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From the Director's Desk!

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If you are signed up for the **Adult Summer Reading** program, please make sure you return your reading book log and your reading challenge sheet by **Sat., August 24**. Our party will be at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. on **Tues., August 27** in the community room. YOU pick the time to attend the party! The children's summer reading program ends on August 3.

One card to rule them all! If you are a Whitehall resident and do not have the purple card yet, please stop by and get one today! Old library cards will be exchanged for free; all you need to bring is something with your home address on it and we will make you a new purple card. **Get one library card and use it at 11 libraries!?** Yes! It is the Lehigh Carbon Libraries Cooperative (**LCLC**). WTPL was the first library to come up on the LCLC system in 2018, and now 10 other libraries have joined us. It is called **SPARK! SPARK libraries included in LCLC are:** Whitehall Township Public Library, Emmaus Public Library, Coplay Public Library, Catasauqua Public Library, Dimmick Memorial Public Library, Lehigh Area Memorial Library, Southern Lehigh Public Library, Palmerton Area Library, Parkland Community Library, Slatington Library and Lower Macungie Public Library. Notice: Allentown, Bethlehem, Northampton and Easton public libraries did not join LCLC system.

We have **daily delivery, five days a week**, so if we do not have the item you need, we can get it from one of the other 10 libraries, and it will be here in one or two days!

The library also offers the following services: 20 public-access computers with high-speed internet access; free wireless internet access from your laptop or PDA; free community information handouts; black and white and color printing and black and white copying.

Remember, if you cannot come to the library and have an LCLC library card, you have access to our **authoritative databases**. See our complete alphabetical list (<https://www.whitehallpl.org/research-learn/>). This list contains such databases as **POWER Library**, which gives you access to all types of INFORMATION! It has e-resources like newspapers, magazines, journals, image databases, STEM resources, resources for very young readers, eBooks, and much more! Many articles are full-text.

Community Heroes Night will be from 5-7 p.m. on **Tues., August 13** at the library picnic area and parking lot. We'll have the Whitehall and Lehigh County fire, police, ambulance, coroner, etc. here to show us what they do to help and protect us. The Medivac helicopter may be here around 5 p.m. if it is available that day.

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Did You Know?

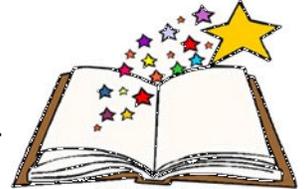
Researchers at **NASA** are responsible for creating a lot of things you use every day. Various technologies invented to help the space program are now used by millions of people every day. Some of these **inventions** include: camera phones, scratch-resistant lenses, home insulation, portable computers, memory foam, wireless headsets, baby formula, artificial limbs, and the computer mouse. Read more about these and other inventions online (https://spinoff.nasa.gov/Spinoff2008/tech_benefits.html).

A Universe of Stories

Want to be part of our “Universe of Stories” **Summer Reading Program**?

Kids: You can **register & log books** through Sat., August 3 at 4:30 p.m. Then you can collect prizes for books you’ve read up to your **Wrap-Up Party** on Sat., August 10 from 1-3 p.m., which celebrates your reading achievements this summer. You can also meet Andy Armadillo from Texas Roadhouse Restaurant at the party.

Adults: You can **register & log books** through Sat., August 24. Then you can talk about what you read throughout the summer and pick up your prizes at your **Wrap-Up Party** on Tues., August 27. We’ll have an afternoon session from 1-2 p.m. & an evening session from 6-7 p.m.

**Summer Fun****Kids’ Programs**

- **Simply Play** - Wed., August 7, 14, & 21 - Kids can play with a variety of toys.
- **Wii Just Dance** - Thurs., August 8, 1:30 p.m. - Kids can dance along to some of their favorite songs.

**Ongoing Programs**

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

At the Movies: WALL-E

On the **3rd Tuesday** of each month, we show a movie at **6 p.m.** for the whole family. On **August 20**, we’re watching the space-themed **WALL-E** in honor of our Summer Reading Program theme. This film is set in the distant future and stars an adorable waste-collecting robot named WALL-E. This little hero inadvertently embarks on a space journey that will ultimately decide the fate of mankind.

**Who You Gonna Call?**

On our upcoming **Community Heroes Night** we welcome local police, firefighters, and more to thank them for their service. Come Tues., **August 13, 5-7 p.m.**, and they’ll answer your questions about what they do to help keep you safe and bring some of their vehicles and equipment for you to see. Availability permitting, a Medevac helicopter will arrive at 5 p.m., but please keep in mind, any guest may be called away in the event of an emergency.



Rockin' Around the Block

This year marks the **5th Annual Block Party!** Get ready to rock at our yearly shindig, and enjoy one last blast of summer fun! This year, we're holding it on Sat., **August 24**, from **11 a.m. - 2 p.m.** As usual, we'll have DJ Kelly Eisenhauer laying down a beat as we host a variety of fun activities, and you can dance or sing along. Try your hand at some of our outdoor games, like the classic beanbag toss, or grab a snack. Throughout the afternoon, we'll have drawings for door prizes, and anyone who comes has a chance to win.



Peace and Music



You may have noticed a rack of tie-dyed clothes hanging by our front circulation desk. This is part of a fundraiser in honor of the **50th anniversary of Woodstock**. This music festival, which went from **August 15-18, 1969** in Bethel, New York, drew about 400,000 people, and served as a milestone in 60's culture and music history. It left its legacy as one of the biggest rock festivals of all time (more below). If you'd like to celebrate this year with our **tie-dye**, check out our selection of hand-dyed items (\$10 unless otherwise marked). Our annual Block Party (above) offers a good opportunity to sport your new apparel and to talk about your memories of Woodstock and the 60's. We'd love to see how you look as we all celebrate Peace and Music in the spirit of Woodstock.



Book Nook: Woodstock

Our library has materials about the festival and some performers. Please check out the special display. I was asked to try to explain Woodstock to those who never heard of it. I didn't attend because I was just a tween, so I read our books. Two of my cousins who were there provided written accounts, located on the display.

Quick Definition

Woodstock was a weekend-long outdoor music festival held August 15-17, 1969. Many things went wrong, and it could have been a violent disaster but turned out to be peaceful gathering. 187,000 advance tickets were sold, so the promoters planned for 200,000 but over 400,000 people showed up. To make matters worse, Hurricane Camille was heading for the U.S. and brought a lot of rain. Oh, yes, the festival was held in a cow pasture (with manure). The average age for attendees was 22, for the performers 24.

The Festival

The 1960s had many pivotal moments for the United States: The Vietnam War; the Civil Rights Movement; the Space Race; the Beatles; the feminist movement; the Great Northeast Blackout; the Manson murders; the gay rights movement; and the murders of JFK, RFK, and MLK, just to name a few. A laid-back peaceful counter-culture (hippies) grew popular but soon became identified with drug use, loose morals, outrageous clothing, and long hair - becoming another group the general public scorned. Nearly every musician and celebrity adapted the fashion style, and soon most American teenagers did, too. Seemingly, all teens were hippies.



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The original Woodstock idea was to build a recording studio in Woodstock, NY, so Woodstock Ventures (WV) was formed. The idea turned into a mid-August weekend outdoor festival featuring about 30 bands. The 187,000 advance tickets sold at \$18 apiece, the equivalent of \$120 today. (Minimum wage was \$1.60/hour.) WV lost time finding an event site because some towns were afraid to host large numbers of hippies. Dairy farmer Max Yasgur, needing to buy hay for his cows and to cover the loss of crops already planted, rented 600 farm acres to WV for \$50,000. WV paid performers \$750-\$18,000. They rented 1,500 port-a-potties, provided running water and electricity, hired a security team (Hog Farm) of 100, hired 81 medical professionals, and contracted a food concessionaire. On August 11, WV made a deal with Warner Brothers to film Woodstock. They used remaining funds to complete the stage but not the fence around the event. Woodstock became a free event, and word spread fast.

Participants started arriving two days before in Bethel, NY - a tiny town of 4,000 residents. Roads jammed; cars ran out of gas. Almost half a million people came for the music, with about 1-2 million stuck on the roads. Festival amenities were not enough, and with roads blocked, there was no way to provide more. Musicians had to be helicoptered in and out. Being a party atmosphere, attendees freely drank alcohol and more. Also, Hurricane Camille was bearing down on the United States, and Woodstock got its first deluge at 10:30 p.m. on Friday. Intermittent rain throughout the weekend created delays for the musicians, so they performed whenever they could – almost 24 hours around the clock. Headliner Jimi Hendrix took the stage last at 9 a.m. on Monday. By then, most attendees had left, so he played to about 15,000 fans.

Many local residents were angered by the circumstances forced upon them, but impressed by the festival-goers' well-mannered behavior, they offered sandwiches, canned goods, fruit, and water. The U.S. Army collected donations from people outside the area and air-dropped food, water, blankets, and medical supplies.

Meanwhile the festival attendees were drenched, muddy, hungry, tired, and smelled like cow dung. But something magical happened, and people helped each other and shared whatever they had with those around them – food, wine, drugs. There was an overwhelming feeling of goodwill among the crowd. Many who were there say it was a life-changing event for them. The world was stunned that such a large group of people did not riot under such trying conditions, which made Woodstock more fabulous.

Aftermath

Hurricane Camille hit Mississippi that Monday evening, and is the second worst hurricane in U.S. history.

Woodstock Ventures had \$2 million in debt after the festival. Instead of filing bankruptcy, they spent 15 years paying off their debts. Trickle profits from the Woodstock soundtrack and the filmed documentary helped. Musicians and bands that were edited out fell into obscurity. Those that were featured gained popularity.

Max Yasgur became persona non grata among his neighbors. Many suffered property damage and heaps of garbage left behind. Yasgur sold his farm and moved to Florida in 1971. He died at the age of 53 in 1973. The New York property is now the Bethel Woods Center for the Arts. It features an amphitheater, a performing arts center, and the Museum at Bethel Woods. The museum's permanent collection documents the 1969 festival and its place in U.S. history.

~ Chris Andrews

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Mark your calendars for the **5th Annual Block Party** to be held on **Sat., August 24** from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. in the picnic area. It is for all ages, with yard games, DJ Kelly spinning tunes, food, and door prize drawings.

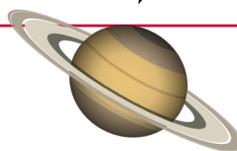
We have many ongoing activities (see pg. 2). The **Adult Coloring Club** will be held 11 a.m. Anyone 18 years old and older is welcome to join us every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. The library has some supplies but invites you to bring your own as well. The **"What Are You Reading Now?" book club** meets at 1 p.m. on the 4th Tuesday of each month. You're invited to chat about whatever books you're reading at the moment - the ones you loved, the ones you hated, and everything in between. The **Beading Club** meets every Monday and Thursday at 1:30 p.m. The **Knitting Guild** meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month from 6-8 p.m.

Did you know that the library collects food and items for the **Whitehall Food Pantry** all year round?! We gather non-perishables' can / box food products. Items may be dropped off during regular library hours. AND we gather items for **Peaceable Kingdom**, the local animal shelter here in Whitehall. They are looking for new toys, specific foods, and old (but clean) towels, and supplies to care for their cats and dogs. (Please see the library for specifics).

We want to remind patrons that the library will be **closed on Fri., October 18** for **Staff Development Day**, and no items will be due that day. We'll be open regular hours on Sat., October 19.

Please continue to read our information in the Whitehall Press, our website, monthly calendars, and handouts.

~ Patty Vahey



Space Trivia

How much do you know about space? Here are a few quick questions to test your knowledge!

Questions:

1. Who was the first man in space?
2. What 60's sitcom features a genie that was found by an astronaut?
3. What is the hottest planet in our solar system?
4. What element makes up most of the sun's mass?
5. Who were the three members of the Apollo 11 mission?
6. What is the lunar phase (waxing or waning) where the moon is mostly full?
7. In the novels by Edgar Rice Burroughs, on what planet does John Carter live?
8. Which constellation contains the Big Dipper?
9. Which constellation contains the North Star?

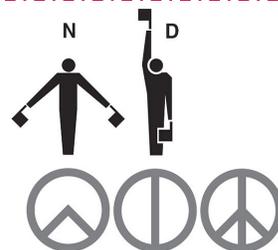


Answers: 1. Yuri Gagarin; 2. *I Dream of Jeannie*; 3. Venus; 4. Hydrogen; 5. Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin, & Michael Collins; 6. Gibbous; 7. Mars; 8. Ursa Major; 9. Ursa Minor

Did You Know?

Many symbols such as the dove and olive branch have represented peace through the years, but our current peace sign originated in 1958 and uses the semaphore letters (flag signs used by sailors) N & D to stand for Nuclear Disarmament.

(Source: www.britannica.com/story/where-did-the-peace-sign-come-from)



Looking Ahead

As the library wraps up this **Summer Reading Program**, we're already starting to prepare for next year! In the Summer of 2020, get ready for our next theme, **"Imagine Your Story,"** which celebrates fairy tales, mythology, and all kinds of fantasy.



Last Month

In July, we commemorated the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 mission with a range of space-themed events, from movies to activities. Guests from the Wildlands Conservancy, the Lehigh County Conservation District, and Super Science & Amazing Art all taught kids about the world around them. We even had teens helping kids in the space-themed Kids & Teens Connect (see below - photos courtesy of TAB member Stephanie Wang).

A fragment from **“To the Moon”**

By Percy Bysshe Shelley:

Art thou pale for weariness
Of climbing heaven and gazing on
the earth,
Wandering companionless
Among the stars that have a different birth,
And ever changing, like a joyless eye
That finds no object worth its constancy?



A big “thank you” to our Teen Advisory board for putting together this and other library programs throughout the year. If any teen is interested in joining, please see the front desk. We’re always accepting new members!

Database Spotlight: AtoZ Food America



Check out our newest database! You can find it by going to our website (www.whitehallpl.org) and clicking the “Research & Learn” button in the top menu bar. AtoZ Food America has thousands of **recipes**, besides having historical and cultural **facts** about food throughout the country.

- **Browsing Food** - You can look into food by state, by region, or by ethnicity. Get some recipes to try new, delicious foods while reading up on how different cultures influenced American cuisine, what dishes are popular in what areas of the country, and more!
- **Historical Info** - How did Americans eat before us? Look through vintage ads, labels, and other photos for a quick visual reference, or dive into more depth with the “What Did They Eat?” section. (You can even read an article about what the Apollo 11 astronauts ate!) Find food facts for the country by era, as well as a guide to how each of the US Presidents ate.
- **Reference Guide** - You can check out information on individual ingredients (how healthy they are, how they’re used, etc.), or you can look at the broader reference guide, which has everything from cooking conversion calculators to food preparation videos.

