

Free Library of Northampton Township

The Library Scoop

June/July 2025

Adult Saturday Programs

Please register in advance online or by phone.

Sponsored by Friends of the Free Library of Northampton Township



Stars & Stripes Forever: John Philip Sousa

Presented by Dr. Covington

June 14 | 1:00 PM

Celebrate Flag Day with a presentation about America's favorite march king, John Philip Sousa. He stood alone among the first composers to tour the world with his own musical organization and was destined to become the most famous bandmaster in musical history.

Dr. Covington, an Oxford-Educated historian and distinguished stage actor, will perform in the first person and period costume.



Martha Washington

Presented by Alisa Dupuy

July 12 | 1:00 PM

Meet Martha Washington – the very first First Lady. She was not always the stout, dowdy woman we see in portraits. Meet the vibrant, wealthy widow who captured George Washington's heart and helped him throughout the American Revolution and beyond.

Alisa Dupuy is a recently retired French teacher who created The Ladies of History productions in 2006. The goal of The Ladies of History is to make history fun, exciting, and memorable in addition to highlighting the contributions that women have made in history.



Library Hours

Monday - Thursday

9:00 - 8:00

Friday - Saturday

9:00 - 4:00

Sunday

1:00 - 5:00

Closed Sundays

from 6/15 - 8/31

The Library Will

Be Closed:

Friday July 4





Kanopy is a digital resource provided by Free Library of Northampton Township with your library card.

Kanopy provides free access to movies, documentaries, foreign films, classic cinema, independent films, and educational videos that inspire, enrich, and entertain. You can download the Kanopy app to your smartphone or tablet, smart TV, or streaming device, or just watch movies from your computer!



Did you know Kanopy offers a curated collection for kids? Unlike the adult account, you can enjoy an unlimited number of programs each month! Kanopy Kids allows parents to set age-appropriate restrictions on what shows their children are allowed to view. In addition to great shows like Blippi, Bob the Builder, and Strawberry Shortcake, Kanopy Kids offers read-along story books and collections so kids can enjoy their favorite books on their own.



Craft & Grow

Looking for something fun and creative? Join us for a class this summer! Registration is required. Please register online, in person, or by phone.

Creativebug Crafts for Adults:
Paper Marbling
Thursday, June 5
1:00 PM
Free Library of
Northampton Township

Register by phone, online, or in person
215.357.3050 | <https://calendar.buckslib.org/>

Creativebug Crafts for Adults:
Mini Bookshelf
Thursday, July 31 | 1:00 PM
Free Library of
Northampton Township

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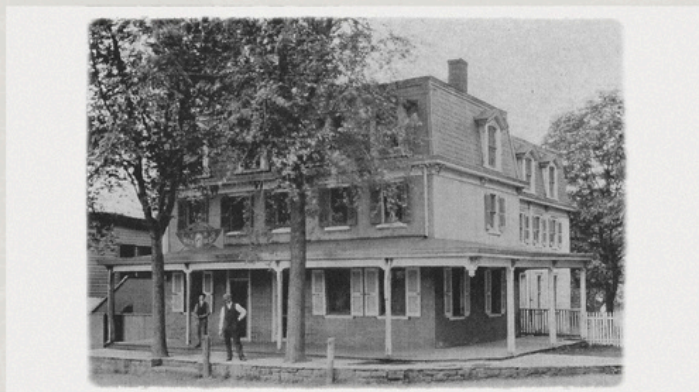
**Want More Crafts?
Try the App!**

creativebug



Stream thousands of art & craft classes. Download patterns, templates, and recipes and connect to a community of crafters through galleries and forums. Get access to new classes released every day. Visit the library's website and look under the tab for E-Resources > Research and Learning

POSTCARDS OF BUCKS COUNTY



Monday, July 14
6:00 PM

Presented by
Chase Palmer

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CIVIC AND SOCIAL
LITERACY

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WiFi Hotspots @ Free Library of Northampton Township

Going somewhere and unsure if wireless internet is available?

Have a wireless device but no internet service?

The answers to these questions are @ your library – check out one of our WiFi Hotspots!

- Loan Period = One (1) Week
- No Renewals
- Connect up to 8 devices
- Battery Life = 8 hours of continuous use
- All you need to use is a WiFi enabled device



- Patron may not borrow a Hotspot for at least two (2) nights after returning one
- Patron may borrow a Hotspot no more than six (6) times per calendar year

- Overdue Fine is \$5.00 per day / max. \$25.00
- If a hotspot is lost, \$100.00 will be charged
- Once the maximum fine has been reached, the Hotspot's data service will be suspended until it has been returned to the library in working condition



Automatic Renewals Are Here!



What is Automatic Renewal?

You no longer need to manually renew some of your library items – our automatic renewal service will take care of the renewals for you! All items eligible for renewal will be automatically renewed one day before their due date (up to maximum number of renewals). Please be aware that not all items will auto-renew.

How does it work?

Any items on your account that are eligible for renewal will be renewed automatically at 9 PM one day before their due date.

How will I know an item was renewed?

You can check your due dates via your [online account](#). Please note automatic renewals run at 9 PM the day before items are due.

If you have an email address associated with your account, you will receive an email notification the evening before your items are due. The email will list which items were successfully renewed and which items were not, if applicable. You can make changes to your email notifications via your [online account](#) or by calling or visiting a Bucks County library.

Which items are eligible for renewal?

Most physical items are eligible for renewal as long as another patron has not placed a hold on the item and your account is in good standing. [The number of allowable renewals differs per item type.](#)

Items will NOT renew automatically if:

- There is a hold on the item by other patrons.
- The item has already been renewed the maximum number of times.
- Your account has over \$20 in charges or if your account is blocked or expired.
- The item is part of a non-renewable collection such as Lucky Day, magazines, etc.
- The item was requested from outside Bucks County through Interlibrary Loan.

Can I still renew manually?

Yes. If you wish to renew an item prior to its automatic renewal date, simply renew it through your [online account](#) or speak to a staff member at any [Bucks County library](#). Manual renewals will extend the borrowing period from the date of renewal.

Can I opt-out of automatic renewals?

No, patrons cannot opt out of automatic renewals. If you do not want your items to auto-renew, you can return them before the due date.

Staff Picks

Check out our Staff Recommendations next to the New Fiction section



String Too Short to be Saved: Recollections of Summers on a New England Farm

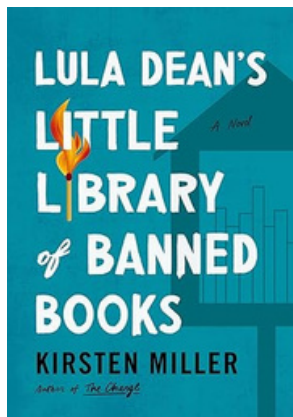
by Donald Hall

Recommended by Shelly

A warm collection of memories written by poet and children's book author Donald Hall who grew up spending summers on his grandparents' New Hampshire farm. He tells of warm stoves to get changed by on chilly mornings, glasses of milk before bed and wooden barns to explore. He amusingly describes discovering the hand-written label on a box of short strings in the attic which served as inspiration for the title of this memoir.

The book is full of nostalgia and comfort, yet the stories become tinged with something else as Hall grows older. He sees both his grandparents and the farm start to age. As he observes these changes and wonders about the fate of the farm, he ponders the underlying ideas of permanence and mortality.

Fret not, the epilogue provides a satisfying outcome for both Hall and the farm, along with photos of the ancestral residents throughout the years.



Lula Dean's Little Library of Banned Books

by Kirsten Miller

Recommended by Marie

For the book lover in all of us, Kirsten Miller's new novel is a timely satire about a small Southern town embattled in a war over banning books and a little lending library that changes the life of every resident in town.

Enemies Beverly Underwood and Lula Dean live in the tiny town of Troy, Georgia, where Beverly serves on the school board and Lula has become a local celebrity by making it her mission to rid the public library of all books she deems as inappropriate. Lula decides to start her own little lending library in front of her home filled with books she believes should be staples in everyone's library – like *The Southern Belle's Guide to Etiquette* and *Our Confederate Heroes*.

One night, Beverly's daughter Lindsay secretly fills Lula's little free library with banned books wrapped in Lula's "wholesome" dust jackets. *The Girl's Guide to the Revolution* is wrapped in the cover of *The Southern Belle's Guide to Etiquette*, and *Our Confederate Heroes* ends up on a copy of *Beloved*. Soon, everyone in town who borrows books from Lula Dean's library finds their lives changed in unexpected ways and when Lindsay's scheme is discovered, the showdown between Beverly and Lula comes to a head and the whole town is changed forever. A fun, sweet, surprising read!

Adult Programs

Property Research & Land Records

Thursday, June 12
6:00 - 7:00 PM



Advanced Registration is Required.



FREE LIBRARY OF NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP
25 Upper Holland Road Richboro, PA
215-357-3050
www.NorthamptonTownshipLibrary.org

Want to learn how to research your property or your family's homestead? This is the class for you!



Immigration Records

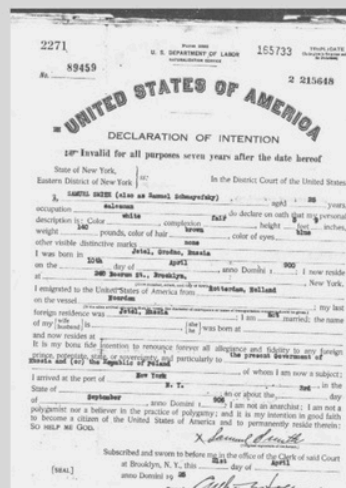


Thursday, July 10
6:00 - 7:00 PM

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This class focuses on historic immigration of ancestors and what records might be available.

Health Literacy



BE RED CROSS READY!

**SATURDAY, JUNE 7
1:00 PM**



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The program will highlight their free fire alarm & installation program, CPR tips, and other disaster & emergency preparedness initiatives.

**Register online, in person, or by phone
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Where to Look: Substance Abuse Resources

Monday, June 16 | 6:00 PM

**Presented by
Bucks County Drug & Alcohol
Commission, Inc.**

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Local resources will be shared regarding family support, Narcan access, overdose information, medication storage and disposal, and recovery. This is an informative session about the Commission and the supportive services available to individuals and loved ones dealing with substance abuse.

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Know Your Medicare Options

Monday, July 21 | 6:00 PM

**Presented by Steve Perlman
DelVal Senior Advisors
Independent Medicare Planning Specialist**



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Genealogy Research Classes




Monday, June 2
1:00 - 2:00 PM


You've used Ancestry, but
have you learned about
FamilySearch?

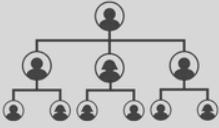
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 **Introduction to**



Thursday, June 26
6:00 - 7:00 PM

Advanced Registration is Required.

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