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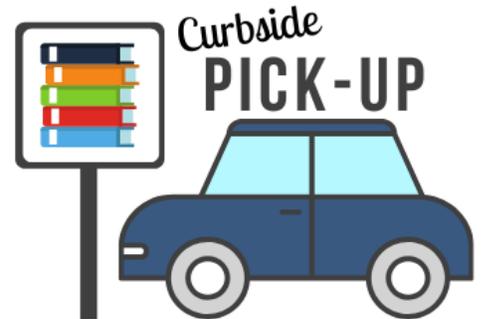
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The New Normal

Hello again! It's been a long three months away from the library. We've been in touch with some of you through our social media and through the website, and we've been happy to hear about the eBooks you've been reading and the other resources you've been using. It's a far cry from the way things used to be, but now that we're in the "yellow zone", we can finally start doing more with you and for you.



The first step is getting physical materials into your hands again, so the library is now open for **curbside pickup** from Monday to Saturday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. and on Tuesday and Thursday from 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Ordering Materials: You can request items by phone (610-432-4339) or online through our website (www.whitehallpl.org). If you call in, please tell our staff if you have any format preferences (audiobook, large print, etc.). Like before, you'll have access to the materials from all 11 libraries in our LCLC (Lehigh Carbon Library Co-operative) system, since we still have staff doing deliveries between the libraries.

Item Limits: You can request most of our items, but we can't check out reference materials or puzzles to you at this time. You can get up to 15 items per transaction. If you request more, we'll put the rest on hold for later pick-ups.

Picking Up Orders: Once our staff has gathered your order, we'll call you to arrange a pick up time slot that works for you. These time slots are each half an hour long, so you can come any time within that half hour to pick up your materials. Please keep in mind that you might not be able to pick up materials on the same day that you requested them.

Returning Items: You can return items in the yellow book drops in our parking lot at any time from Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Fines: We won't be able to take money for fines during the curbside pickup. However, no items that were checked out before the shutdown will be due until July 7,

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Coronavirus Resources

The library wants to slow the spread of panic and misinformation, so we encourage you to get your facts and updates on COVID-19 from authoritative sources like the **World Health Organization** [www.who.int] and the **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention** [www.cdc.gov]. Here you can find information on symptoms, testing, and more.

Coronavirus Safety

[from the WHO]

Stay at Home. Save Lives.



- 1 **STAY** home as much as you can.
- 2 **KEEP** a safe distance.
- 3 **WASH** hands often.
- 4 **COVER** your cough.
- 5 **SICK?** Call ahead.

Summer Reading Program

The library will have no in-person programs for the present, but we will be starting some virtual programming soon, including an online Summer Reading Program.



Registration & Logging

We're opening registration and book logging for our Summer Reading Program from **June 19 - August 29, 2020**. Watch the "**Reading Programs**" page on our website (www.whitehallpl.org/reading-programs/) to get the link to the program when it goes live.

Theme

Our theme, "Imagine Your Story," celebrates fairy tales, mythology, and all kinds of fantasy, so you can start thinking fantastical thoughts and collecting some magical books! Because we won't have in-person programs for the rest of the summer, we're re-imagining "**Imagine Your Story**" to maintain social distancing. You'll be able to log books in online, and we're arranging for some online programs, which we'll put up on our online Events Calendar as they're scheduled.

Tracks & Traces

Our Buckets Full of Nature series with Miss Jolie Chylack from the Lehigh County Conservation district continues this summer! On Friday, **June 19**, from 4 - 5 p.m., she'll bring us "**Tracks & Traces**" in an online session, where she'll share how to see the signs of animals all around us, like paw prints, hoof prints, and anything else that they might leave behind. All the programs in the Buckets of Nature series are fun-filled classes designed to pique a child's curiosity of nature, science, and exploration. In this one, kids can learn how to look for clues to discover a whole new world around them.



The program will be held online through Zoom video-conference. E-mail Miss Sue at eplkids@cliu.org for the Zoom link to join in. All you need is a PC or phone with an Internet connection, and you'll be able to watch the presentation and ask your questions about animal tracks and other signs, just like you would in person.

Coming Soon



We're in the process of scheduling more programs, including a virtual **Scandinavian Storytelling** session with the American Swedish Historical Museum. In keeping with our Summer Reading theme, the museum will tell us about some of the folklore and fairy tales that are part of Viking mythology. Watch for this program and more!

Research from Home

If you visit the Research & Learn page of our website, you can find links to databases full of a variety of resources. Two of these, Ancestry & ABC Mouse, are available in the library only. All others (listed below) can be accessed from home with a valid library card and password.



Books & Magazines

- **Novellist Plus:** If you're not sure what to read next, come here for personalized recommendations.
- **OverDrive:** Download eBooks and audiobooks.
- **POWER Library:** Find authoritative resources on health, science, literature, and more.
- **RBDigital:** Check out our digital magazines.
- **Teen BookCloud:** Find e-books for middle schoolers and high schoolers here.
- **TumbleBook Library:** This collection of animated read-along e-books has books for grades K-6.

Genealogy

- **Fold3:** Browse military records for wars fought on American soil as well as those fought internationally.
- **Heritage Quest:** Discover your family history with the records available on this website.

Learning

- **Brainfuse HelpNow:** Get study resources and live tutoring.
- **Brainfuse LearnNow:** Get lessons and quizzes to help you prepare for academic skills and exams.
- **LearningExpress Library:** Access large selection of study guides and practice quizzes for different tests, such as your SAT, GED, NCLEX, and PRAXIS exams.
- **LibGuides:** Find authoritative resources on a variety of topics.

World & Travel

- **AtoZ Food America:** With recipes, culture and ingredient articles, and essential culinary resources, this database brings United States cuisines to you!
- **AtoZ Maps Online:** Search a variety of US and world maps concerning geography, climate, topography, ecology, and more.
- **AtoZ the USA:** Get a variety of information on the country as a whole, including historical people and timelines, national symbols, music, and more, as well as facts about individual states.
- **AtoZ the World:** Read up on different countries with this comprehensive overview of language, culture, geography, and more.
- **AtoZ World Food:** Get recipes and food information from countries all around the world.
- **Rosetta Stone:** Learn a new language or brush up on one that you would like to practice.

Other

- **Ask Here PA:** Chat online with a librarian and ask questions on any topic 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- **LawDepot:** Create legal documents in minutes. This database has the forms. All you have to do is enter your information.
- **Morning Call News Bank:** Read articles from old issues of the Morning Call.
- **ReferenceUSA:** Find information on businesses, jobs, and people.

Book Nook: Pandemics

I would like to thank our elected officials for taking such quick action to protect us from COVID-19. My heartfelt thanks to those who continued to serve us, such as medical professionals, restaurant and grocery store employees, newspaper deliverers, and all the businesses allowed to stay open. It was a bit of normalcy in a world that suddenly went sideways.

The first recorded epidemic was in 3,000 BC in China. The Athenian typhoid or Ebola epidemic in 430 BC killed 2/3 of the population. Rome had a smallpox plague 165-180 AD and hemorrhagic fever in 250 AD. The Byzantine Empire recorded first bubonic plague in 541 AD. 11th century Europe was hit with leprosy.

The Black Death (bubonic plague) of 1347-1351 originated in China. A Chinese general wanted a Crimean (today's Ukraine) trading post that was held by the Italians, so he catapulted the dead, infected bodies of his soldiers into the trading post. When the defeated Italians returned home, the plague was spread in every port stop along the way. It recurred five more times before 1400. Livestock such as cows, sheep, goats, pigs, and chickens were also decimated by the plague. Bubonic plague resurfaced in London in 1665, and a third time in China in 1855. Believed to be a bacterial infection, modern technology is now leaning toward viral.

The first recorded case of the Spanish Influenza pandemic of 1918-1920 was at an US Army base in Kansas. It became known as the Spanish Flu because Spain was the first country to openly admit it had an epidemic, and it was called the French Flu there. Spain was a neutral country during World War I, and many international news services were based there for safety. Most news reports about the pandemic had the tagline Spain, so that's how it was named.

We have had our share of global diseases in our lifetime: the Asian flu (1957), the Hong Kong flu (1968), Ebola (1976-present), Swine flu (1976 and 2009), HIV/AIDS (1981), SARS (2003), and now COVID-19.

"Those who do not learn history are doomed to repeat it" is a quote credited to writer and philosopher George Santayana. Again, I appreciate that our politicians learned from the past and were proactive.

If you're interested in learning more about pandemics browse these Dewey numbers, especially in the Juvenile section: 614.4, 614.5, 616.2, 940.17, and any book by Richard Preston. There are also many fiction books. One of my favorites is *The Plague Tales* by Ann Benson. I always carry a silk scarf after reading that one.

~ Chris Andrews



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2020. Also, for those with preexisting fines, we've temporarily activated cards so that you can use our materials and services as long as your fines are under \$50.

Programs: Due to current state regulations, we won't be able to have any in-person programs or events through at least the rest of the summer. However, we're starting to schedule some digital programs. Watch our online calendar and newsletter for details.

We're grateful for all the support our patrons have given us throughout the years and during this current crisis. Thank you for all of your patience as we adapt to the new normal state of things. We'll keep working to serve you as best as we can, and we look forward to seeing you soon. Stay healthy and happy!

