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Whitehall Township Public Library **Library Lines**

What's New?

Our library has a **credit card machine** again, so we'll be able to accept cards for charges of \$5.00 or more. You can use this to pay for lost book fees, prints, etc.

We're also planning a few **programs and activities**, which you can find out about throughout this newsletter.

About Us

Our **library 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 our Facebook and Twitter pages 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. 3). 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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Simply Play

We have Simply Play on two Wednesdays this month - February 9 & 23 - at 1:30 p.m. Kids can come in to play with some of the toys that we have available. There's no registration, and you can come to either or both of these.



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 February 12.

Database Spotlight: Celebrating Chinese New Year

This year, the **Lunar New Year**, also known as **Chinese New Year**, is **February 1**, and the **Year of the Tiger** is arriving!

You can learn about this and other world holidays in our database **AtoZ World Culture**. There you can learn about the background of the lunar new year and how it's celebrated.

After that, you can head over to **AtoZ World Food** to get recipes for *jiaozi* (dumplings), *bok jai go* (red bean cake), and other foods eaten at this time.

You can **find all of our databases** on our website (www.whitehallpl.org) under "Research & Learn", and you can access most from home as long as you have a valid library card and password. See our front desk if you need either of those.



In the Cards

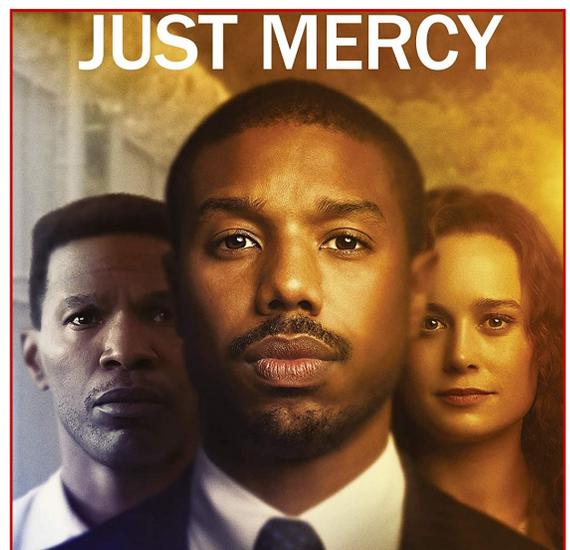
Would you like to send someone a cheery note? For the foreseeable future, the library will be **collecting cards that you write** for our local **senior living communities**. As long as we have a good response, we'd like to leave the box there year-round to collect various seasonal cards. For the first part of this month, we'll collect Valentine's Day cards, and after that, we'll start collecting for St. Patrick's Day. Come in any time during our open hours and find the box near our front desk.

At the Movies

The library is now holding a **Movie Night** in our community room on the **4th Thursday of every month**.

Times will vary slightly based on the length of the movie.

In February, in honor of Black History Month, we'll show **Just Mercy** (PG-13), a movie about a civil rights attorney battling racism and other opposition. This movie will air on **February 24** at 5 p.m.



Book Nook: Tigers, Large and Small

February 1, 2022 marks the start of the **Chinese New Year**, and this year's **zodiac symbol** is the water tiger. Those born under this sign are natural leaders, very confident, ambitious, cool under pressure, risk-takers, inventive, and communicate well. However, they can be indecisive, blunt, restless, spendthrifts, self-centered, stubborn, and do not like to take orders.

Tigers, the real-life animals, are the largest cats in the world. They once ranged through Turkey, India, the Himalayas, and southeast Asian islands. Human encroachment reduced tiger range by 93%, and the animal is now highly endangered, with an estimated 3,500 in the wild. While zoo breeding programs keep the tiger from becoming extinct, they do not provide enough genetic diversity. To read about tigers, find books in 599.756 in our nonfiction areas, especially in the children's section.

Speaking of cats, February is "**Feline Fix by Five**" Month, which advocates having your kitten spayed or neutered by five months of age. If you have a kitten at home, perhaps you'd like to check out our books in 636.8 to learn more about cat behavior.

February is also **National Pet Dental Health Month**. Just like good oral care helps us, our cats and dogs get the same benefits. Yes, you can brush your pet's teeth, and there are many helpful internet sites that demonstrate how. It is especially important for cats due to the food they eat. Cats can gnaw on bones to keep their teeth healthy, the same way dogs do. Otherwise, your cat's teeth can be cleaned at the vet, but there is risk involved since the cat would be sedated.

Celebrate Chinese New Year by sinking YOUR teeth in some **delicious food**. Play around in our AtoZ World Food database (see pg. 2), or find cookbooks in 641.5951. Try to find recipes for tiger peppers or tiger skin cake. Enjoy!

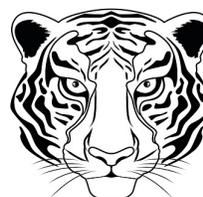
~ Chris Andrews

Happy Chinese New Year!

R Q M F T Z R S H E E P
 X E T A O G A Q Y V H E
 H Y T F D T B R W A S Z
 P S I S W R B A Z R N P
 S N N W O G I U O O V E
 D A U S I O T H G H R V
 D K T P B D R A T S A L
 O E J I N B R H H O S H
 G W S Y G D T V S X N Z
 V X S F Z E G A H M F T
 M O N K E Y R T R U Q Q
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Can you find all of the following animals in the puzzle?

- Dog
- Dragon
- Horse
- Monkey
- Ox
- Pig
- Rabbit
- Rat
- Rooster
- Sheep
- Snake
- Tiger



Valentine's Day Humor

Q. Who always has a date on Valentine's Day?

A. A calendar

Q. What did the cashew say to the almond on V-Day?

A. "I'm nuts about you!"

Q. Why did the skeleton break up with her crush before V-Day?

A. Her heart wasn't in it.

Q. Why do air fresheners love V-Day?

A. They're very scent-imental.

Q. Where did the high heel take her date?

A. To the foot ball

Q. Why did all the other fruits ask the banana on a date?

A. She was very a-peel-ing.

Q. Why was the canoe considered a heartthrob?

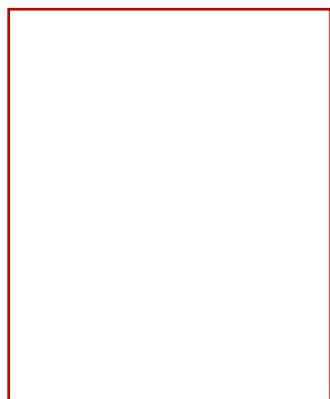
A. He was row-mantic.

Q. What flowers are good kissers?

A. Tulips



Above is the character *hǔ*, which represents the tiger in the Chinese zodiac. Can you copy it into the box below?



What's Your Sign?
Use the chart to the right to find your Chinese zodiac sign, which is based on your birth year.

 Rat	 Ox	 Tiger	 Rabbit	 Dragon	 Snake	 Horse	 Sheep	 Monkey	 Rooster	 Dog	 Pig
1912	1913	1914	1915	1916	1917	1918	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923
1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935
1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959
1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971
1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031

