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# Whitehall Township Public Library Library Lines

As we go into **winter**, there are a few things for you to know!

The **library is open** Monday - Thursday from 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. and Friday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. However, we'll be **closed all day for Christmas** on Friday, December 24 and Saturday, December 25. We'll be **closed all day for the New Year** on Friday, December 31 and Saturday, January 1.

If we have to **close for inclement weather**, you can find out from WFMZ-TV (Channel 69) and their online Storm Center. No books are due on any days that we're closed, including snow days. If you have a book that says it's due but the library is closed, it'll be due on the next day that we're open. If you have a curbside pickup scheduled but we close for snow, you can call us when we're open to reschedule.

You can arrange a **curbside pickup** for items any time the library is open. To arrange this, you can put books on hold through your account online or in person or over the phone. When they come in for you, we'll call you to ask if you'd prefer to come into the library or schedule curbside pickup. If you pick books up curbside, you can come to our staff door at any time that we're open on the day you request.

You can **return materials** to the library at any time. Our **out-door book drop** is always open whether or not the library is. You can put books in the yellow bin on the left side or audiovisual materials like DVDs and CDs in the bin on the right.

If you'd like to check out books or use our resources, you don't just have to live in Whitehall to **make an account**. We're in a system with ten other local libraries to make borrowing even easier through the Lehigh Carbon Library Cooperative (LCLC): Catasauqua, Coplay, Dimmick, Emmaus, Lehighon, Lower Macungie, Palmerton, Parkland, Penn Kidder, Slatington, Southern Lehigh and Whitehall Township. You can make one account to get access to all of these libraries by showing your driver's license or other proof of residency. If you live in a school district that supports a different library, you can bring in your ID along with your home library card. If you have children aged 17 or under, you need to make an account first, and then you can make accounts for your kids as well.



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### Doll Raffle

For our next fundraiser, we're raffling off a set of twelve dolls from the "Little Maids of the Thirteen Colonies" collection made by Franklin Heirloom Dolls.

You can buy tickets from Monday, November 22 to Saturday, December 18 at our front desk during library open hours. We'll draw a winner on Monday, and then the winner will have one week to pick up the set.

One raffle ticket is \$2. If you buy five tickets, you'll get one free (which means six tickets for \$10).

The dolls being raffled off in this set are: Cecily of Virginia, Eliza of South Carolina, Deborah of New York, Anna of Rhode Island, Hannah of Pennsylvania, Abigail of New Hampshire, Polly of Delaware, Pamela of Georgia, Pricilla of Massachusetts, Jane of North Carolina, Mercy of Connecticut, and Letitia of Maryland. (The set is missing New Jersey.)

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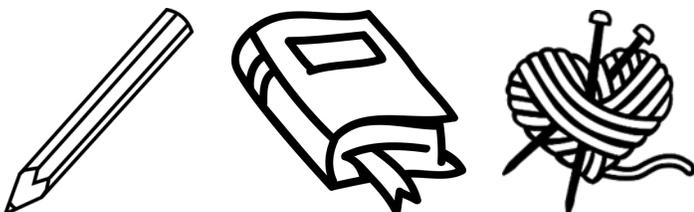
### Holiday Story Times

We'll hold a Holiday Story Time at 1:30 on Wednesday, December 1, 8, and 15. This story time is open to all, and there's no registration required. Come on in to get in the holiday spirit!

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### Adult Clubs

- 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.




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### Indoor Yard Sale

Our yard sale will be on Friday, December 3 and Saturday, December 4 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. on both days. We'll have many items for sale, including holiday decorations and household goods.

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### Movie Times

We'll be showing two movies on December 30. Preschoolers and other young kids can watch a short film at 1:30 p.m., and anyone can come in at 5:30 p.m. for another movie. We're intending to show *Toy Story That Time Forgot* (Rated G, 22 min) in the afternoon and *Jungle Cruise* (Rated PG-13, 2 hr 7 min), but we reserve the right to substitute either if necessary.



## Book Nook

Merry Christmas! Feliz Navidad! Joyeux Noel! Frohe Weihnachten! Subh Krisamas! Sheng Dan Kuai Le! Selamat Natal! Chuc Mung Giang Sinh! Christmas Mubarak! Apologies if these are not quite traditional spellings; there were a lot of variations to be had.

Now that countries are allowing foreign visitors, maybe you are planning an exotic vacation. It is always a good idea to learn at least a few basic phrases in the language of your destination. "Pardon me, do you speak English?" "Thank you." "Where is the restroom?" Our library offers foreign language guides in both physical books and audio on compact discs. Dewey number 430 begins with German, 440 is French, 450 is Italian, 460 is Spanish, and 490 is all other languages. This holds true for both the adult and juvenile collections. Several books are picture dictionaries with themed pages, such as items in a kitchen, in a park, or in a car. We also have Rosetta Stone available in our online databases (see below). My experience in foreign countries is that people appreciate your effort to learn their language and will forgive you if it's not quite right.

If it occurred to you that learning sign language would solve learning a spoken language, you should know that hand gestures and their meanings vary from country to country. For example, our ASL (American Sign Language) hand sign for "I love you" is offensive in Europe. Better get a travel book, too, if you're going overseas to avoid getting into trouble. Politeness is what everyone expects.

~ Chris Andrews

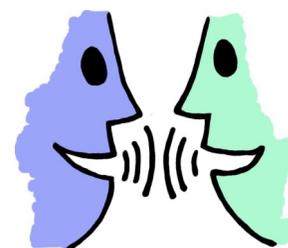
## Database Spotlight: Rosetta Stone

The Research & Learn tab on our website ([www.whitehallpl.org](http://www.whitehallpl.org)) unlocks a wide variety of resources, including this popular language-learning software. **Rosetta Stone** offers immersive lessons to give you practical experience. This will help you practice learning a language to use in the real world.

To use any of our databases, you need a **valid library card** and a **PIN**. You can get a new library card from our front desk or reset your PIN there. You can also call us at 610-432-4339 to renew an expired library card if you're a resident within our LCLC (Lehigh Carbon Library Cooperative) system. If you live outside of our system, you need to show us an up-to-date card from your home library first. If you don't know whether or not you live in our system, you can go to our website and click on the Home Libraries page under Research & Learn.

## Toys for Tots

The library will accept Toys for Tots donations through Friday, **December 10** during our open hours (see pg. 1). Please donate new, unopened toys. Toys for Tots will not distribute any gifts that look like realistic weapons or anything with food. They're accepting toys for all ages, but they especially need toys for boys and girls age 0 – 2 and girls age 9 – 12. If you wish to donate cash, see their website ([www.toysfortots.org](http://www.toysfortots.org)) for more information.



### "Book" in Other Languages

(This is in order of the most-spoken languages after English.)

#### Mandarin:

书 (Shū)

#### Hindi:

किताब (Kitaab)

#### Spanish:

Libro

#### French:

Livre

#### Arabic:

الكتاب (Alkitab)

#### Bengali:

বই (Ba'i)

#### Russian:

КНИГА

(Kniga)

#### Portuguese:

Livro

#### Indonesian:

Buku

## Have a Star Wars Christmas!

Join us as we celebrate the holidays with the **Star Wars** with a special appearance by **Garrison Carida**. They'll be here on Saturday, **December 11** from 1 - 3 p.m. for photo ops and more fun!

## Coloring Page

