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Whitehall Township Public Library **Library Lines**

The library is generally open on Monday - Thursday from 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. and on Friday - Saturday from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. However, we'll be **closed for Labor Day from August 30 - September 1**. We'll resume regular hours on September 2, and in the meantime, you can still access our databases and your account online, and you can return books in our parking lot drop box.

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Fall Fundraisers

Used Book Sale

We'll host a used book sale on Fri., **September 26** and Sat., **September 27** from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. On Saturday only, we'll have a bag sale from Noon - 3 p.m., when books will be \$5 a bag! We can accept donations for the Book Sale through Saturday, September 20. If you're donating, we can take up to three bags or boxes at a time of new or gently-used books or media except magazines, encyclopedias, textbooks, VHS tapes, or cassettes.

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Basket Raffle

- **Raffle:** Our Basket Raffle runs from Fri., **October 24** - Sat., **November 1**. 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. 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.
- **Presale:** 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.
- **Donations:** We will accept donations of new or like-new items through **October 18**.

Boscov's Friends Helping Friends

Donate \$5.00 to WTPL and get a 25% shopping pass for the Boscov's event on **October 22**.



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Our Teen Advisory Board meets next on Sat., **September 6** at 1:30 p.m. TAB puts together different library activities, and it's always looking for new teen members!

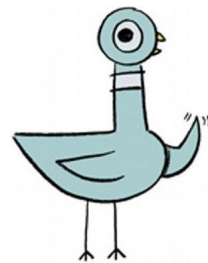
Members of the public are welcome to attend our monthly **Board of Trustees Meeting**. This month's is **September 11** at 6:30 p.m. You can find the most recent agenda and a year's worth of past meeting minutes on the Publications page of our website.

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.



Story Times

Registration is required for all story times. To make sure everyone gets the most out of the event, please double-check the age requirements before registering.



Story Time with Zoellner Arts

Join Zoellner Arts for a Mo Willems Pigeon Story Time with stories, crafts, and more. This story time will be on Tues., **September 9** at 11 a.m., and it's for toddlers - 1st grade.

Fall Story Time

- **Preschool Storytime** for ages 37 months – 5 years is every Wednesday at 1:30 from October 1 – November 12.
- **Toddler Time** for ages 12 – 36 months is every Thursday at 11:00 from October 2 to November 13.

Monthly Events

Adult Coloring

(Tues., **September 2**, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. & Thurs., **September 4 & 18**, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.) Come in to enjoy this relaxing hobby together!

Adult Book Talks

(Thurs., **September 4**, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.) Here, we talk about whatever we're reading right now or just finished.

Death Café

(Mon., **September 15**, 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.

A Good Yarn

(Tues., **September 16**, 6 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.) Whether you work with hooks or needles, yarn or thread, you're welcome to join the club!

Creation Station: What's in Our Mud?

(Wed., **September 17**, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.) Kids in Grades 3 – 6 can enjoy STEAM projects once a month. This month, learn about all the things you can find in mud. Registration is required.

Movie Night: A Minecraft Movie

(Wed., **September 24**, 6 p.m.) Our free monthly movie night is usually on the 4th Wednesday of the month. This month, we're watching A Minecraft Movie. In this film, four misfits are suddenly pulled through a mysterious portal into a bizarre cubic wonderland that thrives on imagination. To get back home they'll have to master this world while embarking on a quest with an unexpected expert crafter.

On the Same Page: *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*

Every other month, adult patrons read and discuss the same book. This month, we're reading *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith, and we'll meet to talk about it on Thurs., **September 4** at 6:30 p.m.

This coming-of-age story tells the tale of the young, sensitive, and idealistic Francie Nolan. She and her eccentric family make their home in the slums of Williamsburg, where they're often scorned by their neighbors. By turns overwhelming, heart-breaking, and uplifting, the daily experiences of the unforgettable Nolans are raw with honesty and threaded with family connectedness.

The last book we'll be reading this year will be *Dead Wake* by Erik Larson, and the talk for that book November 20 at 6 p.m.



Book Nook: National Sewing Month

The sewing needle is one of the oldest inventions of mankind. When Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit and discovered they were naked, they sewed fig leaves together to wear. The earliest needles were made of stone, plants, and animal parts (bones, tusks, and antlers) in the Paleolithic Age. The basic design was an awl - a narrow taper with a sharp point. Later, a split in the base was made to hold the thread. Needles with holes, or eyes, appeared about 38,000 BC, and archaeologists have found examples of decorative sewing, such as embroidery, and the addition of ornaments to clothing like beads and shells from this time. Metal needles appeared during the Bronze Age, about 7000 BC. Needles were often made by blacksmiths, and by the Middle Ages, there were special guilds of needle makers. The first commercial needles were made in England around 1640. The Industrial Revolution enabled greater production and lower costs, making them available to more people.

The history of thread mirrors that of needles, as well as almost every fiber craft, such as netting, weaving, clothes construction, knitting, embroidery, etc. The Paleolithic Age is quite extensive: 3 million to 12,000 years ago. The problem is that needles break, thread and cloth decompose, and scientists are only able to date from evidence, be it physical, written, or depicted in art. This is why ancient Egyptians and Chinese are credited with so many discoveries and inventions – since textiles are included in their records.

Despite the thousands of years needles and threads have been around, their basic design has barely changed and the level of skill to use them is simple. Charles Weisenthal of Germany is credited with applying for the first sewing machine patent in 1755, but Englishman Thomas Saint patented a design in 1790 that closely resembles modern machines. There were many versions of early sewing machines for different uses. In fact, the mid-1800s had the Sewing Machine War, when many inventors were getting patents and suing each other for stealing ideas, Elias Howe and Isaac Merritt Singer being the most notable. In 1856, an agreement to share licensing was reached with the major companies. Singer's co-founder started an aggressive advertising campaign, including the first installment paying plan in the United States, increasing sales and making the name synonymous with sewing machines.

National Sewing Month was proclaimed by President Ronald Reagan in 1982 to recognize fabric sewing skills. If you're interested in sewing, browse through our nonfiction and oversize sections under 646. If you want books on textile arts, such as knitting or quilting, those are in 746.



Hispanic Heritage Month

Hispanic Heritage Month takes place every year from **September 15 - October 15**. This is an opportunity to become familiar with Hispanic history, advocacy, culture, and more in America. Throughout our history, the Latino community has helped shape the country through many areas like politics, food, media, science, military, entertainment, sports, business, and the arts.

Hispanic Food

If you're interested in Hispanic food, we have a lot of cookbook options as well as an online database.

You can find the database, **AtoZ World Food**, on the Research & Learn page of our website (www.whitehallpl.org). It contains traditional recipes for 174 countries of the world. Explore national and regional cuisine, daily meals, dining etiquette, special occasion foods, and food trivia.

If you're looking for **cookbooks** and want to get the best selection, check our online catalog. When you search, select "Multi-District Lehigh Valley Pocono" from the library dropdown, and you can search a collection of over 1.4 million items from Whitehall and other local libraries.



Matching Game

Match the famous Latino or Hispanic-American person to the right description. Answers are below.

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| 1. Baseball star - usually a Pirates right fielder | A. Carolina Herrera |
| 2. Civil rights activist who advocated for farm workers | B. Celia Cruz |
| 3. Creator of Hamilton | C. Cesar Chavez |
| 4. Fashion designer with her own name-sake brand | D. Dr. Ellen Ochoa |
| 5. First Latina to go to space | E. Enrique Iglesias |
| 6. Lead actor in The Mandalorian | F. Jenna Ortega |
| 7. Lead actress in Wednesday | G. Jennifer Lopez |
| 8. "Queen of Salsa" | H. Lin-Manuel Miranda |
| 9. Singer of "Bailamos" | I. Pedro Pascal |
| 10. Singer of "Love Don't Cost a Thing" | J. Roberto Clemente |

Hispanic-American Authors

Check out these authors and more from our collection!

- Acevedo, Elizabeth
- Allende, Isabel
- Alvarez, Julia
- Cañas, Isabel
- Cervantes, J.C.
- Cisneros, Sandra
- Diaz, Junot
- Engle, Margarita
- Escandón, María Amparo
- Garcia, Gabriela
- González, Xóchitl
- Henríquez, Cristina
- Hernandez, Carlos
- Herrera, Juan Felipe
- Higuera, Donna Barba
- Mejia, Tehlor Kay
- Ryan, Pam Muñoz
- Sanchez, Erika L.
- Santiago, Esmeralda
- Soto, Gary
- Sotomayor, Sonia

Matching Answers: 1=J, 2=C, 3=H, 4=A, 5=D, 6=I, 7=F, 8=B, 9=E, 10=G