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This Month

We're partway into fall and wrapping up our last big fundraiser of the year. Our **Fall Basket Raffle** ends on November 2, so you have until then to check out the baskets and gift cards and put in your tickets.



Thanksgiving is at the end of the month, and we'll have limited holiday hours. We'll close at 4 p.m. on Wed., November 27, and we'll be closed all day on November 28 - 29.

Otherwise, we'll be open **regular hours**, which are Monday - Thursday from 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. and Friday - Saturday from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Story Times

Registration is required for all Story Times.

Fall Story Time

Fall Story Time Runs from **October 1 – November 21.**

- **Preschool:** (37 Mo. – Kindergarten) Tuesdays, 11 a.m. & Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m.
- **Toddler:** (12 – 36 Mo.) Thursdays, 11 a.m.



Storytime Yoga

This fun yoga and story is led by Larissa Noto from The Lovely Little Lotus.

- **Youth:** (Ages 6-10) Mon., **November 4**, 5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- **Tots:** (Ages 2-5) Thurs., **November 14**, 10 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

On the Same Page

Every other month, adult patrons read and discuss the same book. On Wed., **November 6** at 6:30, we're talking about **Hello Beautiful by Ann Napolitano**, a family story that asks: Can love make a broken person whole?

We welcome newcomers to these book talks, and you can choose to come to one, some, or all of them! If you're looking for a low-stress, low-commitment way to meet new people in the community, this is a great opportunity.

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Regular Events**Adult Coloring**

Club: Tues.,
November 5, 5:30
p.m. – 7:30 p.m. &
Thurs., November 7
& 21, 11 a.m. – 1
p.m.

Adult Book Talks:

Thurs., November
7, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00
p.m.

Board of Trustees

Meeting: Thurs.,
November 7, 6:30
p.m.

Teen Advisory

Board: Sat.,
November 16, 1:30
p.m.

A Good Yarn:

Tues., November
19, 6:00 p.m. – 7:45
p.m.

**Birds In Your Backyard**

Do you want to learn about the birds in your backyard or local parks.? Grades 3 - 6 can come to **Birds In Your Backyard (And Around Town)** for information and fun on Wed., **November 13** at 6 p.m.

We'll share the Birding Backpacks that can be borrowed from the library to help you in your bird watching activities (see pg. 3). We'll also play a fun game of Bird Bingo where you can test your knowledge and win some fun prizes! This is presented by the Whitehall Environmental Advisory Council, and registration is required.

**Medicare Basics**

On Fri., **November 15** at 2 p.m., Kathy Baker, AARP/United Healthcare, will present Medicare and supplemental insurance information, with printed handouts. Registration is requested.

Memoir Writing

Join Gabrielle Esposito of Write Your Way in this transformative workshop designed to guide participants through the act of memoir writing on Tues., **November 19** at 6:30 p.m. Through a series of engaging exercises and prompts, attendees will delve into their memories, uncovering the stories that shape their lives. This program is held on Zoom, and you can watch from a screen in the library or from home. Registration is required.

**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. This month, it's on **November 18**.

Building Bridges

Kids in Grades 3 - 6 can enjoy STEAM projects once a month in Creation Station. On Wed., **November 20** at 6 p.m., kids will have fun with architecture as they build bridges. Registration is required.

Birdwatching Adventures

As birds are migrating south for the winter, you can discover the wonders of nature with our library's unique **Birding Backpacks**. Each backpack is a treasure trove of resources, equipped with binoculars, a bird identification guide, and local maps to explore the beauty around you. Perfect for families, aspiring birdwatchers, or anyone looking to connect with the great outdoors, these backpacks provide everything you need for an adventurous day of birdwatching in your local parks or backyards. Unleash your curiosity, learn about local bird species, and enjoy the peace of the outdoors, all while fostering a love for nature. Visit our library today to check out a Birding Backpack and embark on your next outdoor journey!



Book Nook: Aviation History

Man had a long-time desire to fly, and aviation is defined as flying within Earth's atmosphere. The Greek myth of Daedalus' invention of wax and feather wings allowed him and his son, Icarus, to escape from Crete, with a tragic end for Icarus. Kites were invented in China around the 5th century BC. A Chinese emperor, Kao Yang, used prisoners to for manned kite flight in the 6th century AD. Marco Polo noted that it was common to see men on kites during his visit to China in the 13th century. There are several accounts of what we would call hang glider attempts as early as the 9th century, and a 220-yard flight by an English monk in the 11th century. Leonardo da Vinci had plans for a glider and a helicopter-like machine in the 15th century, but neither succeeded. A Turkish inventor, Hezarfen Ahmed Celebi, is credited with flying on a glider over the Bosphorus Strait (19 miles) in about 1631 AD.



The next major aviation invention was the hot air balloon. The innovative Chinese created hot air sky lanterns around 200 AD, but it was 1783 when French brothers Joseph and Etienne Montgolfier invented balloons big enough to carry passengers. After several manned tethered flights, the first untethered flight of 5.5 miles lasted 25 minutes and attained an altitude of 3,000 feet. At the same time, hydrogen gas balloons were invented by Jacques Charles, Anne-Jean Robert, and Nicolas-Louis Robert, and their first manned flight was ten days after the untethered Montgolfier flight. This flight lasted 2 hours, covered 22 miles and rose to 1,800 feet. This team then experimented with rudders and thus invented the dirigible balloon. The French military began using balloons for observation in 1794. Both sides in the US Civil War used balloons.

The Industrial Revolution spurred many inventions, and in December 1903, the Wright brothers had a successful engine-powered flying machine. Armed conflicts tend to accelerate technology, and soon dirigibles and airplanes were used during World War I. The Hindenburg crash in 1937 put an end to commercial passenger airship travel. Technology improved airplanes and they became integral during World War II. Jets and helicopters were invented at this time (the helicopter by Igor Sikorsky), but the Korean War made full use of them. Currently the F-35 fighter jet is said to be the most advanced, but there are certainly newer models being developed in military secrecy.

If you would like to read more about aviation, books can be found in both adult and children's sections starting with the nonfiction number 629. Books about warfare begin in 355, and specific wars are in geographic areas (e.g. WW II 940.5).

Better yet, borrow our free museum passes to either the American Helicopter Museum in West Chester, or the Wings of Freedom Museum in Horsham and take your family for up-close look at these mechanical wonders.

~ Chris Andrews

Fall Fun

Autumn Scramble (Answers Below)

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| 1. AHUSSQ | 6. CROAN | 11. MUNTUA |
| 2. BRIFENO | 7. KRETYU | 12. GUMENT |
| 3. MKNMIUP | 8. RAEVHTS | 13. WETREAS |
| 4. YIAHERD | 9. VASELE | 14. PRONIACUCO |
| 5. CHORDAR | 10. KNIGAVSGTHIN | 15. DICER |

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Autumn Scramble Answers: 1. SQUASH, 2. BONFIRE, 3. PUMPKIN, 4. HAYRIDE, 5. ORCHARD, 6. ACORN, 7. TURKEY, 8. HARVEST, 9. LEAVES, 10. THANKSGIVING, 11. AUTUMN, 12. NUTMEG, 13. SWEATER, 14. CORNUCOPIA, 15. CIDER