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# Whitehall Township Public Library Library Lines

This month, before Thanksgiving rolls around, we have a couple other programs for our American history buffs (see below). We'll celebrate Thanksgiving itself with some time off. The library's regular hours are Monday - Thursday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday - Saturday from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., but we'll have different holiday hours. On Wed., November 26, we'll close at 4 p.m., and we'll be closed all day on November 27 & 28 (Thanksgiving & Black Friday). We'll resume regular hours the next day.

## Washington & the Revolutionary War

Historical lecturer Michael Jesberger presents "**Footsteps in the Snow**", recounting the very real human story of those men who marched with General George Washington in the year of the Declaration of Independence. This was the year when the entire American cause was depending on their success, without which all possibility for independence would have been crushed and the sacred ideals of the Declaration would have amounted to simply words on a worthless piece of paper. This is the story of Americans in the ranks of the army, men of every size, shape, and color – simple farmers, teachers, tradesmen, and mere boys turned into soldiers. These were the men that stayed with the Army and did not quit. They stayed because their commanding officer, General George Washington did not quit!



This program will be on Mon., **November 10** at 6:30 p.m. Registration is requested.

## The Lusitania & World War I

Every other month, adult patrons read and discuss the same book. This month, we're reading **Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania** by Erik Larson, and we're meeting on Wed., **November 20** at 6:30 p.m.



This narrative nonfiction book looks at the sinking of the *Lusitania* during World War I and the events surrounding the sinking. This thrilling story, switching between hunter and hunted, paints a vivid portrait of America at the height of the Progressive Era. Full of mystery and suspense, this book explores the emotional power of a disaster of this magnitude, and the impact it had on our country. This event, that helped place America on the road to war, still has ripple effects that can be felt to this day.



## Regular Events

### Adult Coloring Club:

Tues.,  
November 4, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. &  
Thurs., November 6 & 20, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

### Adult Book Talks:

Thurs.,  
November 6, 1 - 2 p.m.

### Board of Trustees Meeting:

Thurs.,  
November 13, 6:30 p.m.

### Teen Advisory Board Meeting:

Sat., November 8,  
1:30 p.m.

### Death Café:

Mon.,  
November 17, 6:30 p.m.

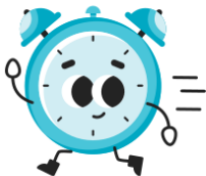
### A Good Yarn:

Tues., November 18, 6 - 7:45 p.m.

## Fall Back

### Daylight Savings Time

ends on Sun., **November 2**, so don't forget to set your clocks back an hour on that day.



## Basket Raffle

Sat., **November 1** is the very last day to buy or deposit tickets for our Fall Basket Raffle. If you're still holding onto any, please remember to put them in by then. 1 card of 15 raffle tickets is \$5. If you'd like to enter the 50/50 drawing, you can buy 1 ticket for \$2 or 3 tickets for \$5. (The 50/50 also ends November 1.)



## Day of the Dead Painting

The Day of the Dead, or Día de Muertos, is a holiday traditionally celebrated on November 1 and 2. It's a colorful holiday, and it involves family and friends gathering to pay respects and remember friends and family members who have died.

One Día de Muertos tradition involves painting sugar skulls. We have ceramic skulls for our teenage patrons to paint on Sat., **November 1** at 1 p.m. Supplies are limited, so registration is required.



## Medicare Enrollment Assistance

This fall, the Whitehall library is offering one-on-one appointments with a certified Medicare Enrollment Counselor. You can get free, personalized help with enrollment or other questions that you might have. We'll have three time slots a day on **Mondays through December 1**.

Registration is required. You can schedule an appointment for 1:00, 2:00, or 3:00 p.m., as available. Call us at 610-432-4339 x201 to book your slot.



## Fall Story Times

Join us for fall story times filled with fun tales about colorful adventures! To make sure everyone gets the most out of the event, please double-check the age requirements before registering or attending.

- **Preschool Storytime:** This is for ages 37 months – 5 years. It meets every Wednesday at 1:30 from October 1 – November 12. Registration is required.
- **Toddler Time:** This is for ages 12 – 36 months. It meets every Thursday at 11 a.m. from October 2 to November 13. Registration is required.
- **Saturday Story Time:** This is for ages 3-7 and is on November 8 at 11 a.m.



## Holiday Drives

### Food Drive

While we're always collecting for the **Whitehall Food Pantry**, we're doing a special Holiday Drive for the next two months, running from Sat., **November 1** - Tues., **December 30**. (We'll be closed December 31.) During that time, we're looking for nonperishable food and personal care items such as cereal, juice, canned soup, canned fruit, and coffee.



### Toy Drive

The library will accept **Toys for Tots** donations from Mon., **November 10** - Mon., **December 16**. Please donate new, unopened toys. Toys for Tots will not distribute any gifts that look like realistic weapons or anything with food. If you wish to donate cash, see their website for more information.

### New Museum Pass

We have a number of museum passes that you can check out for a week (one pass per family, with a \$10 per day overdue fee). We just added a new pass for the **Please Touch Museum** in Philadelphia. This pass allows for 6 guests.



## Book Nook: National Repair Done Right Month

National Repair Done Right Month was created in 2021 by Wireless Industry Service Excellence (WISE) Certification to acknowledge technicians and to encourage consumers to bring their mobile phones in for repair, but the idea was broadened to include all types of electronic and appliance repairs. Now it covers all repairs, and once you start to think about it, you probably have a lot of stuff that needs repair. It can be as simple as sewing on a missing button or as complicated as getting the kitchen remodeled. If you're lucky, you may be able to Do It Yourself (DIY) with guidance from many of the books in our library. We also subscribe to many magazines such as *Better Homes & Gardens*, *Family Handyman*, *Good Housekeeping*, *HGTV*, *House Beautiful*, *Popular Mechanics*, *Southern Living*, and *Consumer Reports*. We also provide access to countless eBooks and e-zines on our databases, which can give you helpful ideas. Our catalog can help you find what you need, but most of these books will be found in the 600s in the nonfiction sections. Think how good you will feel to get even one repair done before the big holidays come.



The weather in our region sort of keeps us house-bound for the winter, so this is a good time to chip away at many of those repair jobs. Consider sharing your skills. There are many care facility residents who need a simple repair for that missing button, a damaged clasp on a favorite necklace, or a broken lamp switch. Do your children know how to do these things? Time to pass the knowledge along.

Of course, there are some repairs best left to professionals. We all want to save money, but you should make sure the person you hire is qualified. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has a website to verify professional and occupational licenses, and there are also national certification websites for almost every profession. Do check online customer reviews. If you are getting a large repair and spending a lot of money, ask for local references that you can call. Time to get those repairs started.

~ Chris Andrews

## Native Novels

November is **Native American Heritage Month**, so this is a great time to pick up a novel by an indigenous author. No matter what genre you like, there are options for you to try.

For instance, you can find many authors of historical and literary fiction, like Louise Erdich, Tommy Orange, and Diane Wilson. Mystery readers might enjoy *Firekeeper's Daughter* by Angeline Boulley or *Winter Counts* by David Heska Wanbli Weiden.

Fans of speculative fiction can find fantasy novels by Rebecca Roanhorse, horror by Stephen Graham Jones, or science fiction novels like *The Marrow Thieves* by Cherie Dimaline.

Some of the previous authors also overlap with young adult fiction, but there are also novels written specifically for young adults like the coming-of-age story *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie.

## Upcoming Fundraisers

We'll be taking a break from fundraisers over the winter, but in spring 2026, we'll hold our Book Sale from May 8-9 and our Yard Sale from June 5-6.



## Raffle Donors

Thank you to all of the generous donors who contributed to our 2025 Fall Basket Raffle!

- American Fence & Flag (Whitehall)
- American Helicopter Museum & Education Center
- Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza & Wings
- ArtsQuest
- Baker Creek Heirloom Seed Co.
- BarkBox
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- Bear Creek Mountain Resort
- Brooklyn Botanic Garden
- The Cheesecake Factory (Whitehall)
- Chipotle Mexican Grill
- Choo Choo Barn
- Civic Theatre of Allentown
- Copperhead Grille
- Costco (Allentown)
- Crayola
- Daku's Auto Body Shop
- Da Vinci Science Center
- Dutch Wonderland
- Giant (Whitehall)
- Green Pond Country Club
- Grimms Orchard & Family Farms
- Eastern State Penitentiary
- The Franklin Institute
- Hawk Mountain Sanctuary
- Hershey Gardens
- Historic Bethlehem Museum & Sites
- Historic Rock Ford
- Jay Gilbert & Family
- Jim Thorpe Trolley Co.
- Kendra Scott (Whitehall)
- Landis Valley Village & Farm Museum
- Lehigh Valley IronPigs
- Longwood Gardens
- Lost River Caverns
- McNeill, Hon. Jeanne
- Michener Art Museum
- Miller Supply Ace Hardware
- Miller Symphony Hall
- Olive Garden (Easton)
- Oriental Trading
- Out of Print
- Painting with a Twist (Bethlehem)
- Philadelphia Art Museum
- Pittsburgh Steelers
- Putt U Miniature Golf
- Robbins Rehabilitation West
- Rutgers University
- Seminary Ridge Museum
- Shankweiler's Drive-In
- Sheetz
- State Museum of PA
- Style ID (Whitehall)
- Texas Roadhouse (Trexlerstown)
- TTC Cleaning Solutions
- Turkey Hill Experience
- Turning Point Restaurants
- ULINE
- Unemployed Philosophers Guild
- Wawa
- Wegmans (Allentown)
- Weis (Whitehall)
- Wind Creek
- Winterthur
- Yocco's (Allentown)

