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# Whitehall Township Public Library **Library Lines**

It's almost time for this year's **Summer Reading Program!** Kids and adults of all ages can join in the fun. The theme this year is "All Together Now", and it will run from June 12 - August 5. Watch our newsletter for more details about logging books, earning prizes, and attending some of the events we have planned.

To help more kids win cool prizes, we've put out a collection bin. We'd appreciate any new **toys or games** that we can give to kids after they log in their books. This is a great way to help encourage kids to read more!

Other items on our **wish list are:** booster seats for library chairs, disposable masks, copier paper (white or colored 8.5"x11"), resealable plastic bags (any size, especially qt., 1 gal., 2 gal., & snack-sized), large cans of disinfectant wipes, liquid hand sanitizer that can be used in spray bottles (70% alcohol or higher), large bottles of gel-type hand sanitizer, gift cards (any store, especially Walmart, Giant, & Redner's).

We're also looking for one or two **black lights** for BINGLOW, a glow-in-the-dark kids' BINGO on July 5. We'd be happy to borrow the black lights, too, if you have some and are willing to loan them. We appreciate anything you can do to help the library!

If you'd like to **visit the library**, we're open Monday to Thursday from 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. and Friday to Saturday from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

We're **closed for Memorial Day** from Saturday, May 27 through Monday, May 29 and will resume regular hours the next day.

## Recycling for a Cause

The Whitehall Lions Club is collecting **sneakers** to recycle as part of a fundraiser. You can help the environment by getting rid of your old shoes in an eco-friendly way, while earning money for a great cause! The size and condition of the shoes doesn't matter. Bring in any sneakers during our open hours and put them in the collection bin.



## A Good Yarn

The library is starting a new club for people who like to **knit, crochet, and more!** Whether you work with hooks or needles, yarn or thread, you're welcome to join. It meets on the first and third Thursday of every month from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. This month, you can come in on **May 4 & 18.**



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### Regular Library Events

#### Adult Coloring Club:

Thursday, May 4 & 18, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

#### Adult Book Talks:

Thursday, May 4, 1-2 p.m.

#### A Good Yarn:

Thursday, May 4 & 18, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

#### Board of Trustees Meeting:

Thursday, May 11, 6:30 p.m.

#### Creation Station:

Wednesday, May 17, 6-7 p.m.

- Grades 3-6
- This Month: **Weather Wonders**
- Registration Required

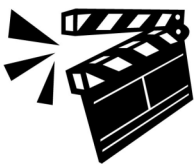
#### Teen Advisory Board:

Saturday, May 20, 1:30 p.m.

#### Movie Night:

Wednesday, May 24, 6 p.m.

- This Month: *First Kid*



### Pollinators

Join the Lehigh County Conservation District for a Pollinator Program on Tuesday, **May 16** at 11 a.m. Learn all about the benefits of bugs, and imagine being a bee for a day! Make a flower bookmark and learn how to make a seed ball for local pollinators to enjoy. This program is recommended for kids aged 36 months to 5 years old, and registration is required.



Please **register** with the Whitehall Township Public Library (registration opening soon). For questions or additional details, please feel free to contact Laura Hopek, Environmental Educator with the Lehigh County Conservation District (LHopek@LehighConservation.org).



### Spring Songs

The barbershop quartet **ffourtissimo** is returning for a special performance on Thursday, **May 25** at 6:30 p.m. The quartet has visited the library several times before, and we always look forward to their lively harmonies! Registration is requested for this event.



### Database Spotlight: TeenBook Cloud

You don't have to be a teen to enjoy the TeenBook Cloud collection! The growing database features over 1000 titles, including **graphic novels**, enhanced **e-books** with full audio narration and highlighted text, **nature videos**, and more!

You can find TeenBook Cloud and our other **databases** on the Research & Learn page of our website ([www.whitehallpl.org](http://www.whitehallpl.org)). You can access this and most of our databases from home with an Internet connection. All you need to access it is an up-to-date library card and PIN. Please see our front desk if you need access.

## Book Nook: Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month

This month we recognize Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. AAPI comprise about 50 ethnic groups that speak over 100 languages. Combined, AAPI represent 7.3% or about 24 million of the 331.9 million people in the U.S. Regarding Hawaii, only those of true Pacific Island descent are included.

We can be thankful for the ancient trade routes established with Asia and the Pacific Islands because so many things in our daily lives originated there: almost all citrus fruits, coconuts, cucumbers, barley, rice, tea, cinnamon, turmeric, ginger, pigs, sheep, and chickens, just to name a few. What would our yards look like without maples; azaleas; hydrangeas; irises; tulips; or hostas? How many of us are regulars at local Asian and Indian restaurants? How many have taken martial arts or yoga classes? Our lives have been enriched by these cultures.

It's hard to look at American history and the horrible things done to AAPI people and not be ashamed. The Pacific railroad system barely paid Chinese American workers and treated them as disposable. The internment camps for Japanese Americans during World War II, whose homes and belongings were taken from them and never restored, are another example. Now, there is a frightening rise of attacks against AAPI people since the COVID pandemic, simply because some chose to call it the "Chinese Virus".

Here's a list of living AAPI people you may recognize, starting with two Freedom High School alumni: Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, Daniel Dae Kim, George Takei, B.D. Wong, Lucy Liu, Sandra Oh, Chrissy Teigen, Margaret Cho, Ang Lee, Yo-Yo Ma, Bruno Mars, Robert Kiyosaki, Jhumpa Lahri, Amy Tan, Laurence Yep, Kristi Yamaguchi, Tiger Woods, Sanjay Gupta, Barack Obama, and Kamala Harris. Names you should know include Peter Tsai (N-95 mask filter inventor), Ajay Bhatt (USB inventor), and Steven Shih Chen (YouTube cofounder).

Our library has many items by or about these people. Perhaps you'd like to try a recipe or two from that region? AtoZ World Food database is a good start. You can also search our nonfiction collection under 385 for railroad history or 940.5317 (and 741.5 TAKE) about incarceration camps.

Most of all, we should be grateful for all the good things AAPI people brought and continue to bring to our lives.

~ Chris Andrews

### Yard Sale Donations

The library is **accepting donations** for an Indoor Yard Sale in June.

**We can use** a variety of new or like-new items like kitchenware and decorations. We can't take any clothes, electronics, or anything too large like furniture. We appreciate any support that you can give us!

**We can take donations through Friday, May 26.**

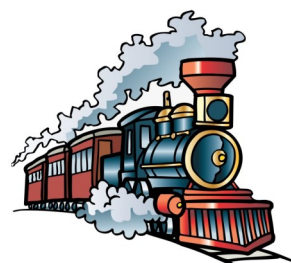
The **yard sale** will be on Friday, June 2 and Saturday, June 3 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.



## Museum Pass Spotlight: Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania

Visit the **Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania**, with more than 100 locomotive and railroad cars on display. The Museum is devoted to telling the rich stories of railroading in the Commonwealth, including not just the railroads themselves, but also their manufacturers, support industries, workers, and travelers – then and now.







**Museum Passes** are free to check out with your LCLC Library Card. The pass allows for up to two adults and two children. Passes are checked out for one week with no renewals. They can only be checked out at the Whitehall Township Public Library and returned inside this library at the circulation desk. You may place a hold on a pass. Overdue fines are \$10.00 a day.



## Spring Fun

See answers to the puzzles at the bottom of the page.

### Find the Values

	-		=	6
	+		=	11
	+		=	14

### Floral Mix-Up

Unscramble the names of these flowers:

- |              |               |
|--------------|---------------|
| 1. PITUL     | 11. SLOWERFUN |
| 2. NARACINOT | 12. VENALRED  |
| 3. ALFIDFOD  | 13. STOUL     |
| 4. EORS      | 14. GROILMAD  |
| 5. CODIHR    | 15. SNAPY     |
| 6. AGARINDE  | 16. NAGEHYDRA |
| 7. YILL      | 17. YNOPE     |
| 8. YSAID     | 18. SIRI      |
| 9. BBEELLU   | 19. EZLAAA    |
| 10. YOPPP    | 20. LEVOTI    |

### Would You Rather...

Have a picnic with one wasp?	- OR -	Have a picnic with 100 ants?
Go paddleboarding?	- OR -	Go water skiing?
Grow flowers in your garden that smell like a skunk?	- OR -	Have birds outside your house that sound like chainsaws?
Be followed by a group of ducklings?	- OR -	Be followed by a group of rabbits?
Spend a day gardening?	- OR -	Spend a day making bird feeders?
Be a caterpillar for a day?	- OR -	Be a baby deer for a day?
Make the rain come and go at will?	- OR -	Make flowers grow instantly?
Have bird feathers?	- OR -	Have fur all over?
Have a home like a bird's nest?	- OR -	Have a home like a beehive?
Be friends with a talking worm?	- OR -	Be friends with a talking bee?
Spend a day counting dandelions in a field?	- OR -	Spend a day chasing squirrels?
Kiss a frog?	- OR -	Let ants crawl all over you?
Eat a chocolate-covered grasshopper?	- OR -	Eat fried worms with seasoning?
Have butterfly wings?	- OR -	Have large rabbit teeth?
Have webbed feet?	- OR -	Have an umbrella growing out of your head?

**Answers**

**Find the Values:** Bee = 10, Flower = 4, Butterfly = 1  
**Floral Mix-Up:** 1 = TULIP, 2 = CARNATION, 3 = DAFFODIL, 4 = ROSE, 5 = ORCHID, 6 = GARDENIA, 7 = LILY, 8 = DAISY, 9 = BLUEBELL, 10 = POPPY, 11 = SUNFLOWER, 12 = LAVENDER, 13 = LOTUS, 14 = MARGOLD, 15 = PANSY, 16 = HYDRANGEA, 17 = PEONY, 18 = IRIS, 19 = AZALEA, 20 = VIOLET