, 6:00-7:00 PM.

Join us with your needlepoint, quilting, embroidery, crochet, or knitting! Experienced and inexperienced members welcome! We have teachers on hand to help with the basics.



Once Upon a Crime

Monday, February 26, 6:00-7:00 PM

This month's discussion is about Couples Who Kill! Which ones? Join us to find out!

Please do not attend if you're sensitive to discussions of violence or explicit content. Registration is required.