

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 January 11 at 6:30 PM.**

The **Friends of Northampton Area Public Library** are holding their next meeting on **Tuesday, January 23 at 7:00 PM.** New members are always welcome; we would love to have you join us for this reorganizational meeting!



More News!

Well-Read, Badly-Behaved Book Club

Tuesday, January 30, 1:30-2:30 PM

Discussing *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* by Heather Morris. Snacking on Chex Mix.

Once Upon a Crime

Monday, January 29, 6:00-7:00 PM

This month's discussion is about serial killers! 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.

Meet your Staff

Collin—Cataloging King

As Northampton's Cataloging King, Collin is responsible for planning, organizing and maintaining our collection. A mythical sight akin to the yeti, Collin is usually working in the back, far from prying eyes. His favorite part of the job is being able to turn on an audiobook and catalog his little heart away! Outside of pestering his coworkers, he enjoys hiking, playing video games and obsessing over his latest reads. His all time favorite genre is Fantasy, including anything by Sarah J. Maas and Cassandra Clare. It should also go without saying that, with every fiber of his being, he wishes he was a vampire like Edward Cullen.



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



January 2024

Happy New Year!

The library will be closed in observance of **New Year's** on Monday, January 1 and Tuesday, January 2. Our Board of Trustees, Staff, and Friends would like to wish you all a healthy and happy 2024.

Soup & Sandwich Fundraiser

Orders: Tuesday, January 3– Wednesday, January 31

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

Island Expressions offers a wide variety of soup and sandwiches for a quick meal that will hit the spot on cold winter days. Every thing is delicious, and nothing is over \$6.00! Every soup and sandwich purchased earns a bit of money for the library.

Chili Cook-Off Contest

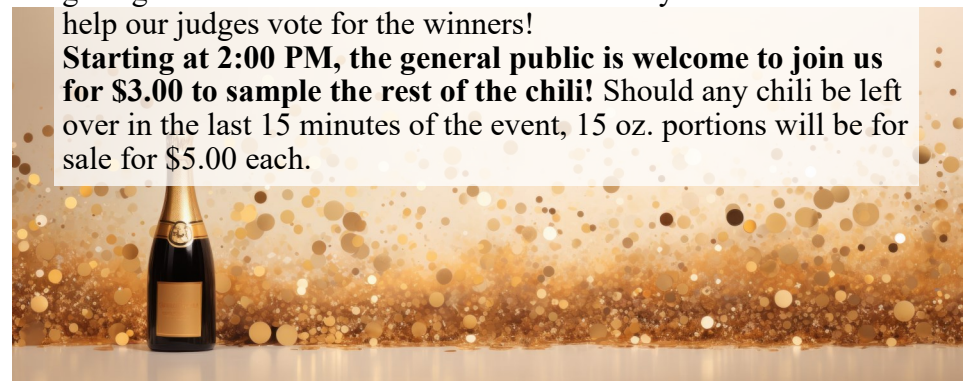
Registration due by: Saturday, February 17 at 4:00 PM

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 will be on sale for \$5.00 beginning January 29th 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.



For Children

Kids' Craft Bags

New craft every other week: **January 3 & 16**

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 another session of early education storytimes beginning on the following days:

- **Lapsit Storytime:** Tuesday, January 16, 10:30 AM
- **Toddler Storytime:** Wednesday, January 17, 10:00 AM
- **Pre-school Storytime:** Thursday, January 18, 10:00 AM

3-5 Clubs

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

- Game Club: January 11
- STEAM Craft Club: January 18

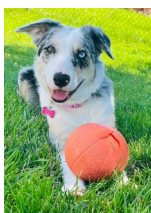
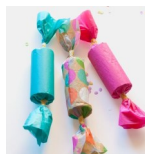
K-2 Storycraft

Thursday, January 21, 4:30-5:30 PM

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

Read to a Therapy Dog!

Ages 5-10. **Stay tuned for the next date and time!** Registration is required; please call to sign up for a 15 minute slot. First come, first served



For Teens (Middle & High School)

Whipped Peppermint Lotion Kit

Pick-Up begins Monday, January 8, 9:00 AM

We know Winter is rough on your hands. Make your own lotion with shea butter to combat the dryness of the weather. **Kits are limited; registration is required.**

Teen Advisory Board

Tuesday, January 9, 6:00-7:00 PM

Our Teen Advisory Board is a space for teens, grades 6-12, to represent themselves at our library. **Registration for this meeting is requested, but not required. No NASD Kids emails.**

Teen Game Club

Tuesday, January 16, 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, January 16, 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.**

Tween & Teen Book Clubs

Tuesday, January 23

- Tweens (6-8 grades): 5:00-6:00 PM, *The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl* by Susan McNulty
 - Teens (9-12 grades): 6:00-7:00 PM, *Radio Silence* by Alice Oseman
- Register to vote for the next reads and to stay updated! No NASD Kids emails.**

For Adults

Glitter Lined Envelopes Kit

Pick-Up begins Monday, January 8, 9:00 AM

Sending out thank you cards after the holidays? Why not dress them up with a simple, glitter lined envelope? Cute, crafty, but utilizing glitter cardstock to avoid glitter all over you and your recipients! **Kits are limited, so registration is required.**

Laid Back Book Club (18+)

January's Pick: Lily King's *Five Tuesdays in Winter*. 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.



Stich & Chat

Tuesday, January 9, 6:00-7:00 PM.

Join us with your needlepoint, quilting, embroidery, crochet, or knitting! Experienced and inexperienced members welcome!