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Library Lines

The New Normal

This month in the library will be very similar to October, with the same hours and procedures. You can **come into the library** to check out books and use computers as long as you wear a face mask, use hand sanitizer at the door, and maintain social distancing as much as possible. We're also continuing to offer **curbside pickup** for your convenience. To use this service, you can put items on hold in the library, over the phone (610-432-4339), or on the My Account tab of our website (www.whitehallpl.org). When anything comes in for you, we'll call you to ask if you want to come into the library to pick them up or if you want to schedule a day to pick them up at our side door.

Our **hours** are Monday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., and Friday from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. During this time, you can either come into the library or stop by for curbside pickup. On Saturday, we offer curbside pickup only from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., and we're closed on Sunday.

All **item returns** go into the two yellow bins in our parking lot. (The one on the left is for books, and the one on the right is for other materials.) You'll still see them on your account for a few days since we put all items into quarantine, but when we check them in, it shows what day you returned them, so you won't be charged for the quarantine time. The return bins are open 24/7, so you can stop by any time.

You can bring any **donations** to our side door whenever the library is open. If you donate books, you can bring up to three bags or boxes at a time as long as they're in good condition. We can't take magazines, textbooks, encyclopedias, or VHS or cassette tapes. If you'd like to donate items to the library, we have a **wish list** of things that we need right now. Like many places, we need new disposable masks, disinfecting wipes, and hand sanitizer. We can also use copier paper (white or colored 8.5"x11"), bird seed, resealable plastic bags (any size, especially qt., 1 gal., & 2 gal.), and gift cards (for any store, especially Walmart, Giant, & Redner's). You can donate toys for our annual **Toys for Tots** collection from Mon., November 2 - Tues., December 15. (See pg. 4 for more information.)

The library is holding two **fundraisers** this month in addition to our ongoing book sale. We're also selling brown bags full of related books, and we're planning a basket raffle. (More fundraiser information on pg. 2.)

We want to offer as many **programs and events** as we can for our patrons. For the rest of the year, all of these will be online. You'll have Fri., November 13 to watch **An October Evening of Tales** with Charles Kiernan (see pg. 2). You can also watch some archived programs for kids on our website. Our pages for kids, teens, and adults all have activities that you can do from home, and we're always add-

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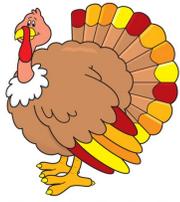
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The library will be **closed all day** on Thurs., **November 26** for **Thanksgiving**. The drop boxes will remain open, and you can still use our online resources.



November is **National Novel Writing Month**, or NaNoWriMo. This is the month when people all around the world challenge themselves to write a novel within a single month. Have you had an idea for a story you want to write but haven't gotten the motivation yet? This is a good time to start working. You don't even have to write a whole novel; you could write a short story, children's book, or anything you want! Set your own writing goals and visit **nanowrimo.org** to check out a supportive community!



Database Spotlight: Brainfuse HelpNow



In this hectic school year, it's easy to get overwhelmed. You might not have the same easy access to teachers as you did before, so you might not get the same amount of personal help. We have a database that can help with that!

Visit the Research & Learn section of our website (www.whitehallpl.org) and go to **Brainfuse HelpNow**. Here, you can **connect with a live tutor** and build your skills!

Library Fundraisers

Want to support the library? We're planning two fundraisers that you might enjoy:

- ◆ Since we can't have our usual **Fall Book Sale**, we're selling brown bags full of new or gently-used books for \$5.00 per bag. The exact books will be a surprise, but each bag has a card on it giving the theme of the bag (like James Patterson, Civil War, or cooking).
- ◆ Keep an eye out for our upcoming **Basket Raffles**. We want to hold one at the end of November and another at the end of December (more details to follow).

Autumn Stories

Storytelling

Autumn is a special time for storytelling. For storyteller **Charles Kiernan**, it's the time of year for those stories about the uncanny. He's collected tales that address the unexpected, the unusual, and the unheard of; stories that make us uneasy. If you'd like to get in the spirit of the season and watch his spooky stories, visit our homepage (www.whitehallpl.org) any time from **Mon., October 19 – Fri., November 13, 2020** to see **An October Evening of Tales**. Then let us know in person or on social media if you watched the video and want more content like this in the future.



The Storyteller

Charles Kiernan, now retired from gainful employment, performs at theaters, listening clubs, schools, libraries, and arts festivals. He is also president of the Lehigh Valley Storytelling Guild, Pennsylvania State Representative for the National Youth Storytelling Showcase, Pennsylvania State Liaison for the National Storytelling Network and recipient of the 2008 Individual Artist Award from the Bethlehem Fine Arts Commission.

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ing to these pages.

We offer a lot of **online resources**, which are especially helpful now if you work from home or have online classes. The Research & Learn page of our website has links to a variety of resources. Our databases include Overdrive (eBooks & eAudiobooks), RBDigital Magazines (eMagazines), Rosetta Stone (language learning), Heritage Quest (genealogy), and more! Two of our databases (Ancestry and ABCMouse) can only be accessed from inside the library, but you can use any of the others from home with a valid library card number and PIN. We highlight one of our databases every month in this newsletter. See this month's database spotlight on pg. 2.

Book Nook: World Vegan Month

Veganism is the next step after being a vegetarian. Vegans no longer eat any animal products such as eggs and dairy (animal-produced cheese, butter, and milk). Indian, Asian, and Mexican cuisines are well-known for many vegan recipes. There are also many cookbooks and websites that appeal to the American palate. My husband and I became vegans in January, and I admit, we go off the wagon for cheese pizza occasionally.

It's been a challenge learning to cook without dairy products but also interesting how foods can be put together in other ways. But many of my go-to recipes like spaghetti with marinara sauce remain the same. I borrowed many vegan cookbooks from this and other libraries and photocopied recipes to put together my own cookbook. I do a lot of recipe searches online and hunt grocery stores for unfamiliar items like vital wheat flour and nutritional yeast. Then I have to decide if it's worth the investment when I see the prices on some of these items. Many stores now have a special section for vegetarian/organic shoppers, but you can often find similar items in the regular sections that cost less. There are many pre-packaged vegan foods available, especially in the frozen food section. Some are meant to taste like meat and make adequate substitutes. However, I am a purist and don't see the sense in eating a meat-flavored product, so I will not be serving tofurkey this Thanksgiving.

I discovered the Indian Bazaar on Grape Street and the Far East Oriental Market on Park Street that sell a nice variety of Indian and Asian spices, condiments, and foods. I look forward to browsing the Aashirwad Market near Walmart that will be opening soon.

You can find vegan cookbooks in 641.5636, Indian cookbooks in 641.5954, Asian around 641.5951, and Mexican is 641.5972. If you were wondering, the next steps after veganism are fruitarianism and raw diet (641.5637).

~ Chris Andrews



This year, **Daylight Savings** is on Sunday, **November 1**, so on that day, we'll **fall back** from 2 a.m. to 1 a.m.



November is **Native American Heritage Month!**

This is a great time to check out some **biographies** of Native Americans to learn more about them. We learned names like Squanto, Pocahontas, and Sacagawea in school, but there's always more to learn about them and other important historical figures.

You can also try some books by **Native American authors** like Louise Erdich, Sherman Alexie, or Joy Harjo.

To read books about **Native American history**, visit our nonfiction area with the call numbers 970.004 & 970.1.





This year, **Election Day** is on Tues., **November 3, 2020**. Remember to get out and vote to make your voice heard!

Do you want to **learn more about the candidates** running in all the races? Usually the **League of Women Voters** sends paper voters guides to us and other public locations. This year, they made the full guide available on the Morning Call website. (You can visit the library if you want help accessing it or if you'd like to print a copy.)

For a personal guide, visit **vote411.org** and enter your address. Click on "Explore Now" in the "Find What's on Your Ballot" section. This gives you a list of races in your area, the people running, and candidates' responses to the LWV questions.

Toys for Tots



Our library will accept Toys for Tots donations from Mon., **November 2** – Tues., **December 15, 2020**. Thank you to anyone who's donated in the past or will donate for this holiday season.

What You Can Donate

Toys: Please donate new, unopened toys. Toys for Tots will not distribute any gifts that look like realistic weapons or anything with food.

Money: If you want to donate money, see their website (www.toysfortots.org) for more information. To donate to our area specifically, click on "Find Your Local Campaign", select "Pennsylvania", and select "Lehigh North". This is the campaign that is based in Allentown and includes both Lehigh and Northampton County, and you can click on the "Donate Local" button on this page.

When You Can Donate

You can come into the library to drop off your donations Monday & Wednesday from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Tuesday & Thursday from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m., and Friday from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

About Toys for Tots

The Marine Toys for Tots collects toys and distributes them to less fortunate children to bring joy and hope at Christmas time. Toys for Tots began in 1947 when a group of Marine Reservists ran a toy drive. The Marine Corps adopted the program the next year and expanded it to become a nationwide program, and it's been going strong ever since. Last year, the Allentown campaign alone reached 21,449 children and distributed 91,208 gifts!

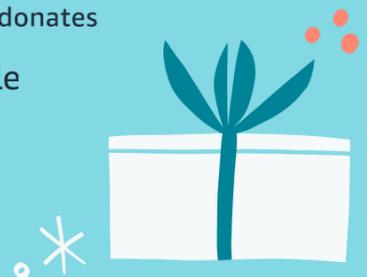
Holiday Shopping

Do you shop online at Amazon? If so, you can generate donations to a charity of your choice every time you shop, and our library is one of the charities on their list! All you have to do is sign up for **Amazon Smile** and choose us as your charity, and we get a percentage of your total purchase whenever you buy anything. You can find the link to our page on Amazon Smile through the Support Us page on our website, or you can type it in to go there directly (smile.amazon.com/ch/23-1652607).

Help bring joy this season

Buy your gifts at smile.amazon.com or with AmazonSmile ON in the app and Amazon donates

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Thanksgiving Fun

Spot the Difference

Can you find the 10 differences between these two pictures? Answers are on page 8.



Cornucopia Coloring Page



Thanksgiving Word Find

S	U	G	M	C	O	R	N	B	R	E	A	D	U	K
E	Q	R	P	A	R	A	D	E	L	L	P	A	R	A
P	G	A	I	R	Y	A	D	I	L	O	H	U	S	N
A	N	V	L	T	U	F	N	F	O	O	T	E	T	O
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You might find these words and phrases in the word find in any direction, backwards or forwards:

- ◆ APPLE PIE
- ◆ CORNBREAD
- ◆ CRANBERRY
- ◆ FAMILY
- ◆ FOOTBALL
- ◆ GRAVY
- ◆ HOLIDAY
- ◆ MACYS
- ◆ MAYFLOWER
- ◆ NOVEMBER
- ◆ PARADE
- ◆ PLYMOUTH
- ◆ PILGRIM
- ◆ PUMPKIN
- ◆ SEPARATISTS
- ◆ SQUANTO
- ◆ SQUASH
- ◆ THANKSGIVING
- ◆ THURSDAY
- ◆ TURKEY
- ◆ WILLIAM BRADFORD
- ◆ WISHBONE

Recipe: Ice Cream Cornucopia

Want a sweet treat for Thanksgiving? Try making this fun food craft by yourself or with your family!

Ingredients

- ◆ Ice cream cones
- ◆ A glass of warm water
- ◆ Bite-sized candy pieces

Directions

1. Dip the pointed end of an ice cream cone into your water for 20 seconds then microwave it for 20 seconds. Wrap the wet end around something cylindrical, like the handle of a stirring spoon.
2. After you've curled up the tip, set aside the cone and repeat with the others.
3. Let the cones sit until they're dry (about 20 minutes).
4. Fill the cones with your candy of choice. If you want to easily transport them, you can always wrap the wide end with clear plastic wrap and tie it off with some ribbon.



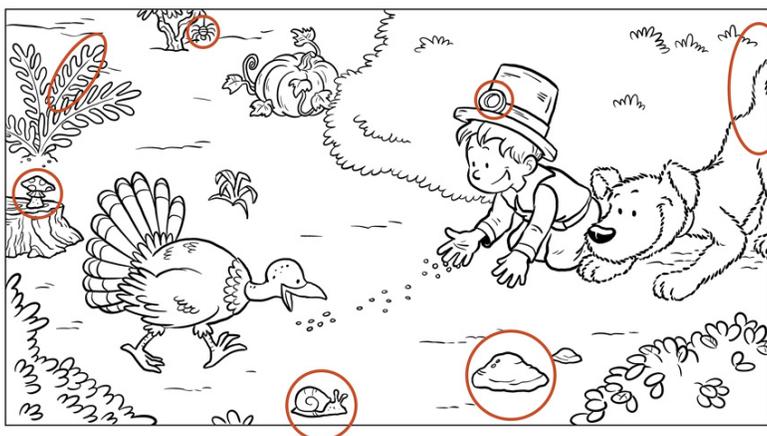
Thanksgiving Parade Scavenger Hunt (with Optional Bingo)

This Thanksgiving, Macy's will still hold its annual parade, though you'll only be able to watch it on TV, not in person. It starts at 9 a.m. on Thurs., **November 26**, and you can see balloons, floats, and more - some old and some new. As you're watching, here's a list of **people and things you can search for** during the parade or commercials. You can even put some into different arrangements on **Bingo** cards and play against your family! If you want more parade fun, Macy's also has some parade-related activities and STEM videos on their website (www.macys.com/social/parade),

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|------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| ◆ Acorn | uniform | with virtual | ◆ Football | ◆ Reindeer |
| ◆ Apple | ◆ Chocolate | gathering | ◆ Gingerbread | ◆ Rocking horse |
| ◆ Baby | ◆ Clown with | ◆ Cookie | ◆ Native | (or other |
| ◆ Bear | blue hair | ◆ Corn | American | animal) |
| ◆ Cat | ◆ Commercial | ◆ Cornucopia | ◆ Nutcracker | ◆ Safari animal |
| ◆ Character from | with Christmas | ◆ Cupcakes | ◆ Ornaments | ◆ Santa Claus |
| a book | song | ◆ Dinosaur | ◆ Peanuts | ◆ Snowman |
| ◆ Character from | ◆ Commercial | ◆ Dog | character | ◆ Something |
| TV or movies | with holiday | ◆ Elderly couple | ◆ Pie | patriotic be- |
| ◆ Cheerleader | dinner | ◆ Elf | ◆ Pilgrim | sides a flag |
| with green in | ◆ Commercial | ◆ Famous actor | ◆ Pumpkin | ◆ Turkey |

Spot the Difference Answers

These are the answers to the puzzle on page 5.



Pony Bead Indian Corn

Supplies

- ◆ Pony beads (large plastic beads) in red, yellow, orange, and white
- ◆ 4 tan pipe cleaners (per piece of corn)



Directions

1. Take 2 pipe cleaners. Wrap one around the other so they form an X.
2. Take the other 2 pipe cleaners and wrap them in the same way so they're all joined in the middle in an asterisk shape.
3. Thread the beads on the pipe cleaners most of the way up. (Try to place the colors randomly, not in a pattern.)
4. Fold the pipe cleaners together so the ends meet.
5. Wrap the end of one pipe cleaner around the others. (Secure with an extra pipe cleaner if necessary.)