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Whitehall Township Public Library **Library Lines**

From the Director's Desk!

Reminder that the library will be **closed** on Thursday July 4 for Independence Day but open regular hours the rest of the week. From the library board and staff, we wish you all a happy and safe **Fourth of July!**

Please sign up for the **Summer Reading Program**. It's for ALL ages – kids and adults! We're off to a wonderful start, and the SKY is the limit!

Join us for the Buckets of Nature program on Thurs., July 18 at 10 a.m. about the **Sensational Sun and the Marvelous Moon!** We all know what they look like, but what do you really know about them? Join us as Jolie Chylack from the Lehigh County Conservation District enlightens us about these solar bodies!

Dawn Sellers from the **Center for Vision Loss** will present 4 programs at the library in July. Remember that eye care for you and your children is very important to see and enjoy the sky, moon, and planets!

On Wed., July 24, at 11 a.m. there will be an **Eyes at the Library Story Time** for preschool and early elementary age children to attend with their parents. At 2 p.m. that day, we'll have **Teen Seen** - a program for students in grades 6-12. Learn how your eyes may be distorted and how important eye-care is at ALL ages!

On Thurs., July 25, Dawn returns to do the other 2 programs to promote healthy sight in the community. The first, at 10:30 a.m., is **Toddler Time Story Time** for children 18-36 months and their parents. She returns at 6 p.m. for an adult vision program, **"What is Blue Light and What Does it Do to Your Eyes?"** Free vision screenings will be available. Thank you to Dawn Sellers and the Center for Vision Loss for their continued support of the library and community!

The **Wildlands Conservancy** will be here on Tues., July 30 at 6 p.m., and all are invited to meet the **Creatures of the Night!** There are a lot of nocturnal animals that come out at night time, and we'll learn who they are and what they do while we're asleep! Which use night vision or other wonderful senses? And how does the moon affect them? Come to the library and see!

Check out our calendar, newsletter, or website for a complete list of programs. **All of our programs are free and open to all residents!**

We want everyone to be reading or listening to books this summer, so stop by now and get your LCLC card. Children 5 years old and older may get a card when a parent gets one. This one card will give you access to all 11 LCLC (Lehigh Carbon Library Cooperative) libraries. Old cards will be exchanged for free!

Did you know that there are **TWO Whitehalls** in Pennsylvania?! At least once or twice a week, we receive calls from the Whitehall near Pittsburgh about programs that are NOT our programs, and visa versa from what their library direc-

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Did You Know?

The **Apollo 11** mission had 3 astronauts - Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin, & Mike Collins. Armstrong and Aldrin took a lunar module called the Eagle from the command module to the moon, landing July 20, 1969, with Armstrong the first to exit on July 21. While they were there, they ran experiments & collected samples, & they left a US flag & a plaque. This sign says, "HERE MEN FROM THE PLANET EARTH FIRST SET FOOT UPON THE MOON JULY 1969, A.D. WE CAME IN PEACE FOR ALL MANKIND."

The Final Frontier

Get ready to rock your universe with this summer's space theme!

Summer Reading Program

This year's theme, "A Universe of Stories," is in honor of the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing in 1969. Adults & kids can participate by registering and logging in the books that you read during the summer. See the front desk for more details.

**Events**

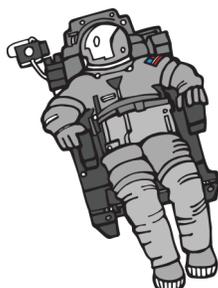
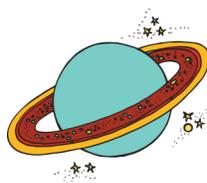
- ☀ **Sensational Sun & Marvelous Moon** - Thurs., July 18, 10 a.m. - In one of our Buckets Full of Nature series with Jolie Chylack of the Lehigh County Conservation District, learn about the solar bodies that light your world.
- ☀ **Movie Time: Apollo 11** - Sat., July 20, 1 p.m. - This is a look at the Apollo 11 mission to land on the moon led by commander Neil Armstrong and pilots Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins.
- ☀ **Super Science & Amazing Art** - Tues., July 23, 6:30 p.m. - Come take part in an exploration of flight, space, and the power of air with crazy Super Scientist Cathy. We'll defy gravity and enter the atmosphere!
- ☀ **Kids & Teens Connect** - Sat., July 27, 11 a.m. - Our Teen Advisory Board has a special program to help kids work on a space activity. (We'll be outside weather-permitting.)
- ☀ **Wildlands Conservancy** - Tues., July 30, 6 p.m. - Do you like animals? The Wildlands Conservancy is bringing in some nocturnal critters and will discuss how the moon affects them in the wild.

**Around the Library**

Hunt around the library for our out-of-this-world decorations! Besides the mural that the WHS art students made for us (see pg 4), you can find photo ops, rockets to climb inside, and more!

At the Movies: Interstellar

On the 3rd Tuesday of each month, we show a movie at **6 p.m.** for the whole family. This month, we're watching **Interstellar**, starring Matthew McConaughey and Anne Hathaway, on **July 16**. In this movie, a team of explorers travel through a wormhole in space in an attempt to ensure humanity's survival.

**Ongoing Activities**

- ☀ **Beading Club** - Mondays & 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 6:15 p.m.)
- ☀ **Adult Book Talks** - 4th Tuesday of every month, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Teen Time

If you're a teen and looking for ways to spend your summer having fun in the cool air, we have a few options for you:

- ☀ We'll have **Teen Movie Time** on Wed., July 3, 2 p.m. Movie TBA.
- ☀ **Teen Night** is Fri., July 12 from 4-7 p.m. Like last years, we're open after hours only to teens, their parents, and library staff. You can play a bunch of different games and even watch a movie if that's what a lot of people want.
- ☀ If you like the library and want to help out on a regular basis, you can join our **Teen Advisory Board**, which meets 1 Saturday a month from 1:30-3 p.m.

A Splash of Color

Where were you in 1969? For many people, Woodstock was the event of the year. These 3 days of peace and music were an integral part of the rock and roll movement and music history as we know it. This year will mark the 50th anniversary of the festival, and we're celebrating it with color! Check out our tie-dye fundraiser where we're selling shirts to raise money for the library. Most are \$10 unless otherwise marked. Come in for a great deal on a fun shirt to look good while supporting the library.



Did You Know?

The term "**tie-dye**" began in the 1960's, but the technique itself is much older. The earliest surviving examples were found in Peru and are from about 500-810 AD. Tie-dyeing has also been used for centuries in Western Africa, Japan, and Southeast Asia. It took off in the US in the '60s because of its colorful flair and the fact that no two tie-dyed items look the same, keeping each piece unique. Some musicians that helped the trend gain popularity were Janis Joplin, John Sebastian, and Joe Cocker.

Eye Spy

Dawn Sellers of the **Center for Vision Loss** is back again with more fun programs for people of all ages. Learn about your eye health while taking part in some educational activities. All programs also come with a free vision screening.

- ☀ **Toddlers:** Thurs., July 25, 10:30 a.m.
- ☀ **Preschool - Middle School:** Wed., July 24, 11 a.m.
- ☀ **Teens:** Wed., July 24, 2 p.m.
- ☀ **Adults:** Thurs., July 25, 6 p.m.

Database Spotlight: AtoZ Maps Online - NASA Maps

New Location

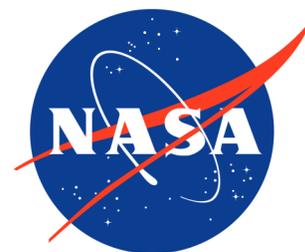
We recently updated our website, which means we've moved things around. You can now find our list of databases under "Research & Learn" in the top menu. If you want to learn how NASA sees our world, check out the NASA section in our AtoZ Maps Online database.

NASA Maps

- ☀ **NASA EarthData Interactive Map** - Virtually explore the past and present of our dynamic planet. With this map, you can see different aspects of Earth such as the global air temperature, rain rate, and more.
- ☀ **NASA Earth Observatory Global Maps** - This observatory brings you pictures and stories about the Earth and its climate and environment.

More Maps

Want more maps? Google Maps now has a map of the moon surface (www.google.com/moon) featuring Apollo mission landing sites.



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tor tells me! PLEASE, PLEASE! Make sure you use the correct phone number (610-432-4339) and the correct website (www.whitehallpl.org) to renew books, look for programs, ask questions, etc.

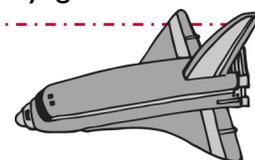
We also offer the following services: 20 public-access **computers** with high-speed Internet access; free **wireless** Internet access from your laptop or PDA; black and white and color **printing** and black and white **copying**.

Remember, if you can not come to the library and have an LCLC library card, you have access to our authoritative **databases** (www.whitehallpl.org/research-learn/).

~ Patty Vahey

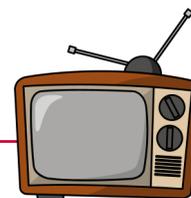
Monthly Reading Challenge

In honor of the first moon walk, try reading a story about someone in space, whether it's a science fiction novel or a true account of some of the brave men and women who've made that voyage.



Last Month

The Whitehall High School art students, under the direction of Mr. Danny Moyer have once again created a stunning mural for us to display throughout the summer. This mural (partly seen right) follows the Apollo 11 launch with chronological scenes depicting the historic moment from the perspective of the astronauts and everyday Americans.



Book Nook: Space Race

There are events in our lives we clearly remember. Sometimes, we share these events with our nation or the world. My first memory of national pride was when Alan Shepard was launched into space for 15 minutes. On May 5, 1961 all the first grade classes in my school were herded into one classroom with a television so we could watch history being made. President John F. Kennedy's speech to Congress on May 25 committed us to a lunar program, and suddenly we were in the Space Age. On February 20, 1962, John Glenn's mission to orbit Earth took on a whole new meaning. There was television coverage of the Mercury, Gemini and Apollo launches and recoveries. We all quivered with excitement as Walter Cronkite counted down the last 10 seconds of the launches. Teenagers danced to "Telstar", a song honoring the first communications satellite. We mourned when the crew of Apollo 1 died on the launch pad. Launches became almost mundane (with the exception of the first spacewalk) until Apollo 11 was scheduled to land on the Moon, and America was glued to television again. Michael Collins kept the command module, Columbia, in orbit while Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin took the lunar module, Eagle, to the surface on July 20, 1969. Armstrong exited Eagle at 3 a.m. on July 21, and with the first footprint, it became a global event. Although the lunar program came to an end, Space Race technology ushered in the Digital Age which we now enjoy.

This year's summer reading theme honors the 50th anniversary of Apollo 11. Our library has lots of space books on display for you to borrow, covering a wide variety of topics. Join one of our reading clubs and earn rewards. Come to our book talks and tell us about your favorites.

~ Chris Andrews