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Whitehall Township Public Library **Library Lines**

Happy autumn!

The **library is open** Monday - Thursday from 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. and Friday - Saturday from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

We have limited hours around Thanksgiving, though. This year, the library will be **open from 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** on Wednesday, **November 24**, and it will be **closed all day** on Thursday, **November 25**.

You can access our **website** (www.whitehallpl.org) at any time, and as long as you have a valid library card, you can use your barcode and PIN to access your account or our databases. From your account, you can see what you have checked out, renew items, or place item request. Our databases, meanwhile, cover a variety of subjects from test practice to ancestry research. See pg. 2 for our newsletter's Database Spotlight, which features AtoZ Food America this month.

If you need to change your **password**, you can visit our front desk during our open hours. If you need to renew an **expired card**, you can do that in the library or over the phone (610-432-4339).

The library has **programs** for patrons of all ages. Younger patrons can enjoy our Fall Story Time (see below), adults can gather for a few different clubs (see pg. 2), and teens can join our Teen Advisory Board (TAB). TAB meets on the second Saturday of every month at 1:30 p.m.

Fall Story Time

We have a few weeks left in our Fall Story Time, and registration is open online (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.



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We have our **Adult Coloring Club** on the first and third Thursday of every month (this month November 4 & 18) from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Come in to enjoy this relaxing hobby while chatting together!

Our **Adult Book Talks** are on the first Thursday of every month from 1 - 2 p.m. (this month on November 4). 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!



The **Lehigh Valley Knitting Guild** meets twice a month to knit, crochet, and chat. They gather on the first and third Thursday of the month (this month on November 4 & 18) at 6 p.m.

Book Nook

Picture Book Month is an international event that makes us slow down and savor what we see in books.

The first thing that comes to my mind are **children's books**. Even if you don't have kids, wander into our juvenile area and treat yourself to some wonderful art. The best books are cataloged JE and are located mostly in the U-shaped shelving area, and several are on top for seasonal displays, available to borrow. There is a special annual award, the Caldecott, that is bestowed annually for the illustrations in a children's book. We place a special label on these award-winners, which looks like a red award prize. So look sharp for these spine labels. It is really fun to see all the styles and mediums used to represent a story for little ones who don't know how to read yet.

The second thing "picture books" evokes are **graphic novels**. The difference between a graphic novel and a comic book is that graphic novels are single stories, whereas comic books are periodicals that develop a story arc over several issues. Graphic novels have character and plot development; comic books usually focus on action. Yes, some graphic novels are serials, but the story is concluded within each book. If you are interested, graphic novels are sprinkled throughout the adult, young adult, and children's sections. Some are in fiction, in alphabetical order by author, for example, *Animal Farm* by George Orwell. However, you can find many graphic novels in the nonfiction Dewey number 741.5 in both adult and juvenile collections. Just be aware that this number also includes books ABOUT graphic novels and characters, but it should be easy to tell the difference. Another thing to keep in mind - Manga graphic novels originated in Japan, where they read from right to left, so those books begin at what we consider the back of a book.

Next, some books have words at all and let you observe and figure out the story for yourself. These are a little tricky to find, so use our catalog and do a subject search using "**stories without words**". Most of these will be in the juvenile collection, the best-known author being Anno. However, one of my favorites is *The Arrival* by Shaun Tan (Oversize 741.5 TANS). It's about a man who leaves his family for another country and encounters many strange things.

Lastly, we have a handful of books that use **rebuses** that combine pictures and letters. Most of them are Dora the Explorer books in our Juvenile Easy Reader section.

Take a few minutes to enjoy this month's topic and actually LOOK at a book.

~ Chris Andrews

Get Food for Your Thanksgiving Feast!

In this month's Database Spotlight, we'd like to point you to **AtoZ Food America**, which has plenty of recipes and food facts that can help you get ready for the holidays. If you go to the Research & Learn tab on our website (www.whitehallpl.org), you can find it on our alphabetical database list. You can use the search button in the top right-hand corner to simply search for "Thanksgiving" or for a specific food like cranberry sauce or stuffing. This way, you can get some new **recipes** to use on the big day. You can also start planning ahead by looking for Christmas recipes!



Fall Fundraisers

Raffles

This fall, we're raffling off two sets of collectibles. In both cases, you can buy one raffle ticket for \$2, and if you buy five tickets, you'll get one free. (That means six tickets for \$10.) When a raffle is ongoing, you can visit our website or front desk to see a list of items included in the raffle.

A Teddy Bear's Raffle

What: We're raffling off a set of collectable figures from the ENESCO Cherished Teddies Club.

When: Monday, October 11, 2021, 9 a.m. – Saturday, November 20, 2021, 4 p.m.

Doll Raffle

What: We're raffling off a set of twelve dolls from the "Little Maids of the Thirteen Colonies" collection made by Franklin Heirloom Dolls.

When: Monday, November 22, 2021, 9 a.m. – Saturday, December 18, 2021, 4 p.m.



Upcoming Sales

Fall Book Sale

Although we have some books for sale year-round, this larger sale will give patrons the opportunity to browse a wider selection. This sale is on Friday, **November 19**, and Saturday, **November 20**, from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Indoor Yard Sale

If you enjoy yard sales, stop by on Friday, **December 3** and Saturday, **December 4** from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. A lot of the items for sale will be Christmas and other holiday decorations, but you can find other household goods and décor, as well.

Fall Fun

Coloring Page



Word Unscramble

Unscramble the following fall-themed words (answers below):

1. ACORNPUCOI
2. AERIBTHEN
3. OFAGILE
4. WARSCOREC
5. BETCOOR
6. STORKCLAN
7. NUIMKPP
8. SPIRC
9. TREEWAS
10. TARSHEV
11. DEHAIRY
12. FIBRONE



Puzzle Answers

1. CORNUCOPIA
2. HIBERNATE
3. FOLIAGE
4. SCARECROW
5. OCTOBER
6. CORNSTALK
7. PUMPKIN
8. CRISP
9. SWEATER
10. HARVEST
11. HAYRIDE
12. BONFIRE