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Whitehall Township Public Library **Library Lines**

From the Director's Desk!

BRING ON FALL! It's time for our **5th Annual Basket Raffle**, to be held from September 30 - October 14. We're planning on 90 baskets or items for the raffle on everything with themes including the Iron Pigs, dog care, Danielle Steel books, coffee and tea, Crayola, Christmas, fall, and babies, just to name a few! Raffle baskets will be displayed near the front desk for 2 weeks. Tickets will be \$5 per sheet of 25 tickets or five sheets for \$20. (That's 125 tickets for \$20, and that is a bargain!) You don't need to be present to win. You can either pay by cash or by a check made out to the Whitehall Township Public Library.

We want to remind our patrons that the library will be **closed** on Fri., **October 18 for Staff Development Day**. We'll be open regular hours on October 19.

Stop by our table at the **Whitehall Fall Festival**, to be held on Saturday Oct 5, 2019 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The festival and car show will be held in the parking lot in front of the Whitehall High School. We'll be giving away free books, October calendars, candy, pens, notepads, bookmarks, and other goodies!

Our "**A World of Food**" program will be held on October 24 at 6:30 pm. Find out how to navigate the library's two food-themed databases: A to Z Food America and A to Z World Food. These can give you new recipes to spice up your repertoire and background information on some of the things you like to eat.

On Wed. Oct. 9, 2019 at 1 p.m. and Mon. Oct. 14, 2019 at 11 a.m., we'll have two free programs called **Reduce Plate Waste**, presented by a local Girl Scout who is working on her Gold Star. Learn about food conservation and how you can help minimize waste through interactive games and story, followed by a craft, recommended for kids ages 4 – 7 but open to all.

Our library is open 64 hours a week but there are other times when you may need information and we are still **OPEN** for you... online! If you have the **NEW LCLC** (Lehigh Carbon Library Cooperative) library card, and Internet access, you can log in to one of 28 online **databases** including:

- **PA POWER Library** is an online portal to all that PA libraries offer to residents of PA. You can find reliable information on biographies, business, college resources, elementary and secondary school resources, health care, consumer purchases, personal finances, etc.
- Did you know that WTPL has thousands of ebooks and audiobooks through our **Overdrive** database? You can borrow them instantly, for free, using just the device in your hand! (Get the **Libby** app for your phone or tablet.) You will need your library barcode from the LCLC purple card to use this program.
- **NewsBank** provides a comprehensive collection of reliable news sources cover-

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It's **Teen Read Week** from Sun., October 13 through Sat., October 19. Not only is this a great time for teens to read, but it's a great time for adults to check out some young adult books!

The library will be **CLOSED ALL DAY** for Staff Development Day on Fri., **October 18**. We'll resume regular hours the next day, and our online resources will be available in the meantime.

Did you know?

Last year's top 10 most-searched **Halloween costumes**, according to Google's search data, were:

1. Fortnite
2. Spider-Man
3. Unicorn
4. Dinosaur
5. Witch
6. Harley Quinn
7. Superhero
8. Pirate
9. Rabbit
10. Princess

What will you be this year?

Scary Stories to Tell in the Library

Spooky stories are part of the Halloween tradition, and since we love stories at the library, we've invited the **Lehigh Valley Storytelling Guild** to share some of theirs with us. Experience the fun and chills of the season with their program, **A Family Night of Halloween Stories**, on Wed., October 23, from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. It's open to everyone, and both kids and adults can expect to enjoy the event.

Our Storytellers

- ◆ **Ingrid Bohn** is a performance artist who engages audiences through story, song, dance, and poetry. Her career spans nearly a decade, and her passionate and deliberate delivery style is sure to capture your imagination and heart.
- ◆ **Robin Reichert** sparks delight for audiences of all ages telling captivating folktales, personal "heart stories," and bewitching ghost tales. She's a lifelong storyteller, speaker, and writer with published books and audiobooks.



Halloween Carnival

Every year, our Teen Advisory Board (TAB) organizes programs for younger kids to enjoy called "Kids & Teens Connect." October is especially fun, because they get to go all out with fall fun in their Halloween Carnival. This year, it'll be on Sat., October 26 from 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Kids are encouraged to come in costume. (For one thing, it gives them an extra chance to wear it this year.) Of course, they can expect some tasty treats. The teens will also have some crafts, games, and other activities for the kids to enjoy. It's sure to be a blast!

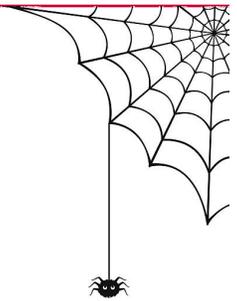
(Teens who are interested in joining TAB can see the sidebar on pg. 5.)

Baskets of Fun



Our annual **Fall Basket Raffle** is in full swing, and you have until noon on Mon., **October 14** to buy your tickets and put them in the drawings for your baskets of choice. Tickets are \$5 per sheet of 25 or \$20 for five sheets. (That's 125 tickets for \$20.) 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. If you do win, you'll have until Mon., October 21 to pick up your basket, or it'll go to a runner-up.

Every year, we build baskets around a bunch of different themes, like holidays, the Iron Pigs, fun for kids, gift cards, cooking, and more, based on donations from community sponsors and patrons like you!



Database Spotlight: Get Cookin'!

Do you like food? Maybe you want new recipes to spice up your kitchen, or maybe you just like reading about the foods and cultures of people around the world. Whatever you like about food, we have two fun databases for you to check out!

AtoZ Food America

- ◆ **Browsing Food** - Pick a state or region and learn what they eat and drink.
- ◆ **Historical Info** - There's a wide range of pictures and timelines to scroll through and essays to read. You can find out what different Presidents ate, what old fast food ads looked like, and more.
- ◆ **Reference** - There are guides on a number of food-related areas, such as ingredients, how to prepare food, and food measurement conversions.

AtoZ World Food

- ◆ **Recipes** - Find drinks and food of different courses from around the world.
- ◆ **Food Culture** - Other countries have different ideas of dining etiquette, daily meals, and holiday food. Learn a little bit more about how others live.
- ◆ **Reference** - There's a large collection of resources both on foods and the cultures behind them, like a video dictionary, an introduction to dietary philosophies (like kosher or vegan diets), and a look at food inventions.



A World of Food

If you like the sound of the two databases described above but don't know where to start, you're in luck! We're holding a class on these two databases on Thurs., **October 24**, from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. This class, "**A World of Food**," will show you how to navigate **AtoZ Food America** and **AtoZ World Food** to help you find delicious recipes, whether you want to look by state, by country, by ingredients, by dietary options, and more. You can also learn how to navigate the sites to find food facts and other culinary information.

Waste Not

Food conservation is an important issue for a number of reasons. The more of your food you can save and use, the more money you save. If you only use part or if some of it goes bad, you have to buy it all over again. Besides that, food waste ends up in ever-growing landfills that are bad for the environment.

One of our local **Girl Scouts**, addresses this issue with her program **Reduce Plate Waste**, which she's doing as part of her efforts to earn the Gold Star award. She'll do two sessions of this event, one on Wed., **October 9** at 1 p.m., and one on Mon., **October 14** at 11 a.m.

During this program, kids can learn what food conservation means and how they can minimize waste. This program is recommended for children from 4 to 7 years old, with interactive games and a story geared toward those ages, but it's open to all, since this information is useful to everyone who's interested in preserving the environment.



Fall Food Humor

Q. How do you fix a gourd?

A. With a pumpkin patch

Q. When was the apple grouchy?

A. When it was a crab apple.



Q. What do adventurous pumpkins do for fun?

A. Go bungee gourd jumping

Q. Why did the apple cry?

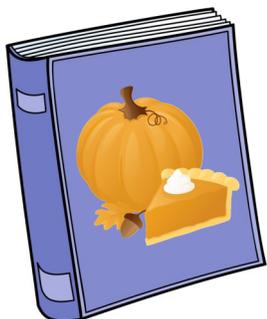
A. Its peelings were hurt.

Q. What did the baby corn say to its mom?

A. "Where's Pop corn?"

Q. Who lead all the apples to the bakery?

A. The Pie Piper



Book Nook: Halloween Foods

When you read the title did you think of candy, pumpkins, and apples? More candy is sold in the United States for Halloween than any other holiday. Pumpkins and apples are in season. The library has many books with Halloween recipes for seasonal produce and also for creepy fun. Use the keywords “Halloween recipes” or “holiday cooking” in our catalog to find cookbooks. Books on just Halloween are located in 394.264 areas in the adult, oversize, and children’s sections.

Halloween is believed to have originated with the Celts, the indigenous people of Britain. A 3-day harvest festival called Samhain (saw-win) ushered in the “dark half of the year” between the autumnal equinox and winter solstice. It was believed that the dead and other creatures could cross over and visit at this time. Food was left out to placate them, and people disguised themselves for protection. However, parts of Britain were governed by the Romans from 43 to 410 A.D., and there were several Roman observances around the same time of year that likely merged with Samhain. The Manes (deceased loved ones) were allowed out of the underworld on October 5 and November 8. A wine festival called Meditrinalia was on October 11. Fontinalia, honoring the god Fons, was on October 13 and celebrated water sources such as fountains, springs and wells. The ides (middle days) of every month were observed with a sheep sacrifice. The festival of Pomona, a goddess of fruit trees, was held November 1. The Romans introduced apples to Britain and the divination game of apple bobbing (to determine who you will marry).

When Christianity adapted Samhain, it remained a 3-day event renamed Allhallowtide (All Hallow’s Eve, All Saint’s Day, and All Souls Day). A special treat called Soul Cake was used for mass and left out for the spirits.

During the Middle Ages, the Irish myth about Stingy Jack started another custom. Jack tricked Satan twice and one of the bargains was Satan agreeing to not take Jack’s soul. When Jack died, Heaven didn’t want him because of his devilish dealings, and he couldn’t get into Hell with a soul. Jack was forced to roam the heaths carrying an ember in a carved-out turnip to light his way. This became the Jack-o-lantern. The world record turnip is 40 pounds – big enough to hollow. No doubt when Halloween traditions were brought to America, the New World pumpkin was discovered to be easier to carve.

Pumpkin spice (a blend of cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg, and cloves) has become popular in recent years and synonymous with Fall. However, cinnamon is a very common allergen, and the others, while not so common, can also cause allergic reactions for some people. The U.S. Food & Drug Administration does not regulate spices so they are often not listed on ingredient labels. Spices are also used in cosmetics and dental products – helpful to know in case you are allergic.

There are many time-honored customs to eat, drink, and be merry on Halloween, so don’t be shy about enjoying yourself.

~ Chris Andrews

At the Movies: *Aladdin* (2019)

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 **October 15**, we’re watching the 2019 live-action remake of Disney’s *Aladdin*. In this story, a kind-hearted street urchin and a power-hungry Grand Vizier vie for a magic lamp that has the power to make their deepest wishes come true. Come for a colorful tale filled with fun song and dance numbers!



Ongoing Programs

- **Beading Club** - Mondays & Thursdays, 1:30 p.m.
- **Lehigh Valley Knitting Guild** - 1st & 3rd Thursday, 6-8 p.m.
- **Adult Coloring Club** - 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 11 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
- **3rd Monday Open Mic/Jam** - 3rd Monday, 6:30 p.m. (audience & performers welcome)
- **Family Movie Night** - 3rd Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.
- **What Are You Reading Now?: Adult Book Talks** - 4th Tuesday, 1-2 p.m.
- **Teen Advisory Board Meeting** - 1:30-3 p.m., once a month on a Saturday (see library for dates; this month, it's May 11)



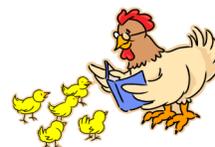
Teens who are looking for service hours for school or just want to help out at the library may want to think about joining our **Teen Advisory Board (TAB)**. It's open to kids in grades 7 - 12 as long as you have a valid library card with us. It doesn't matter where you live; we're open to any teens who are interested in volunteering and joining the team. **Meetings** are once a month on Saturdays from 1:30 - 3 p.m. October's meeting is on the 19th - a week before their Halloween Carnival (see pg. 2).

Fall Into Story Time

The library often has story times available, and we're currently in the middle of our **Fall Story Time**. It's not too late to jump in; you just have to register on our website (www.whitehallpl.org/reading-programs/), and then you can bring your kids for fun stories and activities. (We do ask that you stay in the room with your child.) Story times are divided by age group, so you can check out the times below.

Preschool Story Time: This is for ages 37 months - 6 years. There are two time slots for this age group. You can come on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. through November 12 or on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. through November 13.

Toddler Time: Children 12 - 36 months old can come to this story time, which is on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. through November 7.



Staying Accessible

October is **World Blindness Awareness Month** in the United States. World Sight Day falls on the 2nd Thursday of October (October 10 this year) to bring global attention to blindness and visual impairment, and White Cane Awareness Day, which is on October 15, recognizes the white cane as a symbol of independence for this community.

Since a large portion of our community experiences some form of visual impairment, including total vision loss in some cases, the library is working to grow a collection of **accessible materials**. At this point, we have a number of large print books in our adult collection and Braille books in our juvenile collection. We also have audiobooks for all ages on CD or in digital format through our online collection. For those looking into **assistive technologies**, we have a CCTV near our reference section that can magnify text.

If you want to **learn more** about blindness, you can always check out the materials in our collection, such as the books about eye health in our 617.7 section, and various organizations online. The International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (www.iapb.org) has some great resources, as does the National Federation for the Blind (www.nfb.org), such as their Courtesy Rules of Blindness. You can also reach out to our local Whitehall Lions Club (<https://e-clubhouse.org/sites/whitehall/>), which is on a mission to give assistance and aid to blind and visually impaired people in our area.



Director's Desk (cont'd)

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ing a wide array of topics and issues. This source includes full text articles about: business, health, social issues, politics, government, people, sports, etc. from all over the world.

See the full list at our website (www.whitehallpl.org) under "Research & Learn."

Are you looking for a way to help your library? Here's a **Wish List** of items that we are looking for right now: rubber bands, colored printer paper, anti-bacterial wipes, birdseed, Legos & Duplos, individually-wrapped candies, colored duct tape, art supplies (especially washable black markers), gift cards (to any store, especially Walmart & AC Moore). Thank you to those who have donated already!

The library has a number of **ongoing activities** (full list on pg. 5). Some of these include the Lehigh Valley Knitting Guild and the Adult Coloring Club.

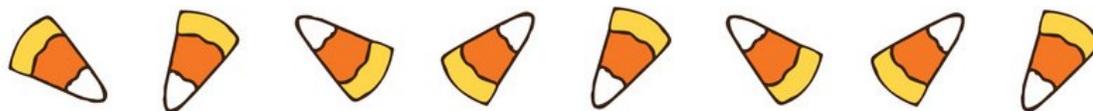
In the **Knitting Guild**, you can practice knitting, crocheting, or any sort of needlework. Have fun working on your crafts while chatting with others who enjoy the same thing. They meet on 2nd & 4th Thursday at 6 - 8 p.m.

The **Coloring Club** meets on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of every month from 11 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. Relax and enjoy yourself with some fun coloring time. This club is for anyone 18 years old and older. The library has some supplies but invites you to bring your own as well.

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

~ Patty Vahey

The annual **Whitehall Fall Festival and Car Show** will be held at the **Whitehall High School** on **Sat., October 5**. The library will have a table there as usual, so you can stop by and check us out, along with other businesses and organizations from our community. We'll be there from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.



Last Month

Last month, we had a mixture of activities to welcome in the fall. For one thing, we opened up the ongoing **Basket Raffle** (see pg. 2). We also celebrated with a fall-themed painting class. The instructor walked the class through an acrylic **painting** project, in which they painted a sunflower onto a candle wrapper. (See the sample to the right.) **Banned Books Week** is another event that helps us start the season. Celebrated annually around the country, Banned Books Week encourages people to exercise their freedom to read and to see what's out there. Here at the library, we got people in the literary spirit with another round of Adult Library Bingo, and we raffled away two Banned Book Bundles.

Did You Know?

October 16 is Dictionary Day, observed on the birthday of Noah Webster, the Father of the American Dictionary.

