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Whitehall Township Public Library **Library Lines**

Library Hours

Welcome to the Whitehall Township Public Library! The library's **regular hours** are Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. and Friday-Saturday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

We will be **closed** on Monday, February 20 for **Presidents' Day** and will re-open the next day.

If we **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.

Museum Pass Spotlight: Reading Museum

This month's featured museum pass is to the **Reading Museum!**

Current exhibits include "Mission Aerospace", "To the Moon: Snoopy Soars with NASA", and other permanent exhibits. Go to the museum website (www.readingpublicmuseum.org/) for more information.



Check out the Reading Museum Pass from Whitehall Township Public Library. **Museum Passes** are free to check out with your LCLC Library Card. The pass allows for up to two adults and four children. The pass must be checked out and returned to the Whitehall Library Circulation Desk, and late fees apply.

Author Talk for Teachers

Come in to hear local author Jeffrey Dutt discuss his book *The Little Book for Teachers Who Think Big!* It tackles different classroom management approaches, standardized testing, student issues, lesson planning, and more. Registration is requested, and you can register online or at our front desk.

Dutt is a Whitehall native and worked in the social services field for 12 years. He started his second career as a classroom teacher and has been teaching in the Allentown School District for the past 20 years as a special education and social studies teacher.

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Story Times

We'll have these story times available for kids, and all of these books count for our 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Program! See below for details.

Winter Story Times (Zoom)

The library will hold a series of story times over Zoom on Thursdays at 11 a.m. from January 19 - February 16, 2023. E-mail Ms. Santaliz at santaliz.l@whitehallpl.org for the link.

Spring Story Times

Registration is required for our 2023 Spring Story Times, and registration opens on February 6. We'll have three story times available this year:

- **Tuesday Preschool Story Time** (ages 36 months – 5 years) runs on Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. from February 28 through April 18.
- **Wednesday Preschool Story Time** (ages 36 months – 5 years) runs on Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. from March 1 through April 19. You can register online here or in person at our front desk.
- **Toddler Story Time** (ages 12-36 months) will be Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. from March 2 – April 20.

Valentine Crafts

Do you want to celebrate the Valentine's season or give a homemade gift to a loved one? We have a couple craft options early this month for our patrons. Registration is required for both of these activities, and you can register online or at the front desk.

Clothesline Craft

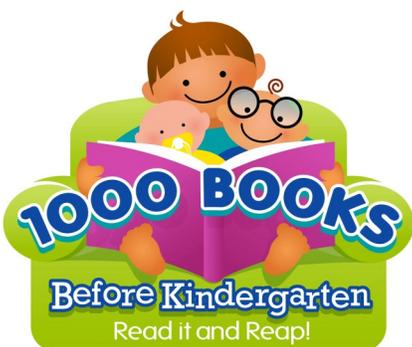
At 6 p.m. on Thursday, February 2, we'll be making a clothesline heart picture frame. This program is open to patrons age 18 and up.



Fandom Valentine Take-Home Kits

Create your own Baby Yoda Bookmark Valentine with this take-home craft! This kit is for all ages, and supplies and instructions are provided. You can pick up the craft from Monday, February 6 - Saturday, February 11.

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten



According to research findings, the more children ages 1 - 5 hear books read to them, the more prepared they are to learn to read when they reach kindergarten. Through the "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten" program, children exercise six **early literacy skills**: oral language, phonological awareness, vocabulary, print awareness, background knowledge, and letter knowledge.

Register at the WTPL circulation desk and pick up your first **reading log**. Track what you read to your child in the reading log. When you reach 100 books, bring your log into the library so your child can get the first reading incentive and the next log. Once you reach 1,000 books, your child will get a certificate and a prize.

Database Spotlight: TumbleBook Library

If you want to take part in **1,000 Books Before Kindergarten** but feel like you're running out of books, you can use our TumbleBook Library database for some variety. This collection has plenty of fun, colorful eBooks for kids. The collection of Story Books will even read to your child so you can rest your voice.

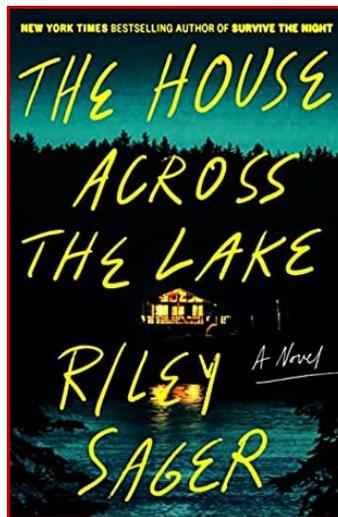
You can find **TumbleBook Library and other databases** on the Research & Learn page of our website. To log in, you'll need a valid library barcode and a PIN. If you need help getting either of these, please see our front desk.



Book Nook: Riley Sager

Our library is starting a new display called Staff Picks, which will feature books recommended by our staff, and it's interesting when we choose the same author. My favorite genre is mystery, but I was getting bored because it was becoming easy to figure out whodunit. A friend, who is a Riley Sager fan, suggested to give him a try. I got hooked and read all the Sager books so far. The plots are mysterious, but he manages to create a spooky atmosphere. He throws in unexpected twists, which make the endings a surprise. I started with the book that put him on several bestseller lists last year: *The House Across the Lake*. This story is about a widow who rescues her new neighbor and then suspects the neighbor's husband means harm, so she keeps watch.

In his other works, *The Final Girls* are those who survive mass murders and become famous for it. After many years, someone is killing these survivors, and one of them is determined to figure it out. *The Last Time I Lied* is set at a girls' camp that reopens fifteen years after three girls go missing, and the main character was their roommate. *Lock Every Door* is about a young woman who is hired as an apartment sitter in a Dakota-esque building and realizes that these sitters tend to disappear. A woman inherits a haunted house she vaguely remembers as a child, but was made famous because her father wrote a book about it in *Home Before Dark*. Charlie quits college after her roommate is murdered by a serial killer, and finds a ride home through the college rideshare, but will she *Survive the Night*? I can honestly say I never saw the twists coming, so whodunit was always a surprise. Now I am a fan, too, and look forward to his next book: *The Only One Left*.



~ Chris Andrews

Regular Library Events

Adult Coloring Club:

Thursday, February 2 & 16, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Adult Book Talks:

Thursday, February 2, 1-2 p.m.

Board of Trustees Meeting:

Thursday, February 9, 6:30 p.m.

Creation Station:

Wednesday, February 15, 6-7 p.m.

- Grades 3-6
- Registration Required
- This Month: Bubble-ology

Teen Advisory Board:

Saturday, February 4, 1:30 p.m.

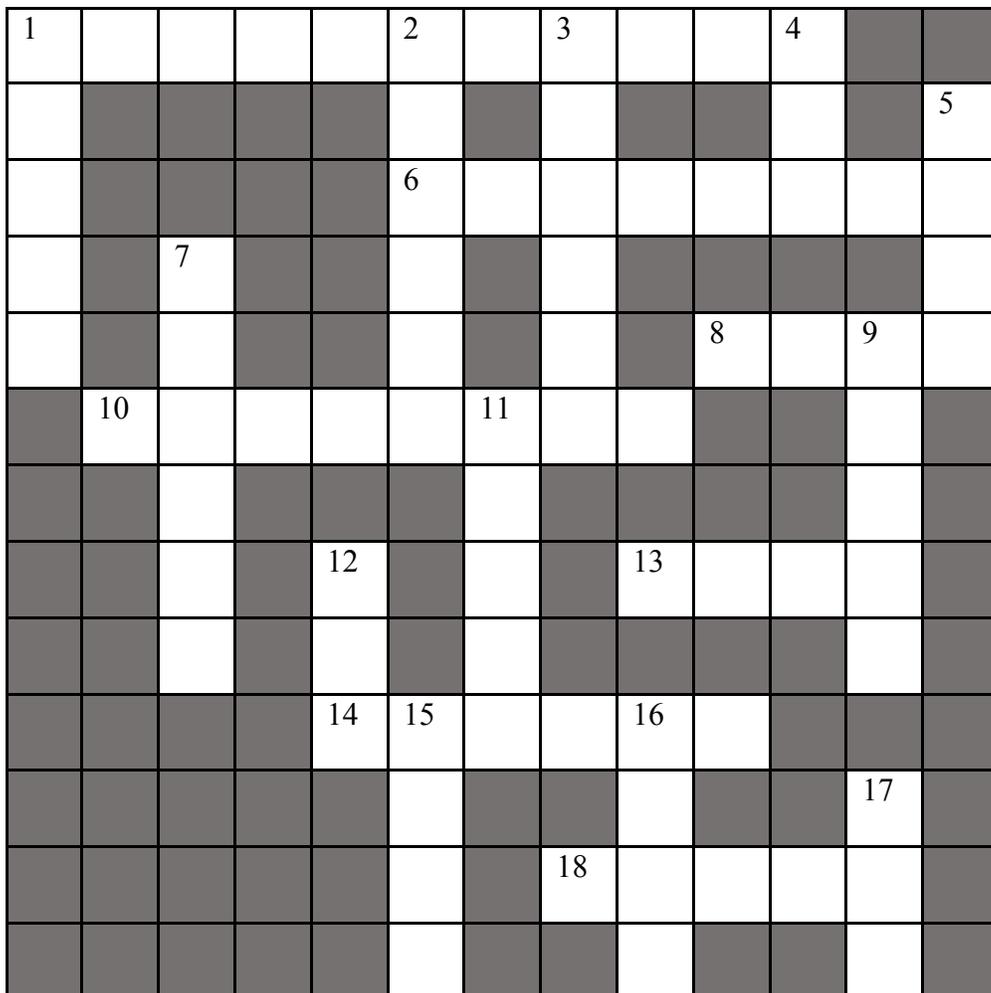
Movie Night:

Wednesday, February 22, 5:30 p.m.: *The Cat in the Hat* (2003)



Book Fun: Crossword

In honor of the 1,000 Books program, this month we have a crossword for you all about children's literature. (Answers are below.)



Across

1. Carle's very hungry insect
6. Author whose elderly protagonist will swallow just about anything
8. *Strega* _____
10. *Stellaluna* animal
13. *Arthur* author _____ Brown
14. Do you know how to get to this street?
18. *If You Give a _____ a Cookie*

Down

1. _____, *Clack, Moo*
2. *There's a Wocket in My _____*
3. *Moo, Baa, _____!* by Sandra Boynton
4. *Clifford the Big _____ Dog*
5. Diego's exploring cousin
7. Harold uses this kind of crayon
9. Jane O'Connor's fancy fashionista
11. *The Berenstain _____*
12. Thing that might be magic, but a pigeon shouldn't drive
15. *Green _____ and Ham*
16. *Owl or Goodnight _____*
17. Husband-and-wife creators of *Curious George*



Crossword Across: 1. CATERPILLAR, 6. COLANDRO, 8. NONA, 10. FRUIT BAT, 13. MARC, 14. SESA-ME, 18. MOUSE. **Crossword Down:** 1. CLICK, 2. POCKET, 3. LA LA LA, 4. RED, 5. DORA, 7. PURPLE, 9. NANCY, 11. BEAR, 12. BUS, 15. EGGS, 16. MOON, 17. REY