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Whitehall Township Public Library **Library Lines**

The New Normal

Last month, we reopened for curbside pickup after an extended closure. It was a new experience for staff and patrons alike, but it let us start circulating materials again after a long absence.



Coming Soon: We're currently waiting on the arrival of new safety equipment, but when that gets here, we'll be able to let patrons back into the building by appointment to browse books, use computers, and make copies. During this soft open, we'll have a limit on the number of people that can enter and how long they can stay, and anyone in the building will also have to wear a mask. Watch our website for updates, but even when this begins, we'll continue providing curbside pickup for those who want it.

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 Cooperative) system, since we still have staff doing deliveries between the libraries. Check the "About Us" page on our website for current hours.

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. Check the "About Us" page on our website for the current hours.

Item Quarantine: Any items returned in our book drop or shipped from another library are placed in a 3-day quarantine period for the safety of our staff and patrons before being checked in. That means that when you return a book, you'll see it on

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Summer Reading Program

Our Summer Reading Program is now open for all ages!

Registration: To register or log in books, go to the “Reading Programs” page on our website (www.whitehallpl.org). (You can find this under “Programs & Events” in the main menu.) Click on the button that says “Registration / Book Logging”. Then you can find the Login box on the right side of the screen where you can either log in or click “Register Now” if this is your first time logging in this summer. (We just started using a new program, so last year’s login information won’t work.)

Theme: Our theme this year is “Imagine Your Story”. Reading is always magical, but now we’re specifically celebrating fairy tales, mythology, and fantasy. You can find a wide variety of fiction in these genres, and our nonfiction lovers can read about the ancient civilizations that birthed some of the tales we love today.

Upcoming Events

Since we can’t gather in person, the library is working to prepare some digital programs for you all to enjoy. Most of these will be held online through Zoom, and all you’ll need to get on is a PC or phone with an Internet connection and a link for the event. The flyer for each event will tell you who to e-mail to get the link.

Story Time: Our Children’s Department will soon be hosting a story time every Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. Watch our website for a starting date.

Virtual Scandinavian Storytelling: Learn about story structure and common themes through Scandinavian folklore and fairytales. Explore Viking Mythology and sagas to compare how different cultures create origin stories to understand the natural world.

Super Science & Amazing Art: Miss Cathy is back, bringing one of our most popular summer programs online. Get ready for some educational fun from the comfort of your own home!



Name That Animal

Welcome our new library mascot! To the right you’ll see the latest addition to our children’s department, and we want you to help us name him. If you want to take part in this contest, send us an e-mail telling us **what kind of animal** you think he is and **what you want us to call him**. Send us your answers along with your name and (if applicable) the grade and school you’ll be going into in the fall. You can e-mail Santaliz.L@WhitehallPL.org with the subject: Mascot Contest.

All entries must be submitted by **July 17, 2020**, and the winner will be notified by July 23. Anyone who enters will receive a free book coupon. The library staff will select a winning name from all submissions. The selected winner will have a photo taken with our mascot and receive a bag of goodies (photo date to be selected by winner).



Write Your Story

As suggested by some of our Teen Advisory Board members, the library will hold its first ever Writing Contest, built around our 2020 Summer Reading Program theme of "Imagine Your Story." This contest will be open to all, with submissions being broken into four age groups: Up through Grade 2, Grades 3-5, Grades 6-12, Adult.

Submission Deadline: Saturday, August 22, 2020

Criteria:

- All works must be 1,500 words or less.
- All works must be family-friendly.
- As part of our theme, all works must relate to fantasy, fairy tales, and/or mythology in some way.
- You can write fiction or nonfiction, and it can be in prose or poetry.
- You must submit original works and characters only, no fanfiction.
- We'll accept only one entry per person.

How to Submit: E-mail your work, along with your name and the grade you're going into (if applicable) to our Children's Librarian, Lorraine Santaliz (santaliz.l@whitehallpl.org) with the Subject: Summer Writing Contest. Ms. Santaliz will remove your name from the work before passing it along to the judges, so make sure the format you send allows for that.

Winners: The top 3 works of each category will be posted on Saturday, August 29 on the Reading Programs page of our website, and the top work in each category will be published in our September newsletter.



July 1 is **International Joke Day**, so here's some fantasy humor!

Q: What kind of pet did Aladdin have?

A: A flying car-pet

Q: What do you get if you cross a witch with a dinosaur?

A: Tyrannosaurus Hex

Q: What kind of phone does a mermaid use?

A: A shell phone

Q: Why can't Cinderella play soccer?

A: She's always running away from the ball.

Q: What do you call a bee with a spell on him?

A: Bee-witched

Q: What did the tired wizard do?

A: He sat down for a spell.

Q: What do elves learn in school?

A: The elf-abet

Q: What part of a mermaid weighs the most?

A: The scales

Fantasy Fun at Home

This year's Summer Reading theme happens to coincide with a milestone 40th birthday for a beloved fantasy character. **Harry Potter** was **born on July 31, 1980**. (That's the boy, not the series, since the first book was published on June 26, 1997.) Harry has brought joy to readers of all ages, so why not celebrate with some fantasy fun?

You can take the day to enjoy any of the books or movies set in the Wizarding World. You could also try other fun activities like finding online recipes for things like butterbeer or pumpkin pasties.

Here's an easy **Pumpkin Juice Recipe** (courtesy of Chris Andrews): Mix together 29 oz. of canned pumpkin, 48 oz. of pear nectar, and 64 oz. of apple juice. Chill and serve.



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your account for a few extra days, but when we check it in, we set the date to reflect the date when it's returned so that you're not charged extra for it. Keep in mind that this quarantine means you might get items a little slower than you used to.

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 22, 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.

Thanks for sticking this out with us, and we look forward to seeing you back with us soon!

The library's curbside pickup service will **CLOSE at 1 p.m.** on Friday, July, 3 and be **CLOSED all day** on Saturday, **July 4** for **Independence Day**.

Our online databases remain open, so check out the **Research & Learn** page on our website.



Book Nook: Picnics

July is **National Picnic Month**, and many people will probably celebrate July 4th with one.

The first derivative of the word appeared in a 1649 French satire in which Pique-Nique was the main character's name. He was a rebel leader protesting food shortages in France, and yet was a glutton who tried to dine at the expense of others. The French verb *piquer* means to pick, and the noun *nique* means little amount - an appropriate satirical name.

By 1692, the word was included in a French etymology and referred to a gathering where people brought food, wine, or contributed money for the cost, and usually featured some form of entertainment, often in a restaurant or salon. Needless to say, this was an activity enjoyed by the upper class, but the word was becoming more common. After the French Revolution, the royal parks were open to commoners, who would pack a cold meal and spend the day. This is when picnics became known as an outdoor activity.

For most of history, people lived either on farms or in cities, due to limited access to transportation. Having access to a park within a city was special. By the mid-twentieth century, more people could afford cars, more roads were being built, and more people were moving out of the cities into housing areas called suburbs. To encourage road trips, Honda's CR-V cars included a folding table in the trunk from 1997-2006. But many suburban homes started to feature patios and outdoor grills, and soon picnics were at home, and included hot foods, too.

The library has many books using the subject headings "outdoor cooking" and "barbecuing". But for picnic purists we have *The Picnic Cookbook* by Barbara Weiland Talbert; *Picnic & Outdoor Menus* by Time-Life; and *Tailgate Parties* by Susan Wyler. Don't forget to celebrate National Picnic Month, because it's a close as your back yard!



~ Chris Andrews