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Whitehall Township Public Library Library Lines

The New Normal

Last month, we had a lot of bad weather that led to a few closures and shortened hours. Just in case the snow continues into March, you might want to know about our weather policies. Decisions about closing the library for **inclement weather** don't necessarily follow the Whitehall-Coplay School District's direction. Library closings will be published on WFMZ-TV (Channel 69) and their online Storm Center. If the library is closed or closes early due to any emergency situation, then materials due on the date(s) the library is closed will be due the next day that we're open. Our parking lot book drop boxes are always available for returns 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If you've scheduled a curbside pickup, you can call us at 610-432-4339 to reschedule (whether we're closed or not).



Except in the case of emergency closures, the **library is open** on 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. We offer curbside pickup only on Saturday from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. During our Monday - Friday hours, though, you can either schedule a curbside pickup or come into the library to browse our shelves or use our computers or copier. For the safety of our staff and patrons, we ask that everyone who comes into the library wears a face covering over the nose and mouth, uses hand sanitizer at the door, and socially distances as much as possible.

Whether we're open or not, you can still access most of our **databases** from home. Two can only be accessed from home (Ancestry and ABCMouse), but you can use the rest anywhere that you have Internet access by logging in with your library card and PIN. If you go to the Research & Learn section of our website (www.whitehallpl.org), you can find databases about genealogy, education, cooking, language-learning, and more! You can even check out **eBooks** and **eMagazines** through our OverDrive database. (Our eMagazines used to be in a database called RBDigital, but you'll only be able to access that site through the end of this month. Then the transfer to OverDrive will be complete.)

We're still limiting our **programs and events**, but we still have some to offer. Our only in-person event this month is a basket raffle (see pg. 2). We're also wrapping up our Adult Winter Reading Program (pg. 2) and holding an ongoing virtual story time for younger patrons (pg. 3). If you want to check out our archive of past programs or some at-home activities on our website. Under the Programs & Events section of the menu, you can find pages for Kids, Teens, and Adults.

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This year, **Daylight Savings** is on Sun., **March 14**. That means that 2 a.m., we'll spring forward and turn the clocks to 3 a.m.



Members of our **Teen Advisory Board** recorded a new **story time** for our younger patrons. You can find it on our homepage or on our Kids page (under Programs & Events). Other archived programs are there, too, including one past TAB story time. See pg. 3 for information about our weekly virtual story time and craft.

Database Spotlight: *The Morning Call*

The Morning Call has been a major area newspaper for a long time. We subscribe to the physical copy, which you can read inside our library. We also have access to an online version, which you can access from our website. If you go to our site (www.whitehallpl.org) and click on "Research & Learn", you can find it listed with our other databases.

In this database, you can browse recent issues, or you can **search** for names, events, topics, or other keywords. You can do an advanced search to refine your results. Here, you can limit the results by date, word count, and other factors.

All of the **databases on our website** can be accessed from our library computers. You can also access most, including *The Morning Call* from other locations as long as you have Internet access and a working library card number and PIN. Talk to one of our staff members at the front desk or over the phone (610-432-4339) to find out how to register for a library card or if you need to reset your PIN.



Winter Reading

Our **Adult Winter Reading** program "There's Snow Better Time to Read" ends on Saturday, **March 6**. Make sure you return your logs by then, either on paper or online if you want to participate.

You can **register** and get a paper **log** at our front desk, or you can take the online option if you go to our website (www.whitehallpl.org) and go to the Reading Programs page under Programs & Events.

You can also return the optional **reading challenge** by March 6 if you want some extra fun.



March Basket Raffle



This month, the library will hold another basket raffle fundraiser. This one will go from **Monday, March 8 – Friday, March 19**, and we'll call the winners on Friday or Saturday.

Ticket prices are the same as before. 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!

As with our past raffles, you'll be able to find baskets with a variety of **themes** like cooking or kids' items. Of course, this being a library, you can expect to find some books, too!

Virtual Story Times

We have a weekly interactive **Zoom story time** that will at least run through Tuesday, March 30. (At that time, we'll decide whether or not we should continue.) All are welcome to attend, though the stories will be geared towards toddlers – 2nd graders.

Contact Lorraine Santaliz at santaliz.l@whitehallpl.org if you'd like to receive the **Zoom links**. These will be available every Thursday (i.e. 01/14/21) for the following Tuesday's story time.



At that time, we'll also post a link to the **weekly craft** with instructions and/or a template. We can't offer supplies for the story times due to budget cuts caused by the COVID pandemic. Here are some of the items you might need for crafts: colored construction paper, blunt-tip scissors, glue sticks, a ruler, white basket coffee filters, toilet paper rolls, cotton balls, paper plates, yarn, stickers, and anything else to add finishing touches to your child's art work.

We post past story times and other activities on our website (www.whitehallpl.org). You can check them out by going to the Kids page under Programs & Events.

We want to keep the wonderful world of songs and stories open to our patrons, and we look forward to seeing past story-timers as well as new ones!

Book Nook: Them and Us

How would you like to live in a world where there are just Them and Us? Us slightly outnumbers Them, but, historically or culturally, Them has controlled almost everything about Us: Where Us can go. Where Us can be seated. If Us can marry, to whom, and when. If Us can raise their children. If Us can go to school. If Us can own property. If Us can drive a car. If Us can vote. If Us can work, what type of jobs Us can have, and how much Us is paid. If Us can buy things. What Us wears, including if the face or hair can be seen or not. If there is health care specific to Us. Even worse, Us can be beaten, maimed and killed by Them without legal recourse. Do you know who Us is?

Why has Us allowed this to happen? The main reason is that Them do not bear children, whereas Us is incapacitated during gestation and then births dependent offspring requiring extensive care for a long time. Us needs Them for protection and security, so Us has ceded some rights in exchange so Them will be involved in the care period while enjoying the privileges in the above paragraph. Us is women, and this is called sexism. Granted, there were and are cultures and religions that treat women well, but they are the exceptions. Americans like to think that we set high standards for fairness and equality, but when it comes to us, it is a sad story. The 15th Amendment was passed in 1870, the 19th Amendment in 1920 – 50 years later – look it up. Today, in the 21st century, American women earn 20% less than a man doing the same job. Here are some of my pet peeves: if a man buys a suit, the tailoring is free; if a woman buys a suit, it's assumed she knows how to sew, so there's an extra fee for tailoring. Plus, ladies' trousers seldom have pockets! March is National Women's History Month. Shouldn't that be "her-story"? Dewey number 305.4 is a good place to start, plus our biography sections. Many thanks to all the brave women who got us to this point today. Unfortunately, there is always more to be done. One more thing: call your mother and say, "Thanks."

~ Chris Andrews

MARCH FUN

March Holiday Word Find

Look for the following words that may be hidden forwards or backwards, either vertically, horizontally, or diagonally:

- DR. SEUSS DAY
- EARTH HOUR
- EXODUS
- HOLI
- HOSANNA
- LENT
- PALM SUNDAY
- PASSOVER
- PI DAY
- POT OF GOLD
- RAINBOW
- SEDER
- SHAMROCK
- SPRING EQUINOX
- ST. PATRICK'S DAY
- WOMEN'S HISTORY
- WORLD POETRY DAY
- WORLD WILDLIFE DAY

S	A	S	K	H	O	U	R	L	S	R	Y	A	D	I	P
P	T	A	B	C	D	C	U	N	E	F	Q	G	R	L	Y
R	O	P	O	T	O	F	G	O	L	D	U	E	S	O	A
I	E	L	A	N	H	R	A	I	N	B	O	W	E	H	D
N	R	K	I	T	L	I	M	E	L	D	E	N	U	M	Y
G	S	E	D	E	R	L	T	A	N	E	T	M	S	U	R
E	C	O	V	P	Q	I	O	H	H	R	N	U	S	V	T
Q	H	E	B	O	U	Y	C	S	Y	S	A	T	D	P	E
U	B	X	D	W	S	T	G	K	A	W	I	R	A	S	O
I	W	O	M	E	N	S	H	I	S	T	O	R	Y	A	P
N	T	D	I	R	K	E	A	E	W	D	P	G	T	N	D
O	C	U	N	A	S	F	L	P	O	M	A	R	S	N	L
X	L	S	P	A	L	M	S	U	N	D	A	Y	H	A	R
W	O	R	L	D	E	X	I	T	S	P	O	E	T	S	O
Y	A	D	E	F	I	L	D	L	I	W	D	L	R	O	W
E	V	U	E	A	R	T	H	H	O	U	R	X	A	H	R

St. Patrick's Day Coloring Page



Spring Sudoku

U			D	O				L
		D					W	
B		L	F			D	R	
L							D	
	R						B	
	B				R			E
	L	B			U	W		R
	O					E		
E				R	L			U

This game is similar to Sudoku, except instead of numbers, you're looking for letters - in this case:

FLOWERBUD.

You will find all of these letters in some order inside each miniature 9x9 grid, plus going horizontally across the larger grid and going vertically along the diagonal grid. Answers are below.



Flowers Letter Elimination Grid

As you solve the clues below, cross out the letters from the answers in the grid. When you've solved the clues correctly, you'll use each of the letters once, and they'll all be gone.

1. The colorful part of the flower
2. The long, thin stalk of the flower
3. A bright yellow spring flower
4. Insects that pollinate flowers
5. We plant one to make a flower grow

E	F	E	P	O
D	S	A	E	T
L	B	E	I	D
L	T	F	B	A
B	M	U	L	S

Spring Sudoku Answers

U	W	R	D	O	B	F	E	L
O	F	D	R	L	E	U	W	B
B	E	L	F	U	W	D	R	O
L	U	E	B	F	O	R	D	W
W	R	O	U	E	D	L	B	F
D	B	F	L	W	R	O	U	E
F	L	B	E	D	U	W	O	R
R	O	U	W	B	F	E	L	D
E	D	W	O	R	L	B	F	U



Flower Answers

1. PETAL
2. STEM
3. DAFFODIL
4. BEES
5. BULB

March Humor

Q. What is a bow you can't untie?

A. A rainbow

Q. What flowers grow on faces?

A. Tulips (two lips)

Q. What did the tree say when spring came?

A. What a re-leaf!

Q. What do you call a rabbit with fleas?

A. Bugs Bunny

Q. What falls but never gets hurt?

A. The rain

Q. Why did the bird go to the hospital?

A. It needed tweetment

Q. What kind of socks does a gardener wear?

A. A garden hose

Q. When is it impossible to plant flowers?

A. When you haven't botany

Q. Why couldn't the flower ride its bike?

A. It lost its petals.

Q. How does a bee brush its hair?

A. With a honeycomb