

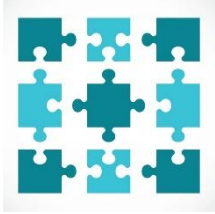
The Library Scoop

Free Library of Northampton Township ~ Adult Programs & Interests!

Colossal Puzzle Swap

Featuring Holiday Puzzles & More!

Saturday, November 23, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm



Calling all Puzzle Enthusiasts! Our puzzle swaps are so popular that we will be hosting another on November 23! Bring a puzzle you no longer want and swap it for a fun new challenge! There will be a range of puzzle sizes and themes including many holiday designs! If you have puzzles you would like to donate ahead of the swap, please bring them to the front desk.

Looking for a new challenge before the swap? We have a smaller, ongoing swap available year-round in the Reference area. Come in anytime to swap an old puzzle for a different one. There is also a community puzzle table available near the public computers if you'd like to come in to spend some time relaxing here in the library.

Tuesday Morning Matinees for Adults

The autumn session of Tuesday Morning Matinees for Adults is nearing the end but you still have time to see some wonderful films! Our final shows of the year will be Tuesdays, November 12, December 3 & 17. Films begin promptly at 10:00 am. Pre-registration is enthusiastically encouraged but not required. You may register through our website, in person at the front desk, or by calling 215-357-3050.

Snacks are complimentary or you may bring your own. The temperature in the room is difficult to control and can be very chilly. We suggest you bring an extra sweater and/or small blanket. You are also welcome to bring a chair cushion for added comfort if you would like.

November 12 ~ **The Boys in the Boat** ~ Rated PG13
(Additional Special Showing at 9:00 am of the documentary,
The Boys of '36, for any early birds who would like to see it.)

December 3 ~ **Ordinary Angels** ~ Rated PG
December 17 ~ **I Heard the Bells** ~ Rated PG

Winter matinee schedule (January-May) will be available on December 17!

Bookpage is Now Available Online!

Library patrons now have online access to a very popular magazine here at the library! *BookPage*, has been available in hard-copy at the front desk for our patrons for years! It's been so popular that, by the middle of each month our supply is gone! Now, if you miss out on picking up a copy at the library, you can still enjoy reading it online!

BookPage's tagline is "Discover your next great book" and it does a great job of doing just that! A new issue comes out each month with reviews of recently published books in many genres, highlights of noteworthy books and author interviews. Click the link on our website to begin discovering your next read!

PA Forward® Programs

Bucks County's Unique Habitats

Monday, November 18, 6:00 pm

The Heritage Conservancy returns to the library once again this year to speak about the county's unique habitats, such as the Quakertown Swamp; a 518-acre wetland with a diverse habitat that includes open water, shrub wetland, cattail marsh, wet meadow and forested swamp, and has been designated by the Audubon Society as an Important Bird Area providing a habitat for 91 bird species.

Presenter, Tyler Kovacs, a Senior Conservation Biologist with the Heritage Conservancy, conducts conservation projects on the Conservancy's preserved land to help restore ecosystem health, benefiting both wildlife and our community. His previous experience includes conducting ecological restoration projects and studying wetlands, reforestation, and wildlife conservation in multiple countries. Tyler holds a B.S. from Shippensburg University and an M.S. from James Madison University in Biology.

Your Children Don't Want It: What Can You Do? 15 Tips!

Saturday, December 7, 1:00 pm

We hear it every day, "My Children Don't Want It. What Can I Do?" and it's happening all over the country! In this session, author, auctioneer, appraiser and radio show host Mike Ivankovich will give you 15 Tips & Strategies designed not only to help you deal with your "stuff," but hopefully help you make some good money when selling it!

Mike has authored more than 20 books and has written articles and columns for most major national trade papers. He is the host of the "What's It Worth? Ask Mike the Appraiser" radio show on WBCB 1490 AM in Philadelphia. As a Home Downsizing Expert, he guides clients through the downsizing process, helping them tackle their antiques, collectibles, and other household contents. Mike is also a professional GPPA & MPPA Appraiser specializing in Appraisals for Estate, Inheritance, and more.

The above presentations will be the final PA Forward® programs of the year. Watch for many more educational, informative and entertaining programs beginning in March of 2025!

To register for any PA Forward® Presentations, you may call 215-357-3050, visit the library Reference desk or register through the library website: www.NorthamptonTownshipLibrary.org

We Received an Award!

At the Pennsylvania Library Association's annual conference in Harrisburg on October 8, Free Library of Northampton Township received an award for its PA Forward® *Information Literacy* program on *Scams and Fraud* which was presented by Officer Patrick Jainnini of the Northampton Township Police Department. The program, which was presented twice to the community this year, provided information on different scams and fraud scenarios and advice on how patrons could protect themselves.

Since 2017, when the Pennsylvania Library Association's PA Forward® initiative launched its *PA Forward® Star Library Program*, our library has continued to maintain Gold Star status through our diverse adult programming which continues to incorporate the five Literacies: Basic, Civic and Social, Information, Financial, and Health. To earn Gold Star status, Pennsylvania libraries are required to submit documentation of their efforts which is reviewed and verified by a committee of peer librarians. Those steps demonstrate that the library has incorporated the five key literacies into their programming and communication.

Please watch our newsletter and website for upcoming programming to be scheduled for 2025.

Creativebug

A New & Fun App brought to you by Free Library of Northampton Township!

The folks at Creativebug believe that everyone has a creative side!

With the new Creativebug app you can enjoy unlimited access to thousands of online art & craft classes, download patterns, templates and recipes, and connect to a community of crafters through galleries and forums.

Watch the classes you choose anytime, anywhere! Classes never expire so you are able to start and stop projects at your own pace. No pressure, just possibilities! Get access to new classes released every day.

Access the app through our website, sign-in with your library card number and PIN, and begin your creativity journey!

Library Hours

Monday-Thursday

9:00-8:00

Friday & Saturday

9:00-4:00

Sunday - 1:00-5:00

Special Hours

November 27

9:00-4:00

We Will Be Closed

November 28 & 29

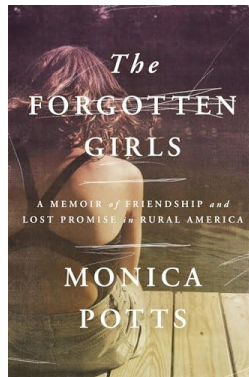
December 24 & 25

December 31

Staff Pick ~ November

Forgotten Girls: A memoir of friendship and lost promise in rural America

By Monica Potts



When journalist, Monica Potts, came across the devastating statistic that the life expectancy of the least-educated white Americans showed the longest and most sustained decline in 100 years due to ailments coined "deaths of despair" (drug overdoses, suicides and complications from alcoholism) by Princeton economists, she was inspired to investigate how she escaped her small, poor town in Clinton, Arkansas while others couldn't.

In *The Forgotten Girls*, Potts rekindles her friendship with her childhood best friend, Darci, to find out how their lives were once so similar and how they ended up so different. She also sheds light on the factors that seemed to be contributing to the deaths of poor, rural white women all over America at staggering rates: addiction, sexism, and evangelicalism.

A beautiful memoir about a woman trying to reconcile her past and present by discovering how she came to take one path - leading to success and stability - and how her friend took another - to poverty and desperation.



Book a Librarian!

**1:1 appointments
60-minute sessions**

Want to learn how to get eBooks on your phone, e-Reader or tablet? Have questions about using the internet, email, apps, computer programs or more? Bring your questions to us!

We're here to help!

Advanced registration is required:
In person, by calling 215-357-3050, or on our website.

Our Newest Museum Pass Has Arrived! ***Please Touch Museum***

This membership will allow our patrons, up to 6 people at a time, to visit the Please Touch Museum. When visiting, you will check in on the membership side of the front desk. Be sure to bring your pass AND your library card to gain entry. When checking in, you will receive a parking pass and carousel wristbands for free rides! Visitors holding a library museum pass are also entitled to a 10% discount at the Museum Café



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 (\$20) or higher.**
- ~ **Borrow a pass for a maximum of two nights.**
- ~ **Enjoy your museum visit!**

Twenty-two great attractions!

- * ***The Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University***
~ admits 2 adults and up to 5 children age 18 or under
- * ***African American Museum of Philadelphia*** ~ admits 4 adults up to 8 children
- * ***Battleship New Jersey*** ~ Admits 2 adults and 3 children
- * ***Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve*** ~ admits 2 adults and 4 children
- * ***Boyetown Museum of Historic Vehicles*** ~ admits 2 adults and 3 children
- * ***The Bucks County Children's Museum*** ~ admits up to 6 people
- * ***Chanticleer Garden*** ~ admits up to 4 people
- * ***Eastern State Penitentiary*** ~ admits 6 people, children under 7 are free
- * ***Elmwood Park Zoo*** ~ admits 2 adults and up to 6 children
- * ***Mercer Museum & Fonthill Castle*** ~ admits up to 4 people
- * ***Michener Art Museum*** ~ admits 2 adults and their dependents
- * ***Museum of The American Revolution*** ~ admits 2 adults and 4 children, ages 6-17 (children 5 and under are admitted free of charge)
- * ***The Mutter Museum*** ~ admits 4 people
- * ***National Constitution Center*** ~ admits 2 adults and 4 children
- * ***Penn Museum*** ~ admits 2 adults and all children under 18 in one household
- * ***Pennsbury Manor*** ~ admits up to 9 people for general admission only
- * ***Philadelphia Magic Gardens*** ~ admits 2 adults and 3 children
- * ***Please Touch Museum*** ~ Admits 6, includes parking pass & free carousel rides
- * ***Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania*** ~ admits 2 adults and 4 children
- * ***Washington Crossing Historic Park*** ~ admits 4 people
- * ***Wings of Freedom Aviation Museum*** ~ admits 4 people
- * ***Woodmere Art Museum*** ~ admits 2 adults and 4 children age 18 or under

Staff Pick ~ December

Marmee by Sarah Miller



A 2022 historical fiction novel based on Louisa May Alcott's *Little Women* through the perspective of their beloved mother Marmee. The book is written like a diary, with entries beginning in 1861 through to 1868, depicting the highs and lows of the March household during the Civil War.

I enjoyed seeing the story through Marmee's eyes and the detail Miller shares draws you into the text. Be warned there may be tears. The author also provides an explanation of how she developed the characters based on the Alcott's biography.

Readers will enjoy this novel if they love strong female characters, an ensemble of characters, the book *Little Women* and author Louisa May Alcott.

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 “The more you know about the past, the better prepared you are for the future” ~ Theodore Roosevelt

### *Northampton Township Archives*

Have you walked by the Township Archives lately while visiting the library? The exhibit *Now & Then: The Northampton Township Police* will be ending as the year comes to a close. Staff are very grateful for the Northampton Township Police Department and the William Raymond "Ray" Shaw family for the opportunity to display these items that are a part of our community's history.

In early 2025, the Archives will have a new exhibit entitled: *A Local Veteran & World War II: William Raymond Shaw's Collection*, which will showcase Mr. Shaw's items from his military service.

The Archives continues to work in improving the collection's accessibility to the public online and have completed several oral history interviews with long-time residents, recording their experiences living in Northampton. The Archives continues to grow and 23 collections were added in 2024.

This year, we received a painting by local artist Anita Gronendahl, local newsletters, Council Rock school memorabilia, World War II artifacts, silent & not-so-silent films from early 20<sup>th</sup> century Northampton, oral histories, and local history ephemera.

Archive hours are:  
 Monday 4:00 - 7:00 pm  
 Wednesday 1:00 - 4:00 pm  
 Alternating Saturdays 9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
 & by appointment

Please check social media and the library's calendar for specific Saturday dates.

You can reach staff at [archivist@nhtwp.org](mailto:archivist@nhtwp.org) or 215.357.3050 x 114.

The Archives catalog is always available:

<https://www.northamptontownshiplibrary.org/archives/>

## History to Remember: Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day



On August 23, 1994, the United States Congress designated December 7 as National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. Each year on December 7, Pearl Harbor survivors, veterans, and visitors from all over the world come together to honor and remember the 2,403 service members and civilians who were killed during the

Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. A further 1,178 people were injured in the attack, which permanently sank two U.S. Navy battleships (the USS Arizona and the USS Utah) and destroyed 188 aircraft. The attack on Pearl Harbor marked a pivotal moment in history, awakening America to a new reality of hardship and the specter of protracted war. The American people, both on the battlefields and the home front, rose to this challenge with resilience and determination.

Participating in the observance of National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day allows individuals to honor the memory of the events of December 7, 1941, and the sacrifices made during World War II. Here are ways to commemorate this day:

**Attend Commemorative Events:** Many communities and military bases hold memorial ceremonies and events on December 7th. Attend these events to pay your respects and show support.

**Visit Memorials and Museums:** Explore local memorials, museums, and historical sites related to World War II and the Pearl Harbor attack. Learn about the history and impact of the events.

**Observe a Moment of Silence:** At 7:55 a.m. (the time of the attack), observe a moment of silence to honor the victims and reflect on the significance of the day.

**Support Veterans:** Donate to veterans' organizations or volunteer your time to support veterans and their families. Many veterans from World War II are still alive and appreciate recognition and assistance.

**Learn and Educate:** Study the history of World War II and the events leading up to the attack on Pearl Harbor. Share this knowledge with younger generations to ensure the memory lives on.

## Pearl Harbor Reading Suggestions

### Non-Fiction

***Ghosts of Honolulu: A Japanese spy, a Japanese-American spy hunter & the untold story of Pearl Harbor***  
by Mark Harmon

***At Dawn We Slept: The untold story of Pearl Harbor***, by Gordon W. Prange

***Pearl Harbor: From Infamy to Greatness***  
by Craig Nelson

***Target Tokyo: Jimmy Doolittle and the raid that avenged Pearl Harbor***  
by James M. Scott

***Countdown to Pearl Harbor: The twelve days to the attack***, by Steve Twomey

***A Matter of Honor: Pearl Harbor, betrayal, blame and a family's quest for justice***  
by Anthony Summers & Robbyn Swan

### Fiction

***To Wake A Giant: A Novel of Pearl Harbor***, by Jeff Shaara

***From Here to Eternity***  
by James Jones

***Radar Girls***  
by Sara Ackerman

***Red Sky Over Hawaii***  
by Sara Ackerman

***Pearl Harbor: A novel of December 8<sup>th</sup>***  
by Newt Gingrich & William R. Forstchen



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