

Northern Tier Regional Library

Main Library Hours:

Monday – Wednesday: 9:00 AM-7:00 PM

Thursday – Saturday: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM



Pine Center Hours

Monday 9AM-5PM

Wednesday 9AM-5PM

Thursday 11AM-7PM

Saturday 9AM-2PM

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Website: northerntierlibrary.org

JANUARY PROGRAMMING

LOCAL AUTHOR STORYTIME: DANIELLE COCHRAN

Local Author Danielle Cochran will visit the Northern Tier Library on Saturday, February 21 at 11 AM to share her book *There's a Dachshund in My House!* This event is designed for children, but enjoyable for parents, grandparents, and caregivers as well.

Find out who Danielle is, what inspired the book, and how Maple and Oscar came to life with help of an illustrator from the Ukraine and how she created the images during a time of war in her country. Followed by a cozy story time where Danielle reads the book aloud to the audience. At the end there will be a book signing with copies for sale (if you would like).

Told with warmth and playful charm, *there's a Dachshund in My House!* is perfect for children ages 2–10, families who love reading together, and anyone who believes in the power of storytelling to spark creativity and connection.

WEEKLY CRAFT

Kids of all ages are invited to enjoy a simple, weekly take-home craft that can be picked up in our lobby on Tuesdays, January 6 through February 10. Please call or register online to reserve a supply kit that can be picked up on Tuesdays and enjoyed at home.

MAKERSPACE KITS

Kids and teens can enjoy a take-home kit featuring directions & materials to complete a craft from our Makerspace! Please call or register online to reserve a supply kit that can be picked up on Mondays and enjoyed at home.

January 5: Glowing Star Constellations

Create a small constellation with glow in the dark stars.

January 12: Paper Lanterns

Design small glowing lanterns from craft materials.

January 19: Cross Stitch Bookmarks

Stitch a simple design into a wooden bookmark.

Disclaimer: This project uses metal needles; supervision is required for younger participants

BABY PLAYTIME

Come enjoy a half hour of fun with your baby on Tuesdays, January 6 through February 10 at 11:00 AM! We'll share songs, fingerplays, stories, and rhymes. Meet other parents and their babies, and enjoy some special time together. This program is intended for babies ages 0-18 months and will be held Tuesday mornings in the program room on our main level. Siblings are welcome, and only one registration is required for the series of playtimes.

STORY & PLAYTIME

Join us Wednesday and Thursday mornings, January 7 through February 12 at 10:30 AM to share songs, rhymes, and books in the library's program room on the main level! Families are encouraged to bring a blanket to sit on, but it's not necessary as we will be on a carpeted floor. This program is for toddlers, preschoolers, and their families. Registration is required, but only one registration is necessary for the series of storytimes.

MAKER MONDAYS

Hey teens! Join us at Northern Tier Library on select Mondays from 3:00 to 5:00 PM to create fun projects related to art, crafts, electronics, sewing, and more! Monday, January 26 will feature basic sewing where you can learn how to properly use a sewing machine and create a small project!

POKÉMON CLUB

Bring your cards or games and join other Pokémon trainers at the library to trade and play together on Monday, January 5 from 5:30 to 6:30 PM! Boards will be available for the card game, and a Pokémon-related project will be there to enjoy. This event is self-directed and open to children, teens, and their families. Registration is required.

NATUREOLOGY: DINOSAURS

For more than 150 million years, giants roamed the earth in both warm and cold climates, leaving their bones, footprints, and descendants. See some examples for yourself with Tony Palermo at Natureology on Tuesday, January 13 at 5:30 PM. This program is for children of all ages, and registration is required.

KIDSCODECLUB

Hello World! Join us on Monday, January 19 at 5:30 PM for a few hours of kid-oriented, tech-centered socializing and fun. Bring your own laptop or Chromebook to share inspiration, play each other's games, and collaborate on new ideas and projects. For ages ten and up. Registration required.

BEAT THE WINTER BLUES TAKE-HOME KIT

The days are shorter and colder so to lift your spirits, register for this take-home kit for adults. Inside will be some activities and crafts you can do to beat the winter blues. Registration for this kit will be required by Wednesday, January 14 and lobby pickup will be at 12 PM on Friday, January 16.

WINTER READING BINGO

Cuddle up with a good book this winter while earning chances to win a prize with our new Winter Reading Bingo program! Grab a bingo sheet and read a book to follow each prompt. Each bingo will earn you one raffle ticket with up to 5 earnable per sheet. Turn in your card by Wednesday, January 28th.

READ ACROSS THE USA

Celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and read your way across the USA throughout this year long challenge, starting on January 2nd, 2026. Complete 25 books, each set in a different state, and receive a free book coupon for our Book Sale. Complete a book from each of the 50 states and you will be entered into a drawing for a gift card.

BRIDGET'S BOOK CLUB

In Maine, 1789, a man is found entombed in the frozen Kennebec River. Martha Ballard, a midwife and healer, is summoned to examine the body and determine the cause of death. When a local physician undermines her conclusion, declaring the death to be an accident, Martha is forced to investigate the shocking murder on her own. This historical fiction is inspired by the life of Martha Ballard, a renowned 18th century midwife who defied the legal system and wrote herself into history. Join us for a discussion of *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon on Wednesday, January 14 at 6:30 PM.

NONFICTION DISCUSSION GROUP

Years ago, Tabitha Brown started a 30-day personal challenge that she called "I Did a New Thing!" The challenge was simple. Every day she would do something she'd never done before. In *I Did a New Thing*, Tab shares her own stories and those of others, alongside gentle guidance and encouragement to create these incredible changes for yourself and see what good can come from them. Join us for a discussion of *I Did a New Thing: 30 Days to Living Free* by Tabitha Brown on Tuesday, January 20 at 1:00 PM.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON GAMES

Play tabletop games at the library for a little while on Fridays, January 2 & 16 at 1:00 PM! Scrabble and other board games will be played. The library can supply a few games but we suggest that you bring a favorite or two along with you if possible.

YARNS N'AT

This fiber arts group will meet on Saturdays, January 3 & 17 at 10:00 AM to practice their preferred style of fiber art.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends sponsor our annual Book Sale and other programs in support of the library. Current and new members are welcome to join on Tuesday, January 6 at 10:00 AM.

A GREAT DEAL GAME GROUP

Join us starting at 1:00 PM to play pinochle on Tuesdays or American Mahjong on Wednesdays.

TECHNOLOGY HELP

Register for a 30-minute session between 2:00 and 4:00 PM on Wednesdays, January 7-28 to get help with a specific, technology-related topic including eReaders & Microsoft Office.

CONVERSATION GROUP

Stop by on Thursday, January 8 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM to share ideas and hear what others have to say. For additional information, please email: cdstorrs@gmail.com.

PUZZLE SWAP

Do you have a puzzle or two you've completed and are ready to start something new? Instead of purchasing a new one, Pittsburgh Puzzle Exchange is hosting a swap at the library! Bring as many puzzles as you wish to swap and take as many "new" ones as you brought on Saturday, January 10 at 11:00 AM. Registration is requested.

KNIT LIT

Knitters, crocheters, and yarn art enthusiasts are welcome to join us at the library on Tuesday, January 20 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. If you're working on a project, bring it along with you! We'll talk about life, books we've read, and those craft projects you're always working on, but might never finish. Hope to see you then! Registration is requested.

GERMAN CONVERSATION GROUP

This will be an informal group where you can practice your German and learn about the German culture with others. Whether you just started learning German or you are a fluent speaker, join us for an hour of German conversation! We will meet on Thursday, January 22 from 3:30 to 4:30 PM.

PLANT-BASED PITTSBURGH

It's not just chilly outside, it will be chili inside too! Join us on Wednesday, January 28 at 5:30 PM for a plant-based chili cookoff! Have a taste & vote for your favorite! A few helpers are needed to make their best vegetarian chili recipe. Please send Donna an email at dherrle@gmail.com to volunteer. May the best bean win!

SERENITY: ADULT DESTRESS KITS

Grab one of these free packets for adults filled with puzzles, a craft, and some fun community tidbits. Available all month for pickup in the adult display section while supplies last!

Programs @ the Pine Center

FAMILY STORYTIME

Come to the Pine Center on Fridays, January 9 through February 13 at 11:00 AM for an all-ages storytime! Sing, move, read books, and practice rhymes. For children of all ages, registration is required.

STEM TAKE-HOME CRAFT

Every month in conjunction with our children's display, the Pine Center library will offer a free STEM take-home craft available for pickup while supplies last!

LIBRARY LEADERS

Want to have a say in the future of the Pine Center Library? Join the Library Leaders on Thursday, January 8 at 4:30 PM for our monthly town hall meeting for student volunteers in 5th grade and up! Registration is required.

PINE NEEDLES

All yarn art enthusiasts, both beginners and experienced crafters, can join us at the Pine Center on Thursday, January 8 from 4:00 to 5:30 PM. Beginners can learn how to knit. Experienced crafters are welcome to bring a project to work on. We'll talk about life, books we've read, and projects we're always working on but may never finish! Registration is requested.

AMERICAN MAHJONG

Join us on Thursday, January 15 at 5:00 PM to learn and play American Mahjong! Beginners to expert levels are welcome! Please bring your own game board if you have one.

PINING FOR BOOKS

After being rescued from a sinking ocean liner and living with her uncle in Montana, Marian Graves drops out of school at the age of fourteen. She finds herself in an arrangement that will haunt her for the rest of her life, even as it allows her to fulfill her dream of flying over the North and South Poles. A century later, Hadley Baxter is cast to play Marian in a film centered on her disappearance. Her immersion into the character of Marian unfolds alongside Marian's own story, as the two women's destinies--and their hunger for self-determination in vastly different places and times--collide. Join us on Monday, January 12th at 2:00 PM for a discussion of *Great Circle* by Maggie Shipstead.

COFFEE & CRIME

The Silent Patient is a shocking psychological thriller of a woman's act of violence against her husband—and of the therapist obsessed with uncovering her motive. Join us on Monday, January 22 at 5:30 PM for a discussion of *The Silent Patient* by Alex Michaelides.

Holiday Hours

Both the Richland & Pine Centers will be closed on Thursday, January 1, 2026 for the New Year.

The Northern Tier Library aims to provide resources that inspire, inform, educate, and entertain the public.