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Whitehall Township Public Library **Library Lines**

From the Director's Desk!

The library board and staff wish all of our patrons a very **HAPPY NEW YEAR** in 2020! We'll be celebrating our 55th year of library service to the Whitehall community. Please keep an eye on our website and newsletter for special programs to be held in 2020. **Thank you**, all, for your support of this awesome library!

Want to be **Board in the Library**? We'll be doing family board game nights on Wed., January 15, 22, and 29 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Turn off the electronics, come on in and play some old-fashioned board games with other patrons. We'll have the board games and you can make the fun! We'll meet at the tables in the reference area, so come join us! All ages are welcome, though we ask that parents stay with children under the age of 12 years. We want everyone to enjoy some good, old-fashioned fun this winter, so stop in, and let the games begin!

Creation Station is held on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. School age kids get together and build with all kinds of fun materials. They share ideas and help each other build fun items! For the first three months of 2020, the dates are January 7, February 4, and March 3. No registration is required.

The **Adult Winter Reading Program** will run from January 13 to February 22 with a wrap-up party on February 25. Our theme this year will be "**Books Grow in the Snow**"! Anyone 18+ years old can sign up at the front desk, so pick up your reading log with all of the information.

Do you have a **hobby or a display** you would like to share with the patrons of the library? We have three **glass display cases**, and each month we ask folks to take one or two of the cases and make a display. We have had toys, Boy Scout items, jewelry, painted dishes, railroad and steam engine pictures, old license plates, etc., and we are always looking for more neat, fun displays. The cases are locked and we ask that you leave the items in for one month. If you have an idea for a display, please call Patty at the library or email her at vahey.p@whitehallpl.org and we can get you on the schedule. So schedule your display today!

WTPL will help again this year to collect items for the Whitehall Coplay School District students to be used in the **Snack Pack Pals**. The packs of food are 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 drop off donations during regular library hours. Items needed: shelf-stable milk boxes, macaroni and cheese, Chef Boyardee, small boxes of cereal, fruit cups, applesauce cups, juice boxes/pouches, fruit snacks, packs of cheese/peanut butter crackers, graham crackers, and granola bars.

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Public Library



In honor of **New Year's Eve**, the library will close at **1 p.m.** on **December 31, 2019** and will be closed all day on **January 1, 2020**.

You can find out about library **emergency closings** by going to the "About Us" page on our website.

Our parking lot **drop boxes** are always open, and you can access our **online resources** from home with your library card.

Books Grow in the Snow

The Program

Registration & Book Log-In:

Mon., January 13, 9 a.m. – Sat., February 22, 5 p.m.

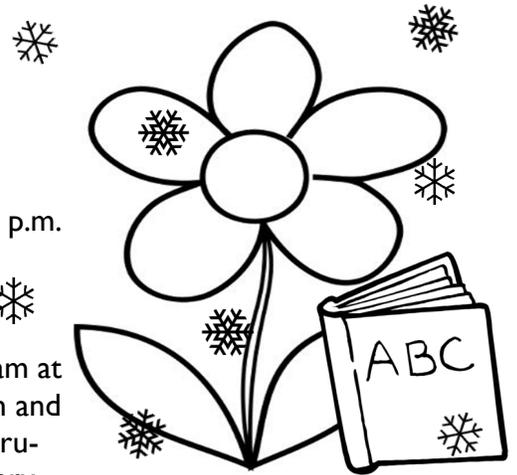
Program Wrap-Up:

Tues., February 25, 1 p.m. & 6 p.m.

To participate, register for our reading program at the front desk or on our website. Registration and book logging begin January 13 and end on February 22. Come to our wrap-up party on February 25 at either 1 p.m. or 6 p.m. to discuss what you read. See the front desk for more details and our additional reading challenge.

The Theme

As requested by our patrons, we're bringing some life to the bleak winter season with a theme of growth, plants, gardens, and the like. There are plenty of plants associated with this season, such as fir trees, poinsettias, holly, and mistletoe. You can find life all around you if you look hard enough! You can also use this time to plan ahead for your spring garden. For more information on gardening, you can check out the library's collection of gardening books (see pg. 3).



At the Movies: Dora and the Lost City of Gold

On the 3rd Tuesday of every month, the library hosts a **Family Movie Night** at 6 p.m. It's fun, free entertainment for adults and kids alike, and since it's indoors, it can give you an opportunity to get warm. Feel free to bring blankets, sleeping bags, or whatever you need to bundle up and feel cozy.

This month on **January 21**, we're showing **Dora and the Lost City of Gold**. In this live-action feature film, Dora, a teenage explorer, leads her friends on an adventure to save her parents and solve the mystery behind a lost city of gold.

Dora is a beloved children's icon well known for teaching **Spanish** in books and on TV. If you'd like to learn Spanish or another foreign language, the library has some resources to help you out. We have an online database called Rosetta Stone that's designed to help you learn a foreign language (see pg. 4). We also have a collection of books in and about other languages. Books in the 400's are about language in general. If you want books about Spanish, you can go to the 460's.



In the Bag

We are excited to announce that the library was chosen again to be a part of the **GIANT Bags 4 My Cause Program**, which is designed to make it easy for customers to contribute to their local community while supporting the environment.

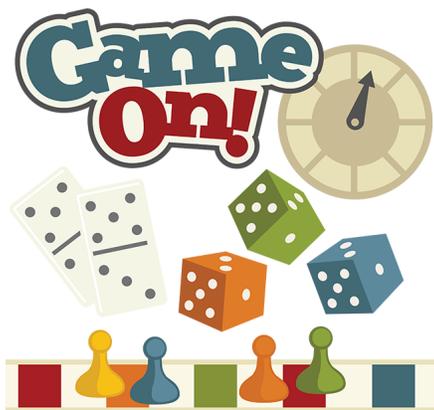
For the entire month of January, the Whitehall library will receive a \$1 donation every time a \$2.50 reusable Bags 4 My Cause bag is sold at our participating GIANT store and the customer logs the tag online. (We can also log these tags for you.) You can buy the bags at:

2641 MacArthur Road, Whitehall PA



Ongoing Programs

- **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 January 25)



Board in the Library

Want some old-fashioned indoor fun this winter? We know this is the time of year where people want to relax and have fun inside to keep out of the elements, so we're hosting a game night, **Board in the Library**, to give you a change of pace. Held on three Wednesdays - **January 15, 22, & 29** from 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m., this game time gives you a chance to dust off some old games or try something new. The library has a collection of games, though you're welcome to bring your own as well. We welcome adults and kids alike, though we ask that parents stay with children under the age of 12.

Book Nook

Books Grow in the Snow: This is the theme of our winter reading program, and it evokes images of gardens and flowers. What comes to mind are snowdrops, glory-of-the-snow, witch hazel, winter aconite, Lenten roses, and crocuses. Most serious gardeners devote January to reviewing the success and failures of the past season and planning for the upcoming year. Gardening equipment is inspected, cleaned, and sharpened. Catalogs from seed companies start to arrive in the mail box. Should you grow something new this year? It's fun to dream about good weather and look forward to reap the bounty of your efforts.

Those of us more laid back about gardening are fussing over indoor plants like poinsettias and Christmas cacti or trying to force spring bulbs like paper whites. Wherever you are on the gardening scale, there are always gardening and house plant books to borrow at the library. Check out 635 in the nonfiction section of both the adult and juvenile sections of the library.

If you need more help, we have a wonderful local resource: the Lehigh County Agricultural Center, also known as the Penn State Extension. You can speak to a Master Gardener [(610) 391-9840] not only about plants, but a wide variety of topics from animal pests to raising back yard bees to cooking courses. Check out the website for information (<https://extension.psu.edu/lehigh-county>). There are pamphlets, webinars, online courses, hands-on workshops, and other resources. It's a good starting point for a child who likes to do science fairs, too.

Chase away the winter drab and join our Books Grow in the Snow reading program. Take on the reading challenge to cultivate new interests and harvest a prize. Join the book discussions to share bountiful or harrowing reading adventures. Most of all, to nurture your soul.



~ Chris Andrews

Director's Desk (cont'd)

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The **Beading Club** will no longer meet at the library.

The library has an ongoing **wish list**. Our current list includes but not limited to: rubber bands, colored printer paper, anti-bacterial wipes (to wipe off keyboards), birdseed, colored duct tape, art supplies (especially washable black markers & glitter glue), and gift cards (any store, especially Walmart, Giant, & Redner's).

The 2nd & 4th Tuesday **Adult Coloring Club** is held at 11 a.m. Anyone 18+ years old is welcome to join us. The library has some supplies but invites you to bring your own as well.

If the library is closed for any reason, you still have access to **online resources**. If you have a current WTPL card and are in good standing, you may use any of the databases located under "Research and Learn" tab on our website (www.whitehallpl.org). Try things like learning a new language, listening to a book, doing genealogy, looking at recipes from other countries, and reading newspapers online. So before the snow-flies, stop by and we will update your card and show you how to use these resources, which are **FREE** for all to use!

~ Patty Vahey

Last Month

Last year, we celebrated the Christmas season in a variety of ways. We had programs with **holiday stories and crafts**, a Christmas performance from the barbershop quartet **ffourtissimo**, and **pictures with Santa** (right). Patrons also gave back by donating warm items to **Project Keep Warm** and toys to **Toys for Tots** and by making **Christmas cards** for our local senior centers. Thank you for everyone who gave their time or their goods to make our community a better place. We appreciate every one of you, and we look forward to seeing you more this coming year!



Did You Know?

Chinese New Year will be on **January 25** this year, and we're entering the **Year of the Rat**. Celebration customs vary, but for many people in China, it's a time for their annual family reunion. Many clean their houses to get ready for the year and create colorful decorations, especially ones associated with luck. They also eat foods with names that sound like words for luck, prosperity, or lucky numbers.



Database Spotlight: Rosetta Stone

One of our most-requested databases has been **Rosetta Stone**. This popular language-learning tool is easy to use and can help you brush up your skills or completely start from scratch. You might want to study for school, prepare for a trip, pick up a good indoor hobby for the winter, or practice to keep your mind active. You can learn a variety of languages here, and there's even an option to learn English as a second language. You can find Rosetta Stone if you go to our website (www.whitehallpl.org) and look under "Research & Learn" on our menu bar. This has a full alphabetical list of our databases, and you can create an account on Rosetta Stone to get started. You can use this database in our library or at home with an internet connection. Either way, all you need is a current, valid library card.

