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Whitehall Township Public Library **Library Lines**

Every April, we mark **National Library Week** to celebrate libraries all around the country. This year, National Library Week is April 8 - 13, so it's a great time to stop in and check out something new in the library.

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Events

Spring Book Sale

Are you looking for a book bargain? Twice a year, we sell gently-used books in our community room. Our **Spring Book Sale** will be on Friday, **April 26** and Saturday, **April 27** from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. On Saturday only, we'll have a bag sale from Noon - 3, when books will be \$5 a bag!

We're accepting **donations** for the book sale through Wednesday, **April 25**, up to three bags or boxes at a time.

Story Times

In addition to our regular Spring Story Time, we're also starting Storytime Yoga for our young patrons this month. **Registration is required for all story times.**

Spring Story Time

- **Preschool Story Time** (for 37 months old - kindergarten) meets on Tuesdays from March 5 - April 23. There will be two sessions: one at 11 a.m. and one at 1:30 p.m.
- **Toddler Story Time** (for ages 12 - 36 months) meets on Thursdays, March 7 - April 18 at 11 a.m.

Storytime Yoga

Yoga is a great practice for physical and mental health, and there are some poses that young kids can do to get started. In this program, yoga and stories combine for a fun and mindful experience. This program is led by yoga instructor Larissa No-to from **The Lovely Little Lotus**. She'll hold two sessions for different age groups. The **Youth** (ages 6 - 10) session will meet on Mon., April 8 from 5 - 5:30 p.m. **Tots** (ages 2 - 5) will meet on Thurs., April 18 from 10 - 10:30 a.m.



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Regular Events**Adult Coloring Club:**

Tues., April 2, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. & Thurs., April 4 & 18, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

The coloring club has been meeting on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month, and now, we're **adding an evening session** on the 1st Tuesday.

Adult Book Talks:

Thurs., April 4, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

A Good Yarn:

Thurs., April 4, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. & Tues., April 16, 6:00 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.

Board of Trustees:

Thurs., April 11, 6:30 p.m.

PBS Scavenger Hunt

PBS39's Education Explorer passes out literacy bags to a number of libraries including Whitehall. These bags contain books and educational STEAM activities. Kids in PreK – 1st Grade can complete a library scavenger hunt, and the first children to finish will receive one of these literacy bags. The scavenger hunt will start on Thursday, **April 4** at 1 p.m. **Prizes are limited.**

**Happening Homeschoolers**

The library would like to provide a space for homeschool children to connect with their peers, so we've started a program called **Happening Homeschoolers**, which has a couple more sessions this spring. Kids in grades 2-5 can meet and participate in some fun activities on Wednesday, **April 10** and **May 8** at 1:30 p.m.

Stuck on Art

What can you create with tape? Find out at our monthly creation station on Wednesday, **April 17** from 6 - 7 p.m., when we work with tape art. Kids in Grades 3 – 5 can enjoy STEAM projects at **Creation Station** once a month, and registration is required.

Movie Night: *The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge on the Run*

The library holds a movie night on the fourth Wednesday of the month. This month's movie night will be on **April 24** at 6 p.m., and we'll show ***The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge on the Run***.

In this film, SpongeBob's beloved pet snail Gary is snail-napped, and SpongeBob and Patrick embark on an adventure to the Lost City of Atlantic City to bring Gary home.

**Basics of Medicare**

Kathy Baker, licensed Medicare insurance agent, will present the basics of Medicare to those new to Medicare at a presentation on Thursday, **April 4** at 6 p.m. She'll also have a table set up in the library on Tuesday, **April 9** from 5 - 7 p.m. Registration is required.

Backyard Birds

On Wednesday, **April 10** at 6:30 p.m., the Whitehall Environmental Advisory Council will tell you how to create a wildlife habitat in your backyard with native plants, plus homemade food and water sources. Also learn about how to create your own solutions for weed and pest control. Registration is required.



Resources

Database Spotlight: Brainfuse HelpNow & LearnNow

If you're a student of any age and you'd like some extra help with your homework or studies, we have a few options for you. Two of the best options for personalized assistance are from Brainfuse: HelpNow and LearnNow. You can access either one from our library computers. You can also log in from home if you have an Internet connection and valid library card and PIN. These databases are listed with our others on the Research & Learn Page of our website (www.whitehallpl.org).

HelpNow: You can study on your own with a learning platform and other tools like flashcards, you can collaborate with other students, or you can get help from the Brainfuse experts. These experts can help you with your writing, skills, and other questions. Tutors are available every day from 2 p.m. - 11 p.m. EDT.

LearnNow: Find collections of lessons and tests broken down by grade level or adult needs like ESL, Praxis, or Computers and Technology.

Book Nook: National Afternoon Tea Month

If you fancy British authors or television programs, you certainly know their passion for tea. A "cuppa", a term that became popular in 1920, is good anytime. "Elevenses" is the equivalent of an American "coffee break" and usually includes a snack. "High tea" is served at a dining (high) table and is more or less dinner, as it includes hot food served after the working day. The hierarchy of British social status deems this "working class" and obviously the most common one which British enjoy.



Afternoon tea is the one associated with the upper class, as they had the leisure time to loll about to enjoy tea and all those dainty sandwiches and pastries. It is also called "low tea" because the tea is traditionally served from low tables, what we call coffee tables. Afternoon tea became very popular in the 1800s, as it was fashionable to eat dinner late. One of the status symbols of the upper class was owning imported porcelain, usually from China. Over time, the word "China" referred to all dishware. The thinnest teacups were desirable because they were very fragile and therefore more expensive. The affectation of the extended pinkie finger while sipping tea is because the cup handles were too small and the thin cup wall too hot to handle comfortably. Nowadays, afternoon tea is just a time to relax either alone or with friends, at home or out, with a simple snack or a plate of dainties.

Contrary to popular belief, the British are not the biggest consumers of tea. Nor are the Japanese, known for their tea ceremony. Several references suggest that distinction belongs to the Turks. Countries like Turkey, where tea is grown, are the largest consumers. Ireland has more tea drinkers than Great Britain.

Although there are tea rooms in our area, they are hard to find and often require reservations well in advance. Our library has several books about afternoon teas with accompanying recipes in the nonfiction section under 641.53. If you like a little murder with your tea, check out the *Tea Shop Mystery* series by Laura Childs, which contains recipes and resources. Relax and enjoy!

New Read Along Collection

The library is introducing a new Read Along collection full of Wonderbooks. Every Wonderbook is a print book with a ready-to-play audiobook inside, perfect for young readers or those looking to improve their literacy skills. Press play to read along with your favorite books and then switch to learning mode for literacy learning and fun.

Patrons age 5 and up can check out up to 6 Read Along books at a time, for 3 weeks each.

These items are difficult to replace, so please handle with care so that all of our patrons can enjoy them. Also, these books talk out loud, so please use headphones if you play them in the library.

If you see a flashing red battery light, you can return the book to a staff member for charging or use your own micro USB cord.

