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Whitehall Township Public Library **Library Lines**

From the Director's Desk!

We would like to wish all of patrons a Happy and Healthy 2019! With a **NEW YEAR**, comes **NEW** changes to WTPL!

We are happy to announce that we are expanding our library hours. Beginning Wednesday, **January 2, 2019**, the library will have **NEW** hours! On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday we'll be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; on Friday and Saturday we'll be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pick up one of our **NEW** magnets with the **NEW** hours! We will be open 64 hours a week, and you'll still have access to our online resources and website 24/7 if we are closed!

With the **NEW YEAR**, WTPL will be part of the **NEW Lehigh-Carbon Library Cooperative**. This will mean more resources and services for patrons to use and share among other libraries. We will be creating a one-card system by February 2019. Watch for more information and flyers at the library.



The libraries in LCLC include: Coplay Public Library, Dimmick Memorial Public Library, Emmaus Public Library, Lehigh-ton Area Memorial Library, Public Library of Catasauqua, Lower Macungie Public Library, Palmerton Area Library, Parkland Community Library, Slatington Library, Southern Lehigh Public Library and Whitehall Township Public Library.

How does this help **YOU!!!** Patrons will have **one library card** and will be able to use our 10 partnering libraries in Lehigh and Carbon counties. You may borrow materials from one and return them to another library listed on the handout. If you need a book from one of the LCLC libraries, place a **hold** and we will deliver it to your library for you. We are proud and happy to have these services for our patrons and to share the free resources between our neighboring libraries!

If the library is closed for any reason, you'll still have access to **resources**. If you have a current WTPL card and in good standing, you can use any of the databases located on the right side of our website. You can do anything from learning a new language, to listening to a book, working on genealogy, looking at recipes from other countries, and reading newspapers online. So before the snow-flies, stop by, and we will update your card and show you how to use these resources!

The library received a notice from Harrisburg for the state of PA to save money, the PA Department of Revenue will no longer be sending **tax forms** to libraries, including Rent Rebate forms. All forms will be accessible at www.revenue.pa.gov to fill out online. If you do not have access to a computer or printer, the library will print your forms for \$.10 per page.

Join us for the **Adult Winter Reading Program** from January 7 to March

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Did You Know?

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is celebrated on the 3rd Monday of January every year because it's near King's birthday of January 15, 1929. During the Civil Rights Movement in the '50s & '60s, King was the main spokesperson for nonviolent activism. He encouraged desegregation with events such as boycotting segregated buses and occupying public spaces with marches and sit-ins. You can read more about this movement in books such as the graphic novel trilogy *March* by Congressman John Lewis.

The Times They Are a-Changin'

We hope you love being in our library as much as we love having you here. If you do - good news! The library will be open longer this year starting on Wed., January 2. (Remember, we'll be closed for New Year's Day on the 1st.) Starting this year, we'll be open longer every week. While previously, we were open 62 hours per week, we'll be moving up to 64. Check out our new times below:

Monday – Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Friday – Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: Closed

**Regular Events**

If you like coming out to regular activities and clubs, the library has a few that you might want to check out.

For **kids**, we have **Creation Station** at 6:30 p.m. on the 1st Tuesday of every month, giving kids a chance to build with Legos, blocks, and other items. This month, since we're closed on January 1, Creation Station will be on Tues., January 8.

Adults can enjoy the **Adult Coloring Club** twice a month, from 11 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month. On the 4th Tuesday, it's followed up by our **Adult Book Talks** from 1 - 2 p.m.

People of **any age** can attend our **Open Mic/Jam** as audience members or performers at 6:30 p.m. on the 3rd Monday of every month. (If you want to perform, the sign-up for time slots starts at 6:15.) There's also a **Family Movie Night** every 3rd Tuesday (details below). Those who enjoy honing their crafting skills might also enjoy coming out for our **Beading Club**, which is every Monday and Thursday at 1:30 p.m., or the **Lehigh Valley Knitting Guild** on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month from 6 - 8 p.m.

**At the Movies: *The House With a Clock in Its Walls***

Based on a book of the same name by John Bel-lairs, this fantasy film is about a young orphan named Lewis Barnavelt who aids his magical uncle in locating a clock with the power to bring about the end of the world. ***The House With a Clock in Its Walls*** is rated PG and lasts 1 hour and 45 minutes, and it stars Jack Black and Cate Blanchett. This movie will be shown on **January 15 at 6 p.m.** as the latest installment of our monthly **Family Movie Night**, which happens on the 3rd Tuesday of every month.

Reading Cures the Winter Blues (Adult Winter Reading Program)

It's easy to start feeling a little down when you're trapped inside all the cold, bleak winter, but reading can offer a great escape. If you want to make it a community experience, join our **Adult Winter Reading Program**. To participate, you pick up a book log at front desk (and optional reading challenge for some extra fun) and return it after writing down whatever you read. This **program** runs from Mon. January 7, 9 a.m. – Sat., March 23, 5 p.m. Come to our **wrap-up party** on March 26 at either 1 p.m. or 6 p.m. to discuss what you read.



Looking Ahead

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“Congratulations! Today is your day. You're off to Great Places!
You're off and away!” ~ Dr. Seuss

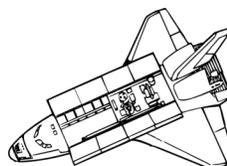
We at the Whitehall library hope that this year is filled with great things for each and every one of our patrons. There's a lot scheduled to happen here, too, and all over the world. Here are some of the things we expect in 2019:

The Library

We look forward to a lot of changes this year. Starting in January, we'll have new, **expanded hours** (see pg 2). Then in February, we and several other libraries will come together for a **one-card system** (see pg 1 for library list). That means that you will only need to have one card that you can use at any of these libraries.

Anniversaries

This year will be the 50th anniversary of **Woodstock** (August 15-18, 1969) and the **first moon landing** (July 20, 1969). This summer, you can look forward to seeing a lot of tie dye around the library in honor of Woodstock, and our whole Summer Reading Program will be based around space with the theme “A Universe of Stories.”



Entertainment

There are a lot of **movies** coming out this year based on popular books and book series, like *Artemis Fowl*. A lot of people are eagerly anticipating *Avengers: Infinity Endgame* (a movie set in a universe based on graphic novels). *Star Wars: Episode IX* is due out this year as well, and as you get ready for that, you might want to check out the extensive *Star Wars* expanded universe, which covers a whole host of novels, graphic novels, short stories, and more. Of course, there are always new **books** coming out, too. Which books are you most looking forward to? You can check our catalog to see if we've pre-ordered them or put in a purchase request order for popular books that you think would go well in our collection.

Monthly Reading Challenge

Do you have a New Year's resolution to expand your reading? We're here to help! This year, every month, the newsletter will feature a different challenge to help you round out your reading list. This is just for fun, but see how many you can get, and you might end up finding a new book or genre that you really love!

This month, in honor of MLK, Jr. Day (see pg. 2), your challenge is to read any book (fiction or nonfiction) about civil rights (of any marginalized demographic in any country).

Book Nook

This is the time of year when many of us are determined to improve something about ourselves by making a New Year's resolution. Why do we torture ourselves by using January 1 as a starting date? Isn't the 1st of any month just as good? Maybe your birth day? Or like many 12-step programs “just for today”? That said, whatever “improvement” you seek, we can help you find a book or a library resource. Lose weight? Stop smoking? Learn Italian? Cook Italian? Paint like an Italian? Learn how to whittle? Identify birds? Age-proof your brain? Learn how to sing? Get your taxes ready? Learn how to handle toxic people? Learn how to sample wine? This is when you discover just how much a library has to offer. Remember: the stupidest question is the one you don't ask. We are here to help you find what you need.

~ Chris Andrews



Director's Desk (cont'd)

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23, 2019. Our theme this year is “**Reading Cures the Winter Blues**”. Anyone 18 years and older will be able to register and get a book log to track their book reading! It's easy to do: read or listen to a book and write the author and title on the log and return it to us by 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 23, 2019. We will have a wrap up party on Tuesday, March 26 at both 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. (You can come to either or both.) Also included in the reading log packet is an optional reading challenge. The important thing is just to **READ** and have fun and watch the **BLUES** melt away!

~ Patty Vahey



Did You Know?

The library has an ongoing fundraiser in which we accept any **new or used printer toner, drum, or other consumable** for \$1 per item at the front desk (any brand). The waste material is shipped to Toshiba to be properly re-used or recycled. (We don't want whole printers.)

Last Month

December was full of Christmas magic, including our annual **Pictures with Santa** on December 1 (right), which helps us raise money for different programs throughout the year. One such program was a concert on December 6 with the barbershop quartet **ffourtissimo**, who sang some holiday hits to get us in the spirit of the season. Our patrons were also very generous this season, taking part in our **Holiday Card Making** for local seniors and donating to **Toys for Tots**, the **Annual Coat & Boot Drive**, and other collections benefiting residents of the Lehigh Valley. Thank you for all that you do!



Database Spotlight: Power Library

Power Library, found on the right-hand side of our website (www.whitehallpl.org) features a variety of resources to help you learn, including:

- **Reference Help** - Get your reference questions answered in a live chat with a PA librarian. There's even a chat option specifically for college/university students!
- **eResources** - This range of resources includes [Academic OneFile](#) (full-text articles), [Contemporary Authors](#) (biographical data), [GREENR](#) (info on the environment, energy, and natural resources), the [Health & Wellness Resource Center](#), [Pennsylvania Job Resources](#), and the [Science Reference Center](#).
- **PA Library Collections** - Look for books, movies, and more in this catalog so that you can find out what libraries in the state have what you're looking for.
- **PA Photos & Documents** - You can search for keywords if you're looking for specific photos or documents, or you can browse some of the many collections including [Art and Architecture](#), [Church and Missionary History](#), [Pennsylvania History](#), [School and College History](#), [Women's History](#), and [Yearbooks](#).

