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# Whitehall Township Public Library **Library Lines**

Our Summer Reading Program (“Color Our World”) is in full swing this month, and we’re offering a number of programs throughout the month to go along with it.

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The library’s regular hours are Monday - Thursday from 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. and Friday - Saturday from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., but we’ll be closed all day on Wed., July 4 for **Independence Day**.

## **Summer Reading Program: Color Our World**

### Dates

Sign up and log books in exchange for small incentive prizes!

- **Registration & Book Logging:** Mon., June 16, 9 a.m. - Sat., August 2, 4 p.m.
- **Adult Finale:** Thurs., August 7, 1 - 2 p.m.
- **Kids’ Finale:** Sat., August 9, Noon - 2 p.m.
- **Color Wheel Passport (See Below):** June 7 - August 29



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### Book Logs & Prizes

- **Kids (Ages 1 - 6):** Earn a prize for every 3 books read, up to 30 prizes. Each child who reads at least 15 books will also get a prize bag at the kids’ finale.
- **Youth (Ages 7 - 17):** Earn a prize for every 100 pages read, up to 30 prizes.
- **Adult (Ages 18+):** For every book you read, you earn one entry into our grand prize drawing. You can also pick up a bingo card from our front desk. Complete it to get a small prize, and fill in everything for another grand prize entry.

You can pick up small prizes through August 2, and you can pick up prize bags, showcase prizes, and the adult grand prize at the finale for your age group or some time during the next week. (You don’t have to be present to win.)

### Color Wheel Passport

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.



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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.

Members of the public are welcome to attend our **Board of Trustees Meeting**, which are usually at 6:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month. This month, it's July 10.

## Adult Programs

- **Adult Coloring Club:** Tues., July 1, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. & Thurs. July 3 & 17, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
  - ◊ Come in to enjoy this relaxing hobby while chatting together! The library has some supplies, but you're also welcome to bring your own.
- **Adult Book Talks:** Thurs., July 3, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
  - ◊ You can talk about whatever you're reading now.
- **Craft Swap:** Sat., July 5, 11:00 a.m. – Noon
  - ◊ Are you a crafter who needs to reduce your stash or are you looking to start a new craft hobby? At our craft swap, you can drop off unwanted supplies like yarn, fabric, embroidery hoops, etc., and pick up some supplies that others brought.
  - ◊ Donate your unwanted craft supplies from 6/30/25 to 7/3/25 and receive an early bird ticket to return on Saturday 7/5/25 at 10am to get first dibs.
  - ◊ Don't have anything to donate? That's okay, feel free to stop by Saturday at 11:00 and take home supplies.
- **Comparative Skull Drawing:** Tues., July 15, 6:00 p.m.
  - ◊ In this lesson, the Mütter Museum will share a step-by-step approach to create a drawing from images of real human skulls in their famous Hyrtl Skull Collection. We will discuss how art and medicine can be used in complementary ways, identify differences in the skulls. We'll also learn about Dr. Hyrtl, why he collected the skulls, what his collection accomplished, and how it is still being used today.
  - ◊ This program is hands on but presented virtually. Attendees must attend in person at the library. The program is open to adults (ages 18+), and registration is required.
- **A Good Yarn:** Tues., July 15, 6:00 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.
  - ◊ Whether you work with hooks or needles, yarn or thread, you're welcome to join the club!
- **On the Same Page: Beach Read:** Thurs., July 17, 6:30 p.m.
  - ◊ Every other month, adult patrons read and discuss the same book. This month, we're reading *Beach Read* by Emily Henry.
  - ◊ In this book, Augustus Everett is an acclaimed author of literary fiction. January Andrews writes best-selling romance. For three months, these opposites live in neighboring beach houses, bogged down with writer's block, and they strike a deal to force them out of their creative ruts: Augustus will write something happy, and January will pen the next Great American Novel. They'll go on field trips to help both novels along. Both will finish a book, and no one will fall in love. Really.
- **Death Café:** Mon., July 21, 6:30 p.m.
  - ◊ 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 each month at 6:30.
- **Houseplant Bingo:** Thurs., July 31, 6:00 p.m.
  - ◊ Swap houseplant tips with other attendees and play bingo to bring a new plant home! If you have cuttings or baby houseplants you're willing to share for this event please reach out to the library at [helpdesk@whitehallpl.org](mailto:helpdesk@whitehallpl.org). This is open to adults (age 18+), and registration is required.



## Kids' Programs

- **Story Times**
  - ◇ **Summer Story Time:** Tuesdays in July, 1:30 p.m.
    - \* Read about colors as part of our "Color Our World" story time. This is for ages 3 - 10 years old. Registration is required.
  - ◇ **Toddler Time:** Thursdays in July, 11:00 a.m.
    - \* This story time is for ages 12 - 36 months. Registration is required.
  - ◇ **Family Story Time:** Sat., July 19, 11:00 a.m.
    - \* This program is for kids ages 3-8. Registration is required.
- **Creation Station: Suncatchers:** Tues., July 1, 6:00 p.m.
  - ◇ This program was rescheduled! Grades 3-6 can paint suncatchers and learn about sunlight. Registration is required.
- **Binglow:** Wed., July 2, 6:00 p.m.
  - ◇ Join us for Kids' Binglow! The bingo you know and love with glow in the dark ambience. All are kids welcome, no registration required.
- **Larry Scourman: Storyteller:** Wed., July 9, 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
  - ◇ Listen to live stories this summer.
- **Art By Jeanine (Grades 3 - 5):** Thurs., July 10, 1:00 p.m.
  - ◇ Youth will paint with watercolors. Registration is required.
- **Wings of Wonder: The Butterfly:** Wed., July 16, 6:00 p.m.
  - ◇ Folk's Butterfly Farm returns with a collection of butterflies in different stages of their life cycles. This program is open to all!
- **PokéCraft:** Wed., July 23, 6:00 p.m.
  - ◇ Pokémon fans assemble for a fun craft! This is for ages 10-17, and registration is required.
- **Al Grout: Magician & Juggler:** Wed., July 30, 6:00 p.m.
  - ◇ Enjoy this fun show as part of our Summer Reading Program.
- **Harry Potter Grab & Go Craft:** Thurs., July 31, While Supplies Last
  - ◇ Celebrate Harry Potter's birthday with this take-home craft for kids. They'll be available at the front desk while supplies last.



## Teen Programs

- **Teen Advisory Board Meeting**
  - ◇ Sat., July 19, Noon
  - ◇ TAB puts together different library activities, and it's always looking for new teen members!
- **Art By Jeanine (Grades 6 - 12)**
  - ◇ Wed., July 23, 1:00 p.m.
  - ◇ Teens will paint with watercolors. Registration is required.
- **Teen Night**
  - ◇ Fri., July 25, 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
  - ◇ Teens can hang out with their friends after hours at the library. Join in for food and games. For teens in 6th - 12th grade. Registration is required.



## Front Desk Gallery

We've printed replicas of a number of art pieces to hang around our front desk this summer - some of which are listed here. See if you can match the art piece to the artist. (Answers Below)

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| 1. <i>Bridge over a Pond of Water Lilies</i>        | 7. <i>The Nightmare</i>             | A. Caravaggio        | I. Mort Künstler     |
| 2. <i>Chamberlain's Charge</i>                      | 8. <i>The Persistence of Memory</i> | B. Claude Monet      | J. Salvador Dalí     |
| 3. <i>Dance Class at the Opera, rue Le Peletier</i> | 9. <i>Saint Jerome Writing</i>      | C. Edgar Degas       | K. Sandro Botticelli |
| 4. <i>Fortitude</i>                                 | 10. <i>The Scream</i>               | D. Edvard Munch      | L. Vincent van Gogh  |
| 5. <i>I and the Village</i>                         | 11. <i>La Siesta</i>                | E. Guillermo Collazo |                      |
| 6. <i>The Last Supper</i>                           | 12. <i>The Starry Night</i>         | F. John Henry Fuseli |                      |
|   |                                     | G. Leonardo da Vinci |                      |
|   |                                     | H. Marc Chagall      |                      |

## Book Nook: National Ice Cream Month

It's not official, but apple pie is considered the national dessert of the United States. But what is usually served with it? Ice cream! What do you serve with birthday cake? Ice cream! What do those trucks sell that crawl through our streets in the summer? Ice cream! Ice cream and all variations - sherbert, sorbet, gelato, granita, frozen custard, mousse, frozen yogurt, ice pops, snow cones, etc. What a great treat on a hot July day!



Frozen desserts using ice and snow means that the ability to harvest and store ice and snow was mastered in ancient times, with the first record in 550 BC in Persia. Biographies of King Solomon, Alexander the Great, Hippocrates, and Nero reference frozen desserts. A Roman recipe book for iced desserts dates from about 50 AD.

But this is ice cream month, and that is a treat made with dairy. The definition varies from country to country. In the United States, the FDA's current definition for ice cream is a food that must contain at least 10% milk fat, is whipped, and weighs at least 4.5 pounds per gallon. The Mughal (Mongol) Empire is credited with introducing a milk-based frozen dessert in the 16th century when traders brought the recipe to Europe. Italy and France mastered frozen fruit ices called sorbets. The first ice cream recipe printed in English was in 1718. We can assume ice cream recipes came to North America with immigrants, and the first record here was in 1744. There were ice cream shops in colonial New York City, and we know that our founding fathers were customers. Thomas Jefferson created his own recipe for vanilla ice cream. Ice cream was served at the inaugural ball of James Madison in 1813.

There was a surge in ice cream shops in the mid-1800s, making it more available and affordable to more than just the upper class. Hand-cranked ice cream machines were invented in the 1840s. Ice cream sodas were created in the 1870s, and the ice cream cone in 1888, but cones were introduced to the masses during the 1904 World's Fair. Inexpensive refrigeration became widely available globally by the late 1900s, and ice cream became popular around the world. "Soft" ice cream was also invented around this time, which is highly whipped ice cream containing lots of air, making it cheaper to manufacture.

It's easy to buy ice cream in grocery and convenience stores, but freshly made ice cream is worth the trip to one of our local independent or franchised stand-alone shops. Even better: make your own, and create any crazy flavor you want! Our library has ice cream recipe books in the nonfiction section under 641.862, along with many other dessert cookbooks.

~ Chris Andrews

Front Desk Gallery Answers: 1=B, 2=I, 3=C, 4=K, 5=H, 6=G, 7=F, 8=J, 9=A, 10=D, 11=E, 12=L