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# Whitehall Township Public Library **Library Lines**

## From the Director's Desk!

We had a **hot summer** with the **AWESOME readers** who completed 200,000 pages and some 5,000 books! This included 189 children and 41 adults participating. Well done by all! Thank you to all who participated and made it a FUN summer at WTPL! Now, we are on to the fall programs and activities!

A lot of folks will be heading back to school or looking for a new job. We want to remind everyone that we have **20 NEW Dell computers** with internet connection for patrons to use. They have the latest software for Excel, WORD, Adobe, etc., and it's only \$.10 a page to print or photocopy. We want to thank the Friends for the Library of sharing the cost of the purchase of the computers. We have a lot of patrons who don't have computers or access to the internet at home.

While online, you can go to our **NEW website, www.whitehallpl.org**, click on "Research and Learn", go down the right hand column to Power Library, and you will have access to all types of information. Power Library contains e-resources and are free access to newspapers, magazines, journals, image databases, STEM resources, resources for very young readers, eBooks, and much more! Many articles are full-text. Children and adults will soon be returning to school, and college and they will need to use these resources. Don't Google; use our authoritative resources. You can even use them at home with your LCLC card.

The library will have a **Basket Raffle** from Mon. September 30 till noon on Mon., October 14, and winners will be drawn and called on that day. Our goal is to have 100 baskets or items to be raffled off. You can buy tickets starting Mon., September 23. Tickets will be \$5 per sheet of 25 or \$20 for five sheets. (That is 125 tickets for \$20, and that is a bargain!) You don't need to be present to win, but we'll need to get your name and phone number when you buy your tickets so we can call you.

We're accepting NEW or gently used items and **donations** for our basket raffle from Tues., September 3 until Thurs., September 26. If you have a basket to donate, please don't seal it up. We'll have an Iron Pigs basket, a jigsaw puzzle basket, cat basket, dog basket, baby basket, Halloween, Christmas, Easter baskets, etc! You can donate anything, and we'll build a basket!

WTPL helps collect items this year for the Whitehall Coplay School District students to be used in the **Snack Pack Pals** program. The 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. If you would like to make a food donation, please see the list below and drop off donations during regular library hours. Items needed: shelf-stable milk box-

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The library will be **closed all day on Labor Day (Mon., September 2)**. We'll resume regular hours the next day on Tues., September 3.

In the meantime, you can access our e-book collection, databases, and other **resources** from the "Research & Learn" tab on our website as long as you have a good library card number and password.

This means that you can browse recipes, research genealogy, learn a foreign language, create legal documents, and more from the comfort of your own home. You never know what you'll find here!

## Fall Colors

In the library, we bring you a lot of literature, but we like to showcase the other arts, too, when we have the opportunity (see our ongoing Beading Club and Coloring Club below). This month, we're bringing more color to the library with a **Fall Sunflower Acrylic Painting Class**.

Come on Sat., **September 21**, 1 - 4 p.m. to be part of the fun. This is a beginner project, so you don't need any art background or experience.



In this class, you'll paint the sunflower seen above onto a candle wrapper that you can use to brighten up a room. There is a **limit of 15 people**, so you'll need to register in advance, and the cost is **\$10 per person**, which covers all your art supplies. You can register and pay at the front desk of the library. When you come, please wear old clothes in case you get any paint on you, since acrylic paints stain.

## Bingo!

Do you love a good game of Bingo? Would you like to try one with a literary twist? On Wed., **September 25** at 6:30 p.m., we're holding our latest **Adult Library Bingo**. That means that anyone 18 years and older can come for a chance to win prizes while learning about books and the library.

Instead of matching numbers, we at the library match book covers, literary quotes, and more. You never know what might be on your Bingo card! The game's free to play, some come in, bring a friend, and join us for a good time.



## At the Movies: Pokémon Detective Pikachu

Every **3rd Tuesday** of the month at **6:30 p.m.**, we hold a **Family Movie Night** for people of all ages to enjoy. This month on **September 17**, we're showing **Pokémon Detective Pikachu**. This story is about a world where people collect Pokémon to do battle and a boy comes across an intelligent talking Pikachu that wants to be a detective.



## 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.

## Basket Case

At the end of this month and into the beginning of October, you'll start to see baskets popping up on some of the tables near the front of the library, filled with all kinds of goodies. These baskets are part of our annual **Fall Basket Raffle**, which starts on **Mon., September 30 at 9 a.m.** You have **until Noon on Mon., October 14** to buy your tickets and enter them into the drawing for the basket or baskets of your choice.



**Tickets** will go on sale starting Mon., September 23, and you can buy them until Noon on October 14 when the drawing begins. Tickets will be \$5 per sheet of 25 or \$20 for five sheets (which comes out to 125 tickets). When you buy your tickets, we get your name and phone number, so you don't need to be present to win. We'll call you if you win anything, though if you don't pick up your baskets by the next week (Mon., October 21), we'll draw an alternate ticket for a new prize winner.

Want another way to contribute to this fundraiser? We're accepting **donations** for the raffle from Sat., September 1 through Thurs., September 26. If you have a basket to donate, please don't seal it up. A big thanks in advance to everyone who donates items and buys tickets; we always appreciate your support!

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## ~~Banned Books Week~~ [Title Redacted]



Every year, libraries across the country celebrate **Banned Books Week**, which commemorates our freedom to read and encourages awareness of the literature around you. This year, Banned Books Week will go from September 22-28, and the theme is **"Censorship Leaves Us in the Dark. Keep the Light On!"** Here at the Whitehall Township Public Library, since we love getting more books into your hands, we're raffling off a Banned Books Bundle this week. Stop in any time we're open from Mon., September 23 - Sat., September 28 to put in your name for a chance to win some free books. You can also check out our Banned Books display to learn more about books that are banned and challenged around the world.

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## Book Nook: Be a Rebel!

Every in September that the American Library Association devotes a week to the subject of banned books. The U.S. Constitution specifically mentions freedom of speech, but individuals or groups try to limit access to books they find offensive. Ironically, their focus on a specific book usually makes it more popular. Many book protesters have never read it because they "don't want to be tainted" and rely on hearsay from a stranger. Is that a good idea?

Did you know that the Bible is banned in Saudi Arabia? You may be surprised to learn that many of the books you read in middle and high school were "banned" or "challenged" at one time: *The Great Gatsby*, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *Of Mice and Men*, *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, *The Catcher in the Rye*. We all read them at an "impressionable age" and still grew up to be normal people.

Twenty years ago, J. K. Rowling's *Harry Potter* books were controversial because they were about magic (but not because Harry was abused by his guardians). I spoke with many parents who wanted guidance but didn't want to read the book. The conversation always started with, "I hear..." To me, it was clear the series was a phenomenon. I read and enjoyed all the books. I would ask if they wanted their child to read a book or watch TV for 20 hours (the average audio book time). They'd always pick the book. Even if you didn't want your child to read it, s/he was surrounded by children who were, talking about it, buying merchandise and Halloween costumes, watching the movies, and now, going to a theme park in Universal Orlando. It's part of our pop culture.

There's a misconception that librarians read every book in the library. We try to be informed about what is purchased, but it's impossible to read everything. Our library staff is large and many of us are avid readers, and will offer our opinions. I strongly suggest that if a rumor about a book causes you concern, be brave and read a couple chapters. That's why you use the library to borrow books instead of buying them. Make your own informed decision. Be a rebel!

~ Chris Andrews

## Director's Desk (cont'd)

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es, macaroni and cheese (boxes & individual packets), Chef Boyardee (cans & microwavable bowls), small boxes of cold cereal, fruit cups, applesauce cups, juice boxes/pouches, fruit snacks, packs of cheese/peanut butter crackers, graham crackers, granola bars, and gallon Ziploc bags.

We also accept donations for the **Whitehall Food Pantry** all year round, gathering non-perishable canned and boxed food products.

The library also gathers 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**. 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, calendars, handouts, newsletter, etc. We have the newsletter and calendar on our website and copies at the front desk.

~ Patty Vahey

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## Last Month

Last month marked the end of our 2019 **Summer Reading Program** "A Universe of Stories." We enjoyed the space theme, which commemorated the 50th anniversary of the first moon walk. Throughout the summer, we had programs celebrating all aspects of space, from space rocks to nocturnal animals that rely on the moon, and then both the adults and kids had finale programs to wrap things up. The kids' finale featured Andy the armadillo from Texas Roadhouse (pictured right, photo courtesy of Stephanie Wang). We can't wait to have you all back next summer!



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## Database Spotlight: ReferenceUSA

**ReferenceUSA** is one of the many databases you can find in the **Research & Learn** section on our website (at [www.whitehallpl.org](http://www.whitehallpl.org)). This database contains reference information that you can use to research people or businesses in both the United States and Canada.

- **People** - You can find people through either the U.S. Standard or Canadian White Pages if you're looking for someone in particular. If you want to look into potential clients for your business, you can check out the U.S. Consumers/Lifestyles section. You can even look at the U.S. New Movers/Homeowners section to confirm contact information.
- **Businesses** - You can find detailed information about U.S. businesses both current and historical, and even some Canadian businesses as well. A U.S. Healthcare section deals specifically with physicians & dentists to help you find one near you, and a U.S. Jobs/Internships section can help the job seekers out there!

