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Whitehall Township Public Library **Library Lines**

Every April, we celebrate **National Library Week**. This year, it runs from April 24 - 29, and the theme is **“There’s More to the Story”**. Libraries are full of stories in a variety of formats from picture books to large print, audiobooks to ebooks, and more. But there’s so much more to the story. We also loan out other materials like museum passes and mobile hotspots. Our programs bring people together from around our community. Our public computers and databases help patrons do schoolwork, find jobs, and more. This week, as we celebrate libraries, we’ll have a library-themed book talk and a used book sale (see below).

If you’d like to visit the library, our **hours** are Monday - Thursday from 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. and Friday - Saturday from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. You can visit our **website** (www.whitehallpl.org) at any time, and you can use your library card to access your account or the library databases.

We hope to see you here!



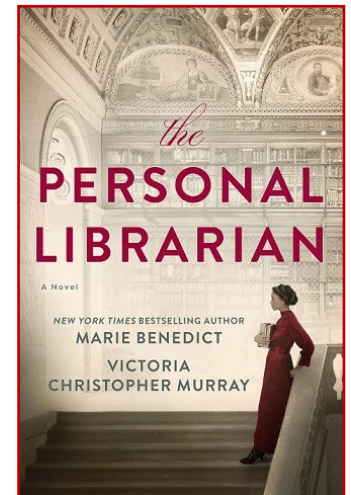
Spring Book Sale

One way for you to support the library during National Library Week is to shop for books and other materials at our **Used Book Sale**. This will be on Friday, **April 28** & Saturday, **April 29** from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., and on Saturday only, from Noon – 3, we’ll have a \$5-per-bag sale.

On the Same Page: *The Personal Librarian*

In this **new club** (for adults aged 18+), everyone reads the same book. (This is in addition to our monthly club where everyone talks about what they’re reading now.) Registration is required, and books will be loaned as availability allows. Watch our calendar for dates and books.

We’ll have our first meeting on Wednesday, April 26 at 6:30 p.m. This month, we’re reading ***The Personal Librarian*** by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray, which tells the story of J. P. Morgan’s personal librarian, Belle da Costa Greene. Belle was a real Black American woman who was forced to hide her true identity and pass as white, and this is a fictional account of her life.



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Regular Events**Adult Coloring Club:**

Thursday, April 6 & 20, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Adult Book Talks:

Thursday, April 6, 1-2 p.m.

Board Meeting:

Thursday, April 13, 6:30 p.m.

Creation Station:

Wednesday, April 19, 6-7 p.m.

- Grades 3-6
- Registration Required
- This Month: **Creative Construction.** Kids will use their imagination to build in a variety of shapes.

**Teen Advisory Board:**

Saturday, April 15, 1:30 p.m.

**Museum Pass Spotlight:
Pearl S. Buck International**

Celebrate National Library Week with a visit to **Pearl S. Buck's home!** Pearl S. Buck was a Pulitzer Prize-winning author who had an estate in Bucks County. You can tour her home, explore the award-winning gardens, and learn more about Pearl S. Buck and her legacy.

Check out the Pearl S. Buck 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. Late fees apply.

**So Sweet!**

Do you love honey? The **honey bees** that make it are vital parts of our ecosystem, acting as highly efficient pollinators of our food crops and wild flora.

On Thursday, **April 20**, at 6:30 p.m., hear local beekeeper Tom Lindeman present the **Challenges & Survival of Honey Bees.** He'll talk about the bees, their environment, and the threats that they face. Find out what you can do to help save these important animals!

**Spring Story Times**

Registration is required for our 2023 Spring Story Times, and we'll have three options 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.
- **Toddler Story Time** (ages 12-36 months) will be Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. from March 2 – April 20.

Database Spotlight: LearningExpress

As a library, we promote learning at all stages of your life. That's why we have LearningExpress, which offers **practice tests** for students of **all ages**. This database can help prepare you for your SAT, GED, NCLEX, Praxis, and more! You can find this and other databases on the Research & Learn page of our website (www.whitehallpl.org), and you can access it online as long as you have a library card in good standing.

Book Nook: Global Astronomy Month

If you are a Baby Boomer like me, your school science units on astronomy were probably limited to basic knowledge of what stars are (our sun in particular), identifying some constellations, moon phases, and memorizing the order of planets in our solar system. There is so much more to astronomy than that – things we use every day that are astronomical or derived from the scientific tools used to study astronomy. This is **Global Astronomy Month**, and this year's theme is "One People, One Sky". Earth-based observatories have limited fields of vision, so astronomy is a "friendly" science that shares data worldwide.

Astronomy is one of the oldest sciences. Astrology is an offshoot "pseudo-science". They are often confused. Astronomy marks time – day and night and the seasons and the year – and it's used for navigation. Modern space telescopes enable observation of physics and chemistry on a scale impossible to do on Earth. Technology used to observe and explore space have led to many everyday applications. Examples are microwave ovens, GPS, Wi-Fi, personal computers, cell phones, web cams, MRI imaging, solar panels, "clean rooms", and memory foam. There is a proven correlation that a society that creates and uses technology is smarter and healthier, and therefore has a longer lifespan, except for that other discovery – nuclear bombs.

Why was **Pluto** removed from the list of planets? Space telescopes discovered many planetoids in our solar system, and three of them are the size of Pluto. Do we classify them as planets, with the possibility there are more this size in our solar system, or downgrade Pluto as a large planetoid? Currently, we have eight planets in our solar system. While Saturn has the most spectacular rings, did you know that Jupiter, Uranus, and Neptune also have rings?

Take some time to look up into the night sky and try to **find some planets or identify constellations**. Guess what? There's an app for that! You can also find astronomy books in our nonfiction section in the 520 section.

~ Chris Andrews



Library Scavenger Hunt

How many of these can you find next time you visit our library?

- ◆ Biography
- ◆ Book with a bird on the cover
- ◆ Book with a green cover
- ◆ Book with an unusual shape (not a square or rectangle)
- ◆ Glasses
- ◆ Globe
- ◆ Graphic novel
- ◆ Mystery
- ◆ New DVD section
- ◆ Pamphlet files
- ◆ Person using a computer
- ◆ Puzzle
- ◆ Red section of a wall
- ◆ Stuffed dog

Library Logic Puzzle

There are four librarians at the Woodland Creatures Public Library: Dr. Fox, Mrs. Owl, Miss Wolf, and Mr. Bunny. They'll hold book genre talks once a week for four weeks during April, with each of them talking about books in their favorite genres. The genres covered will be Historical Fiction, Horror, Mystery, and Romance. Which librarian is talking about which genre, and in what order? (See answers below.)

	Dr. Fox	Mrs. Owl	Miss Wolf	Mr. Bunny	Historical Fiction	Horror	Mystery	Romance
Week 1								
Week 2								
Week 3								
Week 4								
Historical Fiction								
Horror								
Mystery								
Romance								

Clues:

- ◆ Miss Wolf will hold her talk 1 week before the Historical Fiction talk.
- ◆ Week 4, Mrs. Owl's week, and Dr. Fox's week are all different weeks.
- ◆ The Mystery talk will happen 1 week after Mrs. Owl's week.
- ◆ Dr. Fox will talk some time after Miss Wolf.
- ◆ Mrs. Owl will talk 1 week after the Romance talk.



Recommended Reading

Here are some books about libraries from our collection, though you can find more by browsing our catalog. This list is aimed at adults but includes a couple titles for younger readers that adults might still enjoy.

- ◆ Benedict, Marie & Victoria Christopher Murray: *The Personal Librarian*
- ◆ Block, Lawrence: *The Burglar in the Library*
- ◆ Brett, Simon: *The Liar in the Library*
- ◆ Caine, Rachel: *Ink and Bone*
- ◆ Charles, Janet Skeslien: *The Paris Library*
- ◆ Christie, Agatha: *The Body in the Library*
- ◆ Davis, Fiona: *The Lions of Fifth Avenue*
- ◆ Davis, Lindsey: *Alexandria*
- ◆ Gentill, Sulari: *The Woman in the Library*
- ◆ Grabenstein, Chris: *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library*
- ◆ Haig, Matt: *The Midnight Library*
- ◆ Manning, Molly Guptill: *When Books Went to War: The Stories that Helped Us Win WWII*
- ◆ Moyes, Jojo: *The Giver of Stars*
- ◆ Myron, Vicki & Bret Witter: *Dewey: The Small-Town Library Cat Who Touched the World*
- ◆ Rogerson, Margaret: *Sorcery of Thorns*
- ◆ Stuart A.P. Murray, Stuart A.P.: *The Library: An Illustrated History*
- ◆ Truman, Margaret: *Murder at the Library of Congress*
- ◆ Winter, Jeanette: *The Librarian of Basra*

Week 3 – Dr. Fox – Mystery.
Week 4 – Mr. Bunny – Horror.

Week 1 – Miss Wolf – Romance.
Week 2 – Mrs. Owl – Historical Fiction.

Puzzle Answers