Library Lines

Summer Reading Program

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. You can register and log books on paper or online. If you log books online, we get those entries automatically. If you log books by paper, please remember to turn it in by August 5 at 4:00 p.m., which is when the library closes for the day.

Youth (12 months - 17 years)

- **Book Logs:** You'll earn a prize for every 100 pages you read, up to 4,000 pages (which is 40 prizes). If you earn a prize, come to the front desk. You can either pick a free book, a spin of our prize wheel, or an entry ticket for one of our grand prize drawings. Grand Prizes will be ready at the Kids' Finale on Saturday, August 12, from Noon - 2 p.m., but you don't need to be present to win.

Adults (18 years and up)

- **Book Logs:** For every book that you log in, you'll get one entry into our Grand Prize drawing. Prizes will be drawn at the Adult Finale on Thursday, August 10, from 1 - 2 p.m. If you log books online, you'll be entered automatically. If you log books on paper, remember to turn it in by 4 p.m. on Saturday, August 5.

  - **Other Prizes: Bingo Card:** Adults can pick up a bingo sheet from the front desk or print it out from the brochure online. Any adult who gets a bingo can pick a small prize from a bin. Anyone who marks off everything on the card will also get another entry for the Grand Prize.

Database Spotlight: ABC Mouse

Do you want to access educational games and activities for kids? ABC Mouse has a bright, fun setup that lets young people explore math, social studies, phonics, and more! Unlike most of our databases, you can only get to ABC Mouse from our computers, not your home computer.
The library is a drop point for Plant a Row Lehigh Valley. If you have extra produce in your garden or buy some from the store, you can leave it here, and volunteers will take it to centers where it will go to local families in need. We’ll have a cooler set up in the library for the produce. If you have any to drop off, you can bring it in on Mondays from June 19 - October 9, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. (except September 4, when we’ll be closed for Labor Day). Thank you for anything you’re able to contribute!

Museum Pass Spotlight: Museum of the American Revolution

The library offers museum passes to check out on your library card! 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 fines are $10.00 a day.

Celebrate our country’s independence with a visit to the Museum of the American Revolution in Philadelphia! The space holds an expansive collection of art, manuscripts, and printed works from the nation’s Revolutionary Period. This pass allows for up to two adults and four children.

Book Nook: National Park & Recreation Month

Did you know there are 19 national historic parks, trails, historic sites, a recreation area, a military park, and a battlefield located in Pennsylvania? There are several in our area close enough for a day trip. The Appalachian National Scenic Trail is about 2,200 miles running from Georgia to Maine and has a trailhead in Slatenston. The Delaware is the longest free-flowing river east of the Mississippi, and the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area is headquartered in the Poconos in Bushkill, encompassing 40 miles of the river. Steamtown National Historic Site is a railroad museum with a train located on 62 acres in downtown Scranton. Many of us have been to Gettysburg National Military Park with school field trips, but did you know that adjacent to it is the Eisenhower National Historic Site, which is the farm that the former president used as a retreat and a place to meet with world leaders? Then there’s Valley Forge National Historic Park on 3,500 acres of land, with trails and monuments to find.

Philadelphia has the most to see. Independence National Historic Park is also a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and it includes the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall, the National Constitution Center, Benjamin Franklin’s grave, and the Museum of the American Revolution, among other buildings. Nearby is Gloria Dei (Old Swedes) Church. Built in 1678, it’s the oldest surviving brick building in Philadelphia and the oldest church in Pennsylvania, and it’s still an active church. Associated more with Baltimore, Edgar Allan Poe spent his most productive 6 years in Philadelphia, and this home is the only one he lived in that has survived. Last on this local tour is the Thaddeus Kosciuszko home. He was a colonel in the Continental Army and became a national hero in five countries. Our library has free museum passes to the National Constitution Center, the Museum of the American Revolution, and a few more in the Philadelphia area.

For books on more national parks, check our catalog because they are shelved with their home state. Get out there, explore, and wear comfortable shoes.

~ Chris Andrews
Bone Detectives

Learn about the role of forensic anthropology in criminal investigation, and find out what can be learned from examining skeletal remains. Presented by the Mutter Museum, this program is held on Zoom on Thursday, July 6 at 6:00 p.m. Participants may Zoom from home or watch on a screen in the Library’s Community Room. This program is open to all, but registration is required.

Summer Mocktails

There’s always time for a mocktail! Stations and supplies will be set up so that you can try your hand at making your own cool summer mocktails. This program is on Tuesday, July 11 at 6:00 p.m., and it’s for adults only. Supplies are limited, and registration is required.

DIY Beeswax Wrap Kit

Do you want a more sustainable kitchen? Reusable beeswax food wrap is a great alternative to single use plastic wrap. Make your own beeswax wrap with this take-home kit. All are supplies provided, and you can pick it up any time from Monday, July 17 - Saturday, July 22 during our open hours. This program is for adults only. Supplies are limited, and registration is required.

Hess’s Department Store

Reminisce and learn about the downtown destination, Hess’s Department Store. For almost 100 years Hess’s was a shopping legend. Join the Lehigh County Historical Society on Thursday, July 27 at 6:30 p.m. as they discuss the history of Hess’s. This program is open to all, and registration is requested.

Bad Bugs

What ya gonna do when they come for you? Learn some tips and tricks for keeping away ticks and mosquitos! The Lehigh County Conservation District will tell us all about these creepy crawlies on Thursday, July 20 at 6 p.m. Registration is requested.

Regular Programs

Adult Coloring Club: This meets on the first and third Thursday of the month from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. This month, it’ll be July 6 & 20.

Adult Book Talks: This meets on the first Thursday of the month from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. This month, it’ll be July 6. In this club, you can talk about whatever you’re reading now or recently finished.

A Good Yarn: This meets on the first and third Thursday of the month from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. This month, it’ll be July 6 & 20. Bring your hooks, needles, yarn, or thread to craft together.
Summer Book Club

We'll have a series of book talks that go with the Whitehall Coplay School District curriculum. We’ll have one book per grade level, and we'll split up the books, to cover in each one 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. These are the books we’ll be reading this summer:

- **6th Grade: Refugee by Alan Gratz**
  - Tuesdays: June 27 & July 11
  - Three children and their families are tied together across time and across the world as they flee to safety, searching for a new home.

- **7th Grade: Gathering Blue by Lois Lowry**
  - Mondays: June 26 & July 10
  - Left orphaned and physically flawed in a civilization that shuns and discards the weak, Kira faces a frighteningly uncertain future.

- **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
  - Follow this sled dog’s journey of self-discovery.

- **10th Grade: Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury**
  - Mondays: July 3 & July 17
  - How far would you go to protect your freedom?

- **11th Grade: And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie**
  - Tuesdays: July 18 & August 1
  - Ten strangers are trapped on a stormy island, and there’s a murderer loose. Who will survive?

- **12th Grade: Night by Elie Wiesel**
  - Mondays: July 24 & August 7
  - Get a firsthand account of Wiesel and his father’s experiences in German concentration camps in this memoir.

Story Times

Space is limited in both of our story times, so registration is required.

**Preschool Story Time**
Kids 36 months to 5 years old can come to story time every Wednesday in July at 1:30 p.m. Some of the days will have themes: July 5 is Uncle Sam, July 19 is ducks, and July 26 is unicorns.

**Toddler Story Time**
Our toddler story time, for kids 12 - 36 months old, will meet every Thursday in July at 11:00 a.m.
Creation

Registration is required for all of the following programs:

- **Binary Code Beading:** Tues., July 11 a.m.: Grades 3-12 can make friendship necklaces or other jewelry in binary code.
- **Creation Station: Magnet-Action:** Wed., July 19, 6 - 7 p.m.: Kids in Grades 3-6 can enjoy fun STEM projects at our monthly Creation Station. This month, we're learning about the science of magnets.
- **Teens Paint Sunflowers:** Tues., July 25, 9 a.m. - Noon: The Lehigh Valley Decorative Painters welcome teens to paint a sunflower with them. All supplies and instructions are provided.
- **Harry Potter Craft:** Mon., July 31 - Sat., August 5: Come in any time this week to pick up your craft, celebrating Harry Potter’s birthday (July 31).

More Programs

- **Kids’ Binglow:** Wed., July 5, 6 p.m.: Kids can earn prizes playing Bingo while surrounded by glow-in-the-dark décor.
- **Teen Night:** Thurs., July 7, 5 - 7 p.m.: Teens can stay after closing for food and games. Registration is requested.
- **Super Science & Amazing Art:** Wed., July 12, 6 p.m.: In this fun, hands-on show, kids can explore science and our relationship to our planet and each other. Motivational, educational, but most of all... FUN!
- **Teen Advisory Board Meeting:** Sat., July 15, 1:30 p.m.: Any teens interested in volunteering in the library can join our Teen Advisory Board. It meets one Saturday every month to plan for different events.
- **Duplo Building:** Tues., July 18, 10:30 a.m.: Young kids can come in and play with Duplos.
- **Scavenger Hunt:** Tues., July 18, 1:30 - 3 p.m.: Kids can explore the library together in this "All Together Now" scavenger hunt.
- **Simply Play:** Thurs., July 20, 1 - 3 p.m.: Young kids can play together with different toys.
- **Kids & Teens Connect:** Sat., July 22, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.: Our Teen Advisory Board will help kids with different activities including sidewalk chalk, bubbles, painting, and more.
- **P.T. Reptiles:** Wed., July 26, 6 p.m.: Several live reptiles will visit as part of our 2023 Summer Reading Program. Learn about these wonderful animals and what makes them unique. All are welcome to attend!

Community Quilt

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 it on a cloth square with fabric markers. (Then you'll have until August 5 to return the final version.)
July is **Graphic Novels in Libraries Month**! You can find graphic novels in our nonfiction area under **741.5** if you’d like to read one. We also have a couple activities for you this month.

### Superhero Showdown

Can you match these famous superheroes with their villains? (See answers below.)

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**Superhero Showdown Answers**: 1=M, 2=D, 3=I, 4=K, 5=B, 6=E, 7=J, 8=C, 9=H, 10=G, 11=L, 12=A, 13=F

### Manga Finder

Find the following manga series in the word find:

- AKIRA
- ASTRO BOY
- BLEACH
- CASE CLOSED
- DEATH NOTE
- DRAGON BALL
- HUNTER X HUNTER
- FAIRY TALE
- FRUITS BASKET
- MONSTER
- NARUTO
- ONE-PUNCH MAN
- RUROUNI KENSHIN
- SAILOR MOON
- SLAM DUNK
- VAGABOND
- VINLAND SAGA

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