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Whitehall Township Public Library **Library Lines**

From the Director's Desk!

SPRING into some awesome resources, programs, and information and make your mind **BLOOM** in Spring 2020!

An **Intro to Genealogy** will be held on Sat., March 21 from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. and repeated on Thurs., March 26 from 6:30 - 8 p.m. Let us help you figure out where your family came from! We'll show you how to use our Ancestry and Heritage Quest databases and other resources to search for records and documents. You may attend one or both sessions. If you cannot attend, handouts will be available at the desk. With our new purple LCLC library card, you have access to many databases and resources. So, stop by and get yours today. All you need to get a card is proof of address if you live in Whitehall or within a school district that supports one of our 11 libraries. Otherwise, you'll need an up-to-date card from your home library in addition to your proof of address.

We would like to thank all 44 adults who participated in the **2020 Adult Winter Reading program**, which ended Sat., February 22. Our theme this year was "Books Grow in the Snow"! And while we HAD VERY LITTLE SNOW this winter, we had 44 readers who enjoyed 297 books. Watch for information about our Adult Summer Reading Program that will begin in June 2020.

Mark your calendar now for some exciting April 2020 programs! The library will kick off its 55th year of library service to the Whitehall community with a **Reception and Open House** on Sat. April 4 from 1 - 4 p.m. Everyone is invited to the open house to enjoy some refreshments. Let us show you what your library has to offer the community as we celebrate 55 years of library service!

National Library Week is from April 19 - 25, 2020, and we'll have some activities to celebrate. We'll have local **barbershop quartet, ffourtissimo**, on Thurs., April 16 at 7 p.m. for a music program. They'll be here to help us kick off our 55th anniversary to perform some of the great songs from the 60's, 70's, and now.

The **Lehigh Valley Storytelling Guild** will be here on Thurs., April 23 from 7 - 8 p.m. As part of National Library Week, we'd like to take part in the oldest form of storytelling: the oral tradition. Come listen to two master storytellers, Ingrid Bohn and Robin Reichert, share stories for all ages in this free program. During this program, they'll also commemorate the 50th anniversary of Earth Day by including stories that celebrate the world around us.

Would you like an easy way to help the library? Purchase a "**GIANT Bags 4 My Cause**" bag between now and March 31, 2020, and the library will receive one dollar for each bag purchased. Each bag has a tag on it, but you need to register the tag or drop off the tag to the library, and we'll do it for you. This program is designed

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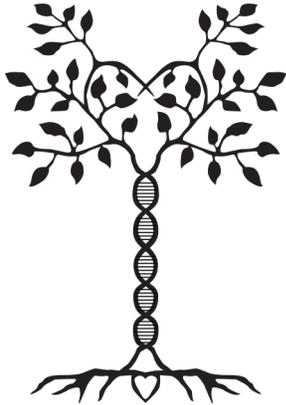
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Daylight Saving Time begins on Sun., **March 8**, which means that at 2 a.m., clocks will move forward to 3 a.m. Remember to get to bed early to make up for that lost hour as we spring ahead!



Learning From the Past



The library is a treasure trove of information on many topics, but sorting through it can sometimes present a challenge, especially when you first approach a new field. Luckily, we have librarians here to help you navigate that maze, and for two days this month, Library Director Patty Vahey will show you how to access and use some of our genealogy resources, including databases (see pg. 4 for database descriptions).

The first of these **Intro to Genealogy** classes will be on Sat., **March 21** from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., and the second will be on Thurs., **March 26** from 6:30 to 8 p.m. You can decide whether it's easier to come on a weekend or a weekday, or you can come to both, if you'd like. We look forward to seeing you in there so that we can help you find out where you came from.

Spring Story Time

Preschool Story Time (37 mo. - 6 yr. old):
Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m., February 25 – April 14 &
Wednesdays, 1:00 p.m., February 26 – April 15
Toddler Story Time (12 - 36 mo. old):
Thursdays, 10:30 a.m., March 5 – April 9

This spring, we'll have an 8-week session of story time for preschoolers and a 6-week session for toddlers. All children must register through our website, and our front desk staff can assist you if you need help navigating it. Parents need to stay with their kids during Toddler Story Time.



Read Across America

Every year, the literary world celebrates two holidays in one on March 2. That's when **Dr. Seuss Day** comes around - the day where we commemorate the birthday of beloved children's author Theodor Seuss Geisel, who wrote under the pen name "Dr. Seuss." It's also **Read Across America Day**. The goal of this event is to motivate kids to read, bring them the joy of reading, and make them feel valued and welcome. This year, think about how you can open the kids around to the world of reading, or maybe pick up some children's books yourself! You never know what you might find.



At the Movies: Abominable

On the third Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m., we hold a **Family Movie Night** for patrons of all ages to come together. This month on Tues., **March 17**, you can see the DreamWorks animated film **Abominable**. In this film, three teenagers must help a Yeti return to his family while avoiding a wealthy man and a zoologist who want it for their own needs. This journey takes them to the snowy Himalayas, which is a good way to wrap up winter before spring comes around. Enjoy the beautiful visuals and the heartwarming story about family and friendship.



In the Bag

When spring rolls around, we often think about the world around us and what we can do to be environmentally responsible. One method that's gaining popularity is to use **reusable bags** at the grocery store. There are several reasons to go this route. For instance, they can hold more per bag and are sturdier while doing so. They're more fun, with pictures and colors that look better than plain white. They reduce the clutter you get around your house as bags pile up.



This month, there could be an added bonus if you want to support the library. For all of March, we'll be partnering with the GIANT's Coplay location in their Bags 4 My Cause program. **Every time someone buys one of these reusable bags for \$2.50 and logs the tag online, the library gets a \$1 donation.** If you want to join in, you can buy one of these bags at **202 Chestnut St., Coplay, PA 18037.**

Book Nook: National Craft Month

Among the many things recognized and promoted during March is National Craft Month. Many of us already have hobbies we enjoy, but this month, we are encouraged to sample some others. If you knit, maybe you'd like to learn crochet? Or if you carve wood, have you tried clay? How about making a pop-up in your scrapbook? The Dewey Decimal System use the 600s for "Applied Sciences", and this is where you'll finding gardening (635), cooking (641), and sewing (646), and in 660+ are ceramics plus metal- and wood-working. The 700s (Arts) begin with fine arts, but the latter half has most of the hobby stuff including sports: drawing (740), knitting (746), photography (770), music (780s), and sports (796+), with lots of other fun stuff in between. Check our Oversize section, located at the very beginning of our adult nonfiction book shelves. The books there are in Dewey order also, but too large or odd-shaped for the other sections. Don't forget about your kids! Get



them started on a life-long hobby with age-appropriate books in the Children's Area under the same Dewey numbers. So take some time to browse these areas and discover something new. If you are interested in rubber stamping, I'll be happy to give you my supplies; just ask for me at the front desk.

~ Chris Andrews

Puzzle: Find the secret message with the letters left over after you're done searching.

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| applique | lacemaking | rugs |
| arts | lapidary | scrapbooking |
| batik | marquetry | sewing |
| calligraphy | metalwork | soap making |
| decoupage | millinery | travel |
| embroidery | needlepoint | whittling |
| felted | painting | woodworking |
| gardening | photography | |
| knitting | pyrography | |

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to make it easy for customers to contribute to their local community while supporting the environment. If you want to buy the bags, you can visit our participating GIANT store at: 202 Chestnut St. Coplay, PA.

The library has many **databases** on a variety of subjects. You can find them on our website (www.whitehallpl.org/research-learn/) and use them for fun and education. You can use all of them on our computers, and you can use all but two (ABC Mouse & Ancestry) at home as long as you have a valid purple LCLC library card number and PIN. Stop by the front desk, and we can show you and help you.

The **Lehigh Valley Knitting Guild** meets here the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month from 6 - 8 p.m. Whether you knit, crochet, or do other kinds of needlework, this could be a good opportunity for you to relax with your fellow crafters. Have fun chatting while practicing your techniques or trying new ones.

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

~ Patty Vahey

Want to learn more about Ireland this **St. Patrick's Day?**

If you go to our adult or juvenile nonfiction sections, you can find books on the history and people of Ireland under 914 and 941. You can also find a lot of fictional books about Ireland or written by the Irish by searching our catalog.



Last Month

Last month, we reached the end of our **Adult Winter Reading Program "Books Grow in the Snow"**. This year, we had 44 patrons registered. They logged 279 books total, and 8 of the patrons finished an extra reading challenge that went along with the theme of flowers, growth, and gardening.



Database Spotlight: Genealogy Databases

If you want to learn more about your family or the past, we have some resources to help you. Besides books, we also have some online databases where you can search historical records. Like all of our databases, you can find these on our website (www.whitehallpl.org) under "Research & Learn". You can access all of them from our computers in the library, and you can use most of them at home with a valid library card and password. Ancestry is one of the two that you have to use in the library. (See pg. 3 for our genealogy class.)

- **Ancestry:** One of the most popular ways to research ancestry is the website Ancestry.com. We've subscribed to the library edition so that you can get all the benefits without paying for the service yourself. Unlike most of our databases, you have to be in the library building to use it, but you can do all kinds of things there including searching historical records and reading the message boards.
- **Fold3:** Fold3 is a name that comes from the fact that in some flag-folding ceremonies, the third fold honors and remembers veterans for their sacrifice in defending their country and promoting peace. The database provides convenient access to military records, including the stories, photos, and personal documents of the men and women who served. These records help you discover stories about these everyday heroes, forgotten soldiers, and the families that supported them.
- **Heritage Quest:** This site is very similar to Ancestry, containing a number of records including the census, wills, immigration records, and more! However, unlike Ancestry, you can access this one outside the library.