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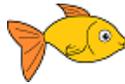
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Oceans of Possibilities



Every year, the library holds a **Summer Reading Program** for kids and adults so that we can read together and generally have fun together. You can read books to earn prizes, and you can come to some of the fun events that we have planned. Watch our calendar or this newsletter to get our full schedule. (See pg. 4 for our kids' SRP kickoff.)

This year, we're going nautical with the theme "**Oceans of Possibilities**". This is for anyone who likes to stroll on a beach or boat and see the sea from above, or for anyone who'd rather study the creatures that lurk in the depths.

This program will run from Monday, **June 13** - Saturday, **August 6, 2022**. Patrons of all ages can **register and log books** by paper or online. You'll be able to get a paper log at our front desk or you can use our online option. If you go to our website (www.whitehallpl.org), you can find the Reading Programs page under Programs & Events. This is where you can find the link you need. If you've used our online log during the past two years, you can use your same login information without having to re-register. You just have to enroll in this year's "Oceans of Possibilities" program for your age group.



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Used Book Sale

Come to our Used Book Sale on Friday, **June 17** or Saturday, **June 18, 2022** from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. to add some cheap books to your collection.

From Noon to 3 on Saturday, we'll have a **\$5-per-bag sale** for anything that we have left in the sale!

At the Movies

We will show two movies on Wednesday, **June 22** - one at 2 p.m. and one at 5:30 p.m. It's likely that the afternoon movie will be geared toward younger audiences and the later movie will be meant for older patrons, but you can watch our website for updates when we have titles ready.

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Explorer Quiz

Can you match these explorers with their countries of origin? Be careful; two countries will be used twice! (Answers are below.)

Explorers

1. Ferdinand Magellan
2. Henry Hudson
3. Jacques Cartier
4. John Cabot
5. Leif Erikson
6. Sir Francis Drake
7. Vasco de Gama
8. Vasco Núñez de Balboa
9. Zheng He

Countries

- A. Brittany
- B. China
- C. England
- D. Iceland
- E. Italy
- F. Portugal
- G. Spain

Check out these voyages and more in our database AtoZ Maps Online (see right).

1=F, 2=C, 3=A,
4=E, 5=D, 6=C,
7=F, 8=G, 9=B

Answers

Database Spotlight: Discovering the High Seas

As you explore the “Oceans of Possibilities” in our Summer Reading Program, you can see what’s happening in the ocean around you with our database **AtoZ Maps Online**. This is the world’s largest database of royalty-free downloadable maps for academic use, and with it, you can see the world in all kinds of ways. You can look at climate maps of the current climate or recent earthquakes and so much more!

You can also check out antique **Regional Maps** or maps of old sailing routes in the **Discovery Maps** collection. Here you can trace out the voyages of Muhammad Ibn Battuta, Marco Polo, Captain James Cook and other famous adventurers.



You can find AtoZ Maps Online and other **databases** on our website (www.whitehallpl.org) under Research & Learn. To access them, you’ll need an up-to-date library card and PIN. Please see our front desk if you need either of those.

Book Nook: Oceans of Possibilities

Traditionally, library Summer Reading Programs (SRP) were designed for children, but somebody finally decided that adults would like to have fun and participate in these themed programs, too. This year’s “Oceans of Possibilities” is one of the broadest themes because it is not strictly sea-related.

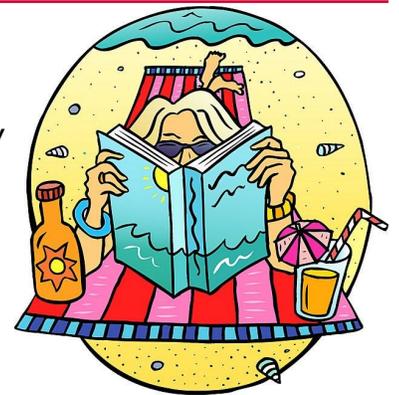
Many publishers save their “blockbuster” books for release in late May and June, knowing that most people vacation during the summer and have more time to read. Over time, these releases came to be called “beach reads” because many of these books appealed to stay-at-home mothers who wanted more to do than just watch their kids playing at the beach. Nowadays, beach reads tend to have more female protagonists, and are usually quick to read.

Some of the new releases for this summer are by Susan Wiggs, Tamar Myers, Linda Castillo, Riler Sager, Joy Fielding, Carolyn Haines, and the very popular John Grisham, Nora Roberts, and Debbie Macomber, to name just a handful. Make sure to peruse our 14-day section behind the large display case across from the front doors to discover other authors.

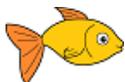
If you want books with beach or ocean settings, try Elin Hilderbrand (Nantucket), Dorothea Benton Frank (South Carolina), Tim Dorsey (Florida), or Clive Cussler (NUMA File series), although there are many, many other authors who have a book or two set on an island, shore, or sea.

For those who prefer nonfiction, books about the oceans, fishes, and marine animals, start in Dewey 551, and ships are found in Dewey 623.

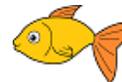
There will be themed programs to attend throughout the summer, so keep an eye on our special events calendar. Look for our SRP log starting June 13 so you can record what you read because there are prizes for all!



~ Chris Andrews



Adults



Summer fun isn't just for kids! Anyone aged 18 and up can be part of our Adult Summer Reading Program, and we even have some events geared for older audiences, too!



Finding Your Family

Join us for an introduction in family history research including strategies, resources, and tips to begin your family research. **Mary Ellen Heckman**, Dean of Library Services at Reading Area Community College and founding member of the Berks County Genealogical Society, will present **Genealogy 101** on Saturday, June 4 at 11 a.m.

Registration is required. You can either sign up online or register in person at our front desk.

Pirate Queens

Some joined due to necessity, others came seeking revenge, treasure, and fame. Uncover the stories behind some of history's most famous and lesser-known pirate queens who ruled the seas!

Mariners' Museum and Park is happy to present **Fierce & Feminine: Female Pirates That Roamed the Seven Seas**. This program will be held online through **Zoom** on Thursday, **June 23** at 6:30 p.m.



Registration is required. If you'd like to watch on Zoom on your own, you can contact Susan Bielucke at bielucke.s@whitehallpl.org for the link. Not sure how to Zoom? We will host the program on a screen in our community room for those who wish to attend in that capacity. If you want to come in person, you can register online now or sign up at our front desk.

Clean Living

Do you want to learn to make **cleaning and household products** from everyday items that do less harm to our planet? Come to **DIY Cleaner & Greener Living** on Thursday, **June 30** at 6:30 p.m. We'll talk about ways you can help your home and planet and start you off with a fun DIY project. All supplies are provided.

Registration is required. Online registration is available now, or you can sign up at our front desk.



Regular Clubs

We have a regular Adult Coloring Club and Adult Book Talks, both of which meet year-round.

Our **Adult Coloring Club** meets on the first and third Thursday of every month from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. (This month, it's June 2 & 16.)

Adult Book Talks meet on the 1st Thursday only from 1 - 2 p.m. (This month, it's June 2.)

Board of Trustees

The library's Board of Trustees usually meets on the second Thursday of the month, but our next meeting was moved up a week to June 2 at 6:30 p.m.

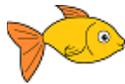
Members of the public are welcome to attend, and you can find the most recent agenda and a collection of past meeting minutes on the Publications page on our website (whitehallpl.org) under News.

Ocean Quiz

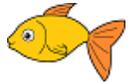
(Answers are rounded.)

- The ocean makes up what percent of Earth?
 - 25%
 - 45%
 - 70%
 - 80%
- What percent of the ocean's been explored?
 - 5%
 - 10%
 - 20%
 - 40%
- How long is the Mid-Ocean Ridge?
 - 40,000 miles
 - 100,000 miles
 - 260,000 miles
 - 350,000 miles
- How many islands are in the Pacific?
 - 100
 - 1,500
 - 10,000
 - 25,000
- What's Earth's biggest animal?
 - Loch Ness Monster
 - Giant Squid
 - Blue Whale
 - Pufferfish

Answers
1=C, 2=A, 3=A, 4=D, 5=C



Kids



Have you heard teachers talking about the summer slide? That's what happens when kids return to school after summer break and don't remember everything that they learned last year. One way to stave off some of that is to keep the brain active! You can do that through reading or by using the educational databases on our website. You can also come out for some of the programs we have for you, most of which are STEAM activities that can help you learn or be creative while having fun!

Fun & Games

We have lots of programs planned to give the young ones a chance to play!

- Flag Day Craft:** Tuesday, June 14, 1:30 p.m.
- Father's Day Craft:** Thursday, June 16, 1:30 p.m.
- Simply Stories & Play:** Tuesday, June 21, 1:30 p.m.
- Lego Challenge:** Thursday, June 23, 1:30 p.m.
- Kids' Library Bingo:** Wednesday, June 29, 6:00 p.m.
- Oodles of Floor Puzzles:** Thursday, June 30, 1:30 p.m.

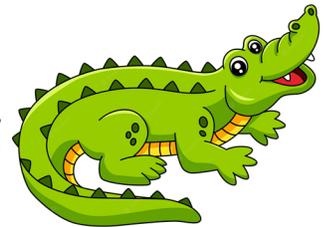


Slime Time

Miss Cathy of **Super Science & Amazing Art** is kicking off this year's Summer Reading Program in a very slimy way! Learn about some of our "Oceans of Possibilities" in this fun and educational event on Wednesday, **June 15** at 6:00 p.m.

Cold Blooded

Are you an animal-lover? Are you curious about the world around you? All ages are welcome for this hands-on educational program with live reptiles, courtesy of **PT Reptiles!** Stop in at 1 p.m. on Saturday, **June 25** to visit with several live critters.



PT Reptiles will return on Saturday, **August 6**, also at 1 p.m. to bring in another

Teen Advisory Board

Our Teen Advisory Board meets on the second Saturday of the month to help plan events for our younger patrons. This month, we'll meet on June 11 at 1:30 p.m., and we'll be preparing for a Kids & Teens Connect program that will be on Saturday, July 23 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.