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Whitehall Township Public Library **Library Lines**

As we transition from winter to spring, the library has programs and events for both. We look forward to seeing you here!

Adult Programs

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Adult Winter Reading

Are you not sure what you want to read next? Do you want to challenge yourself to read new things? We have a **reading challenge** with some prompts for the season.

Adult Winter Reading runs from Tuesday, **January 2** - Saturday, **March 16**. Register and pick up your winter reading bookmark at our circulation desk. Complete the bookmark and receive a small prize.

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Fashions to Die For

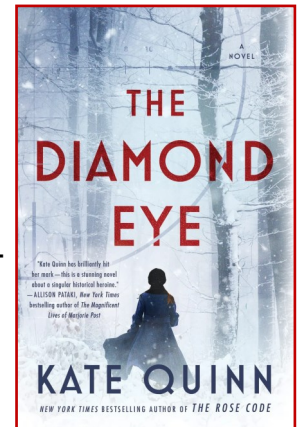
Did you know that clothing can make you sick, break your bones, and even kill you? **Fashions to Die For** takes a look at 18th- and 19th-century **fashions and their deadly secrets**. Presented by Historical Perspectives, this program is held on Zoom. Attend from home or watch from a screen in our community room on Thurs., **March 28** at 6:30 p.m. Registration is required.



On the Same Page: *The Diamond Eye*

Join the library's **On the Same Page** book club! This club meets every other month on the third Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Books will be loaned as availability allows. The club is for individuals 18+. Registration is required.

This month, we're meeting on **March 21**, and we're reading ***The Diamond Eye*** by Kate Quinn in honor of Women's History Month. The bestselling author of *The Rose Code* returns with an unforgettable World War II tale of a quiet bookworm who becomes history's deadliest female sniper. This is based on a real historical figure.



Kids' Programs

Regular Programs

Adult Coloring

Club: Thurs., March 7 & 21, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Adult Book Talks:

Thurs., March 7, 1 - 2 p.m.

A Good Yarn:

Thurs., March 7, 2 - 4 p.m. & Tues., March 19, 6 - 7:45 p.m.

Board of Trustees

Meeting: Thurs., March 14, 6:30 p.m.

Teen Advisory

Board Meeting: Sat., March 16, 1:30 p.m.

Here Come the Birds!

Learn about **bird migration**, how to observe birds, and where you can find great places in the Lehigh Valley and nearby to observe bird migration. This program is presented by the Whitehall Environmental Advisory Council. It's for Grades 3-6, and it'll be on Wed., **March 27** at 6 p.m. Registration is required.



Happening Homeschoolers

This month, we're starting a new program for homeschool students in Grades 2-5 to take part in different projects and activities. **Happening Homeschoolers** will happen on Wednesdays at 1:30 on March 13, April 10, and May 8.

Solar Eclipse

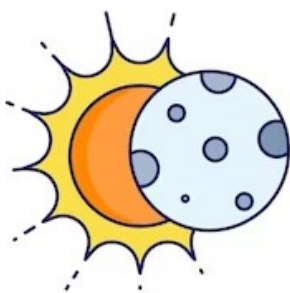
On Monday, **April 8, 2024**, a total **solar eclipse** will cross North America, and it'll be the longest and most visible in the US for 100 years. Weather permitting, the Allentown area will have a partial eclipse from 2:08 - 4:34 p.m., with the maximum at 3:23 p.m. We'll have a couple programs before then to help kids get ready!

Eclipse Explorers

Join Dr. Gallis to learn about eclipses and make solar boxes for safe viewing. Please bring a shoebox if you have one! This program, which is on Sat., **March 2** at 1:30 p.m., is open to Grades 4-7. Registration is required.

Creation Station: Solar Eclipse

Kids in Grades 3 - 5 can enjoy STEAM projects once a month, and on Wed., **March 20** from 6-7 p.m., we'll look at eclipses. Registration is required.



Story Times

Read Across America

National Read Across America Day happens every year on March 2, **Dr. Seuss's birthday**. This year, on Sat., **March 2** at 11 a.m., we're celebrating with a special story time for toddlers - kindergarteners. Registration is required.

Spring Story Time

Registration is required for Spring Story Time. Here are this year's dates and times:

- **Preschool Story Time:** Tuesdays, March 5 - April 23, 11:00 a.m. & 1:30 p.m., for 37 months old to kindergarten.
- **Toddler Story Time:** Thursdays, March 7 - April 18, 11:00 a.m., for ages 12 - 36 months.

Resources

Database Spotlight: TeenBook Cloud

Our teenaged patrons and others who enjoy YA books can find a large collection in **TeenBook Cloud**. Just like TumbleBook Library, a similar database aimed at younger readers, TeenBook Cloud has some educational collections and some that are just for fun. You can find graphic novels, classic literature, and more, including some audiobooks. Animal aficionados can also watch some nature videos here.

To find this and other databases, go to **Research and Learn** on our website. You can either get here from our computers or from home with a valid library card and PIN. If you need to update your card, please visit our front desk.

Book Nook: Young Adult Literature

This term started to be used in the 1960s for nonfiction books that were published for children between 12-18 years old. Gradually, paperback fiction books featuring teenagers as the main characters were written for this age group, although they were either chaste romances or “problem books” that dealt with popular issues such as divorce, bullying, or anorexia and always had a happy ending.



Today's Young Adult (YA) books run the gamut of all nonfiction and fiction genres, including graphic novels. Also called comic books, graphic novels are well-suited for young adults because the visual component and brief dialog has great appeal for reluctant readers. Surprisingly, over half of young adult books are purchased and read by people with the average age of 35. While some of these are parents buying and previewing books for their children, they remain the largest age group reading YA books. Consequently, authors of this genre now write stories where the main character is around 17.

Even if you haven't read an YA book, you have probably heard of some that were made into movies *such as I Am Number Four* (Pittacus Lore), *The Hunger Games* (Suzane Collins), *Twilight* (Stephenie Meyer), and *The Maze Runner* (James Dashner). The Whitehall Township Public Library has a special section for YA fiction located after the adult Large Print Collection. Just look for the books with red YA labels on the spine! New YA books are displayed in the Adult 14-Day section near the circulation desk. YA nonfiction books do not have YA labels and are interfiled with adult books having the same Dewey number. Graphic novels can be found in 741.5. You don't have to be a tween or teenager to enjoy a YA book, so take one for read!

~ Chris Andrews

Some Holidays & Observances This March

All Month:
Women's History Month & Irish-American Heritage Month

Sat., March 2:
Read Across America Day

Sun., March 10 -
Sat., March 16:
Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week

Sun., March 10:
Daylight Savings Starts

Thu., March 14:
Pi Day

Sun., March 17:
St. Patrick's Day

Tue., March 19:
Spring Starts

Sun., March 31:
Easter & National Backup Day

(National Backup Day is a good day to back up your computer files, especially if you haven't before. It'll come in handy if anything ever happens to your computer!)

Museum Spotlight: Historic Bethlehem Museums and Sites

This month, visit **Historic Bethlehem Museums and Sites!** These sites interpret three centuries of history, from Bethlehem's founding as a Moravian community in 1741 to its varied present-day culture. Our pass allow all members of a household to visit the Kemerer Museum of Decorative Arts and the Moravian Museum of Bethlehem.

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 inside this library and returned at the circulation desk. Overdue fees are \$10.00 a day. These are all of our current passes:



- America on Wheels
- Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles
- Eastern State Penitentiary Historic Site
- Historic Bethlehem Museums & Sites
- Independence Seaport Museum
- Lehigh Valley Heritage Museum
- Mercer Museum and Fonthill Castle
- Museum of the American Revolution
- Mutter Museum
- National Constitution Center
- National Museum of Industrial History
- Railroad Museum of PA
- Reading Museum
- Sigal Museum

Mobile Hotspots

Why rely on public hotspots when you can bring a personal Wi-Fi network with you wherever you go? A **mobile hotspot** (or portable hotspot device) is a great option for vacation or working away from home if you have a Wi-Fi-enabled device like a phone, tablet, or computer.



We have a collection of **hotspots available for checkout**. You can check out one hotspot per card. It's checked out for one week, but you can renew it twice as long as no one has a hold on it. There is a \$5-per-day overdue fine if it's returned late.

Braille Books

Braille, first developed by Louis Braille in 1824, is the tactile writing system used by people who are blind or visually impaired. The system involves a grid of raised dots that indicate different letters, and it can be read on embossed paper or refreshable braille displays that connect to computers and smartphone devices

The Whitehall library has a collection of **Braille kids' books**, many of which have printed text as well, for sighted people who are learning or following along. This makes the collection useful for more than just visually impaired readers. Patrons of all ages who are interested in learning Braille can use this as a starting point in the journey. Parents and teachers can also bring books to children to help expose them to new concepts. Kids can benefit from experiencing this language firsthand.

