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Whitehall Township Public Library **Library Lines**

From the Director's Desk!

SPRING into a **NEW LIBRARY CARD!** No need to carry around 3 different library cards when **one card** will give you access to all **11 LCLC libraries** (Lehigh Carbon Library Cooperative). Old cards will be exchanged for free! Come see your library staff for all of the details. A new era for Carbon and Lehigh County libraries has begun!

Buckets Full of Nature: Space Rocks with Jolie Chylack of the Lehigh County Conservation District will be held on **Wed., April 3 at 1 p.m.** Space rocks! Let's explore the mysterious rocks that travel through outer space. After reading stories, creating art projects, and experimenting, kids will go home ready to "read" the night sky in a whole new way.

Digging up the dead!?! Do you need help finding your roots? We will help you dig them up by using Ancestry, Heritage Quest and FOLD3 databases to search records and documents. FOLD3 provides convenient access to military records, including stories, photos, and personal documents of the men and women who served.

Spring Story Time 2019 will start again in March 2019. You can register online, at the library or call us!

Preschool Story Time (37 mos-6yrs) will be held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Tuesday: The 8-week session @ 10:30am is from 03/05/19 - 04/30/19; **no story time on April 9th.** Wednesdays: The 7-week session @ 1pm is from 03/06/19 - 05/01/19; **no story time on March 20 or April 10.**

Toddler Story Time (12-36 mos) will be on Thursdays. The 6-week session @ 10:30 am is from 03/14/19 - 04/25/19. **No story time on April 11.** Parents must stay with their children during Toddler Story Time.

Reminder to those in the **Adult Winter Reading Program:** Please return your reading logs by 5 p.m. on Sat., March 23. **Our theme this year is "Reading Cures the Winter Blues" and boy, has it been a COLD and SNOWY winter!** If you're 18 years or older, you can register and get a book log to track your reading or listening of books! Just READ and have fun and watch the BLUES melt away! Our wrap up party is on Tues., March 26 at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. You pick the time you can attend.

The **Adult Coloring Club** meets on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of every month at 11:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Relax and enjoy yourself with some fun coloring time. The library has some supplies but invites you to bring your own as well. Come on in and join the conversation and fun while coloring!

The **"What Are You Reading Now?" Club** meets the 4th Tuesday of every month at 1 p.m. What do you want to read? If you love to talk about books, we invite you to join us. Share your thoughts on the books you're reading now, and

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St. Patrick's Day is a fun day to celebrate Irish heritage or hang out with friends, but what do you know about the man it's named after? St. Patrick (or Patricius, as he called himself) was actually from Great Britain but when he was about 16, he was kidnapped and sold into slavery into Ireland. He managed to escape 6 years later and joined the Catholic priesthood. After he became a bishop, he returned to Ireland as a missionary. He is said to have explained the Trinity (three persons of God) to the people there using the three leaves of a **shamrock**, which is why became Ireland's national emblem.



Daylight Savings Time begins on Sun., **March 10**. If you have any clocks that don't change automatically, you will need them to **spring forward**. (In other words, turn the clock from 2 a.m. to 3 a.m.)



Book Nook: *Outlander* series by Diana Gabaldon

Last month I mentioned that my husband and I agreed the *Outlander* books were the most romantic books we have read. It actually took several discussions, which is why I researched other February events for my article. The *Outlander* series has just the right balance of action and romance to please both of us.

Claire and Frank Randall marry during World War II and don't have a real honeymoon, as he's an intelligence officer and she's an army nurse. They travel to Scotland after the war for their delayed honeymoon. While Frank is doing genealogy, Claire goes out exploring and finds a ring of standing stones. She blacks out after touching one of the stones. When she awakes, she encounters an English soldier on horseback who threatens her. She's rescued by a Scotsman and taken to his clan. They're suspicious of Claire since she has an English accent and refer to her as the Sassenach, which means Outlander. Claire realizes she's somewhere in the past and figures out it's the Jacobite Rebellion of 1745, a dangerous time to be in Scotland. Claire is coerced to marry the only bachelor in the clan, Jamie Fraser, so she can be a Scottish citizen and have some protection. She and Jamie fall in love, and when the Battle of Culloden draws near, Claire reluctantly returns to her own time.

There are currently eight books in the series, so you can deduce that Claire eventually returns to the 18th century. There are a lot of historical facts, battles, and adventures packed into these books to keep my husband interested, but the backbone is the deep love between Claire and Jamie. There are many other characters who share their adventures, some who are able to time travel, too. Each book is several hundred pages, but always leaves you wanting more. The library also has the books on audio CDs and the television series on DVD.

~ Chris Andrews



Teen Tech Week

This year, Teen Tech Week is **March 3-9**. Teens, try to find some new way to connect to technology, especially to help you learn or create. You can check out some of our library's **databases** as a place to get you started, such as brainfuse and LearningExpressLibrary, which can help you study.

At the Movies: *Ralph Breaks the Internet*

On the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m., we have a new movie for you to check out. This month's is movie is on **March 19**, and we're watching *Ralph Breaks the Internet* - the sequel to the hit animated movie *Wreck-It Ralph*. This time around, Ralph and Vanellope discover a wi-fi router in their arcade, leading them into a new adventure.



Reading Cures the Winter Blues

Are you ready for winter to be over? Need something to get you through that last push until spring? A book might be just what you need to transport you to wherever you want to go, which is why "Reading Cures the Winter Blues" is this year's theme for our **Adult Winter Reading Program**. If you're 18+ years old, you can **register** at our front desk and **log in** your books until Sat., **March 23**, 5 p.m. (We're going all-paper this year. Let us know if you prefer computer logs.) There's also an additional blue-themed **reading challenge** for you to pick up, if you'd like to try something new. The **wrap-up party** will be Tues., **March 26** at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. You can come to whichever is more convenient for you!



To get you in the spirit, we've hung up some blue decorations around the library. We also have a few blue-themed trivia questions for you. (Answers are below.)

Winter Blues Trivia

1. Blue is one of the three primary colors that can mix to make all other colors. What are the other two?
2. What three things are brides traditionally encouraged to wear besides "something blue"?
3. Who wrote the 2001 mystery novel *Violets Are Blue*?
4. In the movie *Avatar*, what is the race of blue people called?
5. What artist had a Blue Period between 1901 and 1904 where in which painted with predominantly blue and blue-green colors?
6. What blues musician, known for his guitar work, had songs that included "The Thrill Is Gone" and "I Like to Live the Love"?

Ongoing Activities

In addition to our special events, we also have several recurring programs that you can check out at any time:

- **Beading Club** - Mondays and Thursdays, 1:30 p.m.
- **Lehigh Valley Knitting Guild** - 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- **Creation Station** - 1st Tuesday of every month, 6:30 p.m.
- **Adult Coloring Club** - 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month, 11:00 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
- **Third Monday Open Mic/Jam** - 3rd Monday of every month, 6:30 p.m. (sign-ups start 6:15 p.m.)
- **Adult Book Talks** - 4th Tuesday of every month, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.



If you didn't grow up in the area, you might not have heard of **fasnachts** before moving here. These heavy potato doughnuts come from Germany and are often served in Pennsylvania Dutch country on **Fat Tuesday/ Mardi Gras** (March 5 this year). The word comes from the German for "fast night" since many Christian denominations get rid of all the fat and sugar in the house during Lent (the 40-day season before Easter), which starts the next day. (This is a great way to use it all up before the fast starts!) Square-shaped fastnachts represent the four gospels of the Bible, and triangular ones represent the Holy Trinity. Many people eat fastnachts with butter and syrup while others prefer fastnachts covered in powdered or granulated sugar. Check them out and discover your favorite way to eat these sweet treats!



Winter Blues Trivia Answers: 1. Red & yellow; 2. Something old, something new, & something borrowed; 3. James Patterson; 4. Na'vi; 5. Pablo Picasso; 6. B.B. King

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get some ideas for your future reading list.

Beading Club with Marty Beaton is on Mondays & Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. Do you enjoy beaded jewelry? Were you ever interested in making it yourself? If you ever wanted to try your hand at the craft, now's the time!

WTPL collects items for the **Helping Hearts and Handbags** program. They gather purses and wallets to be given to women in shelters. Each purse is filled with toiletries, socks, gloves, and more. Please donate small toothbrushes, women products, purses, women's wallets, etc.

We also help collect items for WCS D students, to be used in the **Snack Pack Pals**. This food is gathered and packed for kids who are in the most need of nutritious foods to alleviate severe hunger needs during long weekends when free breakfast and lunch are not available at the school.

The library has an on-going **Wish List** for items needed at the library. Please donate anything at any time to help us! Right now, we're looking for: gift cards (any store, especially, Giant, Walmart & AC Moore), art supplies (especially washable black markers), colored copier paper, Clorox disinfecting wipes, a bag of birdseed, and colored duct tape.

~ Patty Vahey

Monthly Reading Challenge

In honor of Women's History Month, we're challenging you to read a book set in the past that has a female author and/or main character.



Last Month

In February, our **Teen Advisory Board** had their annual big build project. This year, they made a small **playhouse** out of cardboard (right) that's currently sitting in the kids' section of the library. Combining winter and spring-themed decorations, this playhouse can help transition us into warmer weather. Here's hoping Punxsutawney Phil was right this year. Since the groundhog didn't see his shadow, tradition says we're in for an early spring, but we'll have to wait and see!



Database Spotlight: AtoZ the USA

The United States is a wonderfully diverse country geographically and culturally. If you want to learn more about the country's history, people, symbols, and culture, this is the place. Here you can read about:

- **The Country** - Besides a country overview, you can find information on this country's history, indigenous peoples, maps, national symbols, and more.
- **States and Territories** - After learning about the country, you can dive into more detail about each of the states and territories to find demographics, crime statistics, and information on schools of all levels. You can even find facts on local cuisine, including recipes. (Pennsylvania's section has a recipe for scrapple, in case you ever wondered how that was made!)
- **Cities** - Practice your geography and learn which cities are the state capitals and which are the largest in the country.
- **Bodies of Water** - When you're done with cities, you can find major lakes and rivers next.

