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Whitehall Township Public Library **Library Lines**

This October, the library is getting ready for some fall holidays. First, we have the last couple days of **Banned Books Week** on October 1 & 2. Check out our display table to find out about books that are banned and challenged in the United States, including the Top 10 Banned Books of 2020.

Then we'll have some **Halloween** fun. Our Teen Advisory Board will walk in our Township's Fall Parade on Thursday, October 7. (See pg. 2 for more information.) They will also help us arrange a Halloween event on Saturday, October 30 (more details to come).

After that, we're looking ahead to **Thanksgiving**. On Wednesday, November 24, the library will only be open from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., and we'll be closed all day on Thursday, November 25.

Normally, the **library is open** six days a week. You can visit us from Monday - Thursday at 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. or Friday - Saturday at 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

You can visit our **website** (www.whitehallpl.org) at any time to access your account, learn more about us, download fun activities, use our databases, and more. Our database list (found under Research & Learn in the menu) has a variety of resources that offer eBooks and eMagazines, practice exams for adults and kids, genealogical research, and information in a variety of fields from cooking to geography. Our database spotlight (pg. 3) showcases NoveList this month, to help you get book recommendations.

Donations

We'd like to thank all of our generous patrons who want to help the library by donating money or items that we need.

Books and Media

We ask that you limit yourself to up to three bags or boxes at a time. (We prefer them to be in bags or boxes instead of loose for ease of storage.) We take books and most other media in good condition, except for magazines, textbooks, encyclopedias, and VHS or cassette tapes. Please bring any donations to our side door during business hours and ring the doorbell.

Other

We're currently accepting donations of large cans of disinfectant wipes, liquid hand sanitizer that can be used in spray bottles (70% alcohol or higher), and large bottles of gel-type hand sanitizer.

Thanks to everyone who contributes!



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Halloween Jokes

Q. How are skeletons so calm?

A. Nothing gets under their skin.

Q. Where do baby ghosts go during the day?

A. Day scare

Q. What do you call two witches sharing an apartment?

A. Broom-mates

Q. How do vampires get around?

A. On blood vessels

Q. Why didn't the zombie go to school?

A. He felt rotten.

Q. What's a skeleton's favorite instrument?

A. A sax-a-bone

Q. What do ghosts wear when they have bad eyesight?

A. Spooktacles

Q. Where do monsters buy cookies?

A. Ghoul Scouts

Q. How do you know vampires love baseball?

A. They turn into bats every night.

Fall Story Times

Starting September 28, we're opening up online registration for our Fall Story Times (see www.whitehallpl.org). You only need to register once per child for all dates in the session.



Preschool Story Time

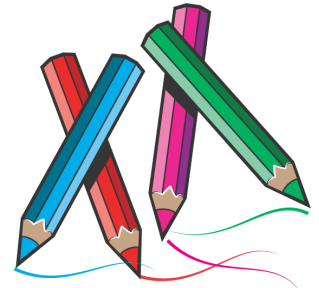
- This program is for children ages 37 months - 6 years old.
- It'll be a 7-week session on Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. from October 5 - November 16, 2021.
- Parents must stay with their children during story time.

Zoom Story Time

- This program is for all ages but is recommended for children 12 - 36 months old.
- It'll be a 5-week session on Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. from October 14 - November 11, 2021, held online through Zoom.

Adult Clubs

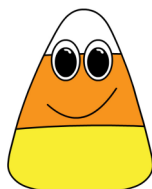
- **Coloring Club:** We have our coloring club on the first and third Thursday of every month from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. This month's clubs will be on October 7 & 21. Come in to enjoy this relaxing hobby while chatting together!
- **Book Talks:** Our book talks are on the first Thursday of every month from 1 - 2 p.m., with this month's club on October 7. Here, we talk about whatever we're reading right now or just finished. Whether you read fiction or non-fiction, short works or long, you're welcome to join the club!



Teen Advisory Board

Teenaged library-lovers might be interested in joining our Teen Advisory Board (TAB). It meets at 1:30 p.m. on the second Saturday of every month, with this month's meeting on October 9. (TAB members will also walk in the Whitehall Township Fall Parade before then on Thursday, October 7, starting at 7 p.m., which will have a Halloween theme.)

TAB helps plan and execute different events for the kids, like our upcoming Halloween event on Saturday, October 30 (details to be announced, but we will encourage kids to wear their costumes). It's a fun way to be involved in your community or to earn volunteer hours for programs that require them. E-mail Ms. Santaliz (santaliz.l@whitehallpl.org) for more information on TAB or the parade.

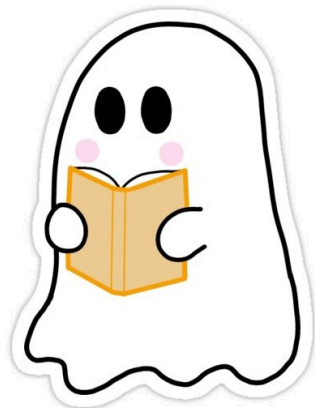


Database Spotlight: Use NoveList to find Spooky Reads!

Are you looking for your next book to read? Our databases, **NoveList Plus** and **NoveList K-8 Plus** are a great resource for you. NoveList contains a wide variety of books for all ages, and NoveList K-8 focuses on books for kids, but both offer you book recommendation based on your reading preferences. For instance, you can browse books by genre or themes. You can even create an appeal mix where you find books matching certain elements like pacing, tone, and character type.

One of the quickest ways to get recommendations on these sites is to browse the **reading lists** they have along the left side of the home page. These lists are arranged by category to help you easily find what you're looking for. Do you want spooky stories for **Halloween**? NoveList has a "Thrillers & Suspense" category with lists like "Supernatural Thrillers" and "Psychological Suspense". NoveList Plus has a "Horror" category with lists including "Monster Mayhem" and "Ghost Stories".

You can **find our databases** from our website (www.whitehallpl.org) on the Research & Learn page. You can access any of them from our library computers, and you can access most (including NoveList) from home with an active library card number and PIN. If you need to get a new library card, renew an expired card, or change your PIN, please see our front desk.



Book Nook: Squirrel Awareness and Appreciation Month

Anyone who has access to a back yard or a park knows that we share our outdoor space with squirrels.

They are **classified** as rodents for their continuously growing incisors, but so are many other animals, and together "rodents" comprise 40% of the mammal population! "Squirrels" are not just the bushy-tailed tree ones we see. Chipmunks, prairie dogs, and ground hogs are also known as ground squirrels. Squirrels live on every continent except Australia and Antarctica. The United States is home to 10 squirrel species, and the most common in Pennsylvania are the Eastern Gray Squirrel, the American Red Squirrel, and two species of Flying Squirrels. The average lifespan of a Gray Squirrel is about 6 - 12 years. For reasons unknown, Red Squirrel babies, or kits, have a high 80% mortality rate, and the survivors live 2 - 8 years. Much less is known about the lifespan of Flying Squirrels, but is believed to be about 4 years.

Many people consider squirrels as pests, but they are beneficial as well. They are omnivores, including in their **diet** insects like lanternflies, seeds and nuts like maples and acorns, and even garbage. Squirrels are "scatter-hoarders" and do "chunking", which means their stashes are widespread but organized by type of food. Surprisingly, squirrels do recover over 90% of what they bury.

Most **books** about squirrels are in Dewey sections starting at 599.36, but check our catalog. Of course, our children's section has the most, and also a lot of picture books with squirrels as the main character. One of my favorites is the *Scaredy Squirrel* series by Melanie Watt in the JE section.

Take time to observe the next squirrel you see; you'll probably be amused.



~ Chris Andrews

Autumn Cat Coloring Page

