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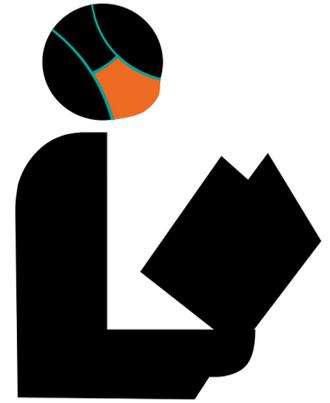
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Whitehall Township Public Library **Library Lines**

The New Normal

The Whitehall Township Public Library remains open to serve you however we can. The library is **open to the public** on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., and Fridays from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. During those times, you can come in to browse books and use our public computers and copy machine. We only ask that you wear a facial covering over your nose and mouth, use hand sanitizer at the door, and maintain social distancing as much as possible. You can also pick up books at our **curbside pickup** door during those times. We also provide curbside pickup on Saturdays from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., though you can't come into the library at that time.



You can access the **library's website** at any time, even when the library building is closed. On our website, you can visit our databases and other resources in the "**Research & Learn**" section or our digital library under "**Our Collections**". These collections gather digitized versions of books, photos, and other items, with one of our most popular collections being the Whitehall High School Yearbook.

In the "**My Account**" area, you can see what items you have out, request more items, and renew things that you already have checked out. If you want to see your checkout history, you have to activate that feature here, and the system will start recording your checkouts from that point forward. (The library staff can't see your checkout history, whether or not you activate it for yourself.) To use our databases or access your account, you'll need your library card number (the whole number below the barcode, with no spaces) and your PIN. If you don't remember your PIN, we can reset it for you.

If you go to "**Programs & Events**" on our site's menu, you can find information about ongoing and upcoming events. This is also where you can go to get at-home activities and archives of past virtual programs. May is the last month of our ongoing Virtual Story Time (see pg. 2), and in June we'll be starting our Summer Reading Program (pg. 3).

We appreciate everyone who's been supporting the library through patronage, donations, and more. We've had a good response to this year's fundraising letter, and if you want a copy, you can pick one up at our front desk. If you want to help us out through other donations, you can always bring items on our wishlist: disinfecting wipes, disposable masks, hand sanitizer, copier paper, bird seed, resealable plastic bags, stand-up sign holders, picture frames, gift cards. **Thank you, all!**

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Public Library



The library will be **closed all day** from Sat., **May 29** - Mon., **May 31** for **Memorial Day**.



Did You Know?

There are several other holidays in May besides Memorial Day. For instance, this year, May 9 is **Mother's Day** and May 16 is **Armed Forces Day**.

Every year, May 1 is **May Day**, which celebrates the start of spring and the blooming of flowers. In Hawaii, "May Day is Lei Day". **Lei Day** is also linked to flowers, since there are lei-making demonstrations and contests plus other games and music.



Database Spotlight: AtoZ Collections

Do you want to learn more about the world around you? We have a collection of databases that can help you discover more about the history, geography, and cultures all around you. To find them, you can go to the Research & Learn page on our website (www.whitehallpl.org) and scroll down to the AtoZ collections:

- * **AtoZ Food America:** With thousands of recipes, hundreds of fascinating culture and ingredient articles, and essential culinary resources, Food America brings United States cuisines to you!
- * **AtoZ Maps Online:** This is the world's largest database of royalty-free, downloadable maps for academic use.
- * **AtoZ the USA:** Library patrons and students will find unmatched coverage of the country's people, history, economy, geography, symbols, culture, and society.
- * **AtoZ the World:** Information about world history, cultures, languages, foods, religions, and much more is just a click away. With 175 Country Culture Guides covering over 60 topics each, this database offers a breadth and depth of content that is unmatched by any other single resource.
- * **AtoZ World Food:** This is the only food database that contains traditional recipes for 174 countries of the world in all course categories: appetizers, soups, salads, breads, main courses, side dishes, desserts, and beverages. Covering food culture for 174 countries of the world in six categories: National Cuisine, Regional Cuisine, Daily Meals, Dining Etiquette, Special Occasion Foods, and Food Trivia.



Virtual Story Time

We have a weekly interactive **Zoom story time** on Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. that will run through Tuesday, **May 25**. 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.

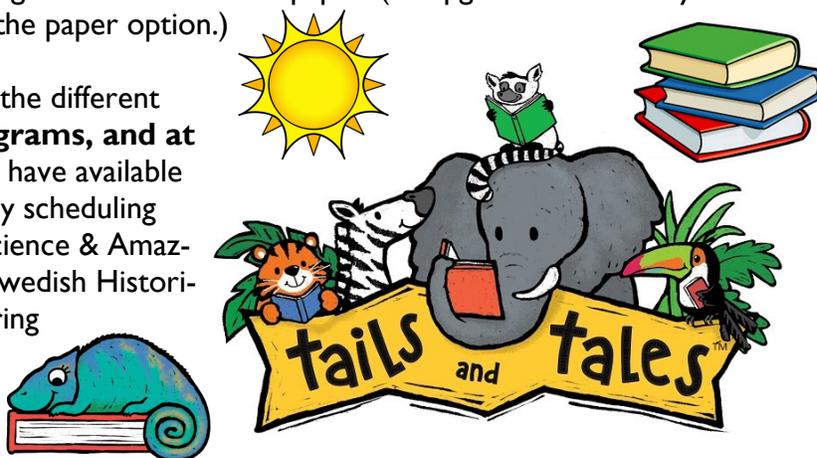
We want to keep the wonderful world of songs and stories open to our patrons, and we look forward to seeing past story-timers as well as new ones!



Summer Reading Program

The 2021 Summer Reading Program theme is “**Tails and Tales**”, and it’ll feature all kinds of animals with tails! The program will run from Mon., **June 7** at 9 a.m. through Sat., **August 14** at 1 p.m. You can register and log books online any time during that period, so watch our website for the registration link. Adults have the option to register and log books online or on paper. (See pg. 1 for the library’s open hours if you take the paper option.)

You can also watch for the different **contests, virtual programs, and at-home activities** we’ll have available for you. We’re currently scheduling programs with Super Science & Amazing Art, the American Swedish Historical Museum, and preparing other events of our own, so stay tuned!



Did You Know?

May is **National Bike Month**. Whether you ride to save on gas, get fit, or have fun, this is a great time of year to get outside. The League of American Bicyclists even has a webpage (lovetoride.net) where you can join the **2021 National Bike Challenge** and get entered in prize drawings.

Book Nook

The Whitehall Township Public Library has a very large adult mystery collection. There are several sub-genres of mysteries, such as Crime Fiction/Mystery, Cozy, Hardboiled P.I., Noir, and Paranormal. Crime fiction is when you know whodunit, and Mystery is when you don’t. An example of Crime Fiction would be Ian Rankin’s Inspector Rebus series. A Cozy features an amateur sleuth, usually a woman, and set in one locale. There are many examples by authors such as Agatha Christie, Joanne Fluke, Donna Andrews, and Alexander McCall Smith. Authors of Hardboiled P.I. would include Robert B. Parker, James Patterson, Marcia Muller, Sara Paretsky, and J.A. Jance to name a few. Some current examples of Noir are by Jo Nesbo, Steig Larsson, and Liza Marklund. Some Paranormal mystery authors are Lincoln Child with Douglas Preston, Charlaine Harris, Carolyn Hart, and Laurell K. Hamilton.

There are also many examples of cross-genre mysteries. Joanne Fluke’s *Hannah Swensen* and Susan Wittig Albert’s *China Bayles* series include food recipes. Sarah Strohmeyer’s *Bubbles Yablonsky* provides makeup recipes. Sally Goldenbaum’s *Seaside Knitters* includes knitting patterns. J.D. Robb’s *In Death* series begins in the late 2050s, so it’s a bit sci-fi.

These are just a few examples of the many, many mystery authors we have in our library, and not all of them have serial characters. We do put special mystery labels on the book spines to make them easy to spot. If you want to travel the United States and the world in a mystery, just do a combined subject search in our catalog using mystery as one subject and in the next subject box type whatever state or country you like.

Our library staff are avid readers so we would be happy to make recommendations. Or use our database reference *NoveList Plus*, to find book to suit your mood. If you go to this database, you can find recommended reading lists on the left side with different types of mysteries including “Locked Room Mysteries” and “Crafty Crimes”.



~ Chris Andrews



May the 4th is **Star Wars Day!** Here are some fun activities to help you celebrate!

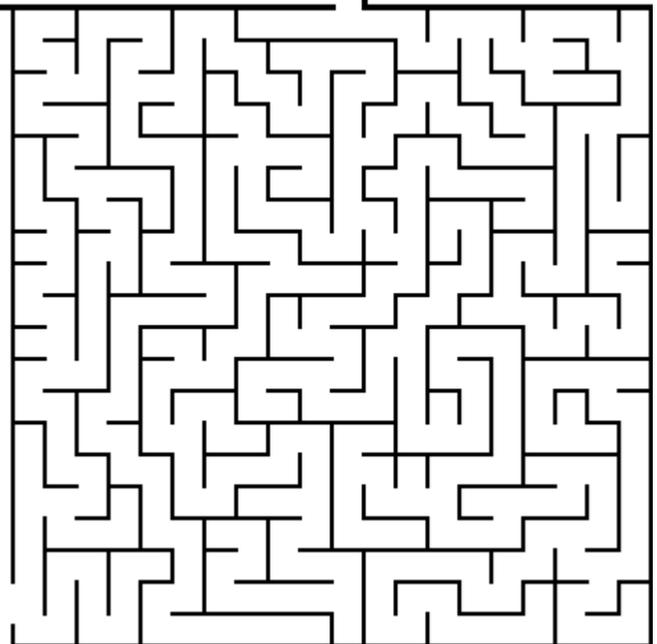
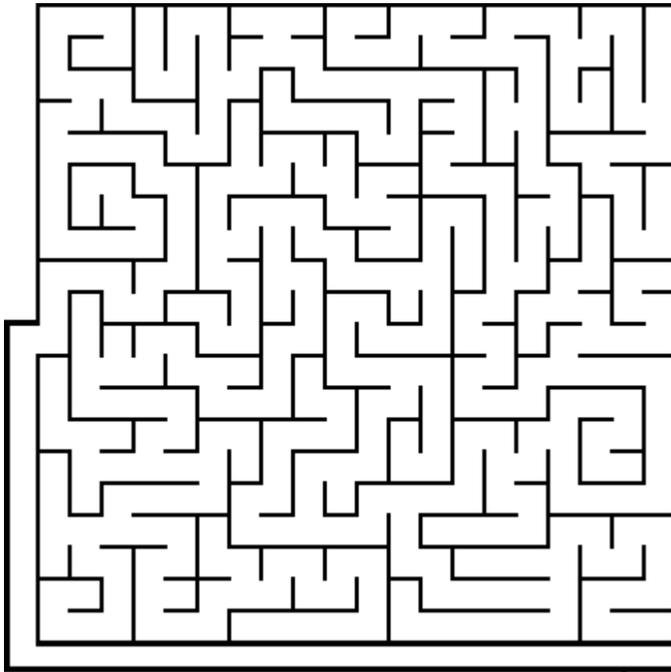
How to Draw Baby Yoda/Grogu

The character Grogu from *The Mandalorian*, also known as “Baby Yoda” by fans, is a favorite of many. Here’s a quick guide to help you draw him!



Help the Stormtrooper Find Darth Vader

One stormtrooper got separated from his squadron, and now he's looking for his commander. Help him find his way to Darth Vader, and color them both when you're done.



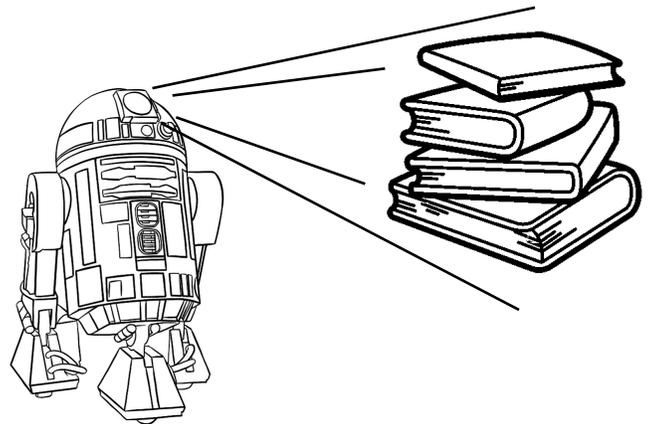
Hidden Messages

In the *Star Wars* universe, you'll often see signs and messages written in an alphabet called the Aurabesh, which you can see below. If you learn it, you can sometimes catch some fun Easter eggs. In the meantime, you can practice your skills by decoding our hidden message.

The Aurabesh

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H	I	J	K	Kh	L	M	N	Ng	O
herf	isk	jenth	krill	krenth	leth	mern	nern	nen	osk
Oo	P	Q	R	S	Sh	T	Th	U	V
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The Message



Jedi Search

Find the following Jedi from the *Star Wars* movies, shows, and books in the word search:

- * AHSOKA TANO
- * ANAKIN
- * BEN SOLO
- * JACEN
- * JAINA
- * KI-ADI-MUNDI
- * KIT FISTO
- * LEIA
- * LUKE SYWALKER
- * MACE WINDU
- * MARA JADE
- * OBI-WAN KENOBI
- * PLO KOON
- * QUI-GON JINN
- * REY
- * YODA

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R	O	L	A	B	M	R	H	A	N	S	I	T	D	K	T
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