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Whitehall Township Public Library **Library Lines**

Summer's here, and that means it's time for our Summer Reading Program! This year's theme is "Color Our World", so you can look forward to lots of art-themed events throughout the summer!

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Summer Reading Program

Every year, we have a Summer Reading Program where patrons can sign up and log books in exchange for small incentive prizes. Smaller prizes you can pick up through August 2. The larger prizes, you can pick up at the finale for your age group or some time during the next week. (You don't have to be present to win.) Here are the important dates for this year:

- **Registration & Book Logging:** Mon., June 16, 9 a.m. - Sat., August 2, 4 p.m.
- **Kickoff Event:** Sat., June 14, 1 - 2 p.m.
- **Adult Finale:** Thurs., August 7, 1 - 2 p.m.
- **Kids' Finale:** Sat., August 9, Noon - 2 p.m.

These are the different age categories and prizes for the year:

Kids (Ages 1 - 6)

Kids earn prizes for every 3 books they read, up to 30 prizes. They can either get free books from our book cart or spin the prize wheel to see what they get. Each child who reads at least 15 books will also get a prize bag at the kids' finale.

Youth (Ages 7 - 17)

Youth earn prizes for every 100 pages they read, also up to 30 prizes. For each prize, they can choose a book from the book cart or a prize from the prize wheel or a ticket for our showcase prize drawing. Showcase prizes will be awarded at the kids' finale.

Adult (Ages 18+)

For every book you read, you earn one entry into our grand prize drawing, with the prize to be presented at the Adult Finale. You can also pick up a reading bingo card from our front desk. If you get a bingo, you can select a small prize, and if you mark off everything, you'll get another entry for the grand prize.



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Regular Events**Adult Coloring Club:**

Tues. June 3,
5:30 - 7:30 p.m. &
Thurs., June 5 & 19,
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Adult Book Talks:

Thurs., June 5,
1 - 2 p.m.

Teen Advisory Board Meeting:

Sat., June 7,
1:30 p.m.

Board of Trustees Meeting:

Thurs., June 12,
6:30 p.m.

Death Café:

Mon., June 16,
6:30 p.m.

A Good Yarn:

Tues., June 17,
6 - 7:45 p.m.

Collaborative Art

Next time you're in, stop by our oversized coloring page, which will be hanging near our reference area. Enjoy this cooperative art program along with other members of the library community.

Reptiles & Summer Reading

We've enjoyed visits from **PT Reptiles** during several past years. This year, they'll return and bring more live animals as we kick off our Summer Reading Program at 1 p.m. on Sat., **June 14**. Enjoy this interactive and educational program as we learn about reptiles together! Who knows what you might see?

**Kids' Programs**

Registration is required for most of the following kids' programs & opens on June 1.

Stickerpalooza: Tues., **June 17**, 1 p.m.

- Welcome to a world of stickers! Fill a sticker book with different colors and characters and more.

Creation Station: Suncatchers: Wed., **June 18**, 6 p.m.

- Kids in Grades 3 – 6 can enjoy STEAM projects once a month. This month, kids will paint suncatchers and learn about sunlight.

Juneteenth Take-Home Craft: Thurs., **June 19**

- Kids can pick up a take-home craft in honor of Juneteenth. These will be available as supplies last, with no registration required.

Rock Painting: Thurs., **June 19**, 1 p.m.

- The library rocks! Join us in decorating rocks as a fun art project for you to take home. All supplies are provided, so you can see where your imagination takes you.

Chip Taste Test: Tues., **June 24**, 1 p.m.

- Join us for a fun and tasty adventure! See how many chip flavors you can identify in this taste test.

L.V. Therapy Dogs: Wed., **June 25**, 1 - 2 p.m.

- Therapy dogs can be trained to provide comfort to people in a variety of settings, such as hospitals. The Lehigh Valley Therapy dogs will bring in some of their dogs and talk about their contributions.

Color Creations: Wed., **June 25**, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

- Unleash your kids' creativity and challenge them to think like scientists as we mix primary colors to create a rainbow and explore the physics of color! This program is from the Da Vinci Science Center, and it's targeted towards grades K-2, but it's open to all, with no registration required.

**Duplo Time:** Thurs., **June 26**, 1 p.m.

- Our younger patrons can play and build with Duplos together. Let's see what we can create!

Kids & Teens Connect: Game Time: Sat., **June 28**, 1 - 3 p.m.

- The library has a Teen Advisory Board to help plan some library activities and events. In this event, TAB members will set up stations to play games with our younger patrons.

Adult Programs

Registration is requested for the following programs.

The Irish in the American Civil War: Thurs., **June 5**, 6:30 p.m.

- The American Civil War is Ireland's forgotten conflict. Some 170,000 Irish men fought in the war, and historian Mike Jesberger will discuss these "Sons of Erin" who played a major role.

Medicare 101: Tues., **June 10**, 6 - 7 p.m.

- Liz Sweedo, of Lehigh County Aging PA MEDI, will present the basics of Medicare including enrollment, cost, and coverage.

Save Our Dark Skies: Thurs., **June 19**, 6:30 p.m.

- Light pollution disrupts wildlife, impacts human health, wastes money and energy, contributes to climate change, and blocks our view of the universe. Tom Lindeman will present these issues and how to help diminish them.

Introduction to Mindfulness: Thurs., **June 26**, 6 p.m.

- Learn about the meditation practice without a major time commitment. This class will teach you simple mindfulness strategies to use anywhere, at any time. Presented by LVHN Center for Mindfulness.

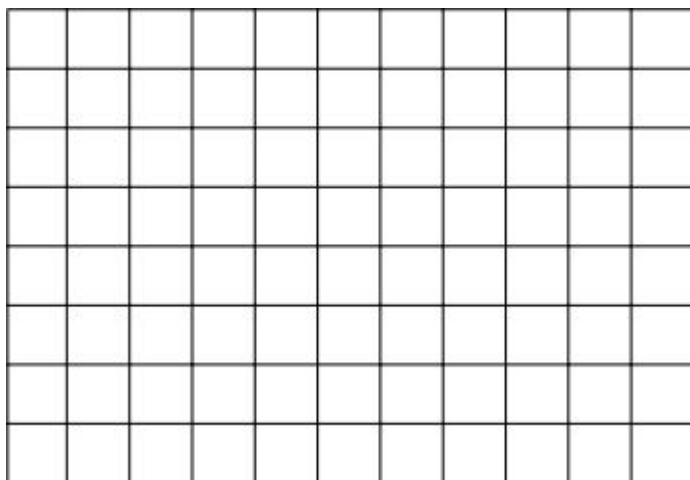
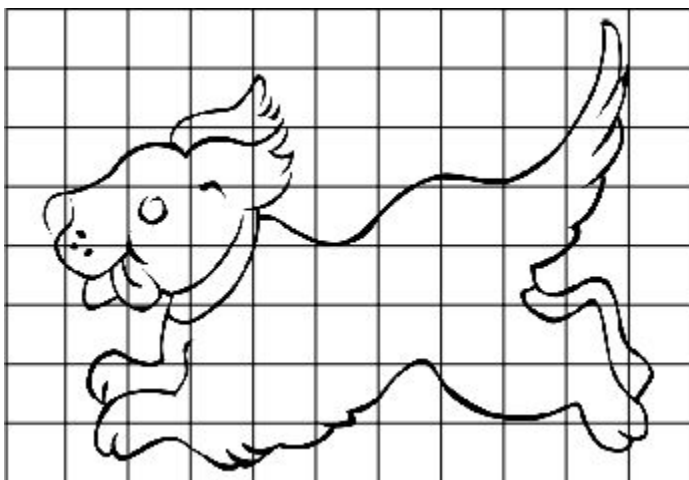


"Color Our World" Coloring



Grid Copy

Want a quick art challenge? Try to copy the dog onto the blank grid.



Book Nook: Color Our World

The Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) is a nonprofit organization, comprised of librarians from across the United States, that chooses a theme for libraries' summer reading programs and provides resources for libraries. We are not required to use CSLP, but most libraries in our region do. It is interesting to see how each library interprets the theme, and there is a summer "library passport" to encourage visiting other libraries. This year's theme is "Color Our World", which focuses on art. This is an unusually broad theme, so there should be many interesting ways to participate and enjoy it. Chances are, you may already have an art or a handicraft as a hobby, so use this summer to explore a different aspect or try a new one. Several scientific studies show that trying new things creates brain flexibility, which improves our mental and physical health. Contrary to what you might think, it reduces fear of failure, too. This is especially important for children, and is there a child who doesn't like art?



Where to start? Three-dimensional arts such as sculpture, ceramics, and wood carving can be found in our nonfiction section with the Dewey number 730. Books about drawing, jewelry making, all forms of needlework, and building furniture are in the 740s. Dewey 750 is dedicated to painting, and other graphic arts are in the 760s. Photography and computer art are in the 770s. You can check the regular adult and kids' nonfiction sections as well as our oversize collection.

For more inspiration, there is a wealth of art museums and galleries in Lehigh Valley. Many, like the Allentown Art Museum, are free. You can also borrow one of our free admission museum passes to enjoy other collections. For more information, the Thursday and especially Sunday Go Guides in the Morning Call have lists of local art exhibits, many in surprising places, and most are free. So, get creative, find inspiration, and most of all, have fun!

~ Chris Andrews

Drop off produce to benefit local families in need with **Plant a Row Lehigh Valley**. We'll take donations on Mondays from June 9 - October 6 (except September 1, when we'll be closed for Labor Day) from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Visit the different LCLC libraries this summer for a chance to earn prizes. We'll have **Library Passports** available from June 7 - August 29. During that time, you can enter each of the library prize drawings by visiting, and you can enter for a grand prize by visiting 6 or 12 of them.