

The Library Scoop

Free Library of Northampton Township
Adult Programs & Interests

February/March 2025

Second Saturday Programs

Please register in advance online or by phone

Presented by the Friends of the Library



**Enchanting Appalachia
with Mary Roth**

**Saturday, February 8th
at 1:00 PM**

Singer/Songwriter Mary Roth will be performing this popular music program. She will sing and take us on a musical journey of the rich culture of Appalachia and its people, followed

by a lecture with discussion and sharing.



**The Irish in the American Civil War
with Mike Jesberger**

**Saturday, March 8
at 1:00 PM**

The American Civil War is Ireland's forgotten conflict. In 1860, about 1.5 million Irish were living in the U.S.A. During the Civil War, some 150,000 fought in the Union Army and about 20,000 joined and fought with the Confederacy.

Join returning presenter Mike Jesberger on this history presentation.



Library Hours

Monday-Thursday

9:00-8:00

Friday & Saturday

9:00-4:00

Sunday – 1:00-5:00

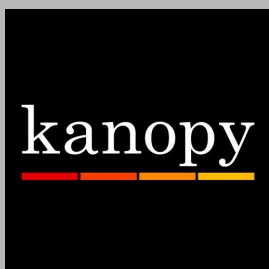
**We Will Be
Closed**

**Monday February
17th for President's
Day**





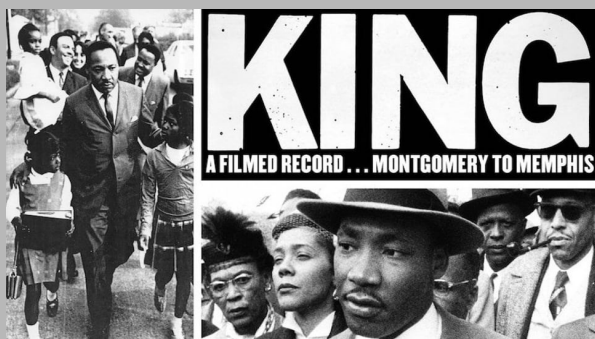
Explore Black History Films on Kanopy



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!

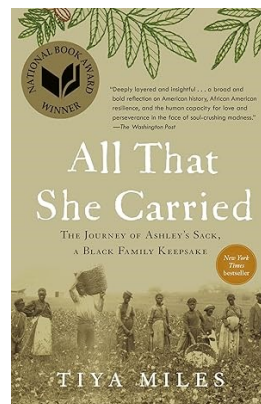
Kanopy offers a Race & Class Studies collection that includes feature films and documentaries for you to explore during Black History Month, or any time.



Staff Pick ~ February

All That She Carried: The Journey of Ashley's Sack, a Black Keepsake

by Tiya Miles



National Book Award Winner and historian Tiya Miles has written a nonfiction book about a rare heirloom passed down from generations of women. The sack was given to nine-year-old Ashley by her mother Rose at the time of their separation at a slave sale in the 1800s. The love was passed down from mother to daughter and the story recorded in the sack's embroidery and oral tradition. The story was recorded by Rose's great-granddaughter and is now owned by Middle Place, a historic plantation near Charleston, South Carolina.

The story itself is so amazing that a cloth sack survived generations of wear and tear, but Miles' research and presentation of historical records brings out the story so much further. If you enjoy this book, you may also enjoy Laurel Thatcher Ulrich's ***A Midwife's Tale: The Life of Martha Ballard, Based on Her Diary, 1785-1812.***

Tuesday Morning Matinees for Adults

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.



February 11 ~ *Nowhere Special*

Runtime 96 minutes

Not Rated

John, a 35-year-old window cleaner, has dedicated his life to bringing up his 4-year-old son, Michael, after the child's mother left them soon after giving birth. When John is given only a few months left to live, he attempts to find a new, perfect family for Michael, determined to shield him from the terrible reality of the situation. As he struggles to find the right answer for the impossible task, he meets a social worker who opens him up to solutions he never would have considered. Focusing on the ordinary human moments that bind us, *Nowhere Special* leads us somewhere devastating yet surprisingly uplifting.



February 25 ~ *Hard Miles*

Runtime 108 minutes

Rated PG13 for thematic content, some teen drinking, suggestive references and strong language.

Hard Miles tells the uplifting true story of the bicycling team at Rite of Passage's Ridge View Academy, a medium-security correctional school in Colorado. The film follows beleaguered coach Greg Townsend as he rounds up an unlikely crew of incarcerated students for a seemingly impossible bike ride from Denver to the Grand Canyon. The bicycle serves not just as a means of transportation, but as a test; a way for each of these young men to see what they are truly capable of, physically, mentally, and emotionally.



March 11 ~ *The Quiet Girl*

Runtime 95 minutes

Rated PG13 for some strong language and smoking.

Rural Ireland. 1981. Nine-year-old Cait is sent away from her overcrowded, dysfunctional family to live with foster parents for the summer. Quietly struggling at school and at home, she has learned to hide in plain sight from those around her. She blossoms in their care, but in this house where there are meant to be no secrets, she discovers one painful truth. A remarkable debut for writer-director Colm Bairéad, *The Quiet Girl* offers a deceptively simple reminder that the smallest stories can leave a large emotional impact.



March 25 ~ *The Ministry of Ungentlemanly Warfare*

Runtime 120 minutes

Rated R for strong violence throughout and some language.

Based upon recently declassified files of the British War Department and inspired by true events, *The Ministry of Ungentlemanly Warfare* is an action-comedy that tells the story of the first-ever special forces organization formed during WWII by UK Prime Minister Winston Churchill and a small group of military officials including author Ian Fleming. The top-secret combat unit, composed of a motley crew of rogues and mavericks, goes on a daring mission against the Nazis using entirely unconventional and utterly "ungentlemanly" fighting techniques. Ultimately their audacious approach changed the course of the war and laid the foundation for the British SAS and modern Black Ops warfare.

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

PA Forward® Programs



**BUCKS COUNTY
ARTIFACTS**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 22
1:00 PM**

PRESENTED BY
JIM BONGIOVANNI
PA HISTORICAL RECOVERY SERVICE

FREE LIBRARY OF NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP
COMMUNITY ROOM

REGISTER BY PHONE, ONLINE, OR IN PERSON
215.357.3050 | [HTTPS://CALENDAR.BUCKSLIB.ORG/](https://calendar.buckslib.org/)

FORWARD CIVIC AND SOCIAL LITERACY

Did you watch Josh Gates' *Expedition Unknown* episode on the Doan Gang? You may have seen the Mercer Museum and the Pennsylvania Historical Recovery Services highlighted. Jim Bongiovanni of PHRS will discuss what they do, and share stories of the artifacts that he and his colleagues have recovered, adventures they have had, and the sites from which artifacts have been recovered dating back into the late 1600s.

Artifacts will be on display for you to view as well as a Q&A after the presentation.

All artifacts that PHRS recovers are documented and turned over to the property owner or historical society.



Pysanky Egg Workshop

**Wednesday, March 26
1:00 PM**

Presented by
Chrystyna Prokopovych, Curator of the Ukrainian
Heritage Studies Center at Manor College

Free Library of Northampton Township
Community Room

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

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Curator of the Ukrainian Heritage Studies Center at Manor College, Chrystyna Prokopovych, will present a pysanky egg workshop. She will provide a history of pysanky, design symbolism, and a demonstration of writing pysanky before attendees can participate in writing their own. All supplies will be provided. Please wear appropriate clothing since dyes and wax will be used. The program is limited to 25 registered attendees.

Author Visits
in Collaboration with

Newtown Bookshop



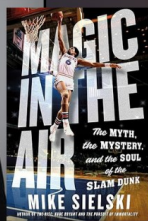
Your Neighborhood
Independent Bookshop

Newtown Bookshop and Free Library of Northampton Township Present:

An Evening with

MIKE SIELSKI

In conversation with Tom McCarthy



Wednesday, Feb. 12
6:00 PM

Free Library of Northampton Twp.
Community Room

TICKETS are FREE

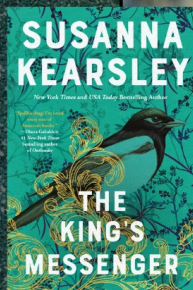
To reserve a seat, please visit the Newtown Bookshop
online @ www.newtownbookshop.com

A portion of on-site book sales will benefit
Free Library of Northampton Township.

Newtown Bookshop and Free Library of Northampton Township Present:

An Evening with

SUSANNA KEARSLEY



Monday, March 3
6:00 PM

Community Room

Each ticket includes a copy of
"The King's Messenger."
To reserve a seat, please visit the
Newtown Bookshop online @
www.newtownbookshop.com

A portion of the proceeds will benefit
Free Library of Northampton Township.



AARP TAX SERVICES

AARP is once again offering tax assistance at the library to those who qualify on Tuesdays starting in February through April 15. Check out AARP.org for more information. Call the library to reserve appointment times at 215.357.3050.

Northampton Township Archives



Do you have any questions on local history or genealogy? Contact the Archives! The Archives is open weekly:

Monday 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Wednesday 1:00 – 4:00 PM

Alternating Saturdays 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Contact the Archives via email or phone archivist@nhtwp.org or 215.357.3050 x 114

You can always check our online catalog: <https://northamptonbucksarchives.libraryhost.com/>

We're also on social media:

Facebook: @Northampton Township Archives

Instagram: @NorthamptonTownshipArchives

Looking to get creative this winter? Join us for a class!




Creativebug Crafts for Adults: Valentines for Veterans

Thursday, February 20
1:00 PM

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Creativebug Crafts for Adult: Quick Kitchen Pickles

Thursday, March 20
1:00 PM

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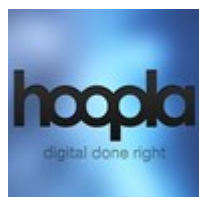



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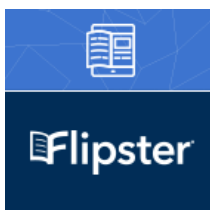
Discover Something New with our Online Resources!



Libby by OverDrive is available to Free Library of Northampton Township members. Libby is compatible with Kindle e-readers (such as Paperwhite, Oasis, and Colorsoft) and Apple and Android devices.



Hoopla provides access to Movies, Music, TV Shows, Graphic Novels, eBooks, and eAudiobooks. There are no holds or waitlist with Hoopla and you can check out up to 4 items per month. Hoopla can be used on any mobile device, computer, or even a smart TV or with a streaming device.



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