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It's time for Summer Reading!

Our 2023 Summer Reading Program will run from Monday, June 12 - Saturday, August 5. This year's theme will be "**All Together Now**" and will encourage friendship, kindness, and unity.

Hawk Mountain Sanctuary is bringing live birds of prey to help us start things off. They'll be at our kickoff party on Saturday, **June 10** at 1 p.m. Learn all about each species, their unique adaptations, and what sets them apart from each other!

Throughout the program, kids and adults alike can **read books and log them in to earn prizes**. Rules and prizes vary by age group, but you can find more details at our front desk or on our website.

The **Adult Summer Reading Program Finale** will be on Thursday, **August 10**, from 1 - 2 p.m., and the **Kids' Finale** will be on Saturday, **August 12**, from Noon - 2 p.m.

Watch this newsletter or our calendar for **free events for all ages**, which we'll hold throughout the summer.



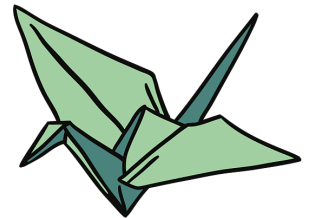
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Peace Crane Project

Help us decorate for our Summer Reading Program by folding one or more **paper cranes** to hang at our front desk. This is part of the 2023 theme "All Together Now", which celebrates kindness and unity. Visit peacecraneproject.org to learn how paper cranes became a symbol of peace.



Board of Trustees Meeting

Members of the public are welcome to attend our Board of Trustees meetings. They meet at 6:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month, this month on **June 8**, and you can find the most recent agenda on our website.

Tote Bags

The library is selling a new tote bag design.

The new bags are \$4 each, and you can purchase them at our front desk.

**Database Spotlight: NoveList K-8 Plus**

Are you looking for book recommendations for your kids? You can use **NoveList K-8 Plus** for them in the same way that you use NoveList for yourself. You can browse books by subgenres or story elements, or you can look at recommended reading lists for different age groups centered around certain themes.

This database, like most of our others, is available online to patrons with a valid library card and PIN. Please see our front desk if you need help getting either of these. You can find our list of databases under **Research & Learn** on our website (www.whitehallpl.org).

Yard Sale

Would you like to support the library while getting good deals? The library will have an **Indoor Yard Sale** on Friday, **June 2** and Saturday, **June 3**. Both days it'll be open from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. On **Saturday only** from Noon - 3, we'll have a sale where you can fill up a bag for \$5.

**Museum Pass Spotlight: Bucks County Children's Museum**

What better time to visit a museum than on summer break? Visit the **Bucks County Children's Museum!** Exhibits are designed for young children from 12 months (walking) up to 7 years of age who enjoy pretend play.

Museum passes are free to check out with your LCLC Library Card. **This pass** allows for up to six guests.

All museum passes are checked out for one week with no renewals and 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 fees are \$10.00 a day. See our website for a list of current passes and the number of guests they allow, or visit our catalog to place a hold.

Community Quilt Design

We're **creating a quilt** together this summer, which we're going to display at our Summer Reading Program Finales. We have 23 squares for patrons of all ages to fill, and anyone can participate!

Submit a design on paper between June 13 and July 11. If possible, try to stick with our "All Together Now" theme.

We'll pick our 23 favorites. If we pick yours, you can draw your **final version** on a cloth square with fabric markers. You'll have until August 5 to finish this, so we can put our quilt together and display it at our Summer Reading Program finales.

Book Nook: The Great Outdoors

What are you seeing in your mind right now? Your backyard? An outdoor activity or sport? A vista from a trip? This month, let us appreciate the natural environment around us by going out and enjoying it.

Our bodies and brains need oxygen, and we don't get enough because we do shallow breathing. Start by going outside (the air inside your house is stale), take a deep breath through your nose, hold it for a few seconds, and exhale through your mouth. Repeat several times. Feel better? Kids will be getting out of school earlier this year, so plan activities with them that will make happy memories. Plant a vegetable garden together and savor the taste of a fully ripened tomato still warm from the sun. Hike the Ironton Rail Trail for those 10,000 daily steps. Let your inner child romp with your kids at a local playground. When was the last time you went to the zoo, a farmers' market, or an outdoor concert? Our area is blessed with a great climate for outdoor activities, and we have so many parks, sports, historic sites, hiking trails, and other outdoor destinations to discover and enjoy. We need to use these places if we want to keep them.

This is a very broad theme, and our library has many resources for you to use. We bought passes to several different museums so you and your family can visit them free of charge. Many have outdoor features like the Independence Seaport Museum, the Railroad Museum of PA, and the Pearl S. Buck House. Come in and see where you can go, rain or shine. (More information is on Page 3.) There are outdoor events like the Burnside Plantation Blueberry Festival, and Musikfest. Ask to see the weekly Morning Call Go Guide at our front desk for more local events.

If you want to garden, Dewey number 635 in our nonfiction section will get you started; 643 is for patios, and 690 is for decks. Sports start at 796. If you like to travel, 910 is for cruising, 914 for Europe, 917 for the Caribbean Area and North America, and 919 for more exotic places. We are updating our travel guides, and the newest are in our 14 Day/New Book section near the circulation desk. Something to keep in mind: with climate change, we may lose many sea level islands (like the Outer Banks, Bahamas, and Jamaica) and coastlines, so make your beach vacation plans now. Of course, we have thousands of books if you simply want to read or listen while bird watching (Dewey 596) from your yard. Just remember to take a deep breath every so often and relax.

~ Chris Andrews

Adult Programs

Keeping Pests Away

Join the Lehigh County Conservation District for simple tips to prevent tick borne diseases and reduce biting mosquitoes around your home. They'll present **Mosquitos & Ticks for Homeowners** at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, **June 29**. Registration is requested.



Adult Coloring

Coloring is a great way to relieve stress! Some studies have shown that it can have a positive effect on mental and physical health. If you come to our **Adult Coloring Club**, you can do try hobby in a group. It meets on the first and third Thursday of every month from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. This month, it's on **June 1 & 15**.

Adult Programs, cont'd.

A Good Yarn

The library is starting a new club for people who **knit, crochet, and more!** Whether you work with hooks or needles, yarn or thread, you're welcome to join. This could mean that you cross-stitch, embroider, do macramé, work with paracord, and so on. Your imagination is the limit, and if you stop in, other club members might have some new craft ideas for you to try.

A Good Yarn meets on the first and third Thursday of every month from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. This month, you can come in on **June 1 & 15.**

Untangling

Can you unscramble these handicraft-related words? Answers are below.

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| 1. SENDIG | 10. FANGAH |
| 2. LURP | 11. CCORETH |
| 3. NETRAPT | 12. ACRIBF |
| 4. THICTS | 13. TUBNOT |
| 5. REVALUN | 14. NIKES |
| 6. POLOS | 15. THAWCS |
| 7. REAMSUE | 16. NOCUT |
| 8. VEWEA | 17. UAGEG |
| 9. LEAPSM | 18. CORISSSS |

Abuse Prevention & Recovery

In **Introduction to Domestic and Intimate Partner Abuse**, you can learn the basics of what domestic and intimate partner abuse is. Learn how to recognize the warning signs, how to respond to survivors in a trauma-informed way, and how to create a plan of action to support survivors of all identities.

This program, presented by Turning Point of Lehigh Valley, will be held on Thursday, **June 22** at 6:30 p.m. Registration is requested, but not required. You may show up anonymously.

Book Talks

What Are You Reading Now?

On the first Thursday of every month, we talk about whatever we're reading right now or just finished. Whether you read fiction or non-fiction, short works or long, you're welcome to join the club! This month, we're meeting on **June 1** from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

On the Same Page

In our On the Same Page book club (for adults aged 18+), everyone reads the same thing. Registration is required, and books will be loaned as availability allows. Watch our calendar for dates and books.

This month, we're reading ***Under the Whispering Door*** by T.J. Klune. It's about an unpleasant and selfish man, Wallace Price, who dies and becomes a ghost. He meets Hugo, the ferryman whose job is to help him move on to the afterlife. However, Wallace develops feelings for Hugo and struggles to cross over. We'll meet on Thursday, **June 15** at 6:30 p.m. to talk about it.



Untangling Answers: 1. DESIGN, 2. PURL, 3. PATTERN, 4. STITCH, 5. UNRAVEL, 6. SPOOL, 7. MEASURE, 8. WEAVE, 9. SAMPLE, 10. AFGHAN, 11. CROCHET, 12. FABRIC, 13. BUTTON, 14. SKEIN, 15. SWATCH, 16. COUNT, 17. GAUGE, 18. SCISSORS

Kids' Programs

Crafts

These programs are great for creative kids!

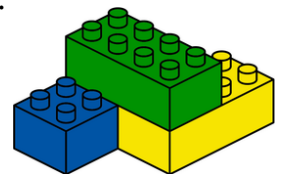
- **Father's Day Take-Home Craft:** Tuesday, June 13 - Saturday, June 17
 - ◇ Kids can pick up this craft just in time for Father's Day! Get it while supplies last.
- **Stickerpalooza:** Tuesday, June 13, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
 - ◇ Fill booklets with a variety of stickers. Registration is required.
- **Easy Flag Day Craft:** Wednesday, June 14, 11:00 a.m.
 - ◇ This craft is for Toddlers-Grade 2. Registration is required.
- **Flag Day Craft:** Wednesday, June 14, 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
 - ◇ This craft is for Grades 3-5. Registration is required.
- **Library Rocks:** Thursday, June 15, 1:00 p.m.
 - ◇ This rock painting program is for kids in Grades 1-12.
- **Juneteenth Take-Home Craft:** Monday, June 19 - Saturday, June 24
 - ◇ Kids can pick up this craft to celebrate history, while supplies last.



STEM

Do your kids like building and exploring? Here are some programs for them.

- **Teen Friendship Bracelets:** Tuesday, June 20, 1:00 p.m.
 - ◇ This beading program is for Grades 6-12. Registration is required.
- **Creation Station: Let's Play with Aerodynamics:** Wednesday, June 21, 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
 - ◇ Kids in Grades 3-6 can enjoy STEM projects at our monthly Creation Station. This month, we'll make paper airplanes and explore aerodynamics. Registration is required.
- **Lego Time:** Thursday, June 22, 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
 - ◇ Kids in Grades 3-12 can build what they want or follow the challenge cards.



More Fun

- **Oodles & Oodles of Floor Puzzles:** Wednesday, June 21, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
 - ◇ Join other kids to assemble giant puzzles.
- **Cookie Tasting Challenge:** Tuesday, June 27, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
 - ◇ Kids in Grades 3-12: taste an assortment of cookies and guess the type! Registration is required.
- **Movie Night: Houseguest (1995):** Wednesday, June 28, 5:30 p.m.
 - ◇ In hot water with the mob over an unpaid debt, a con man poses as a family friend in an affluent Pennsylvania suburb.
- **Therapy Dogs:** Thursday, June 29, 11:00 a.m. - Noon
 - ◇ Meet and learn about therapy dogs! Registration is requested. All ages are welcome.



Kids' Programs, cont'd



Summer Book Club {Titles Updated 06/02/23}

Get a head start on your **summer reading lists!** The library will hold a series of book talks based around the summer reading lists for the Whitehall Coplay School District. We'll have one book per grade level, and we'll split up each book, to cover in two sessions.

All sessions will be from **6 - 7 p.m.**, and **snacks will be provided!**

Registration is requested, but not required. Kids can join in the talks even if they are in other classes or schools. Zoom options are available.

6th Grade: *Refugee* by Alan Gratz

Tuesdays: June 27 & July 11

The lives of three refugees from different periods of history intersect.



7th Grade: *Gathering Blue* by Lois Lowry

Mondays: June 26 & July 10

This dystopian novel about an outcast girl is a companion to *The Giver*.



8th Grade: *Hamra and the Jungle of Memories* by Hanna Alkaf

Mondays: July 31 & August 14

A girl breaks the rules of the jungle and is stalked by a weretiger.



9th Grade: *Call of the Wild* by Jack London

Tuesdays: July 25 & August 8

Journey into the wild with a former sled dog in this adventure novel.



10th Grade: *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury

Mondays: July 3 & July 17

Learn about the dangers of censorship with this dystopian novel.



11th Grade: *And Then There Were None* by Agatha Christie

Tuesdays: July 18 & August 1

Try to solve this mystery as the suspects die one by one.



12th Grade: *Night* by Elie Wiesel

Mondays: July 24 & August 7

Get a firsthand account of concentration camps with this memoir.

