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Whitehall Township Public Library **Library Lines**

Our **Summer Reading Program** is in full swing this month, full of fun for all ages. Our patrons can also read books throughout the summer to earn prizes. Keep reading to find out more!

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Our regular hours are Monday - Thursday from 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. and Friday - Saturday from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. We're closed on Sundays. On July 4, we'll be **closed all day for Independence Day**. We'll resume regular hours the next day. Our online resources are available 24/7, even when we're closed, and you can find them under **Research and Learn** on our website (www.whitehallpl.org).

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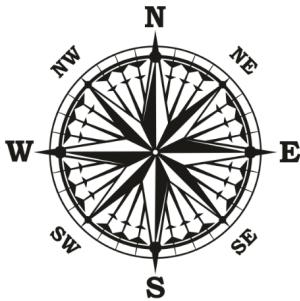
Passport to Adventure

All aboard for a fun summer challenge!

Get a chance to win great prizes, including an iPad! Pick up your **Passport to Adventure** at our circulation desk and visit any LCLC library and/or Allentown Public Library to get your passport stamped and enter the raffle for a prize from that library.



Visit 6 libraries, and you'll also have a chance to win the grand prize of an iPad! Visit all 12 and you'll get two chances to win the grand prize! All ages are eligible, and this adventure is open through Sat., **August 31**.



Plant a Row

Another ongoing program is our **Plant a Row collection**. Every Monday from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., you can drop off produce from your garden or the grocery store. Plant a Row Lehigh Valley collects this produce from a variety of locations to distribute to your neighbors in need. This collection will run every Monday through October 7, except for Labor Day, when we'll be closed.



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Kids & Youth

Story Walk

The library has its first Story Walk up at the **Ironton Rail Trail**. Kids can walk a small section of the IRT to find a story and some fun activities. In case you read last month's newsletter, we have a slight correction to make, since it ended up in a slightly different place than we'd planned. You can find the story by starting at Saylor Park (with the kilns) then crossing the road and heading west towards the train caboose. The sign with the first pages is at the start of this trail section. The current book on display is *Tidy* by Emily Gravett. Please let us know if pages are missing.



Tropical Adventures

Every Tuesday in July at 11 a.m., kids in grades 1 - 5 can celebrate summer with tropical activities at our **Tropical Adventures** event. Each day will have a different theme, and registration is required.



Story Times

Registration is required for both of our upcoming Story Time sessions.

- **Family Story Time** on Wednesdays from July 3 - 24 at 1:30 p.m. It's for kids 37 months old - 2nd grade.
- **Toddler Story Time** on Thursdays from July 11 - 25 at 11:00 a.m. Kids 12 - 36 months old can enjoy stories and activities.

Binglow

Kids can win prizes at this glow-in-the-dark game of **BINGO** that will take over our reference area. You can come join the colorful fun on Wed., **July 3** at 6 p.m.

Puzzled

A group of kids will gather to do **Oodles of Puzzles** together! They can do these floor puzzles on Thurs., **July 11**. The program will last from 1 - 2:30 p.m.

Super Science

Super Science & Amazing Art has a fun, hands-on show as part of this year's Summer Reading Program! Get some edutainment on Wed., **July 10** at 6 p.m.

Teen Night

Teens (grades 6-12) can hang out with their friends after hours at the library from 4:30 - 7 p.m. on Fri., **July 12**. Join in for food and games. Registration is required.

Creation Station

Kids in Grades 3 - 6 can enjoy STEAM projects once a month at Creation Station. This month, we're doing **Bubble-ology**, and kids will learn about molecules by doing experiments with bubbles. What do you think makes a strong bubble? Find out on Wed., **July 17** from 6 - 7 p.m. Registration is required.

Camp Knots-A-Lot

As part of "Adventure Begins at Your Library", kids can learn about different kinds of **knots** and then play some games to help practice what they've learned. Registration is required. This program will be at 1:30 p.m. on Thurs., **July 18**.

Books and Bites

A book discussion and snacks! Join us to talk about **Refugee** by Alan Gratz. Books are available for check out at the circulation desk. eBooks and Audio are also available on Libby and hoopla. This talk, for kids in grades 5 - 8, will be on Mon. **July 22** at 6 p.m., and registration is required.



Scavenger Hunt

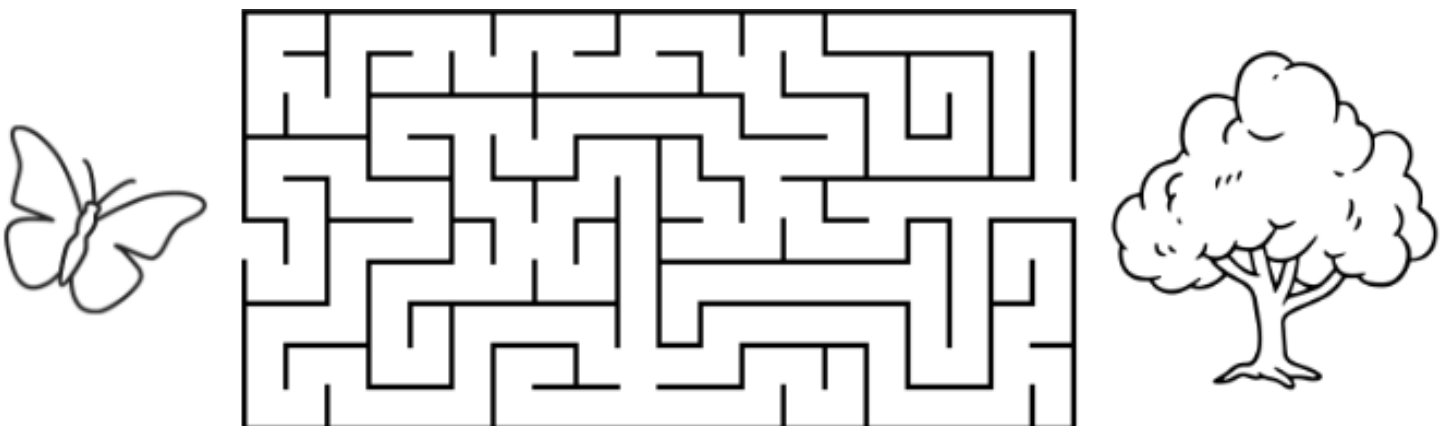
Explore the library with an adventurous **scavenger hunt**! Weather permitting, we'll hold this scavenger hunt outdoors. Either way, the program will be Tues., **July 23** at 1:30 p.m. Registration is required.

Kids & Teens Connect

Our Teen Advisory Board will run an event for younger kids with all kinds of games and activities on Sat., **July 27** from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Wings of Wonder

Folk's Butterfly Farm will bring in a collection of butterflies in different stages of their life cycles. This program is open to all! You can see these beautiful creatures on Wed., **July 31** at 6 p.m.



Adults

Succulent Savvy

Master Gardener Susan Wilson will teach us that succulents are easy to grow with a few basic strategies at **Succulent Savvy** on Tues., **July 9** at 6 p.m.

Topics covered include popular varieties of succulents, light and soil requirements, and avoiding common problems and pests. Special attention will be given to propagation of succulents to share with friends. The best way to grow things is together! Registration is required for this program.



Death Café

Join us for snacks as we discuss death. A **Death Café** is a group directed discussion of death with no agenda, objectives or themes. It is a discussion group rather than a grief support or counselling session. No registration is required.

This group will meet on the third Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. The next meeting will be on **July 19**.

On the Same Page

Every other month, adult patrons read and discuss the same book. Registration is required. This month, we're reading **Yellowface** by R.F. Kuang and discussing it on Thurs., **July 18** at 6:30 p.m.

In this novel, Athena Liu is a literary darling and June Hayward is literally nobody. When Athena dies in a freak accident, June steals her unpublished manuscript and publishes it as her own under the ambiguous name Juniper Song. But as evidence threatens June's stolen success, she will discover exactly how far she will go to keep what she thinks she deserves.

The other books we'll read this year will also be at 6:30 p.m. They are:

- *All Boys Aren't Blue* by George M. Johnson on September 19
- *Hello Beautiful* by Ann Napolitano on November 6

Regular Programs

- **Adult Coloring Club**
 - Tues., July 2, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. & Thurs., July 18, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
 - We have some supplies, or you can bring your own.
- **A Good Yarn**
 - Tues., July 16, 6 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.
 - Those who knit, crochet, and more are welcome!
- **Board of Trustees Meeting**
 - Thurs., July 11, 6:30 p.m.
 - Members of the public are welcome to attend.



For All

Summer Reading Program

Dates

This year's Summer Reading Program "**Adventure Begins at Your Library**" runs through Sat., August 3. You have until then to register for the program and log any books that you read. The kids can celebrate their reading accomplishments at their finale on Sat., August 10 from Noon - 2 p.m., while the adults' finale is on Thu., August 15 from 1 - 2 p.m.

Prizes

You don't have to be present at the finale to win any **prizes**. These are the different age categories, along with their reading goals and prizes:

Adventurers (1 – 6 Years Old)

- **Prizes:** One for every 3 books read, up to 30 prizes. You can pick either a book from the book cart or a prize from the prize wheel. Claim by August 3.
- **All:** Log at least 15 books to earn a prize bag. Pick up starting at the kids' finale.

Explorers (7 – 17 Years Old)

- **Prizes:** One for every 100 pages read, up to 30 prizes. Pick one of the following for each: a book from the book cart or a ticket for a showcase prize or a prize from the prize wheel. Claim by August 3.
- **Showcase Prizes:** Winners of the showcase prizes will be notified prior to at the kids' finale, and you can start picking up your showcase prizes at the finale.

Guides (18+ Years Old)

- **Prizes:** For every book you read, you'll get an entry for our grand prize drawing. Winners will be announced at the adult finale.
- **Bingo:** Get a Bingo on our challenge sheet to win a small prize from a bin. Anyone who marks off everything on the card will also get another entry for the grand prize. Claim by August 3.

Steel Drums

David Gettes, of Trinidad North Steeldrum Band, will perform and provide hands-on demos at a **Steel Drum Performance** on Thurs., **July 11** at 6 p.m. All are welcome, and no registration is required.

Game Night

Find the monster in town in a fast-past roleplaying game. This month, we'll have different game sessions for different age groups. Registration is required.

- **Youth: July 16** (Ultimate Vampire) (Grades 5-8)
- **Teen: July 23** (Ultimate Werewolf) (Grades 9-12)
- **Adult: July 30** (Ultimate Werewolf) (Ages 18+)



Movie Night

Our monthly movie night will start at 6 p.m. on Wed., **July 24**, and we'll be watching ***Dora and the Lost City of Gold*** (PG).

This 2019 live-action film is a follow-up to the PBS cartoon, taking place years later. In the movie, teenage explorer Dora leads her friends on an adventure to save her parents and solve the mystery behind a lost city of gold deep in the Peruvian jungle. Along the way, Dora teams up with old and new friends for a wild ride!



Book Nook: World Watercolor Month

The zodiac sign for most of July is Cancer the crab, a water sign, so it is apt that this month promotes watercolor painting.

The earliest paintings were found in caves dating to about 50,000 years ago. Chances are that humans were finger painting their bodies long before that, but there is no evidence. Along with stone tools, rudimentary paint brushes were invented about this time. The earliest ones found were feathers or animal hair tied to a stick or small bones.

The first paints were from plants for color and charcoal for black, mixed with water. Paints made from mineral pigments date between 50,000-35,000 years ago.

What scholars deem the first watercolor "art" appeared during this time as illustrations on Egyptian papyrus. Japanese and Chinese cultures followed, although ink was their principal medium, enhanced with some color. Watercolor painting took off with the invention of paper in China around 120 B.C. but remained in Asia. The trade routes eventually brought paper first to Spain in the 15th century and then throughout Europe along with watercolor paints. Special watercolor papers were developed in the late 18th century.

Medieval monks used water-based paints for their illuminated manuscripts, but the pages were mostly vellum (sheepskin). Albrecht Durer (1471-1528) is considered the first master watercolorist in Europe. Michelangelo used water-based paints on plaster for the Sistine Chapel around 1512. Hans Bol (1534-1593) is credited with starting the first school of watercolor. However, water-based paints were used most often for botanical and animal illustrations, or as a preliminary "sketch" for oil paintings at this time. When the special paper became available it made watercolor painting more popular. Many artists gained fame using watercolors such as Gainsborough, Constable, Turner, Audubon, Whistler, Homer, Sargent, Cassatt, Klee, O'Keefe, Hopper, and Wyeth.

Among the advantages of watercolor painting are that it is portable, easy for outdoors, and needs just water to use and to clean up, making it a great summer hobby. If you want to give this a try, look for books in the nonfiction section under 751.422, and browse through 759 for the various artists.



~ Chris Andrews