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Whitehall Township Public Library **Library Lines**

From the Director's Desk!

The library board and staff would like to thank everyone who donated items and/or purchased basket raffle tickets. It was very successful and we had 84 wonderful items and made \$1820 from the raffle to be used for programs and items for the library. **THANK YOU** for helping your community library!

Mark your calendar for our **Annual Used Book Sale**, to be held on Fri., November 22 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Sat., November 23 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. At the sale, you can, of course, find new and gently-used books and media, but we will also have a table full of holiday items and one with yummy treats for sale. On Saturday from Noon - 3, we'll have a \$5-per-bag sale for the books. You can bring any size bag!

Did you know that by if you click on "**Research & Learn**" on our website (www.whitehallpl.org) and go down the column to **Overdrive**, you will have access to e-books and audiobooks? Try **LIBBY**, our new app for enjoying ebooks and audiobooks. All you need is a purple LCLC library card.

On our Research & Learn page, you have access to 32 authoritative databases, and individual attention and instruction by professional librarians. We purchase only authoritative databases for patrons to use free of charge. Some of those include:

NoveList® Plus

-  NoveList Plus is a comprehensive readers' advisory resource. Here you can find titles, articles, and lists for both your fiction and nonfiction needs. You can also find other authors you may want to read in the "Read-alike" section. Ask us and we can help you!

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-  Find business opportunities
-  Locate companies nationwide
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Thanksgiving:

The library will close at 5 p.m. on Wed., **November 27** and will be closed all day on Thurs., **November 28** in honor of Thanksgiving.



Nothing will be due during that time (though our parking lot **book drops** will be open), and we hope you'll be able to spend the holiday with the people that matter to you.

If you want eBooks, eMagazines, or information in the meantime, we have a number of research **databases** on our website that you can access with your library card number and password. Just go to our website (whitehallpl.org) and click on "Research & Learn" on our menu bar. Here you can find help with homework, genealogy, cooking, and so much more! (See pg. 4 for this month's database spotlight.)

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. We welcome both audience members and performers. If you have a family-friendly act, you can do up to 15 minutes or 3 songs in your set.
- **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)
- **Fall Story Times** (registration required)
 - ◊ **Preschool Story Time** (ages 37 months - 6 years): Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. through November 12
 - ◊ **Preschool Story Time** (ages 37 months - 6 years): Wednesdays, 1 p.m. through November 13
 - ◊ **Toddler Story Time** (ages 12 - 36 months): Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. through November 7

**At the Movies: Spider-Man: Far From Home**

On the 3rd Tuesday of every month, we have our **Family Movie Night** at **6:00 p.m.** This is a great opportunity for your family to get out and be entertained with a free movie! Feel free to relax with pillows, blankets, and PJs if you want to get comfy.

This month's movie is **Spider-Man: Far From Home** (rated PG-13). This movie follows the events of *Avengers: Endgame*, and it has Spider-Man adjusting to his life in the new world around him. While trying to enjoy a trip to Europe with his classmates, he encounters new threats, and he struggles to balance his vacation with his responsibility to protect those around him.

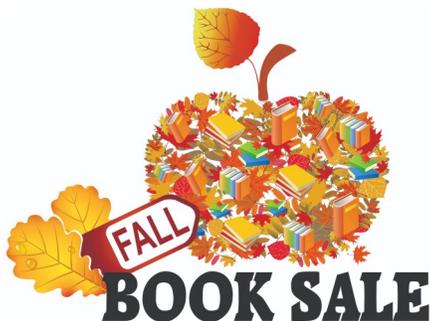


Want more **Spider-Man**? You can find him in a more movies, novels, and graphic novels in our library and other LCLC (**Lehigh County Library Cooperative**) libraries. That's a group of 11 libraries that share materials. (You can pick up a list at our front desk.) If you have a card with one of the 11, you can check out books, movies, and more at all of them. You can even have stuff sent from one of the libraries so that you can pick it up at another library of your choice.

Fall Into a Good Book

Once again, our **Annual Used Book Sale** will take place over two days. Check us out on Fri., **November 22**, 9 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and on Sat., **November 23**, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Like other years, we'll have a special **sale** on the second day to clear out whatever remains. On Saturday from Noon - 3:00 p.m., we'll have a \$5.00-per-bag sale (any size)! That means that even if you come early to see a better range of our offerings, we invite you to come back a second time to get some good deals.



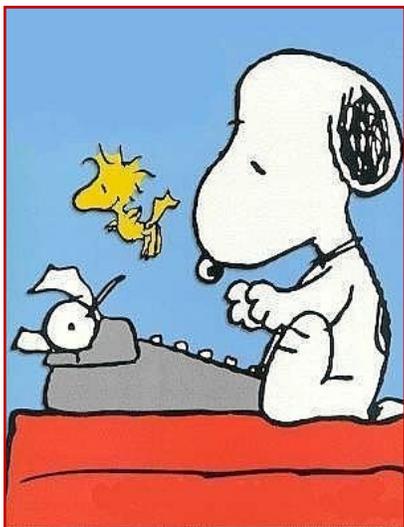
Also as per library tradition, the book sale will have a few tables with **holiday items** and **baked goods**, which is always a treat. Get a jump on Christmas and get some affordable decorations to make your house ready for the season while supporting the library.

Book Nook: Writing

Every month of the year recognizes many “causes”. Some are serious, and some are fun. Among November’s serious ones are raising awareness for diabetes, lung cancer, and eye donations. The fun ones are about enjoying banana pudding, peanut butter, and mustaches.

However, the grand slam is author recognition, memoir writing, novel writing, and writing children’s picture books. When you think about it, the average person is probably writing more on a daily basis nowadays since phone texting has seemed to replace an actual phone call. Aren’t those text messages sort of memoir writing? Aren’t many of those messages about what you’re doing and your feelings about them? Wow – you’re an author! What if, for the month of November, you keep a journal or diary of what you did each day?

If you are more serious about writing and want to try something more ambitious, our library has many books to get you started writing fiction, screen plays, poetry, and comic books, to mention a few genres. There are more books about honing your writing skills, and more about getting published. Most of these books are in the 808s. But if you want to try writing historical fiction, we have a terrific set of books called *The Writer’s Guide to Everyday Life in...* that provide details about the culture in various time periods, and those books are shelved in the 900s with the related time period and country. Go ahead and give writing a try. Everyone has a story to tell, and November is the month to get started.



- Chris Andrews

On Sun., **November 3**, **Daylight Savings Time Ends**. We “fall back” this month, which means that at 2 a.m., the clock goes back to 1 a.m. Enjoy your extra hour of sleep!



Tues., **November 5** is **Election Day**, so remember to get out and vote! If you don’t know much about the candidates or their positions, you can check out the **Voters Guide** by the League of Women Voters. Pick one up from the library while supplies last. You can also see the LWV information online along with a sample ballot. Visit **www.vote411.org** and enter your address to see the candidates and questions for your area.



Director's Desk (cont'd)

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

Need an **ice scraper**? You can buy one or more of our heavy duty scrapers for \$1.00 at the front desk. They are blue with a Squeegee and will make great stocking stuffers for Christmas!

Get **more information** on our website (www.whitehallpl.org) or newsletter or by calling the library at 610-432-4339. Call the library for more information on any of our programs. We have the newsletter and calendar on our website and copies at the front circulation desk.

~ Patty Vahey

November is **National Novel Writing Month** (NaNoWriMo)! Got a book in your head just waiting to be written? Now's the time, and you can join thousands of people around the world as they write a book in the span of a month. Visit the website **nanowrimo.org** for information and encouragement.



Last Month

October is a time to celebrate the changing of the seasons, and here at the library, we dove into the spirit of autumn with our story times and other programs. Our biggest programs were **A Family Night of Halloween Stories**, with two members of the Lehigh Valley Storytelling Guild bringing us some spooky tales, and the **Halloween Carnival** that our Teen Advisory Board put together for our younger patrons (right). We even joined the community to march in Whitehall's annual **Fall Parade!**



Database Spotlight: AtoZ the USA

This Thanksgiving, as we remember some of the brave men and women who sailed to America to make a new home, and the generosity of those they encountered here, it's a good time to learn more about our country itself. It's been a wide mix of people from the start, and it's only getting more diverse with time. Our database **AtoZ the USA** can help you learn more about your neighbors and fellow citizens, as well as the land itself.



You can learn about the **past** by reading about indigenous peoples and immigrant groups and by checking out historical timelines and articles. You can also learn about the **present** with some broad overviews of the country, its geography, music, national symbols, and more. Whether you like to travel or like to learn, this is the place for you!

