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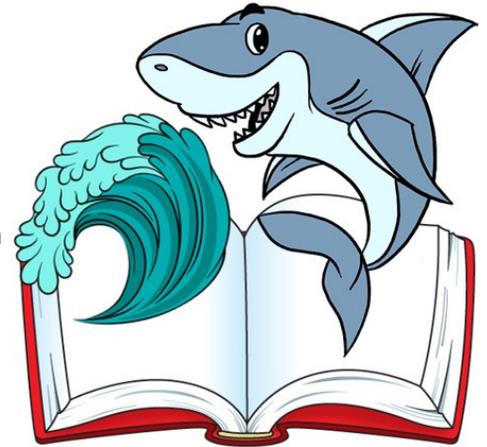
Spring is here! That means this month, we're focusing on gardening. Some of you may've already started, but if you need some tips to get going in a small space, you can check out our Small Space Vegetable Gardening program on May 26. We'll also have craft kits available to pick up from May 9 - 14 that help you make your own Seed Bomb. (See pg. 2 to find out more details about the program and how to register for either.)

Other events include an Indoor Yard Sale (see below), several regular clubs (pg. 2) and a movie night where we'll be showing the latest movie in the *Ghostbusters* franchise (pg. 2). We'll also have a Simply Play session for younger patrons on Wednesday, May 18 at 1:30 p.m.

We will be **closed for Memorial Day** from Saturday, **May 28** through Monday, **May 30**. Have a wonderful holiday!

When we return from that short break, we'll be nearly ready to start this year's **Summer Reading Program!** Adults and kids of all ages can join this reading program, which will run from Monday, June 13 - Saturday, August 6, 2022. This year's theme is "Oceans of Possibilities"!

Watch our website, calendar, or newsletter for more upcoming programs!



Indoor Yard Sale

Visit our **Indoor Yard Sale** on Friday, **May 20** or Saturday, **May 21** from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. for kitchenware, holiday goods, and more!



We're accepting **donations** of most items as long as they're in good condition. We don't accept electronics or used furniture, but we'd appreciate most other contributions, which you can bring through Wednesday, May 18.

Thanks to everyone who donates and shops!

Did You Know?

The library collects **seasonal cards** for residents of Fellowship Community.

You can find the drop-off box on top of our book sale shelf. This month, we're collecting cards for **Memorial Day!**

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The library has a number of **monthly clubs** for our patrons.



Our **Adult Coloring Club** meets on the first and third Thursday of every month (May 5 & 19 this month) from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Come in to enjoy this relaxing hobby while chatting together!



We meet for **Adult Book Talks** on the first Thursday of the month from 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. to talk about whatever we've been reading. (That's May 5 this month.)



Teens can join our **Teen Advisory Board**, which meets on the second Saturday of every month at 1:30 p.m. to plan events for our younger patrons. (This month, we meet on May 14.)

Database Spotlight: Brainfuse JobNow

Do you want **free career assistance**? Brainfuse JobNow provides live interactive online help combined with online resources to guide you through the necessary tasks to get a job. If you visit this database, you can get help with:

- **Resumes** - You can find templates and other resources.
- **Job Interviews** - Get resources including tips for a successful interviews.
- **Careers** - Look for unemployment assistance, career assessments, job resources, skill building and information on college majors and careers that match your interests.

You can also chat with a **live expert** in any of these fields.

Go to Research & Learn on our website (www.whitehallpl.org) and click on Brainfuse JobNow to start!

Small Space Vegetable Gardening

Think you don't have enough room to grow your own vegetables? This program, presented by **Master Gardener Lori Metz**, will help you discover places to grow edible plants and covers the basics of choosing plants, starting seeds, caring for and maintaining your edibles and more! Learn about **Small Space Vegetable Gardening** on Thursday, **May 26** at 6:30 p.m. **Registration is required**, and you can sign up at our front desk or on our online events calendar.



Would you like to garden but don't have a yard? **Lehigh County** owns and operates two **community gardens** with plots to rent to residents who need a space to grow their own vegetables. (These are the Jordan Creek Parkway Community Garden and the Cedarbrook Community Garden.) You can visit the county website (<https://www.lehighcounty.org/departments/agricultural-land-preservation/community-garden-plots>) or contact Cathleen Bannon, Community Garden Plot Administrator, at 610-336-5680 for more information.



Seed Bombs

Get ready for planting season by trying out a **DIY Seed Bomb**!

DIY Kits are available for pick up from Monday, **May 9** through Saturday, **May 14**. All supplies and instructions are provided. This program is for **adults 18 +**.

Supplies are limited, so you'll need to **register** get these supplies. You can either do that online from our events calendar or in person at our front desk.

Movie Night: *Ghostbusters: Afterlife* (PG-13)

In this movie, a single mom and her two kids arrive in a small town and discover their connection to the original Ghostbusters and the secret legacy their grandfather left behind. You can watch it with us at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, **May 25**.



Book Nook: Gardening

We are all aware that something must be done to avert **global warming** to restore Earth's climates, and to protect animals and flora from becoming extinct. This includes foods that we eat every day. We feel helpless thinking what we can do will be expensive, such as buying electric cars and converting our homes to solar power. Believe it or not, the best place to start is by gardening.



Did you know that the concept of **lawns** began in 16th century Europe to provide castle soldiers a clear view of attacking enemies? Even then, those lawns were planted with low-growing crops where various herds of animals grazed. The practice was adapted by smaller estates as a status symbol, and then the animals were removed and crops were replaced with grasses, which needed to be mowed. Unless you use your lawn for yard games such as croquet, there really is no need to grow grass. Think of all the time you'd save not mowing. How about all the money saved on fertilizers, weed killers, and insecticides, which are dangerous to us and the ecology? Please check your local municipality about replacing your lawn, as there may be height restrictions. How about an English garden in front of your house?

If you grocery-shop on a regular basis, you're aware that prices are creeping up due to supply chain issues. Maybe this is the year you and your family could have some fun **growing your own vegetables and fruits**. I'll be honest with you: gardening does require patience, time, and TLC. I suggest you choose things you don't find in a grocery store like purple string beans and heirloom tomatoes. Once you've tasted a ripe tomato from your garden, you'll never want to buy them from a store again. How about white pumpkins for Halloween?

Maybe vegetables and fruits are too labor-intensive for you, which makes **flowers** the perfect choice. Done with care, you can have flowers blooming almost year-round. Look for a local nursery that will give advice and guarantee to replace your more expensive items if they don't thrive. Please be a good global citizen and select plants that insects and birds can use as feed. Climate change has severely decimated beneficial pollinators, and we need to re-establish them in this area.

There is a wealth of **gardening books** starting with the Dewey number 635.

You can also attend our library's special gardening program on May 26 (see pg. 2). If you need **more help**, the master gardeners at the Lehigh County Cooperative Extension can answer your flora and fauna questions by calling 610-391-9840.

If you decide to start gardening, not only will you be helping our planet, but humans need real **sunshine** (15 minutes a day) to produce Vitamin D to keep our bones strong. If you don't have a yard, you can rent a garden plot. Have fun!

~ Chris Andrews

The library's **Board of Trustees** meets on the second Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m., which is on **May 12** this month.

Members of the public are always welcome to attend board meetings to discuss concerns, questions, or other library matters.

In addition, we post **meeting minutes** from recent meetings on our website. Go to www.whitehallpl.org and click on the Publications page on the News tab to find the list. (The Publications page is also where you can find recent issues of this newsletter and lists of new items added to our library collection.)

You can find a list of our **current board members** on the front of this newsletter.

Green Fun

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Across

- 1. Has a maple leaf flag
- 3. Georgia: The _____ State
- 6. Vegetarianism: A meat-_____ diet
- 8. DC Comics plant villain
- 11. NYC center that hosts a famous Christmas tree
- 14. Plant with many festivals in the Netherlands
- 15. Plant-based dye that makes temporary tattoos
- 16. Symbol of Ireland

Down

- 1. State with Redwood National Park
- 2. Trees that threw fruit at Dorothy in *The Wizard of Oz* movie
- 4. Paired with ivy at Christmas
- 5. Whomping plant in *Harry Potter*
- 7. Eaten by koalas
- 9. Mythology with the world tree Yggdrasil
- 10. _____ fly trap
- 12. Symbol of Wales
- 13. Tree-herders in J.R.R. Tolkien's works

Outdoor Scavenger Hunt

This is a good time of year to get outside and challenge your family or friends to a scavenger hunt! Look around in your neighborhood or local trails either individually or in teams, and see who can find the most of the following items (that aren't yours):

- ___ 3 types of leaves
- ___ Acorn
- ___ American flag
- ___ Animal tracks
- ___ Ant hill
- ___ Baby stroller
- ___ Berries
- ___ Bird house
- ___ Blue door
- ___ Child wearing pink
- ___ Feather
- ___ Flying bug
- ___ Mushroom
- ___ Person on phone
- ___ Pine cone
- ___ Railroad tracks
- ___ Something fuzzy
- ___ Something heart-shaped
- ___ Spider-web
- ___ Sunglasses
- ___ Tree stump
- ___ Tree with a bark that's not brown
- ___ White dog
- ___ Wind chimes

Across: 1. Canada; 2. Peach; 3. Peach; 4. Apple; 5. Willow; 6. Free; 7. Eucalyptus; 8. Poison Ivy; 9. Norse; 10. Venus; 11. Rocketfeller; 12. Leek; 13. Ents
Down: 1. California; 2. Apple; 3. Canada; 4. Apple; 5. Willow; 6. Free; 7. Eucalyptus; 8. Poison Ivy; 9. Norse; 10. Venus; 11. Rocketfeller; 12. Leek; 13. Ents