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# Whitehall Township Public Library **Library Lines**

This month has the end of our Summer Reading Program and some days with unusual hours. The library is usually open Monday - Thursday from 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. & Friday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. However, we'll close at 4:00 p.m. on August 7 in preparation for Community Heroes Night, which will be in our parking lot that evening. We'll also be closed all day from Sat., August 30 - Mon., September 1 for Labor Day.

## Summer Reading Wrap Up

### Summer Reading

Our Summer Reading Program (**Color Our World**) is almost over, running through Sat., August 2, so you have until then to log your books to earn prizes. If you participated, you can come to the finale program for your age group. The **Adult Finale** is Thurs., August 7 from 1 - 2 p.m., and you can talk about whatever you read. The **Kids' Finale** is Sat., August 8 from Noon - 2 p.m., and it will feature games, balloon animals, and more. From 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. only, you can also meet some Mini Moo cows.



### 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.

## Community Heroes Night

Meet some of the people that help keep our community safe and check out some of their vehicles and equipment! We'll have visitors from a number of service departments on Thurs., **August 7**, from 5 - 7 p.m. This program is open to all, and no registration is required.

The **library will close at 4 p.m.** that day for setup, and during the event, the library's parking lot will be closed to attendee traffic and parking. Please park at Whitehall High School Parking Lot and walk over to the library lot for the event.



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Public Library



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 monthly **Board of Trustees Meeting**. This month's is **August 14** at 6:30 p.m.

## Adult Programs

### Adult Coloring Club

Coloring is a healthy way to reduce stress for adults as well as kids. Plus it can improve your focus and motor skills and help you be more mindful. We have an adult coloring club that meets three times a month. It meets on the 1st Tuesday from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. (this month, **August 5**) and the 1st & 3rd Thursday from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. (**August 7 & 21**).



### 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 meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. (**August 18**).

### A Good Yarn

Patrons come on the 3rd Tuesday from 6 - 7:45 p.m. (**August 19**) to do a variety of crafts with yarn and thread. Whether you knit, crochet, do embroidery, or anything else with hooks or needles, you're welcome to join the club.

## Kids & Teens Connect

Our Teen Advisory Board has some summer fun ready for the kids. On **August 2** from Noon - 2, kids can enjoy sidewalk chalk and other activities.

## Wonders of Color

Super Science & Amazing Art has a fun, hands-on show that teaches while it entertains. Miss Cathy is returning on **August 6** at 6 p.m. with Wonders of Color.



## Creation Station: Bubbleology

Kids in Grades 3 - 6 can enjoy STEAM projects once a month. This month, we're meeting on **August 20** at 6 p.m., and kids will learn about molecules by doing experiments with bubbles. Registration is required.

## Movie Night: *Honey, I Shrunk the Kids*

Our monthly Movie Night falls on **August 27** at 6 p.m., and we're watching *Honey, I Shrunk the Kids*. In it, a scientist accidentally shrinks his two teenage kids and two others from the neighborhood to the size of insects. Together, they have to navigate a scary new world as they try to find a way back to their regular size.

## Fall Fundraisers

Looking ahead, we'll have two big fundraisers. The first is our **Used Book Sale** on Fri., **September 26** & Sat., **September 27**. On both days, the sale will run from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. On Saturday only from Noon - 3, we'll have a \$5-per-bag sale. We'll accept book sale donations through September 20.

Our **Basket Raffle** runs from Fri., **October 24** - Sat., **November 8**. Find a wide range of items from gift certificates to filled baskets and a 50/50! You can come in during our open hours to buy tickets, browse our baskets, and drop your tickets. We will accept donations through October 20. You can get 1 card of 15 raffle tickets for \$5. If you'd like to enter the 50/50 drawing, you can buy 1 ticket for \$2 or 3 tickets for \$5.

During the **Basket Raffle Presale** only (September 29 - October 23), you can get 5 cards of 15 raffle tickets for \$20. Please note that on the last day of the presale, October 23, we may be closing early due to the Whitehall Township Fall Parade.



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## Book Nook: Read a Romance Month

We know that ancient Greeks and Romans wrote romance fiction because fragments of these novels have been discovered. Today, romance outsells all other genres. The definition of a romance novel is simple: a romantic relationship that forms between two people and leads to what the publishing industry calls a Happily Ever After, or HEA, ending.

The first “modern” romance novel – *Pamela, or Virtue Rewarded* by Samuel Richardson – was published in 1740 and was considered risqué for its time. Female writers, such as Jane Austen and the Bronte sisters, dominated the genre in the late 18th and early 19th centuries. For many years, romance fiction was described as “written by women, for women, about women.” The protagonists were always female.

British publishers Mills & Boon changed the game in the 1930's by packaging all their books with inexpensive covers of the same color and selling them at newsstands and tobacco shops instead of book stores. Harlequin Enterprises bought the Mills & Boon romance line for reprinting and added grocery and drug stores to their point of sales locations. Their trademark was that each book was 192 pages to keep costs down and the size consistent. Harlequin bought out Mills & Boon, and Janet Dailey became their first American author. Other American publishing companies adopted a similar sales model. Romance fiction sales exploded, and it remains the top-selling genre. Romance fiction started to evolve during the mid-20th century when the protagonists had interesting careers and exotic locales, and romance combined with other genres to become subgenres such as fantasy romance, paranormal romance, and science fiction romance. Market research shows that these subgenres offer more appeal to Gen Z and male readers, and romance fiction sales continue to increase with these trends. It should be noted that depending on the author and/or the publisher, romance fiction can run the gamut of chaste to explicit.

If you would like to read a romance novel this month in hardcover or paperback, there are too many authors to name them all. Nora Roberts is recognized as the top-selling romance author, followed by Danielle Steel and Nicholas Sparks. Other long-time romance authors include Debbie Macomber, Julie Garwood, Jude Deveraux, Johanna Lindsey, Lisa Kleypas, Kathleen E. Woodiwiss, Jayne Ann Krentz, Julia Quinn, Diana Gabaldon, Robyn Carr, Elin Hildenbrand, and Jojo Moyes. Newcomers to check out are Kristin Hannah, Colleen Hoover, Rebecca Yarros, Emily Henry, Emily Giffin, Lucy Score, and Ali Hazelwood. Browse through our 14-Day new book section and discover many more.



~ Chris Andrews

**Summer Reading Supporters**

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Summer Reading Program to help make it a success.

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