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Whitehall Township Public Library **Library Lines**

The New Normal

Welcome to the new year!

The **library is still open** for you to come in on Monday and Wednesday from 9 am - 3 pm, Tuesday and Thursday from 9 am - 6 pm, and Friday from 9 am - 1 pm. We're open for **curbside pickup** only on Saturday from 9 am - 1 pm, though you can also get curbside pickup any time we're open (see pg. 2 for holiday hours).

We're still working to **keep you safe** by putting all item returns in quarantine for several days. That means you'll see them on your account for that time, but we won't charge you overdue fines for that period. We also ask that everyone who comes into the library wears a proper face covering, uses hand sanitizer at the door, and maintains social distancing as much as possible.

If you're getting ready for the new year, you can pick up one (or more) of our **2021 Magnet Calendars** while supplies last. Another way to support the library this season is this month's **Basket Raffle**, which runs from January 11-22 (see pg. 3). You can support the library every time you use Amazon by shopping through **Amazon Smile** and selecting our library as your charity of choice for them to donate a percentage of your purchase to us (see pg. 2).

We can't hold any in-person events, but the **Programs & Events** section of our website (www.whitehallpl.org) has pages for Kids, Teens, and Adults. These pages all have a selection of virtual activities for you to enjoy. The Kids page even has some recordings of virtual story times and programs.

You can find other online resources on our **Research & Learn** page. Some of the databases we offer include Heritage Quest (genealogy), Overdrive (eBooks), Law Depot (legal forms & resources), and Rosetta Stone (language learning).

We hope we'll see you around either virtually or in person and that 2021 will be everything you hope it will be.

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Winter Reading Program

Our **2021 Adult Winter Reading Program** will run from Mon., January 11 to Sat., March 6. It's open to anyone 18 years or older. You can register or log in from the Reading Programs page of our website (www.whitehallpl.org). If you had an account during the 2020 Summer Reading Program, you can use that login information to get into the site, though you'll still have to sign up for the program. If you don't want to log your books online, you can also register and log books by paper at any time during the program.



Whitehall Township



Public Library



Happy New Year!

The library will be open from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. on **December 31, 2020** and then be closed all day on **January 1 & 2, 2021.**

“January is here,
With eyes that
keenly glow—
A frost-mailed
warrior striding
A shadowy steed of
snow.”

—Edgar Fawcett

This year, **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day** is on Mon., **January 18**. You can find books about him in our adult & juvenile biography sections. You can also find books about the Civil Rights Movement under 323.1 in our nonfiction sections.

What Should You Read Next?

You might have spent this year doing a lot of reading. If you’ve gone through all of your favorite authors or just want to try something new, you might be looking for suggestions. That’s why this month’s **database spotlight** is on **NoveList Plus** - a service that provides a number of reader resources including customized book recommendations.

**How to Get There**

Start at our website (www.whitehallpl.org), and click on the **Research & Learn** tab. NoveList Plus is in our database list. You can access it anywhere with Internet access, but if you’re outside the library, you’ll need a valid library card number and PIN to sign in.

Recommended Reading Lists

You can find these on the left side of the page when you first arrive. There are lists for all ages in a variety of genres and other categories. Each category has lists in several sub-categories so you can find exactly what you’re looking for. For example, under the Adult Mysteries, you can find lists like Christian Mysteries, Classic Mysteries, and Getting Cozy. You can even print, e-mail, or save these lists.

Searching

Near the top of the NoveList homepage, there’s a bar where you can search for basic phrases or do an advanced search with extra filters. Here, you can narrow down searches by reading level, length of book, author’s nationality, and more.

Browsing

There’s a tab on the top menu with different browsing options. You can browse for genres, themes, award winners, audiobooks, or appeal. The “appeal” option lets you create a specific custom mix of aspects of the book like the pace, tone, and types of characters.

Other NoveList Features

If you explore the site, you can find other features like book articles and author read-alikes so you can find books similar to ones you already like.

Winter Wonder

Do you want a winter surprise? In the front of our library, we have a collection of **brown paper bags** full of surprise books for sale. Each bag is \$5 and is labeled with the theme of the books inside (for example: cooking, mystery, or James Patterson). We hope you find a new winter wonder inside!

**Free Books**

Check our free book carts! We have some inside the library and one outside with a rotating selection. You can ask about or access any of these things during our current business hours, though we sometimes pull in the outside free book cart depending on the weather.



Basket Raffle



Good news!

You have one more chance to win prizes during our **Winter Basket Raffle!** We broke it up into three small raffles this year, with different baskets each month. The last one will run **January 11-22, 2021**. We'll draw our winners the next day and call them to let them know. If you win, you'll have a week to pick up your baskets.

Tickets

Our prices have stayed the same, and you can buy a sheet of **25 tickets for \$5**, or you can buy **5 sheets for \$20**. That's 125 tickets, and that's a bargain! If you bought raffle tickets in November or December and have any left over, this will be your last chance to use them.



Book Nook: National Slow Cooking Month & National Soup Month

As we begin this new decade, 2021 has been designated as International Year of Peace and Trust, International Year of Creative Economy for Sustainable Development, and International Year of Fruits and Vegetables. However, when I think of January, the word "nesting" comes to mind, and comfort foods like stews and soups are my favorites on a cold winter's day. So I decided to feature both this month.

A nice big pot of homemade goodness lasts a few meals, leaving time for other fun things. Believe it or not, there is a special Dewey number for **slow cookers**, and that begins **641.588** in both the regular and Oversize areas. If you prefer a low-calorie (641.512) or vegan (641.5636) diet, there are slow cooker cookbooks in those sections, too. Almost all of these cookbooks are written for Instant Pots and other multi-cookers. **Soups** also have a specific Dewey section: **641.813**. We have many cookbooks in both sections, so check some out.

Don't forget to look in our **Overdrive** database (<https://cldl.overdrive.com>) as another place to find cookbooks. If you want to have some fun – maybe make a family game out of it – our library subscribes to **AtoZ Food America** and **AtoZ World Food**, both available on the Research & Learn page of our website (www.whitehallpl.org). Let each family member pick a state or country and make a recipe from that place. Maybe you'll find some new recipes your family will love. Mmm, good!



Our home page (www.whitehall.org) has a link to a **Winter Story Time** that our **Teen Advisory Board** recorded for our younger patrons. Of course, patrons of all ages are invited to watch and enjoy to get in the spirit of the season!



Did You Know?

Traditional **New Year's** foods in the **Southern US** are ham and pork (for prosperity), cornbread (for gold), and black-eyed peas and collard greens (for wealth, since they look like coins and green paper money, respectively).

Traditional foods from **other countries** include marzipanschwein (or marzipan pigs) (Germany), soba noodles (Japan), tamales (Mexico), pickled herring (Poland and Scandinavia), 12 grapes (Spain), and king cake (around the world).

~ Chris Andrews

Winter Fun



Winter Humor



Q. What do mountains put on to stay warm?

A. Their snowcaps

Q. What is it called when a snowman throws a tantrum?

A. A meltdown

Q. What's the best cereal to eat in the winter?

A. Frosted Flakes

Q. What does Jack Frost say when he leaves?

A. "Have an ice day!"

Q. What's a snowman's favorite drink?

A. Iced tea

Q. What does a gingerbread man put on his bed?

A. A cookie sheet

Q. Where do snowmen dance?

A. A snow ball

Winter Craft: Fluffy Penguin

Materials: cotton balls; 1 sheet each of white, black, and orange paper; scissors; glue; buttons (or two circles of black paper)

Directions: Cut the penguin body shape out of white paper. Cut one small half circle out of black paper for the head part and two larger half circles for the wings. Glue these to the back, sticking out so you can see them. Cut the beak and legs out of orange paper. Apply a generous amount of glue to the white penguin shape. Stick on cotton balls until all the white part is covered in fluffiness. Let it dry for a while. Glue on the beak and feet and use the buttons for eyes.

