

Library Hours

Monday - Thursday
11am-7pm

Friday
11am-4pm

Saturday
10am-5pm

**Closed on
Sundays**

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Libraries: Thriving as Centers of Knowledge and Community Activity

In an age of digital information and online connectivity, one might assume that traditional libraries would fade into obscurity. However, nothing could be further from the truth. Today's libraries are reinventing themselves, evolving from quiet book repositories into vibrant community hubs that serve as centers of knowledge, activity, and social engagement.

The modern library is a far cry from the hushed, book-lined halls of yesteryear. While still home to vast collections of literature and reference materials, libraries have expanded their role to become true cornerstones of community life. Walk into any public library today, and you're likely to find a bustling hive of activity that goes well beyond book borrowing.

One of the most significant shifts has been the emergence of libraries as community centers. Many now offer spacious meeting rooms where local groups can gather, from book clubs to civic organizations. Libraries host a wide array of events and workshops, catering to diverse interests and age groups. From poetry readings to coding classes, these institutions are fostering connections and nurturing community spirit.

Education remains at the heart of the library's mission, but the approach has broadened considerably. Children's programs like storytime and summer reading challenges continue to instill a love of learning from an early age. For adults, libraries offer a second chance at education or an opportunity for lifelong learning. Language classes, digital literacy workshops, and professional development seminars are now common offerings, often in partnership with local schools and universities.

In our increasingly digital world, libraries have embraced technology rather than shying away from it. E-books and digital media collections allow patrons to access a wealth of information from the comfort of their homes. Online databases and research tools have transformed libraries into gateways to global knowledge. Some forward-thinking institutions have even introduced makerspaces and 3D printing facilities, encouraging hands-on learning and creativity.

Perhaps one of the most impactful trends is the expansion of social services within libraries. Recognizing their unique position in the community, many libraries now offer job search assistance, resume workshops, and even social worker services. They've become vital resources for immigrants and non-native speakers, offering language learning materials and citizenship information. Mobile libraries and outreach programs ensure that homebound or elderly patrons aren't left behind.

Cultural programming has also found a home in modern libraries. Art exhibitions, musical performances, and author talks bring the arts closer to the community. Book clubs foster literary discussions, while local history sections and genealogy resources help patrons connect with their roots.

The key to the success of today's libraries lies in their ability to adapt to community needs. Flexible spaces allow for a variety of activities, while extended hours and mobile services ensure accessibility. Libraries are increasingly responsive to local demographics and interests, tailoring their offerings to serve their unique communities.

However, this evolution hasn't been without challenges. Many libraries face funding issues and budget constraints, forcing them to do more with less. There's also the ongoing challenge of balancing traditional services with new offerings and defining the role of libraries in the digital age.

Despite these hurdles, libraries continue to prove their worth as essential community institutions. They've become more than just places to borrow books – they're now centers of lifelong learning, technology access points, community gathering spaces, and bastions of culture and knowledge.

As we look to the future, it's clear that libraries will continue to play a vital role in our communities. By adapting to changing needs and embracing new technologies while staying true to their core mission of providing access to information and fostering learning, libraries are not just surviving – they're thriving.

In a world where information is abundant but not always reliable, where community connections are increasingly digital, and where lifelong learning is more important than ever, our libraries stand as beacons of knowledge, inclusivity, and community spirit. They deserve our support, our engagement, and our appreciation. So the next time you pass by your local library, step inside – you might be surprised by what you find.

Your support can help us continue to enrich our community. Consider making a lasting impact through a legacy gift, contributing to the North Wales Endowment Fund, or directly donating to the library. These generous acts ensure we can keep offering free, diverse programming that benefits everyone in our area. We invite you to visit us and witness firsthand the vibrant activities and valuable resources we provide.

Your involvement helps our shared community flourish and adapt to changing needs. Together, we can nurture a space where knowledge, creativity, and connection thrive for generations to come.

We hope to see you at NWAL soon!

Jennifer Koch

North Wales Area Library Director

E-Resource of the Month



Find Scholastic Teachables and more on our library website!

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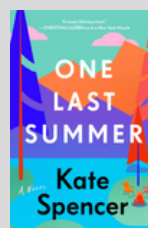
[Digital Resources](#)



Would you like one-on-one help to better understand Windows, how to best manage your files, help with Microsoft Word or Excel, Email, browsing the web, security questions, or anything else specific on your PC? Get assistance by having someone sit with you and help you understand using your PC. Sign up now for one-on-one computer tutoring. Indicate a few preferred dates and times plus the topics you would like help with.

Call 215-699-5410 or email librarian@northwaleslibrary.org with your information. The suggested donation is \$10/hour.

Bookmarked Brilliance: Staff Picks & Recommendations



Our staff pick of the month is "**One Last Summer**" by Kate Spencer.

Chosen & read by Robin Frazier, Assistant Director at the library. Read her review below!

"One Last Summer is a charming romantic comedy centered on the frenemies-to-lovers theme, which I adore. Clara Millen, with her witty humor and dedicated work ethic, leads the story. Supporting characters like Mack Sullivan and Sam Cohen contribute to a lively and humorous camping adventure.

I appreciate how the author vividly portrays the personalities of each character in One Last Summer, making even the minor characters enjoyable companions throughout the novel."

Programs and Events



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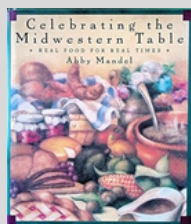
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to the library website!



*EVENTS WITH AN ASTERISK NEXT TO THEM
REQUIRE REGISTRATION WHICH CAN BE FOUND
ON OUR WEBSITE! REGISTRATION IS GENERALLY
POSTED TWO WEEKS AHEAD OF THE EVENT.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	01 Mahjong 1pm Lego Club 5pm	02 Story Time 10am Mahjong/Canasta 12:30pm Train Dominoes 1pm	03 Crab & Go Craft Available All Day! Read to the Librarian 11:15am-2pm *Family Bingo Night 5pm	04 LIBRARY CLOSED	05 Story Time Play Group 10:30am Pinochle 12pm	06
07 *Python Programming will have TWO sessions (beginner and intermediate) starting Tuesday July 9th at 5:30pm. See our website for more details/registration!	08 *Kindergarten Prep Story Time 11am Fiber Arts Group 1pm Mahjong 1pm Makerspace 5pm	09 Story Time 10am STEAM 10:30am *Author Visit 11:30am Liz Hanbidge Mobile Office 11:30am-12:30pm Mahjong/Canasta 12:30pm Read to the Therapy Dog 1pm Train Dominoes 1pm	10 Read to the Librarian 11:15am-2pm Lego Club 5pm	11 Story Time 11am Train Dominoes 1pm	12 Story Time Play Group 10:30am Pinochle 12pm	13 *Chess Club 1pm
14	15 *Kindergarten Prep Story Time 11am *Makerspace 5pm Mahjong 1pm	16 Story Time 10am *Toddler Art 11am Mahjong/Canasta 12:30pm Train Dominoes 1pm Lego Club 2pm *My 1st Book Club 4:30pm	17 Read to the Librarian 11:15am-2pm Lego Club 2pm	18 Story Time w/ Jade Chen & the owls! 11am Read to the Therapy Dog 12-1pm Train Dominoes 1pm	19 Story Time Play Group 10:30am Pinochle 12pm	20 *Special Toddler Art 10:30am Board Game Meetup 12pm Lego Club 2pm
21	22 *Kindergarten Prep Story Time 11am *Crime Scene Kit 1pm Mahjong 1pm	23 Story Time 10am STEAM 10:30am Mahjong/Canasta 12:30pm Read to the Therapy Dog 1pm Train Dominoes 1pm *Crime Scene Kit 1pm Book Club 7pm	24 Roam Around the World 11am-1pm Read to the Librarian 11:15am-2pm *Crime Scene Kit 1pm Book Club 2pm Family Movie Night 5pm	25 Story Time 11am *Crime Scene Kit 1pm Train Dominoes 1pm Teen Movie Night 5pm	26 Story Time Play Group 10:30am Pinochle 12pm	27 *Chess Club 1pm
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Adult Programs



Fiber Arts Group: Mon. July 8th at 1pm

Looking for help with a new pattern? Recently had an interest in learning a new technique? Just want to get together with like minded crafters? Join us here! Drop-ins welcome. For more information, contact [Barbara](#)

Board Game Meetup: Sat. July 20th at 12pm

All Ages - This group meets on the third Saturday of the month. Fun for all ages. No registration required. For more information, [email us](#).

Evening Book Club: Tues. July 23rd at 7pm

[A Girl Like You](#) by Michelle Cox

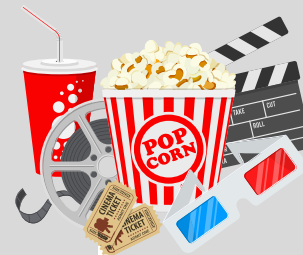
Daytime Book Club: Wed. July 24th at 2pm

[The Edge of Lost](#) by Kristina McMorris

Cookbook Club: Mon. July 29th at 6pm

[Celebrating the Midwestern Table](#) by Abby Mandel

Interested in joining a book club?
[Email Jayne Blackledge.](#)



Movies at the Library



Family Movie Night

Kung Fu Panda 4
(Rated PG)

Wed July 24th at 5pm



Teen/Adult Movie Night

The Hunger Games:
The Ballad of Songbirds & Snakes
(Rated PG-13)

Thurs July 25th at 5pm



Family Movie Night

Wonka
(Rated PG)

Wed July 31st at 5pm



STORY TIME

Tuesdays at 10am - Miss Vicki (in the community room)
Thursdays at 11am - Miss Erin (in the children's area)

Story Time Play Group

Fridays at 10:30am - Miss Lisa (in the community room)

NEW

Kindergarten Prep Story Time

for children ages 3-6

on **Mondays at 11:00am** with Miss Erin!

Registration is required and can be found on our website.

Reoccurring Events:

STEAM Play

Every other Tuesday at
10:30am
(July 9th & July 23rd this month)

Chess Club

for those in 3rd grade & up
Every other Saturday
at 1:00pm
(July 13th & July 27th this month)
registration required

Intro to Python Class

for 5th-9th graders
Every Tuesday at 5:30pm
registration required

Lego Club

July 10th 2pm
July 20th 2pm
July 30th 2pm

Read to a librarian

Every Wednesday from
11:15am-2pm
during the summer

Read to a Therapy Dog

Every other Tuesday at
1pm & every other
Thursday at 12pm

Makerspace

July 8th

Shark Attack 5pm

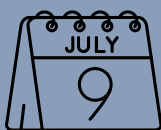
July 15th

*Bug Adventure 5pm
(registration required)

July 29th

*Bubble Making 5pm
(registration required)

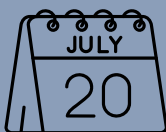
July Special Events:



Author Visit

11:30am

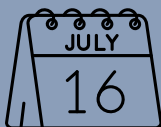
registration required



Special Toddler Art

10:30am

registration required



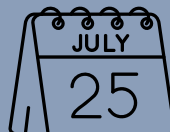
Toddler Art

11:00am

registration required



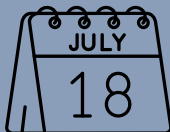
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Crime Scene Stem Kit

1pm every day

registration required



Story Time with Jade

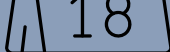
Chen & the Owls!

11:00am



Roam Around the World

11:00-1:00pm



Olympic Day

11am

registration required

Art Forgery Kit

1pm-3pm

registration required

***Please note: For any event/program that requires registration, it will be available generally TWO WEEKS before the event takes place. Thank you!**



Captured Chapters: Snapshots from Our Library

Check out all the fun we are having
this summer at the library!



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Happy reading!