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Whitehall Township Public Library **Library Lines**

Happy New Year!

We'll be **closed** to celebrate on Friday, December 31, 2021 and Saturday, January 1, 2022.

Our **regular hours** are Monday - Thursday from 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. and Friday - Saturday from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. You can come into the library to browse our shelves and use our computers during that time. You can also schedule a curbside pickup for any of the days that we're open and pick it up any time during our open hours.

If the library needs to close for **inclement weather**, closings will be published on multiple platforms including social media and WFMZ-TV (Channel 69) and their online Storm Center (<https://www.wfmz.com/weather/stormcenter/>).

You can **return items** in the yellow drop boxes in our parking lot at any time, even when the library is closed. No items are due when we're closed, including emergency closings. If something was supposed to be due that day, you can bring it in the next time we're open.

You can also visit our **website** (www.whitehallpl.org) at any time to check on your account or access our online resources (see pg. 2). From your account, you can see what you have checked out, renew items, and place holds. When holds come in for you, you can choose to either come into the library for them or schedule a curbside pickup. To get your account or our databases, you'll need an up-to-date library card as well as a PIN. See our front desk if you need help getting or updating either of these.



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Zephyr Graduate of Distinction

Do you know a Zephyr graduate of distinction?

The Whitehall-Coplay School District eagerly awaits the opportunity to recognize graduates accomplished in the areas of: Academic Achievement, Music, The Arts, Civil and/or Military Service, Community Service, and Significant Personal Achievement.



Nomination forms are available at www.whitehallcoplay.org or at the front desk of our library.

The nomination deadline is January 28, 2022. Good luck!



Book Nook: Be Kind to Your Server Month

Many of us began our working lives by waiting on tables. It's hard work for poor pay, and often little respect. Dating back to feudal times, tavern customers would slip their servers a little money "To Insure Promptness" (TIP) which began the custom of **tipping wait staff**. As a result, tavern and restaurant owners got away with paying wait staff less than minimum wage because it was assumed the staff would make up the difference receiving tips. As of September 2021, the starting wage for wait staff is \$2.83 per hour in Pennsylvania. The amount of a tip is a percentage of your dining bill, usually 15-20%. Can you honestly say that a server in a diner works less than a server in an upscale restaurant? Yet you may leave a \$1 tip at the diner but a \$10 tip at the restaurant for the same service? Perhaps the United States should follow most of Europe by eliminating wait staff tipping and pay them a living wage instead. Besides, who wants to do math at the end of a meal when your belly is full, and maybe your brain is a little fuzzy, too? The COVID pandemic caused the closure of many restaurants, and the shutdown gave many employees a chance to evaluate their career choices. It should not be a surprise that there is now a staffing shortage in restaurants and other minimum wage industries.

Please know **how to treat your servers**. Do unto others... be friendly and make eye contact. Don't be chatty, flirt, or ask your server to take group photos. Control young children. If you are going to a new restaurant, check the online menu beforehand to get an idea what you want and the ingredients it has. Wait staff are not chefs, and can't answer all questions without dashing back and forth to the kitchen. Don't order anything that's not on the menu. Yes, you can "hold the mayo", but don't order a pork chop in a sushi place if it's not on the menu. Don't move to another table without permission. Do not blame your server if the chef goofed or the kitchen is slow. Do not attempt to "help" your server by stacking dishes after you're done. Each restaurant has its own policy to handle dirty tableware, especially in these COVID times. Don't fight over the check, better yet, ask for separate checks **BEFORE** you order. Don't be cheap; base your tip on the full bill, including tax. It may be \$1 to you, but to your server, it's a loaf of bread from the grocery store.

For an idea **what it's like to work as a server** and other low-wage jobs, check out *Nicked and Dimed* by Barbara Ehrenreich (339.46 EHRE) or *Nomadland* by Jessica Bruder (339.46 BRUD).



~ Chris Andrews

Database Spotlight: TeenBook Cloud

You can find a list of our databases under Research & Learn on our website (www.whitehallpl.org), and you can access most of them from home with your library card number and PIN. If you're a fan of YA books, you can check out TeenBook Cloud for a wide selection of fiction and nonfiction. If you like different formats, you can even find some audiobooks and graphic novels!

Adult Clubs

We have our **Adult Coloring Club** on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of every month from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Come in to enjoy this relaxing hobby while chatting together!

Our **Adult Book Talks** are on the 1st Thursday of every month from 1 - 2 p.m. 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 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month at 6 p.m.

Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

TAB meets on the 2nd Saturday of every month from 1:30 - 3 p.m. This month, they'll meet on January 9.