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# Whitehall Township Public Library **Library Lines**

## The New Normal

Partway through July, we had our “**soft open**” where we started letting people into the library for limited hours, following CDC safety guidelines. Since people are enjoying the convenience of curbside pickup, we’re keeping that as an option for you. For those who want to come in, there are a few things to know:

Our **current hours** are Monday and Wednesdays 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Fridays 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., and Saturdays (curbside pickup only) 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

All patrons must **wear masks** or other facial coverings (unless medical reasons prevent it), **use gloves or hand sanitizer** (available inside the library), and **maintain social distancing**. We also encourage you to only touch materials that you plan to check out.

Patrons can come in **one hour to browse** the collection, select items to check out, and use our scanner and copier. We’re asking patrons to leave as soon as they’ve finished to reduce the number of people in the building. When you’re ready to check out, please come to the desk with your books, DVDs, and other items, as well as your library card. At this point, puzzles won’t be available for checkout.

You can come in for **two hours to use one of our public computers** (which you'll sign up for at the front desk). We’ve arranged these computers to follow social distancing guidelines - spaced apart and with barriers between the rows. The keyboard and mouse for each will be sanitized between appointments. Prints from the computer are still \$.10 per page for black and white or \$1.00 per page for color. Prints from our black and white copier are also \$.10, but it can scan in black and white or in color. You can scan pages to a flash drive for free.

If you **pay for prints or fines** with cash, we will accept exact change only, and if you pay with a credit or debit card, there's a \$5.00 minimum. If you buy anything from our **book sale**, we can only take cash (in exact change).

If you want to use our **curbside pickup**, you can still place holds on items by calling our front desk or using our website. To request items online, you can log into your account, search our catalog, click on the words "Place Hold" on the right side of the record, and submit your contact information. Please make sure you choose your desired format (like a book or audiobook). When anything arrives for you, we call you to schedule a pickup day.

All **item returns** go in the yellow drop boxes in our parking lot. No materials will be accepted at the front desk. We hold all returns in quarantine for three days, so they'll still show up on your account during that time. When we check them



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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](http://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.

\*Imagine  
Your  
Story\*



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## Upcoming Events

We plan to hold virtual programs and events until we can start gathering in person again. Watch our online calendar to keep up to date with everything that we have planned.



Our next big event will be when Miss Cathy Seachrist returns with more **Super Science & Amazing Art** on August 6 at 11 a.m. after doing another successful virtual program for us in July. If you’d like to take part, you can e-mail [Santaliz.L@whitehallpl.org](mailto:Santaliz.L@whitehallpl.org) for the Zoom link. All you’ll need is a PC or phone with an Internet connection, and you can enjoy the program from the comfort of your own home. This program is “Telling Dino Tales.” Have you ever seen a dinosaur egg or a super continent? Imagine your own Mesozoic story while we go on a safari dig.

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## Write Your Story

### The Contest

Our first ever writing contest, open to all ages, runs through Saturday, August 22. As part of our 2020 Summer Reading Program “Imagine Your Story”, this contest will include stories relating to fantasy, fairy tales, and/or mythology in some way. All works must be family-friendly and be 1,500 words or less. They can be fiction or nonfiction, prose or poetry, but they must be original works, not fanfiction.



### Submitting

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](mailto: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. We’ll accept one entry per person.

### Winners

The top 3 works of each age group will be posted on Saturday, August 29 on the Reading Programs page of our website, and the top work in each group will be published in our September newsletter. (The four age groups are: Up through Grade 2, Grades 3-5, Grades 6-12, Adult.)

## Book Nook: "What Will Be Your Legacy?" Month

This month's theme has a pretty wide scope. It can refer to several things such as building wealth, estate planning, family history, and even how you influence and are influenced by people around you.

Most people delay writing a will, but it provides a guide to how you want your wealth, belongings, and maybe your pets, handled when you die. So let's start with **building wealth**. There are many books located in the personal finance section 346.024 to help you use your money wisely by investing, saving, and planning for retirement. Section 346.05 contains books on estate planning. These will help you avoid tax traps so you can leave more for your heirs. We also have books to help clean out a home in 646.78 so you don't overlook something valuable.

During quarantine, many folks did housecleaning and rediscovered family photos. This month you can sort through and label them to identify your ancestors so your children know who they are. Our library subscribes to the **genealogy** websites Ancestry, Heritage Quest, and Fold 3 through the Research and Learn button on our home page (though you have to use Ancestry from inside the library due to database usage rights). I encourage you to take the time and look. From time to time, the library offers classes on using these. I discovered a cousin took it upon herself to fill in information about my immediate family and misspelled our names and got other pertinent information wrong. Genealogy books are located in 929.1.

Have you ever considered how you influence other people? You've probably seen your children imitating your behavior or using the same words you do. Maybe your boss was in a bad mood that made everyone grumpy that day. Section 158 is loaded with books about adopting new attitudes and behaviors, how to avoid negative people, and many **self-improvement** techniques. So how do you define your legacy?



~ Chris Andrews

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## Database Spotlight: Law Depot



Different months are associated with a lot of different causes, events, activities, and useful things. As mentioned above, August is "What Will Your Legacy Be?" Month, making it a good time to think about legal documents like your will. The library has a database called Law Depot, which can help you get some of these in order. You can find this and other databases on our website ([www.whitehallpl.org](http://www.whitehallpl.org)) on the Research & Learn page.

### What Is It?

LawDepot can help you create and then print or download customized legal document in 5-10 minutes. Once you log in and select the document that you want to create, LawDepot walks you through a thorough questionnaire and fills your answers into the appropriate spot on the form. You can print or download the document, or you can save it to edit later.

### What is Included?

These are some of the many types of documents that LawDepot can help you create:

- **Estate** - Power of Attorney, Last Will and Testament, Living Will, Health Care Directive
- **Real Estate** - Residential Rental/Lease Agreement, Commercial Lease Agreement
- **Financial** - Promissory Note, Bill of Sale, Loan Agreement, Sales Agreement
- **Business** - LLC Operating Agreement, Confidentiality Agreement, Partnership Agreement, Business Plan
- **Family** - Prenuptial Agreement, Separation Agreement, Child Travel Consent, Child Medical Consent

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in, though, use the date you returned them.

We still can't host any in-person **programs** for now, but our **Summer Reading Program** is now live, and both adults and kids can register and log in books through August 29, 2020. (See pg. 2 for more information.) We're also hosting some **virtual programs**, which you can see on our online events calendar. Check out our Kids, Teens, and Adult pages for program archives and at-home activities. Patrons of all ages can check out our **Summer Writing Contest** (pg. 2).

If you visit the Research & Learn page of our website, you can find links to databases full of a variety of **online resources**. Our databases include Overdrive (eBooks & eAudiobooks), RBDigital Magazines (eMagazines), Rosetta Stone (language learning), Heritage Quest (genealogy), and more! (See pg. 3 for information on one of our databases - LawDepot.) Most of these you can use from home with your library card number and password.

If you need to **register for a library card**, you can either do that in person or through the My Account page of our website.



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## Fantasy Fun at Home

### Crafts & Printables

If you go to the library website ([www.whitehallpl.org](http://www.whitehallpl.org)), you can find fun **activities** to do at home, mostly relating to our Summer Reading Program theme. To find these, go to our Programs & Events menu and select the page for Kids, Teens, or Adults. On the Kids page, the activities are underneath our **Virtual Programs**, which are story times and other archived events.

### Food

Fairy tales are full of food, like the time Snow White ate a poisoned apple or the time a man stole some leafy greens from a witch's garden and was punished when the witch took his daughter as payment. (This child was named after the type of vegetable that was taken, which was called a *rapunzel*.) Some even feature food as main characters, like the story of the Gingerbread Man running away from people who wanted to eat him. Here's a McCormick recipe for you to **make your own Gingerbread Man**:

**Ingredients:** 3 c. flour, 2 tsp. ground ginger, 1 tsp. ground cinnamon, 1 tsp. baking soda, 1/4 tsp. ground nutmeg, 1/4 tsp. salt, 3/4 c. butter (softened), 3/4 c. firmly packed brown sugar, 1/2 c. molasses, 1 egg, 1 tsp. vanilla extract

### **Directions:**

1. Mix flour, ginger, cinnamon, baking soda, nutmeg and salt in large bowl. Beat butter and brown sugar in another large bowl with electric mixer on medium speed until light and fluffy. Add molasses, egg and vanilla; beat well. Gradually beat in flour mixture on low speed until well mixed. Press dough into a thick flat disk. Wrap in plastic wrap. Refrigerate 4 hours or overnight.
2. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Roll out dough to 1/4-inch thickness on lightly floured work surface. Cut into gingerbread men shapes with 5-inch cookie cutter. Place 1 inch apart on ungreased baking sheets.
3. Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until edges of cookies are set and just begin to brown. Cool on baking sheets 1 to 2 minutes. Remove to wire racks; cool completely. Decorate cooled cookies as desired. Store cookies in airtight container up to 5 days.

