Northampton Township Library Scoop

Your Show of Shows, Part 2
Saturday, August 13, 2:00 pm

We hope you’ll join us for this talk with presenter Barry Jacobson on Your Show of Shows, a popular live variety show that was televised from 1950 to 1954 and featured comedians Sid Caesar and Imogene Coca, with writers that included Mel Brooks, Neil Simon, and Carl Reiner.

In the 1970s, Mr. Jacobson worked for the creator of the show, Max Liebman. He became an expert on the production and history of the show, spending long hours talking to Max and others. During his presentation, Barry will share artifacts from the show along with original kinescope clips of the program. He will include some of its funniest sketches and will share insights into the show’s creation and personalities.

A Century of Movie Memories
Saturday, September 10
2:00 pm

From the streets of Philadelphia to Hollywood Boulevard, to those behind the camera and those up front: a tribute to 100 years of classic films and what they mean to film buffs. Join us as Rick Spector presents this entertaining and informative program on the power of films.

After the program, take a moment to browse our extensive Classic Movie section. Maybe you’ll find a wonderful film to watch over the weekend!

The Legend of Sleepy Hollow
Saturday, October 8, 2:00 pm

Neill Hartley is Ichabod Crane in an all-new adaptation of The Legend of Sleepy Hollow. This one-man version of the classic horror tale is a fully staged presentation sure to delight and entertain all ages! You will see Ichabod interacting with students in the schoolhouse and leading the church congregation in song. Join him on his way to a wonderful party where he dances with the girl he loves, then follow him on his fateful journey home as he encounters the Headless Horseman and disappears from the hollow forever!

Please register by phone at 215-357-3050 or on the library website at www.northamptontownshiplibrary.org (under Adult Programs)

What’s Inside?

* A Visit by Bestselling author of Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet, Jamie Ford
* Tuesday Morning Matinees for Adults
* Upcoming events for Northampton Township’s 300th Anniversary
* Autumn Programming for Children & Teens
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* Museum Pass Program & More!

The Library will be closed:

Sunday, September 4
Monday, September 5
for Labor Day

Have a nice holiday!

The Library will reopen on Sundays beginning September 11!

These programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Free Library of Northampton Township.
Too hot outside? Why not curl up in the cool air inside & watch a movie classic!

Have you checked out our fantastic Classic Movie section? They sure don’t make ‘em like they used to! So many of these films are worth revisiting or discovering for the first time! Most of the films in this section of the library were released during Hollywood’s “Golden Age” ~ 1930-1963.

If there is a classic movie made between 1930 & 1963 which you would like to see added to our collection, we would love to hear your suggestions! Please speak with anyone at the front desk and we will happily consider your request!

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, November 9 7:00 pm

Trivia Night: Local History!

Show off your knowledge of Northampton Township history and celebrate its 300th anniversary with us!

More information to follow!

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Exam Proctoring

Did you know? The library provides exam proctoring services for the community. There is a $10.00 fee for Northampton Township residents. Non-Residents are charged $20.00 per exam for the service. A driver’s license must be presented along with a completed Exam Proctoring application which can be downloaded from our website.

Free Permit Practice

Get ready for your DMV test by taking FREE permit practice tests on the library’s website! Access 11 car, 3 commercial, and 8 motorcycle practice tests, and three online driver’s manuals!

Mango Languages

Have you been longing to learn a new language or brush up on one you haven’t used in awhile? Mango Languages, a fun-infused way to learn, is available to Free Library of Northampton Township patrons! The website and phone app provide a self-paced learning program that teaches relevant and topical dialogue using vocabulary, pronunciation, grammar and culture for improving proficiency in another language. ESL courses are included and were developed to accommodate over 20 source languages. It’s also lots of fun to use!

You can access the Mango website via the link on our website or download the app to your phone to begin your new language journey!

Friends of the Free Library of Northampton Township Museum Pass Program

Here’s how the program works:

* Become a Friend of the Library at the “Family” level or higher.
* Borrow a pass for three days.
* Enjoy your museum visit!

Twelve great attractions!

* Elmwood Park Zoo ~ admits 2 adults and up to 6 children
* The Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University ~ admits 2 adults and up to 5 children age 18 or under
* Bowman’s Hill Wildflower Preserve ~ admits 2 adults and up to 4 children
* The Bucks County Children’s Museum ~ admits up to 6
* National Constitution Center ~ admits 2 adults and up to 4 children
* Museum of The American Revolution ~ admits 2 adults and 4 children, ages 6-17 ~ children 5 and under are admitted free of charge
* Pennsbury Manor ~ admits 2 adults and any children under 16 years of age
* Washington Crossing Historic Park ~ admits 4
* Wings of Freedom Aviation Museum ~ admits up to 4 people
* New! The Mutter Museum ~ admits 4 people
* New! Philadelphia Insectarium ~ admits 2 adults and 4 children
* New! Penn Museum ~ admits 2 adults and 4 children
ADULT PROGRAMS

An Evening with Jamie Ford
Thursday, August 11, 6:00 pm

Joia the library and the Newtown Bookshop as we hos: New York Times bestselling author of Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet, Jamie Ford, to celebrate the release of his new book, The Many Daughters of Afong Moy! Jamie will be discussing his new book, answering questions and signing copies.

"[A] poignant meditation on how we are shaped by those who come before us, as well as an emotional journey through the past and future. Jamie Ford's lyrical writing fills the reader with wonder, possibility, and most of all hope. This story will live inside me forever." —JANET SKESTLIEN CHARLES, New York Times bestselling author of The Paris Library

This is a ticketed event where the purchase of the book is the price of the ticket. Tickets can be purchased on the Newtown Bookshop website: www.newtownbookshop.com.

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Tuesday Morning Matinees for Adults are Back September 6!

The autumn session of Tuesday Morning Matinees will begin on September 6 with West Side Story (2021)! The full schedule is a work in progress but films will be shown every other week from September through mid-December.

Films are shown on Tuesdays and begin promptly at 10:00 am. Attendance is limited to 50 people and pre-registration is required. You may register through our website, in person at the front desk, or by calling 215-357-3050. Popcorn and bottled water are complimentary or you may bring your own snacks.

September 6 ~ West Side Story (2021) ~ Rated PG13
September 20 ~ DOG ~ Rated PG13
October 4 ~ American Underdog ~ Rated PG13
October 18 ~ The Outfit ~ Rated R

Watch for the complete autumn schedule coming soon!

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A Brief History of Northampton Township
Saturday, September 24, 2:00 pm

Annie Halliday, Library and Archives Manager of the Mercer Museum and Research Library (operated by the Bucks County Historical Society) will be presenting this deeply fascinating overview of Northampton Township History. The program will cover early landowners and discuss the founding of our township, including notable Northampton landmarks and historical figures. Annie will also cover historic events of note, such as the Rightley murders.

We hope you'll join us for this program as we cherish the past, celebrate the present and welcome the future of Northampton Township by celebrating its 300th anniversary!
STORY PROGRAMS

Baby Jamboree
Babies up to 23 months
Wednesdays & Thursdays, 9:30 am
September 14 - November 10
(no class on October 12 & 13)
A 30 minute “lap-sit” program with simple stories, rhymes & songs.

Stories & More
Ages 2 and up
Wednesdays & Thursdays, 10:30 am
September 14 - November 10
(no class on October 12 & 13)
Join us for stories, music & crafts!

On My Own Preschool Story Time
Ages 3 1/2 - 5
Mondays, 11:00 am or 1:00 pm
Session 1: September 12 - October 3
Session 2: October 17 - November 7
Join us for stories, music & a craft. Designed to allow
the preschooler to be on their own while a parent is close by.
Register for Session 1, August 22 and Session 2, September 26

Preschool Play-School Story Time
Ages 3 1/2 - 5
Fridays, 9:30 am
September 16 - November 11
(no class on October 14)
Join us for stories and activities with a caregiver.

Read to the Dogs
Grades K - 5
Saturdays, 11:00 am
October 1, November 5 & December 3
Visit with the Nor’Wester Reader
Therapy Dogs! Choose a
book, sit with a dog and read.
They love a good story!

“Children must be taught how to think,
not what to think.” ~ Margaret Mead
AFTER SCHOOL SPECIALS

Back to School Fun!
Grades K - 3
Thursday
September 20, 4:30 pm
Welcome Back to School with a story and craft to use in the classroom.
Register beginning September 8

Animal Tracks
Grades 3 - 5
Thursday, October 6, 4:30 pm
Learn more about the animal tracks in our area with fun STEM activities!
Register beginning September 15

Pumpkin Painting
Grades K - 5
Thursday, October 20, 4:30 pm
We supply the paint and the pumpkin for you to decorate and take home!
Register beginning September 29

Hour of Code
Learn to code!
Grades 3 - 5
Wednesdays, 4:30 pm
October 19 - November 2
Register beginning September 28

Book Groups

Registration is required for each meeting & all book groups and begins 4 weeks prior to each meeting date.

Milk & Cookie Club
Grades k-2
Tuesday, October 11
4:30 pm
This is a read-to-me book club. We will read together the day of the meeting and talk about each chapter. You will take your free book home with you to finish the story. Activities provided!
We’re Reading ~ Junior Monster Scouts Crash! Bang! Boo! by Joe McGee

Book Bunch
Grades 3-5
Wednesday, October 12
4:30 pm
Pick up your free copy and read before the meeting. We will meet to discuss the book. Activities provided!
We’re Reading ~ Benjamin Franklinstein Lives! by Matthew McElligott and Larry Tuxbury

Teen Reads
Grades 6 and up
Thursday, October 13
4:30 pm
Pick up your free copy and read before the meeting. We will meet to discuss the book. Activities provided!
We’re Reading ~ Coraline by Neil Gaiman

Watch for information on November’s books and registration dates in the October/November newsletter and our website!

Dream Big
READ!
Banned Books Week is an annual event celebrating the freedom to read! The theme of this year’s event is “Books Unite Us. Censorship Divides Us.”

Banned Books Week was launched in 1982 in response to a sudden surge in the number of challenges to books in schools, bookstores and libraries. Typically held during the last week of September, it highlights the value of free and open access to information and the importance of intellectual freedom, while drawing attention to the dangers of censorship by spotlighting actual and attempted banning of books.

Banned Books Week brings together the entire book community — librarians, booksellers, publishers, journalists, teachers, and readers of all types — in shared support of the freedom to seek and to express ideas, even those some consider unorthodox or unpopular.

The leading authority on tracking book bans and challenges in the United States is the American Library Association (ALA). A non-profit founded in 1876, the ALA promotes libraries and library education. Some of the organization’s guiding principles can be found in the Library Bill of Rights and the Freedom to Read statement. The Library Bill of Rights was drafted in 1953 and includes a stance against censorship. Freedom to Read was adopted in 1953 and lists as its first proposition:

“It is in the public interest for publishers and librarians to make available the widest diversity of views and expressions, including those that are unorthodox, unpopular, or considered dangerous by the majority.

So, what books have been challenged or banned? The list is long and very diverse — including easy picture-books, juvenile, young adult and adult titles. The 15 book titles most challenged between 2010 & 2019 — in order — were: The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie, Captain Underpants (series) by Dav Pilkey, Thirteen Reasons Why by Jay Asher, Looking for Alaska by John Green, George by Alex Gino, And Tango Makes Three by Justin Richardson and Peter Parnell, Drama by Raina Telgemeier, Fifty Shades of Grey by E. L. James, Internet Girls (series) by Lauren Myracle, The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison, The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini, Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins, I Am Jazz by Jazz Jennings and Jessica Herthel, The Perks of Being a Wallflower by Stephen Chbosky and To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee.

Books unite us! Books encourage boundless exploration and allow readers to spread their wings. Stories give flight to new ideas and perspectives. Reading expands our worldview. Censorship, on the other hand, locks away our freedom and divides us from humanity. We encourage you to read a banned book today!

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Library Hours
Monday ~ Thursday, 9:00-8:00
Friday ~ 9:00-4:00
Saturday ~ 9:00-4:00
Sunday ~ 1:00-5:00
Closed Sundays 6/19 ~ 9/4

Is there a book, magazine or music CD that you would like to see added to our library? A program you’d like to attend or a suggestion of any kind? If so, please note your suggestions below and place this form in our suggestion box or drop it off at the front desk. Thank you.