#### North Wales Area Library

## Bookshelf Chronicles: News from the Stacks

#### August 2024



As we continue to evolve and provide new, creative ways to engage with our surrounding community, we at North Wales Area Library want to remind you of the simple peace that comes from visiting your local library to check out a book or conduct research. While we embrace innovation, we also cherish these timeless experiences that have always been at the heart of our mission. Your support is crucial in maintaining this balance between tradition and innovation.

Here's how you can help:

1. **Donate:** Your financial contributions, whether onetime or recurring, help us expand our programs and resources.

2. **Bequests:** Consider including the library in your estate planning to ensure its long-term sustainability.

3. **Endowments:** Support our long-term financial stability through endowments via the Montgomery Foundation for North Wales Area Library.

4. **Matching Donations:** Check if your employer offers a matching donation program to double your impact.

5. Volunteer: Your time and skills are invaluable to us. Contact us to learn about volunteer opportunities. Come Fall when we lose our college and high school students we will need additional help at the library.

6. Attend Our Events: Join us for our exciting upcoming programs!

#### **Upcoming Events:**

**August**: In partnership with Mission Kids, we're offering informative classes for youth and teens to prepare for the upcoming school year. We also have a special program for parents and caregivers. <u>Click here for more details!</u>

September: Don't miss our family-friendly Voter Registration Day on September 17th! We'll announce the winner of our "No More Dirty Dishes" Raffle (<u>https://givebutter.com/NMDDs</u>) and reveal who will be the new VP of the library. Will it be Fancy Nancy, The Grinch, Pigeon, or Pete the Cat? It's up to our under-18 voters to decide!

**October:** You've been asking to donate your gently used books all summer long, well now you can! We will have our Fall Used Book Sale in October. Keep an eye out for more details and find our used book donation guidelines on our website!

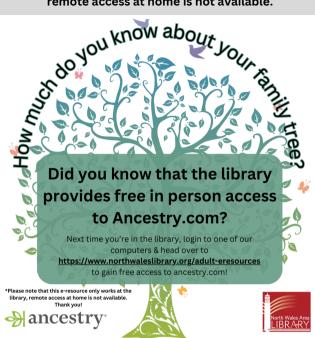
November: Join us for our 4th annual Holiday Marketplace on November 2nd! Support local vendors and your library at the same time! And then on November 8th, we're bringing the Paranormal to the library with Eric Mintel and guests. Don't forget to purchase your tickets in advance using this link: <u>https://givebutter.com/Paranormalnight</u>

However you choose to support the library, please know that we deeply appreciate your contribution. Together, we can ensure that North Wales Area Library remains a vibrant, innovative, and essential part of our community for years to come. <u>https://givebutter.com/dc6ubk</u>

Thank you for your continued support!



\*Please note that this e-resource only works at the library, remote access at home is not available.



### Find Ancestry and more on our library website!

Explore our Catalog

**Donate** 

**Digital Resources** 

## Bookmarked Brilliance: Staff Picks & Recommendations



Our staff pick of the month is "The Little Shop of Found Things" by Paula Brackston

Chosen & read by library director, Jennifer Koch

"The Little Shop of Found Things is a captivating blend of historical fiction and time-travel fantasy, penned by the acclaimed author Paula Brackston. Published in 2018, this novel is the first in a series that combines mystery, romance, and the supernatural.

The story follows Xanthe Westlake, a gifted antiques dealer with psychometric abilities - she can sense the history of objects by touching them. After a difficult divorce, Xanthe and her mother Flora move to Marlborough, England, to start anew by opening an antique shop.

While setting up their shop, Xanthe is drawn to a beautiful silver chatelaine that carries a dark and urgent history. This artifact pulls her back in time to the 17th century, where she becomes embroiled in a dangerous quest to save a young servant girl accused of theft and facing a death sentence. As Xanthe navigates between past and present, she must unravel the mystery surrounding the chatelaine while grappling with her growing feelings for Samuel, a handsome architect from the past.

Brackston's writing is rich in historical detail, bringing both modern-day Marlborough and its 17th-century counterpart vividly to life. Her prose is engaging, with a good balance between descriptive passages and dialogue. The pacing keeps readers engaged, alternating between the tension of Xanthe's time-traveling adventures and the more relaxed scenes in the present day.

The Little Shop of Found Things is an enchanting read that successfully blends historical fiction with fantasy elements. Brackston creates a compelling protagonist in Xanthe, whose journey of self-discovery is as engaging as her time-traveling adventures. The novel's exploration of the connection between objects, history, and human lives adds depth to what might otherwise be a straightforward time-travel tale."

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## Programs and Events

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## Adult Programs







#### Fiber Arts Group: Mon. August 12th 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 <u>Barbara</u> artuware@gmail.com

#### Swedesford Garden Club: Mon. August 12th at 6:45pm

Mary McKnight, a Master Gardener, will introduce innovative concepts for incorporating houseplants into interior decoration at the next Swedesford Garden Club meeting. Guests are welcome.

**Board Game Meetup:** Sat. August 17th at 12pm All Ages - This group meets on the third Saturday of the month. Fun for all ages. No registration required. For more information, send an email to DMason930@comcast.net

**Evening Book Club:** Tues. August 20th at 7pm <u>If I Had Your Face</u> by Frances Cha

Daytime Book Club: Wed. Aug 28th at 2pm The Last Rose of Shanghai by Weina Dai Randel

**Cookbook Club:** Mon. August 26th at 6pm <u>Home Style Cookery</u> by Matty Matheson

Interested in joining a book club? <u>Email</u> Jayne Blackledge.



### Movies at the Library



Family Movie Night Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (Rated PG) Wed August 7th at 5pm



Family Movie Night Elemental (Rated PG) Wed August 14th at 5pm



Family Movie Night The Super Mario Bros Movie (Rated PG) Wed August 21st at 5pm

## Click/Tap the Calendars below to download a copy!

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#### Adult Calendar

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*Events with an asterisk next to them require egistration which can be found on our websitel gistration is generally posted two weeks ahead of the event.					Flip me over to see the Adult Calendar		
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## Children & Teen Corner





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

#### NO Story Time Play Group in August

Kindergarten Prep Story Time Jaw Jaw Aad Stories Monday August Sth, 12th, 12th, 22th, 12th, 12th, 12th, 22th, 12th, 12th, 12th, 22th, 12th, 12th

Kindergarten Prep Story Time for children ages 3-6 Mondays at 11:00am with Miss Erin!

Registration is required and can be found on our website.

#### Reoccuring Events:

STEAM Play Every other Tuesday at 10:30am (See calendar for August dates)

## Chess Club

for those in 3rd grade & up Every other Saturday at 1:00pm (See calendar for August dates) \*registration required\*

## Intro to Python Class

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

## Lego Club

August 7th at 2pm August 17th at 2pm

## Read to a librarian

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

### <u>Read to a</u> <u>Therapy Dog</u>

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

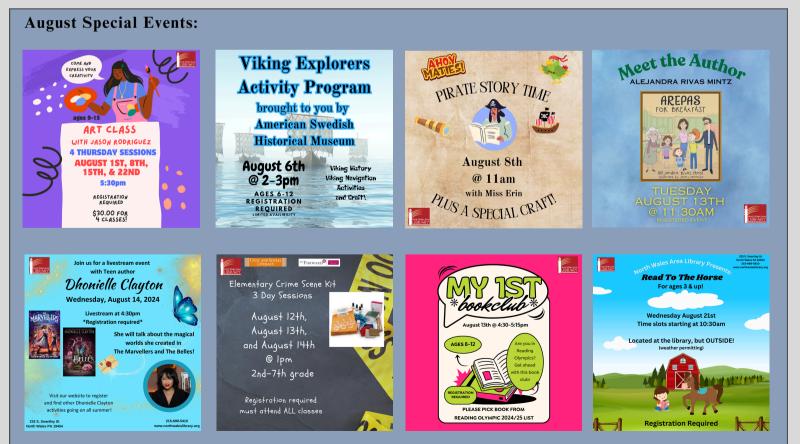
Makerspace

<u>at 5pm</u>

<u>August 12th</u> <u>at 5pm</u>

### Toddler Movement

August 7th at 11:30am August 21st at 11:30am \*registration required\*



For these events and more, visit our website! www.northwaleslibrary.org

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

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# **Empower and Protect**

Mission Kids Child Safety Programs at North Wales Library

### North Wales Area Library | 233 S. Swartley Street North Wales, PA 19454

Mission Kids and North Wales Library team up to present you with engaging workshops led by Mission Kids to educate young kids and caregivers on crucial prevention strategies in a fun and supportive environment. Join us to empower your children and yourself with essential safety knowledge!





#### FOR KIDS Thursday, August 15 -



ROAR empowers children to understand personal body safety, speak out against abuse, and identify three safe adults to go to when they feel unsafe.

#### Register Now





AGE LEVEL Ages 4 - 8



TIME 11:00 - 11:45 am

Trained facilitators use puppets to provide children with evidence-based and developmentallyappropriate content about body safety while explaining what they can do if they, or someone they know, ever feel unsafe.

Register Now

#### FOR ADULTS **Tuesday, August 20**





Caregivers of Children Ages 2-12

TIME 11:00 - 11:45 am

Led by expert facilitators, this workshop equips caregivers with the knowledge and tools to foster open, honest conversations and ensure every child's safety and wellbeing, both offline and online.

#### <u>Register Now</u>