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# Whitehall Township Public Library **Library Lines**

We have a lot of exciting things happening in the library this fall. Besides our regular and one-time **events**, we also have a whole new type of item that you can borrow: **museum passes!** You can read about all of these in this newsletter.

If you'd like to **visit the library**, you can stop by Monday - Thursday from 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. or Friday - Saturday from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. We're closed on Sundays. Even when the library is closed, you can visit our website ([www.whitehallpl.org](http://www.whitehallpl.org)) to access databases and other resources with your library card.

Would you like to help the library while you're here? We just had our fall book sale last month, and this month, we're getting ready for November's basket raffle (more details to come in next month's newsletter). This month, we're accepting **basket raffle donations** that are new or like new. We're happy to take individual items or whole baskets. Feel free to get creative, but if you'd like some ideas, we're hoping to make baskets themed around a car wash, spa day, movie night, pasta, and coffee. We'll take these donations through October 28.

If you want to **donate to the library** at another time, we're always grateful for donations of frequently-used items like disposable masks, copier paper (white or colored 8.5"x11"), resealable plastic bags (any size), disinfectant wipes, liquid hand sanitizer, or gel-type hand sanitizer. We can also use gift cards to any store, especially Walmart, Giant, and Redner's.



## Museum Passes

The library now offers Museum Passes to check out! Passes are checked out for **one week with no renewals** and can only be checked out at Whitehall Library. You may place a hold on a pass. All passes must be returned to Whitehall Library at the circulation desk.

**Overdue fines are \$10.00 a day.** Current offerings: America on Wheels, Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles, Bucks County Children's Museum, Eastern State Penitentiary, Lehigh Valley Heritage Museum, Museum of American Revolution, Mutter Museum, Pearl S. Buck, Reading Museum, & Sigal Museum.



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**Plant a Row**

We're a drop-off location for Plant a Row Lehigh Valley (PARLV), which helps supply fresh **fruits and vegetables** to the hungry in Lehigh and Northampton counties. 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.) October 3 will be our last drop-off day for the season.

**Painted Daisies**

You can paint daisies on a canvas bag with the **Lehigh Valley Decorative Painters!** This program will be on Saturday, **October 1**, from 9:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. It will cost **\$25** for participants, which will cover all supplies. (You can pay by cash or a check made out to LVDP.) **Registration is required**, and you can sign up online or in person at the front desk. This program is for teenagers and adults, and beginners are welcome. Please remember to wear clothes that you don't mind getting paint on.

**Friends Helping Friends**

The library will participate in **Boscov's Friends Helping Friends**. For a **\$5.00** donation to the library, shoppers receive a **25% off** shopping pass for **October 19, 2022**. You can use this pass at any physical Boscov's store, though not online.

**Fall Story Times**

We have a few story times this fall. **Registration is required** for all of them, and you can sign up online or in person at the library.

- **Tuesday Preschool Story Time**, for kids ages 36 months – 5 years, runs on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. from September 27 through November 15.
- **Wednesday Preschool Story Time**, also for ages 36 months – 5 years, runs on Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. from September 28 through November 16.
- **Toddler Story Time**, for kids ages 12-36 months, is every Thursday at 11 a.m. from October 6 – November 10, 2022.

**Adult Activities**

We have two regular programs for our adult patrons:

**Adult Coloring Club**

This meets on the first and third Thursday of every month (October 6 & 20) from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Coloring supplies are provided, but you're welcome to bring your own as well. Coloring is a relaxing activity that can help you unwind, and more and more adults are taking it up again.

**Adult Book Talks**

You can meet for book talks on the first Thursday of the month (October 6) from 1 - 2 p.m. In this club, you can talk about whatever you're currently reading to share your thoughts or get ideas about what you might want to read next.

## Database Spotlight: Hispanic Heritage Month

The United States celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month every year from **September 15 - October 15**, recognizing the contributions Hispanic Americans have made in our history and culture.

We have several databases that can help you learn about Hispanic culture, especially in our **AtoZ collection**. There's a lot on Hispanic countries in AtoZ the World, AtoZ World Culture, and AtoZ World food. The America-centric databases AtoZ Food America and AtoZ the USA have a little bit less information, but it's worth reading, since it hits a little closer to home. (Be sure to check out the recipe for Bizcochitos in AtoZ Food America.)

You can access these and most of our other databases from home if you go to Research & Learn on our **website** ([www.whitehallpl.org](http://www.whitehallpl.org)). You'll need an up-to-date library card and PIN to access them, so see the front desk if you need help getting either of those.

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## Book Nook: Organize Your Medical Information

October is "**Organize Your Medical Information**" month. Several months ago, a friend suddenly needed a relative's medical data when she unexpectedly went from living at home to a hospital to a nursing home to another hospital and then to another nursing home. Most of that time she was incoherent. She could not answer questions about her medications, COVID vaccinations, or even which childhood diseases she'd had. Luckily, our local health network's records contain that information, but in an emergency, it's time wasted to look it up. (This made me aware that as a married couple, my husband and I lacked a lot of that information about each other, too.) Eventually, my friend became Power of Attorney for this person, and that exposed the lack of even more information, such as her recurring bills and the passwords to access and pay those accounts. Then came the search through her house to find all that among a lot of other stuff. I'm happy to say that she has recently regained most of her normal cognition to provide passwords and the locations of other items, but not always.

My friend and I learned how important it is to **have your documents and everything else organized**, along with keeping an emergency "go bag". The U.S. is besieged with wildfires, flooding, and now hurricane season. Imagine if you had to suddenly evacuate your house. Or will your family be able to answer health questions and/or maintain your home if you have a sudden medical emergency? Are all your important documents and passwords together? What are the absolute must-have items you want to save? For help and inspiration to get started, check out books starting with Dewey number 648 in adult, oversize, and juvenile collections. Not only will you find tips to organize paperwork, but how to declutter and store what you keep. Start by cleaning out one drawer today. There are many local charities that will be glad to take your donations, and if you have a lot, some will arrange a pick up. It may seem overwhelming, but those who step in to help you will be very grateful.

~ Chris Andrews

## Teen Advisory Board

Any teens interested in volunteering in the library can join our Teen Advisory Board (**TAB**). It meets on the second Saturday of every month at 1:30 p.m. to help plan library events. New members are always welcome!

This month, we're meeting on Saturday, **October 8** to plan for our upcoming **Halloween** event (see page 4).

We'll also finalize plans for the **Whitehall Fall Parade**, which we'll march in. If you're not in TAB, you can still come out to see us and the other groups walking around Whitehall High School starting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, October 13. While you're there, you can check out their different food truck options and end the night at a bonfire, which will be near the parking lot of the football stadium.



# Halloween Fun



## Haunted Lehigh Valley

It's the perfect time of year to hear some spooky tales about some local haunts! We'll have some ready for you at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, **October 27**.

Local dark-side storyteller **Ellen Flynn** will tell of the legend of Tambour Yokel, when the devil allegedly came to 1700's Salisbury Township, the 1903 murder of young Allentown woman Mabel Bechtel and the subsequent haunting, and, just for fun, some local haunted libraries.

**Registration is requested**, and you can sign up online or at our front desk.



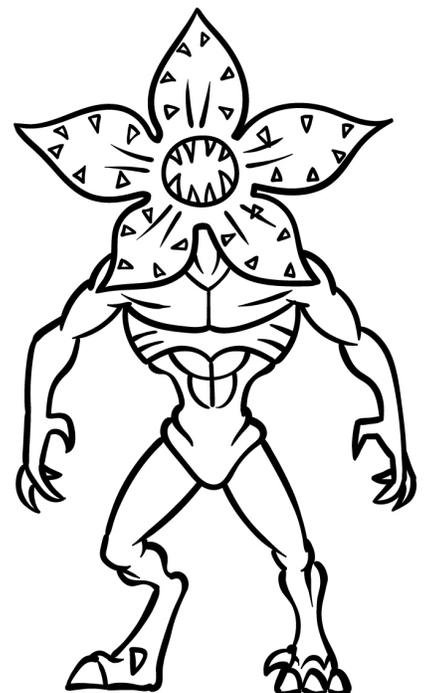
## Hallow-read

The Teen Advisory Board has some fun planned for our younger patrons on Saturday, **October 29**, from 1 - 3 p.m. At **Kids & Teens Connect: Hallow-read**, kids can enjoy spooky crafts and activities, earn small prizes, and snack on holiday treats. Please feel free to come in costume! Since Trick-or-Treat night will be the night before in Whitehall, this is a good chance to wear those costumes again before you put them away for the year.

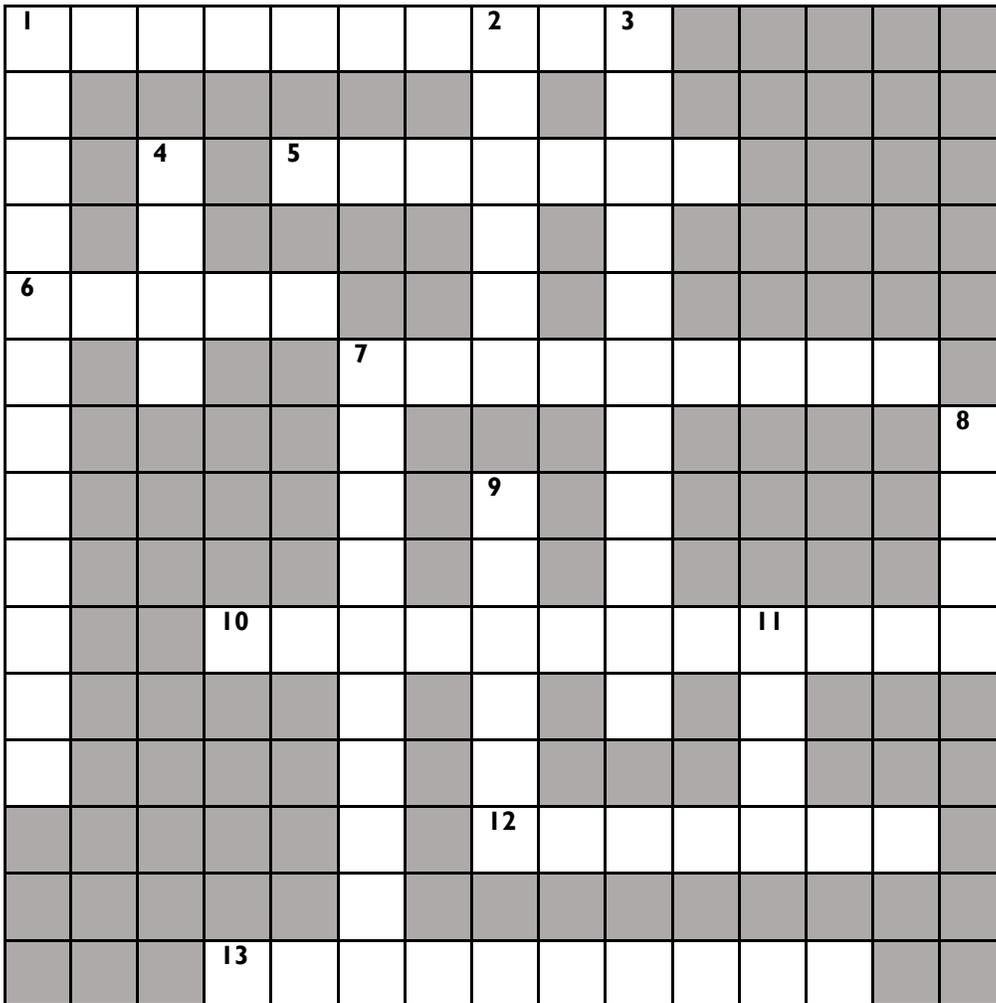
## Monster Spelling Test

Can you guess the correct spellings for these famous fictional creatures?

1. *Dungeons & Dragons* character that made its way to *Stranger Things*:  
A. Demogorgon, B. Demigorgon, C. Demegorgun, D. Dimegorgun
2. Goblin-like creature made popular by Tolkien:  
A. Orc, B. Ork, C. Urk, D. Urc
3. Giant Japanese monsters like Godzilla:  
A. Keiu, B. Kizu, C. Keidu, D. Kaiju
4. Lovecraft's cosmic entity:  
A. Ka'thloo, B. Cthulhu, C. Chath'ul, D. Kthaloo
5. The tentacled *Star Wars* creature living in pits on Tatooine:  
A. Carlic, B. Carlok, C. Ssarlek, D. Sarlacc



## Horror Book Crossword



### Across:

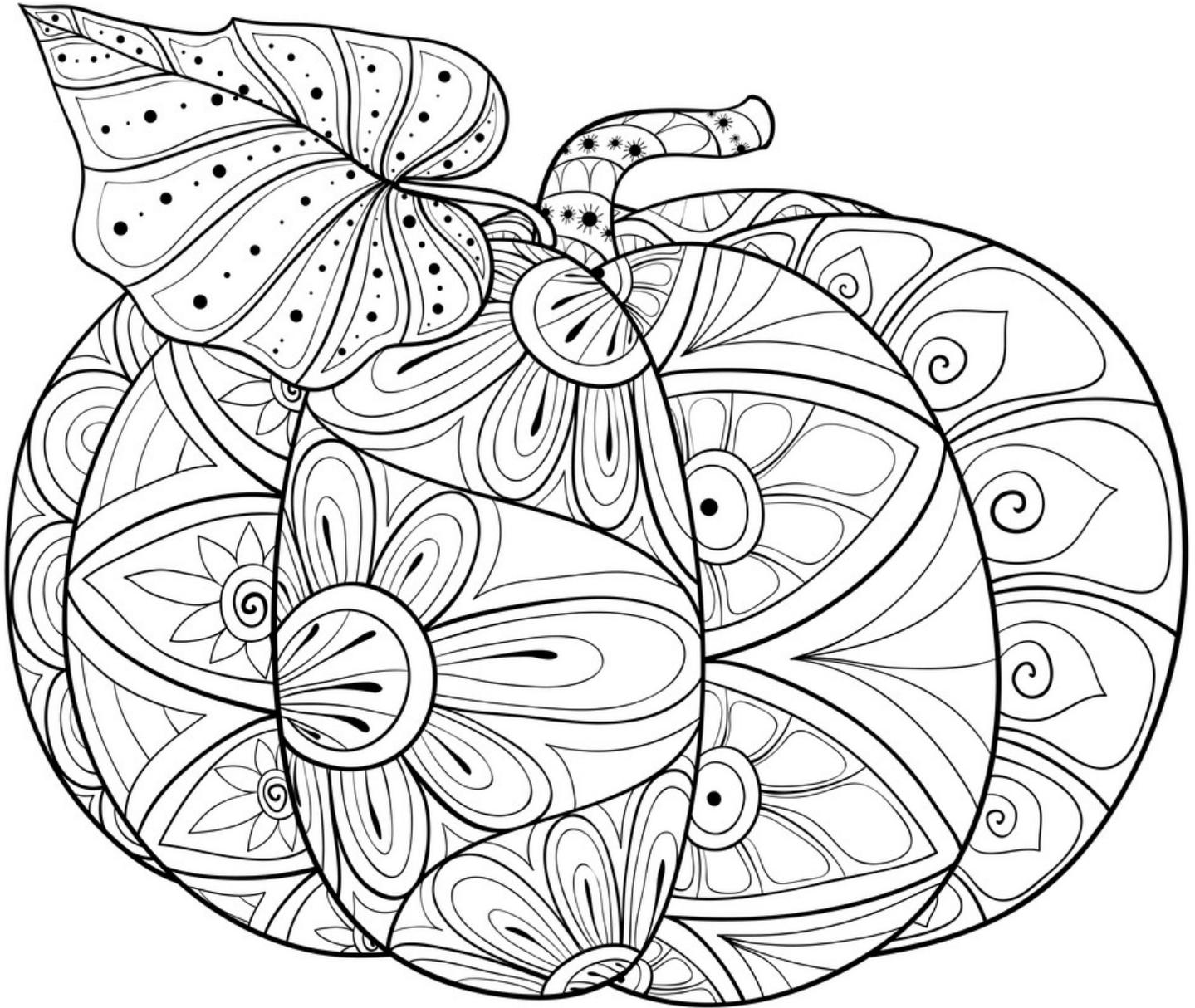
1. Series that includes Slappy the Dummy
5. Scary \_\_\_\_\_ to Tell in the Dark
6. Dorian Gray creator \_\_\_\_\_ Wilde
7. "\_\_\_\_\_ of Sleepy Hollow"
10. Grave-robbing doctor who flees to the North Pole
12. "The \_\_\_\_\_": Shirley Jackson scapegoat story
13. Vampire hunter Abraham \_\_\_\_\_

### Down:

1. *Phantom of the Opera* author
2. "The Murders in the Rue \_\_\_\_\_"
3. Creator of *Cujo* and *Pennywise*
4. Vampire author Anne \_\_\_\_\_
7. Graphic novel series starring Dream
8. *The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Screw*
9. Hyde's opposite
11. Ray Bradbury: *The Halloween \_\_\_\_\_*



## Pumpkin Coloring



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## Activity Answers

**Crossword:**  
Across: 1. GOOSEBUMPS, 5. STORIES, 6. OSCAR, 7. THE LEGEND, 10. FRANKENSTEIN, 12. LOTTERY, 13. VAN HEISING  
Down: 1. GASTON LEROUX, 2. MORGUE, 3. STEPHEN KING, 4. RICE, 7. THE SANDMAN, 8. TURN, 9. JEKYLL, 11. TREE

**Monster Spelling:**  
1=A (Demogoron), 2=A (Orc), 3=D (Kaiju), 4=B (Cthulhu), 5=D (Saracc)