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Whitehall Township Public Library **Library Lines**

Welcome to the Whitehall Township Public Library! Our **regular hours** are Monday - Thursday from 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. and Friday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., but we'll be **closed for the New Year** from Saturday, December 31, 2022 through Monday, January 2, 2023. We'll resume regular hours on January 3. If we have to **close for winter weather**, you can find out about it on our website or social media or at WFMZ-TV (Channel 69) and their online Storm Center.

New Hotspot Collection

New to the library: **mobile hotspots!** These are easy-to-use devices that connect your laptop, tablet, or other Wi-Fi-enabled devices to the Internet. They offer up to 4G LTE service and are perfect for travel, schoolwork, job hunting, and more. Hotspots may be checked out on an Adult LCLC Library Card for one week with up to two renewals. Fines are applied for overdue hotspots at \$5.00 per day. Devices will be deactivated when they become overdue. Check out a hotspot today!

Stay-Cozy January

This month, we have a series of at-home activities to bring you some fun and relaxation.

Virtual Sticker Board: January 9-14

Help us complete a virtual sticker mosaic picture. Follow the link on our website or Facebook page any time from Mon., January 9 - Sat., January 14 and help place tiles in the mosaic. Let's see what we create!



Take-Home Hygge Kit (Adult): January 16-21

Hygge ("HOO-gah") encompasses a feeling of cozy contentment and wellbeing through enjoying the simple things in life. The kit will include coloring, a craft, a sweet treat, and more! This kit is available for patrons aged 18+, and registration is required. You can pick it up at the library from Mon., January 16 - Sat., January 21 and then unwind with it at home.

Virtual Escape Room: January 23-28

With thirty minutes on the clock, can you escape our wintery escape room? Find the link on our website or Facebook page from Mon., January 23 - Sat., January 28.

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Regular Library Events

Adult Coloring Club:

They meet on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. (January 5 & 19).

Adult Book Talks:

They meet on the 1st Thursday from 1 - 2 p.m. (January 5). Come to discuss whatever you're reading or recently finished.

Library Board of Trustees Meeting:

They meet on the 2nd Thursday at 6:30 p.m. (January 12). Meetings are open to the public, and you can find the most recent agenda and a collection of past minutes on the Publications page of our website.

Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Meetings:

They meet on one Saturday a month at 1:30 p.m. (January 14). Check our calendar for dates. New members are always welcome!

Database Spotlight: POWER Library

Whether you want to research a topic for fun, school, or work, **POWER Library** is a great place to start. For example, you might want to read more about Chinese New Year this month, or you might be working on a science term paper. Either way, you can check here for articles from journals, newspapers, and more. There are even some resources for young readers!

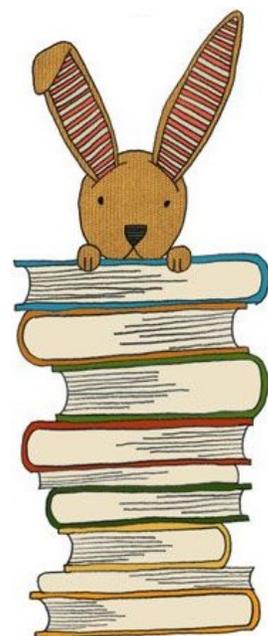
To **access** this or our other databases, go to Research & Learn on our website (www.whitehallpl.org). If you log in from outside our building, you'll need a library card with us (in good standing) and a 4-digit password. Please see our front desk if you need help logging in.

Book Nook: Rabbits

Chinese New Year will begin on January 22. We will enter the year of the Water Rabbit symbolizing peace, prosperity, and luck. Those born under this sign are calm, intuitive, and very sociable. If you want to discover your Chinese zodiac sign, borrow our copy of *The Chinese Zodiac* by Anita Margan (I33.52 MARG).

Rabbits originated on the Iberian Peninsula. They are Lagomorphs, not rodents. If you want to learn more about wild rabbits, check out books with Dewey number 599.322. Ancient Romans are credited for domesticating rabbits, and it took about 2,000 years for them to be genetically different from their wild counterparts. There are over 300 different breeds of domesticate rabbits with variations of size, colors, and patterns within those breeds. For more information, pet rabbit books are in the 636.9 section.

The Victorian era was the start of rabbits becoming **house pets**. My husband and I have had house rabbits for over 30 years. My opinion is that rabbits are very much like cats. Yes, they are very cute and they do not cost as much as dogs and cats, but I do not recommend them as pets for children. Rabbits do need to be confined when you can't watch them. Unfortunately, after cats and dogs, rabbits hold third place for animals surrendered at rescue shelters. **Please do not buy ANY animal without doing research beforehand**, and that includes their lifespan, what they eat, and how much it costs to feed them and to take them to a vet. Rabbits still behave as prey animals and will hide their illnesses, so you must be a vigilant pet parent and react quickly. Rabbits are considered "exotic" pets, and not every veterinary practice accepts them as patients. I am a longtime member of the House Rabbit Society (<https://rabbit.org>), which is an excellent resource for all your questions and concerns if you want a pet rabbit. I will be happy to answer your questions based on my experience. Every pet, no matter what species, has its own personality and deserves one-on-one time with you.



~ Chris Andrews

HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR!

Chinese New Year celebrates the start of the year by a lunar calendar, so it comes around on different days for us. This year, it falls on Sunday, January 22, 2023, and we're entering the **Year of the Rabbit**. Some common customs for this time of year include house cleaning, family gatherings, lighting firecrackers, giving gifts, and going to parties. Decorations often include red paper cutouts and couplets (2-lined poems) with themes like happiness, good fortune, and longevity.

Rabbit Crossword

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The Great Race

Legend says that the Jade Emperor had the animals race to be his guards. The first 12 that finished were: Rat, Ox, Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Goat, Monkey, Rooster, Dog, and Pig.

The Rat jumped on the Ox's ear to cross a river and then quickly hopped off to get to the feet of the Emperor first. The others used different skills or strategies to make it to the end, like the rabbit, who floated across on a log. According to this tale, these animals became the animals in the Chinese Zodiac, in the order that they finished.



Crossword Answers Pg. 4.

Across:

- 1. Looney Tunes trickster
- 3. Baby rabbit
- 5. *Zootopia* rabbit cop: _____ Hopps
- 8. *Who Framed* _____ *Rabbit*
- 9. Peter Rabbit creator
- 11. Tea-loving _____ Hare from *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*
- 12. Toy that became real: _____ *Rabbit*

Down:

- 1. Male rabbit
- 2. Excited bunny maneuver with hopping, twisting, and kicking
- 4. Aesop's race fable: "The _____ and the Hare"
- 6. Female rabbit
- 7. Richard Adams novel: _____ *Down*
- 10. Holiday with an egg-bearing bunny

Chinese Zodiac "I Spy"

Try to find all of the animals in the Chinese Zodiac below: Rat, Ox, Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Goat, Monkey, Rooster, Dog, and Pig.



Crossword Answers
Across: 1. BUGS BUNNY; 3. KITTEN; 5. JUDY; 8. ROGER; 9. BEATRIX POTTER; 11. MARCH;
12. VELVETEEN
Down: 1. BUCK; 2. BINKY; 4. TORTOISE; 6. DOE; 7. WATERSHIP; 10. EASTER