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Oceans of Possibilities

Do you want to earn prizes by reading books? You still have some time left to register for our “Oceans of Possibilities” **Summer Reading Program**. Patrons all ages can register and log books by paper or online through Saturday, August 6.

We’ll have two **finale programs** to wrap things up and pass out prizes: one for kids, and one for adults. Kids (ages 0-18) can come on Saturday, August 13 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., and adults (ages 19 and up) on Thursday, August 18 at 1 p.m. See our front desk or the Reading Programs page of our website (www.whitehall.pl.org) for more information.

We have plenty of **programs and events** for patrons of all ages, like our live reptile program (see pg. 2) and Pirate Week events (see pg. 4).



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Plant a Row

The library is now a drop-off location for **Plant a Row Lehigh Valley (PARLV)**. This grassroots organization helps supply fresh fruits and vegetables to the hungry in Lehigh and Northampton counties. PARLV provides convenient locations for gardeners to drop off donations, and volunteers bring them to food pantries, soup kitchens, and shelters across the Lehigh Valley.

You can **drop off donations** in the marked cooler inside the library on **Mondays from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.** (Please separate items by type.) We’ll have this available every week through October 3 except for September 5, when we’ll be closed for Labor Day. Whether you devote a row of your garden to this project or buy fresh produce from the grocery store, we welcome anything you’re able to give.



To learn more about PARLV, you can visit their website (plantarowlv.org).

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Library Clubs

Adult Coloring Club meets on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of every month from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

We also have **Adult Book Talks** at 1 p.m. on the 1st Thursday of the month.

Teen Advisory Board meets on the 2nd Saturday at 1:30 p.m., though this month, we'll have our finale program instead.

Library Donations

If you'd like to donate to the library, we have a few types of items that we're accepting.

- **Basket Raffle Items:** We're accepting new or like-new items for our Basket Raffle, which will run from November 4-11. More details coming soon.
- **Books & Media:** We can take up to three bags or boxes at a time. (We need them contained so we can easily stack and store them.) We can take most new or gently-used media except magazines, encyclopedias, or tapes.
- **Wishlist Items:** We can always use large cans of disinfectant wipes, liquid hand sanitizer that can be used in spray bottles (70% alcohol or higher), and large bottles of gel-type hand sanitizer.

eNewsletter

Would you like this newsletter delivered straight to you? You can sign up for library updates on our homepage (www.whitehallpl.org), and this newsletter will come straight to your inbox every month!

At the Movies

We're hosting a **Movie Night** on Wednesday, **August 3** at 5:30 p.m. Watch our website for the movie title.

Kids' Fun

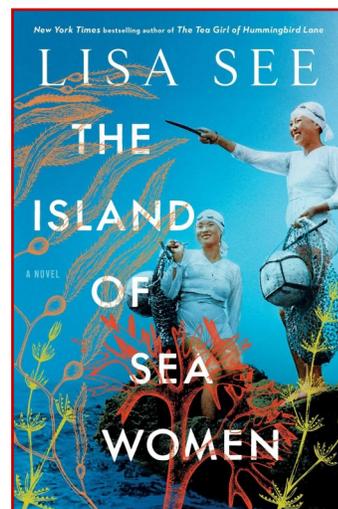
Kids of all ages can come in and enjoy STEM activities at **Creation Station** on Tuesday, **August 2**, at 1:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, **August 3**, also at 1:30, we'll have a **Story Time & Craft**.

The Island of Sea Women

Join us for a **book discussion** on *The Island of Sea Women* by Lisa See on Thursday, **August 4** at 6:30 p.m. Registration is required, and you can sign up online or at our front desk. Books will be provided to the first 10 individuals to register.

In this novel, two Korean girls of different backgrounds work in their village's all-female diving collective - a life of responsibility and danger. Then wars and Japanese colonialism come to their island and test their friendship.



Our Cold-Blooded Friends

Adults and kids are all welcome to come to an event with **PT Reptiles** on Saturday, **August 6** at 1 p.m. Come see some live reptiles in this fun and educational program!



Pirate Week (August 8-13, 2022)

Database Spotlight

Doing research is like a treasure hunt, where you're searching for bits of information. Our library is happy to offer a number of **online resources** to help you on your personal quests, which you can find under Research & Learn on our website (www.whitehallpl.org). You can access any of them from inside our library, and you can use most at home with your library card and PIN.

If you want to learn about **pirates** and their treasures, we have a few different places you could start:

- Get **eBooks** on Overdrive, TeenBook Cloud, or TumbleBook Library, and you can find pirate book recommendations by searching on NoveList Plus.
- ABC Mouse has fun **pirate activities** that you can do online, like puzzles and coloring pages. There are even some options in Spanish! (This and Ancestry are the two databases that you can only use in the library.)
- Check out **maps of the sea** with AtoZ Maps Online. You can “sea” what it looks like today, and you can check out maps of famous sea voyages to learn where in the ocean people traveled.
- Learn about **historical pirates** in by searching the genealogical collections in HeritageQuest or the research collections in POWER Library.



Book Nook: The Bounding Main

Our newsletter is heavy on pirate themes this month as we wrap up our “Oceans of Possibilities” Summer Reading Program. What is a “**bounding main**”? The quick answer is the ocean. As you know, most of our Earth is covered in water. If you look at a world map or globe, you'll notice our planet is covered by just one big ocean. Names were given to various parts for the sake of location. Even the “seven seas” changed from ancient to modern times as exploration yielded new land masses.

What is the **difference between a boat and a ship**? A ship is a large deep-water ocean vessel. A boat is everything else. A boat can fit on ship, like a life boat, but a ship can't fit on a boat.

Many of the newly-discovered lands had coveted natural resources, and competition among nations ensued because a rich nation meant a powerful nation. Often, the easiest way to get these treasures was to **rob the ships**. Privateers were hired by many nations to obtain goods but did not fly the flag of their sponsoring nation to avoid outright war. Buccaneers were privateers and filibusters were pirates who operated in the Caribbean stealing from Spanish ships.

There are many **other names** for pirates like sea dogs, sea beggars, corsairs (who menaced the Mediterranean), and freebooters (which gave us the word “booty” for treasure).

If you want to **read more** about pirates, you can find most of the books in the nonfiction section with the Dewey number 910.45, especially in the children's area.

~ Chris Andrews

Pirate Jokes

- 1: How did the pirate get his Jolly Roger so cheap?
- 2: What did the ocean say to the pirate?
- 3: How much did the pirate pay for his piercings?
- 4: What's a pirate's least favorite veggie?
- 5: Why is pirating so addictive?
- 6: What did the pirate wear on Halloween?
- 7: Why does it take pirates so long to learn the alphabet?
- 8: What's a pirate's favorite exercise?
- 9: How do you make a pirate furious?



Joke Answers

- 1: He got it on sail.
- 2: Nothing. It just waved.
- 3: Buck-an-ear
- 4: Leeks
- 5: Once you lose your first hand, you get hooked.
- 6: A pumpkin patch
- 7: They spend years at C.
- 8: The plank
- 9: Take away the "p".

Pirates in the Library

Kids can take part in our **Pirates in the Library Scavenger Hunt** on Tuesday, **August 9** at 1:30 p.m. to explore the library in a fun way. Enjoy the quest!

Captain's Log

Adults and teens can make a Captain's Log with our **take-home craft kit**. Create your own journal with a pirate twist!

All supplies are provided. To take part, you can register online or at our front desk. then you can pick up the kit from Monday, **August 8** – Saturday, **August 13** during our open hours.

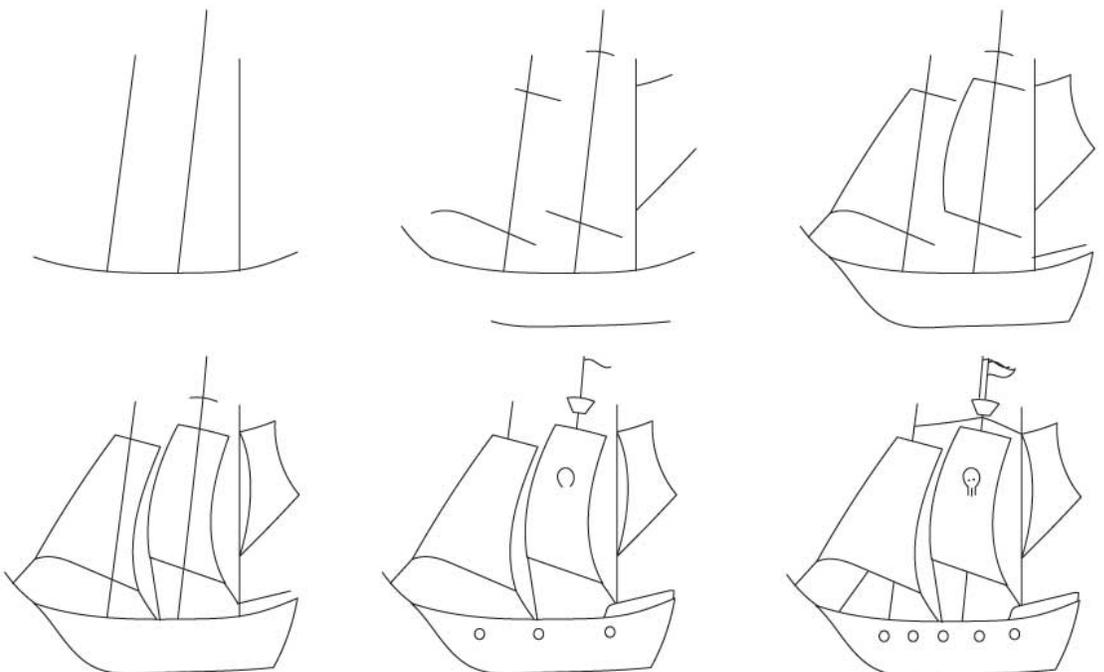
Pirate Watch

Set sail with two pirate-themed **movies** on Wednesday, **August 10** - one at 1:30 and the other at 5:30 p.m. The afternoon movie will be geared towards a younger audience and the evening one will be for older patrons.



How to Draw a Pirate Ship

Follow the pictures below to learn how to draw your own pirate ship! Try surrounding it with some fun sea creatures or other decorations.



Pirate Coloring Page



Find Your Pirate Ship Name

First letter of your name...

A: Dread

B: Black

C: Mad

D: Jolly

E: Crooked

F: Stubby

G: Kraken

H: Notorious

I: Grizzly

J: Scurvy

K: Lazy

L: Peg Leg

M: Forbidden

N: Dirty

O: Daring

P: Bitter

Q: Stinky

R: Haunted

S: Marauder's

T: Neptune's

U: Grey

V: Low

W: Spiteful

X: Feisty

Y: Lost

Z: Red



Month you were born...

Jan: Anchor

Feb: Rascal

Mar: Crossbones

Apr: Avenger

May: Sea Dog

Jun: Loot

Jul: Doubloon

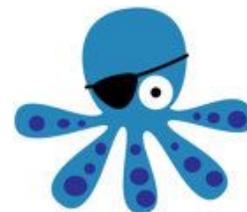
Aug: Plunder

Sep: Blunder

Oct: Skull

Nov: Treasure

Dec: Shanty



Hardtack Recipe

Different forms of **hardtack** have been used throughout history by travelers, pioneers, soldiers, and sailors all around the world. That included pirates! This simple, dense biscuit doesn't spoil quickly, so it's perfect for long voyages. Even today, some hikers and survivalists will keep batches on hand. Here's an easy recipe so that you can try for yourself. Just remember to **soak it before eating**. Otherwise, it's too hard to eat.

Ingredients

- 2 c. all-purpose flour
- 3/4 c. water
- 1 1/2 tsp salt

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 375° F.
2. Combine all ingredients in a mixing bowl. The dough should be a little dry. If it sticks to your fingers, gradually add flour.
3. Turn the dough out on a lightly-floured surface. Roll it into a rectangle no more than 1/2-inch thick and cut into 3-inch squares.
4. Pierce the squares repeatedly with a fork or chopstick, making sure it goes all the way through the dough.
5. Space out the squares on a baking sheet and bake for 30 minutes. Then flip the hardtack and bake for another 30 minutes. (You might have to bake less if you had thin dough.)
6. Take the biscuits out of the oven and off the tray and leave them on a cooling rack.
7. Once they've completely cooled, serve them or put them in an airtight container. Whether you use them immediately or store them, remember to **soak them at least 10-15 minutes** in water, soup, or another liquid before eating. (They will still be pretty hard, so don't do this if you have trouble chewing.)

