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Whitehall Township Public Library **Library Lines**

Stay Cozy

Stay cozy this January with weekly activities that you can do from the comfort of your own home!

- **Virtual Sticker Board (January 8-13):** Help us complete a virtual sticker mosaic picture. Follow the link on our Facebook page or website. Help put tiles in their places, and let's see what we create!
- **Hygge Kit (January 15-20):** Hygge ("Hoo-gah") encompasses a feeling of cozy contentment and well-being through the simple things in life. The kit will include a coloring page, craft, sweet treat, and more! This is open to **ages 18+**. **Registration is required**, and you can pick up your kit any time during the week.
- **Virtual Escape Room (January 22-27):** With thirty minutes on the clock, can you escape our winter-themed escape room?! Find the link on our website or Facebook.

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Movie Night: *Journey to the Center of the Earth*

As you're staying cozy, you can also visit us for a fun, family-friendly movie night on Wed., **January 24** at 6 p.m. This month, we're watching ***Journey to the Center of the Earth*** (the 2008 version starring Brendan Fraser). In this movie, a scientist looking for his missing brother, the scientist's nephew, and their mountain guide discover a fantastic and dangerous lost world in the center of the earth.



Museum Spotlight: Mercer Museum and Fonthill Castle

This January, visit **two castles in Doylestown!** The Mercer Museum displays Henry Mercer's large collection of items ranging from tools to horse-drawn vehicles. Fonthill Castle was the home of Henry Mercer and a showplace for his collection of tiles and prints. Both museums have timed entrances or tours and may need to be booked ahead of time. This pass allows for four people.

This is one of many **museum passes** you can check out at the library! You can have a pass out for one week with no renewals. It can only be checked out at the Whitehall Township Public Library and returned inside this library at the circulation desk. You can place a hold on a pass. Overdue fines are \$10.00 a day.

Whitehall Township



Public Library



The library will be **closed all day** from **Sat., December 30 - Mon., January 1** as we celebrate the New Year.

Our **Board of Trustees** will meet on Thurs., **January 11** at 6:30 p.m. Their meetings are open to the public.

Kids

Kids in Grades 3-6 can enjoy fun STEAM projects at our monthly **Creation Station**. This month, they'll meet on Wed., **January 17** from 6 - 7 p.m., and they'll learn about winter weather. No **snow** outside? Kids can explore different weather patterns and then make some snow in a jar. Registration is required.

Teens

Our **Teen Advisory Board** meets once a month to put together different library activities. We're always looking for new teen members! Whether you need volunteer hours for school or you'd like an opportunity to get involved in your community, we would love to have you. This month's meeting is on **January 13** at 1:30 p.m.

Adults

Adult Winter Reading

Adults can register and pick up a winter reading bookmark from **Tues., January 2 – Sat., March 16**. Complete the reading challenges on the bookmark within that time and receive a small prize.

On the Same Page

Join WTPL's **On the Same Page** book club! This club meets every other month. Books will be loaned as availability allows. The club is for individuals 18+. Registration is required.

This month, we're reading ***Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers*** by Jesse Q. Sutanto, and the book talk is on Thurs., **January 18** at 6:30 p.m. In this mystery novel, a lonely shopkeeper takes it upon herself to solve the murder of a man who died in her tea house.

The **other books** we'll read this year are: *The Diamond Eye* by Kate Quinn (March 21), *The Measure* by Nikki Erlick (May 16), *Yellowface* by R.F. Kuang (July 18), *All Boys Aren't Blue* by George M. Johnson (September 19), and *Hello Beautiful* by Ann Napolitano (November 21). These book talks will all be on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. as well.

Regular Activities

- **Adult Coloring Club** (Thurs., **January 4 & 18**, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.): Enjoy this relaxing hobby with other patrons! It meets on the first and third Thursday of every month.
- **Adult Book Talks** (Thurs., **January 4**, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.): Talk about whatever you're reading now or recently finished on the first Thursday of the month.
- **A Good Yarn** (Thurs., **January 4**, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. & Tues., **January 16**, 6:00 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.): Whether you work with hooks or needles, yarn or thread, you're welcome to join the club!



Database Spotlight: Brainfuse JobNow

Are you looking for a new job in this new year? Brainfuse JobNow offers live interactive online help combined with online resources to guide you through the necessary tasks to get a job. You can use templates and other resources to build a resume and submit it for expert feedback. You can find interview tips plus a live coach to offer you personalized feedback. You can even start searching for a job with their job resources and talk to a coach who can help you prepare for a new career. You can access this and other **databases** on the Research & Learn page of our website (www.whitehallpl.org) with a valid library barcode and PIN.



Book Nook: National Get Organized Month

January is the traditional time for people to make New Year's resolutions. What better time to get decluttered and organized than the stay-at-home winter months? Studies indicate the average person will keep their resolutions a little over three months. If you cleaned out just one drawer, shelf, or closet a day, that's ninety spots that got organized, and that should make anyone proud.

You will find many books on home management under 640 in our nonfiction sections. The best ones for organizing are in 648 for both adults and children. Several years ago, Marie Kondo's *Spark Joy* (648) was on the best seller lists for several months. One of the helpful tips I learned was to refold and store my tops and jeans in drawers like file folders III instead of on top of each other. It is much easier to find what you want, and everything stays neat. I took it a step further, and put the clean laundry in the back, and push the rest forward. That way, I make sure to use all my wardrobe, or eventually realize what I'm not wearing, and put it in the donation bag. Another book I found helpful was *The Gentle Art of Swedish Death Cleaning* by Margareta Magnusson (648.5). This is simply gifting or donating household items now to make sure they get to where you want them to be. My husband has very little patience, and I know that if I predecease him, most of my belongings will be put in the trash instead of donated. Better to give your friends and family those items now. It also means you have less to clean. There is no shame in taking your unwanted good jewelry or Grandma's silverware to pawn shops, gold and silver buyers, or eBay to sell. It was hard to donate unused stuff from our grandparents and parents, but it was just taking up space. Better to donate it and let it be used again. Get yourself inspired and browse these sections. Many of these books have chapters dealing with paper clutter, too.

Where can you take donations? Salvation Army (1195 Mickley Road), and Goodwill (2675 MacArthur Road) are just two places in Whitehall that will take almost everything except large appliances. Right now, both places are not taking furniture. Restore (1053 Grape Street) will accept furniture and large appliances, but you need to call before going. There are many churches and other agencies in the area that also accept donations. It's easy to Google "Where can I donate ... in Whitehall, PA?" and get a list of charities. You can get a tax deduction for your donations. Just ask for a receipt, but you can only use that charity's prices for the items. For example, if you donate a \$25 book to our library, it will be sold for \$1.

Browse our 648 section and check out these books for inspiration. It's important to just get started. I admit, I still have a long way to go, but once you get a routine started, it's easy to keep. Start small.

~ Chris Andrews

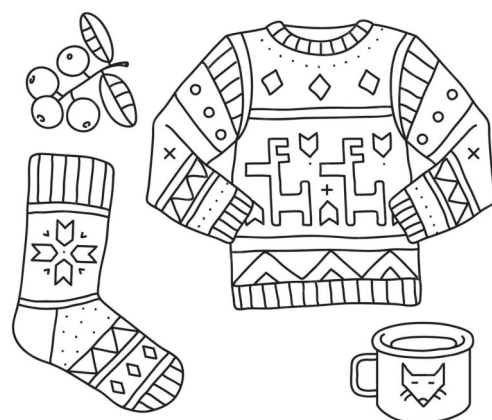
Hygge Fun

Word Search

Find all the words on the right in the search. The unused letters will form a secret message! (Answer Below)

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C	N	A	A	W	A	R	N	M	C	O
A	D	A	J	N	D	K	U	H	O	D
L	L	P	A	R	K	A	G	A	Z	S
P	E	P	P	H	Y	G	G	E	Y	T
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F	G	W	O	M	I	T	T	E	N	S
I	N	T	L	E	F	R	A	C	S	R

- BLANKET
- CANDLE
- COCOA
- COFFEE
- COZY
- EARMUFFS
- FIREPLACE
- GLOVE
- HYGGE
- KNIT
- MITTENS
- PAJAMA
- PARKA
- SCARF
- SNUGGLE
- SWEATER
- TEA
- WOOD STOVE
- WOOL



Hygge January Checklist

This month, try to do as many of the following as possible!

- Color a coloring page.
- Do a jigsaw puzzle.
- Do popcorn and a movie.
- Eat hearty stew or soup.
- Go for a walk in nature. (Enjoy the view!)
- Have a family game night.
- Have a long talk with friends or family.
- Have some hot cocoa or cider.
- Host a friend or friends at your house.
- Make a winter craft.
- Make bread by hand.
- Put away electronics for a couple hours.
- Put on your PJs early.
- Read in a comfy seat while wrapped in a blanket.
- Relax by candlelight or by a fire.
- Tidy up one area of your house or desk.
- Use at least one self-care item for an at-home spa day.
- Volunteer at a charity.
- Write a handwritten letter or card.

Word Search Answer: HAVE A WARM AND HAPPY WINTER