

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 December 14 at 6:30 PM.**

The **Friends of Northampton Area Public Library** are holding their next meeting on **Tuesday, January 30 at 7:00 PM.** New members are always welcome; we would love to have you join us for this reorganizational meeting!



More News!

Stich & Chat

Have a happy holiday season crafters! We will meet again in the new year on **January 9, 2024 at 6:30 PM.**

Once Upon a Crime

See you next on **Monday, January 29, 2024 at 6:00 PM!**

Meet your Staff

Rachel—Director of (Special) Operations

Northampton Area Public Library's resident Chaos Coordinator (aka Director of Operations), Rachel is responsible for most of the day-to-day operations of the library, including but not limited to scheduling staff, buying books, paying invoices, buying books, sourcing materials, buying books, handling HR concerns, and, you guessed it, buying more books. Having been a part of the Library for over 16 years, you will have seen her on the desk, but she now has become one of the mysterious voices from the back office ("part of the crew, part of the ship"). When not doing all the library things, Rachel likes to stitch, garden, and bake. Her favorite genres to read are historical fiction, biography, and humor.



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



December 2023

Holiday Sip 'N' Shop

Friday, December 1, 6:00-8:00 PM

The Friends of NAPL are hosting their Sip 'N' Shop event with local artisans for all your holiday needs. Pre-sale tickets are available at the desk for \$7.00 each; at the door tickets are \$10.00. Each ticket includes finger foods and two glasses of wine!

Book Sale

December 6, 7, & 9 during regular business hours

Grab some reads for this holiday season, or pick up a bonus gift for a friend at our used books sale. We have authors, genres, and titles of all types! \$1.00 for hardcovers and DVDs, \$0.50 for trade paperbacks and CDs, and \$0.25 for mass market paperbacks!

Holiday Fudge Fundraiser

Pick-up: Monday, December 11, 11:00 AM

Don't forget to pick up the delicious fudge you ordered for the holidays!

Pluck the Turkey:

Benefitting Northampton Area Food Bank

Through December 9

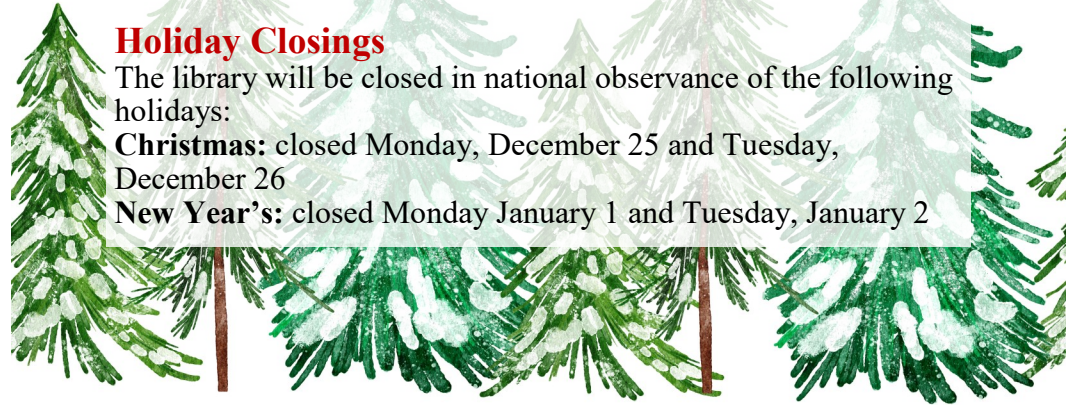
As we reflect on the blessings we've received, let us also bless others in our community. Our turkey will be available for plucking, each feather containing a particular non-perishable item for the Food Bank. The Northampton Area Food Bank is unable to accept items that are expired. Please considering giving to the Food Bank through your donations both during the holidays and at all times of the year.

Holiday Closings

The library will be closed in national observance of the following holidays:

Christmas: closed Monday, December 25 and Tuesday, December 26

New Year's: closed Monday January 1 and Tuesday, January 2



For Children

Kids' Craft Bags

New craft every other week: **December 4 & 18**

Craft bags are available for pickup! There is a limit of 2 per family. Crafts are first come, first served unless otherwise noted.



3-5 Clubs

On break through December; see you in January!

Storytimes

Join Miss Tessa for our final week of early education storytimes!

- **Lapsit Storytime:** Tuesday, December 5, 10:30 AM
- **Toddler Storytime:** Wednesday, December 6, 10:00 AM
- **Pre-school Storytime:** Thursday, December 7, 10:00 AM

Read to a Therapy Dog!

Ages 5-10, Thursday, December 14, 6:00-7:00 PM

Kids can make enormous strides in building self-esteem and confidence while acquiring a love of books by reading *to* Sunshine. Sunshine and her human teammate can help improve children's reading, communication, and social skills. **Registration is required; please call to sign up for a 15 minute slot. First come, first served**



For Teens (Middle & High School)

Teen Visits with a Therapy Dog

Monday, December 4, 5:00-6:00 PM

We know mid-terms are coming up and that homework has been stressful. Come relax, hang out, and pet our girl Sunshine. **Spaces are limited. Registration is required. Visit in-person or call 610-262-7537 to reserve your 15-minute time slot.**

Teen Advisory Board

Wednesday, December 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 for this meeting is requested, but not required. No NASD Kids emails.**

Teen Anime Club

Wednesday, December 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.**

Teen Game Club

Wednesday, December 20, 6:00-7:00 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.**

Tween & Teen Book Clubs

Wednesday, December 27

- Tweens (6-8 grades): 5:00-6:00 PM
- Teens (9-12 grades): 6:00-7:00 PM

Note: Book Clubs may go to every other month. Register to vote for the next reads and to stay updated! No NASD Kids emails.

For Adults



Sandwich Bag Holiday Wreath

Pick-up begins Monday, December 11

Make this cute wreath with us in a pinch to adorn a door inside or out! Most materials and instructions are provided. **Kits are limited, so registration is required.**

Laid Back Book Club (18+)

Have a happy holiday season! LBBC will pick back up in

January with: S.A. Cosby's *All the Sinners Bleed*. The book club for those without a lot of time! Copies are available for members at the Help Desk.