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

We'll have some limited hours for Thanksgiving. The library will close at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, November 22. We'll be closed all day from Thursday, November 23 - Friday, November 24. We'll resume normal hours starting the next day on Saturday, November 25.

Basket Raffle

This year’s Fall Basket Raffle runs from Friday, November 3 - Saturday, November 11. We'll host a wide range of items from filled baskets to gift certificates and a 50/50! You can come in during our open hours to buy tickets, browse our baskets, and drop your tickets. You can buy 1 sheet of 15 basket raffle tickets for $5.00. For the 50/50, you can buy 1 ticket for $2.00 or 3 tickets for $5.00.

Our Raffle Presale runs from Monday, October 9 – Thursday, November 2. During the presale only, you can get 5 sheets of 15 tickets for $20.

On the Same Page

Join WTPL’s On the Same Page book club. This club, for people 18+, generally meets every other month. Registration is required, and we can loan copies of the book as availability allows.

This month, we're meeting on Thursday, November 16, at 6:30 p.m. For Native American Heritage Month, we're reading Firekeeper’s Daughter by Angeline Boulley. It centers on Daunis Fontaine, an 18-year-old girl with a French mother and an Ojibwe father, who often feels torn between cultures. When she witnesses a murder and goes undercover for the FBI, Daunis uses her knowledge of both cultures to unravel the case.

Watch this newsletter or our online calendar to find out what books we'll read next year!
Regular Events

**Adult Coloring Club:** 1st & 3rd Thursday, 11 a.m - 1 p.m. (November 2 & 16)

**Adult Book Talks:** 1st Thursday, 1 - 2 p.m. (November 2)

**A Good Yarn:** 1st Thursday, 2 - 4 p.m. (November 2) & 3rd Tuesday, 6 - 7:45 p.m. (November 21)

**Board of Trustees Meeting:** 2nd Thursday, 6:30 p.m. (November 9)

**Teen Advisory Board Meeting:** One Saturday a month (November 11), 1:30 p.m.

Fall Story Times

Registration is required for all fall story times. Here are the story times we have this year:

- **Tuesday Preschool Story Time:** September 26 – November 14 (except October 24 & 31), 11:00 a.m., ages 37 months – kindergarten.
- **Wednesday Preschool Story Time:** September 27 – November 15, 1:30 p.m., ages 37 months – kindergarten.
- **Thursday Toddler Story Time:** September 28 – November 16, 11:00 a.m., ages 12 – 36 months.

Medicare

We’ll have a Medicare Workshop on Saturday, November 18 at 11 a.m. Kathy Baker, licensed Medicare insurance agent, will present basic Medicare information and discuss details about Medicare Advantage plans.

Coals & Canals

How much do you know about Whitehall? Join us on Saturday, November 18 at 1:00 p.m. for Birth of the American Industrial Revolution. Here, we’ll talk about the Industrial Revolution through coal and canal in the Lehigh Valley.

This program is presented by author and historian Martha Capwell Fox, who manages the archives of the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor and the National Canal Museum.

Museum Spotlight: Lehigh Valley Heritage Museum

Did you know that the library offers museum passes that you can check out for free? You can have a pass 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.

This November, our Museum Spotlight is on the Lehigh Valley Heritage Museum! November is National American Indian Heritage Month. Visit the museum for their “Native Americans of Eastern Pennsylvania: A Diverse & Evolving History” exhibit. Featuring hundreds of authentic Native American artifacts, this exhibition explores what archaeology tells us about the Native Americans of Eastern Pennsylvania. The pass allows for two adults.
Database Spotlight: Transparent Language Online

Do you want a good way to challenge your brain? Whether you’re a true language learning beginner, dusting off your old high school Spanish, or eager to tackle your tenth language, Transparent Language Online will help you get started and stick with it. The library got this new language-learning resource as part of the POWER Library database, and there are over 100 languages available to you.

To find this database, go to the POWER Library page under Research & Learn on the menu of our website (www.whitehallpl.org). Transparent Language Online will be one of the database options listed, and you can either use it as a guest, or you can make an account to track your progress.

Toys for Tots

The library is collecting for Toys for Tots from Monday, November 13 - Saturday, December 16.

Please donate new, unopened toys. Toys for Tots will not distribute any gifts that look like realistic weapons or anything with food. If you want to donate cash, see their website for more information.

Book Nook: National Inspirational Role Model Month

The Merriam Webster Dictionary defines a role model as “a person whose behavior in a particular role is imitated by others.” Good or bad, we all had and have role models such as parents, teachers, family members, friends, historical figures, celebrities, etc. that influenced who we are now. Studies show that the teenage years are particularly vulnerable, as these young adults are trying to build their individual identities apart from family influence. This is called a “transitional phase”. We seldom think of ourselves as role models, but we should be aware that whenever we are in the presence of another person, our interactions define our roles.

This is the month to reflect on those who influenced us. Have you ever written a fan letter? Maybe it’s time to sit down and send a note or email of thanks. Several of my family members are teachers, and over their careers they taught hundreds of students, and yet only a few former students ever sent a note of appreciation. But I can tell you, those notes are kept and cherished. Did you know that it only takes four minutes to write a thank you note? So, find your role model, explain how they improved your life, and thank them. Shouldn’t be too hard using social media.

Meanwhile, practice being a good role model. Be kind, be helpful, be honest, be humble, and be consistent. Our library is filled with biographies of inspirational people, so browse those sections and pick a person who strikes your fancy.

~ Chris Andrews

Tuesday, November 7 is Election Day!

If you’d like to learn more about the candidates and issues that will be on your ballot, you can visit the League of Women Voters’ website (vote411.org). Here, you can put in your address and get information about the people running, along with their answers to some questions about their beliefs and plans.
Matching Game

In honor of Native American Heritage Month, match the historical or public Native American figure to the correct description.

1. Charles Curtis       A. Author of the first published literary work by a Native American
2. Jim Thorpe          B. Creator of the Cherokee syllabary (writing system)
3. John Herrington   C. First Native American author to win the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction
4. Louise Erdrich    D. First Native American in Space
5. Maria Tallchief         E. First Native American member of the U.S. House of Representatives &
6. N. Scott Momaday     later Vice President
7. Sacagawea          F. First Native American to play in the NFL & win Olympic gold medals for
8. Samson Occom       the U.S.
9. Sarah Winnemucca   G. First Native American woman to publish a book
10. Sequoyah         H. Guide and interpreter for Lewis and Clark
11. Squanto          I. Helped the Pilgrims when they arrived in the New World
12. Wilma Mankiller   J. Popular author with books including The Round House and The Night Watchman

K. The Cherokee Nation’s first female chief
L. United States’ first Native American prima ballerina

Match Answers

1=E, 2=F, 3=D, 4=J, 5=L, 6=C, 7=H, 8=A, 9=G, 10=B, 11=I, 12=K

Fall Coloring

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