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Whitehall Township Public Library **Library Lines**

This month starts with some exciting news! We're happy to welcome Susan Bielucke as our **new director** starting March 7. She's lived in the area for a while, and we hope she'll settle into our library well. Feel free to say "hi" when you see her!

Our next big thing will be the **Summer Reading Program**, which is gradually looking closer to normal. That'll run from Monday, June 13 - Saturday, August 20, 2022 with the theme "Oceans of Possibilities", and you can watch for more details on our website and in this newsletter. Meanwhile, check out page 2 of this issue to see what's going on in March!



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Database Spotlight: Discovering Your Heritage

Did you know that this month is Irish-American heritage month? Lots of months are set aside to **celebrate different heritages**, like February as Black History Month, May as Asian Pacific American Heritage and Jewish American Heritage Month, September as National Hispanic-Latino Heritage Month, October as National Italian American Heritage Month, November as National American Indian Heritage Month, and so on.

If you want to learn more about your family and the places they lived, we have a few genealogical and historical databases to help you out. When you start **researching genealogy**, our best resources are **Ancestry** and **HeritageQuest**. Both of these have records of births, deaths, censuses, and more. Ancestry has a few more resources than HeritageQuest, but Ancestry is one of our two databases that you can only access in our building. HeritageQuest and most others, you can access at home with your library barcode and PIN. You can also see military records on **Fold3**.

Other databases can help you learn about the world around you, including states and countries where your ancestors lived. Some of our **cultural resources** include our **AtoZ Collection**, which the following databases: Food America, Maps Online, The USA, The World, World Culture, and World Food. (See pg. 3 for one recipe from AtoZ World Food.)

You can find these and other databases on our website (www.whitehallpl.org) under **Research & Learn**.



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March Holidays & Observances

March 1: **Mardi Gras**

March 2: **Read Across America Day**

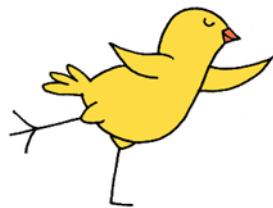
March 8: **International Women's Day**

March 13: **Daylight Savings Begins**

March 14: **Pi Day**

March 17: **St. Patrick's Day**

March 20: **Spring Begins**



Adult Clubs



- **Adult Coloring Club:** We have our coloring club on the first and third Thursday of every month from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Come in to enjoy this relaxing hobby while chatting together! This month, the Coloring Club meets on March 3 and 17.
- **Adult Book Talks:** Our book talks are on the first 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! This month, we meet on March 3.

Teen Advisory Board

Any teens interested in volunteering in the library can join our **Teen Advisory Board**. It meets on the second Saturday of every month at 1:30 p.m. This month, we'll meet on March 12.

Kids' Activities

- **Dr. Seuss Story Time:** Read Across America Day is celebrated on Dr. Seuss's birthday on March 2. This year, we're holding a story time with Dr. Seuss stories at 1:30 p.m. on that Wednesday.
- **Simply Play:** Kids can come in to play with some of the toys that we have available on Wednesday, March 9 at 1:30 p.m.
- **Zoom to Bed Story Time:** Enjoy an evening story time to help the little ones settle down. The story time is scheduled for Wednesday, March 16 at 7 p.m. E-mail santaliz.l@whitehallpl.org for the Zoom link



Spring Planting

With spring around the corner, it's time to start **planning your gardens** for the year! If you're thinking about gardening but never have before, this is the perfect time to get started. You shouldn't start planting too early, but you can figure out where you have space to plant and what plants might grow there based on the different amounts of sunlight they need. Our **635 nonfiction books** have some useful gardening information. Then you can clean up those spaces and get your supplies and tools ready.



Whether you're growing flowers, vegetables, or herbs, make sure to plant your garden when the soil is just moist, not wet, and at the **right time of year**. You shouldn't start until after our last frost, but even then, there's some variety in when you'll start. Some plants, like peas, you'll start earlier, while you might plant tomatoes, peppers, and basil a little later. For a list of common plants and their planting times, you can visit the **Farmer's Almanac Planting Calendar** online (<https://www.almanac.com/gardening/planting-calendar/PA/Allentown>). It'll also tell you which plants you can start indoors and transplant, and when you can start these.

Book Nook: Erin Go Bragh!

The phrase “Erin Go Bragh” means “Ireland until the end of time”. March is Irish American Heritage Month and includes St. Patrick’s Day. If you’d like to have a little fun, choose one of the people from the following paragraphs. Then you can either read, see, or hear something by them, about them, or starring them. There are so many more than space allows, so I’m listing people who are still alive.

AUTHORS: Nora Roberts, Michael Connelly, Vince Flynn, Dennis Lehane, T.C Boyle, Mary Higgins Clark, and Tom Clancy for fiction readers. Bill Bryson, Bill O’Reilly, and Frank McCourt write nonfiction. Here’s a 2-for-1: Renegades: Born in the USA by Barack Obama and Bruce Springsteen.

MUSICIANS: Bruce Springsteen, Alicia Keys, Mariah Carey, Christine Aguilera, Kelly Clarkson, Billie Eilish, Alice Cooper, Judy Collins, John Fogerty, and Billy Gibbons.

ACTORS: Harrison Ford, Tom Cruise, Johnny Depp, George Clooney, Mel Gibson, Ben Affleck, Joan and John Cusack, and Alec Baldwin.

U.S PRESIDENTS: Nearly half of our presidents have Irish roots. Joe Biden, Barack Obama, Bill Clinton, and Jimmy Carter are the ones still with us.

NOTABLES: Derek Jeter, John Cena, John McEnroe, and Sandra Day O’Connor.

Of course, there are many more I didn’t list, and many, many more who are dead. But this is a good start!

If you use our library, you know all the fiction authors are in alphabetical order and biographies are in alphabetical order by subject, but you’ll need to browse or use the catalog to find nonfiction, music, and movies. Ask us at the desk if you need help.

~ Chris Andrews

Recipe: Irish Stew

Ingredients

- **Stew:** 2 lbs rack or shoulder of lamb, fat removed; 4 large onions, sliced in thin rings; 2 leeks, washed and cut into 1-inch rings; 2 celery stalks, cut into 1/2-inch pieces; 1 Tbsp chopped chives; 2 lbs small potatoes; 1 Tbsp chopped parsley and thyme; 1 small sprig rosemary; Salt, to taste; Freshly ground black pepper, to taste; 1 2/3 cup (400 ml) cold water
- **Garnish:** Fresh parsley, chopped; Carrots, julienned

Directions

Wash and peel potatoes. Slice two into thin slices and keep the remainder whole. Slice other vegetables into narrow strips.

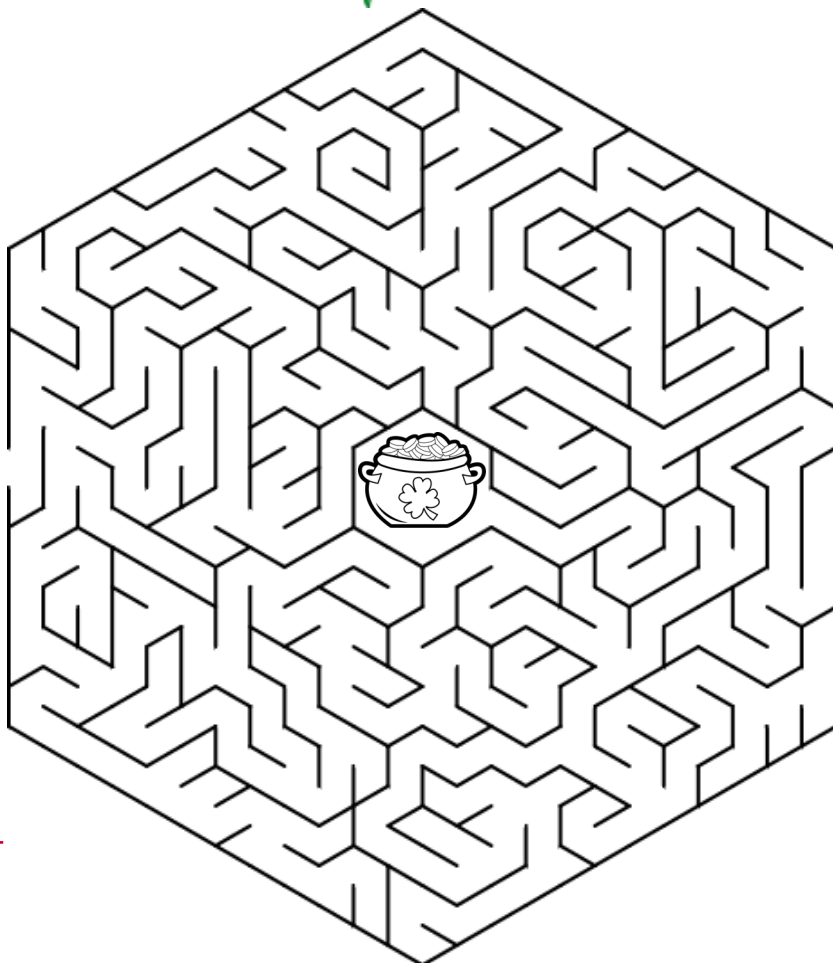
1. Lightly grease a heavy saucepan with oil and line the base with sliced potatoes. Top this with a layer of meat, then a layer of onion rings, leeks, and celery. Tie herbs together in a small bundle and place on top.
2. Add water, bring to a boil, and simmer gently for 60 minutes.
3. Top with whole potatoes and simmer for 20 minutes.
4. Remove the bundle of herbs and serve stew hot with garnishes.

This recipe is one of many from our **AtoZ World Food** database. See pg. 1 for more information.

MARCH FUN

St. Patrick's Day Maze

Help the leprechaun find her pot of gold!



Women's History Match

In honor of Women's History Month, match the women below to their professions!

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| 1. Ruth Bader Ginsburg | A. Queen |
| 2. Frida Kahlo | B. Surgeon General |
| 3. Kamala Harris | C. Gymnast |
| 4. Ida B. Wells | D. Conservationist |
| 5. Mary Shelley | E. Director |
| 6. Sally Ride | F. Physicist |
| 7. Marie Curie | G. Author |
| 8. Rachel Carson | H. Associate Justice of the Supreme Court |
| 9. Antonia Novello | I. Ice Skater |
| 10. Michelle Kwan | J. Vice President |
| 11. Simone Biles | K. Painter |
| 12. Kathryn Bigelow | L. Civil Rights Journalist |
| 13. Rani Lakshmi Bai | M. Astronaut |
| 14. Ingrid Bergman | N. Actress |

Bonus: Can you name the pilot below?



Match Answers - 1:H; 2:K; 3:J; 4:L; 5:G; 6:M; 8:D; 9:B; 10:I; 11:C; 12:E; 13:A; 14:N; Bonus: Amelia Earhart