



Library Lines

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Presidents' Day Closing



The holiday season is winding down, and soon, we'll have our last holiday closing for a few months. We'll be **closed all day for Presidents' Day** on Mon., **February 16**, and we'll resume regular hours the next day.



Library Hours

- **Monday - Thursday:**
9 am - 8 pm
- **Friday - Saturday:**
9 am - 4 pm
- **Sunday:**
Closed

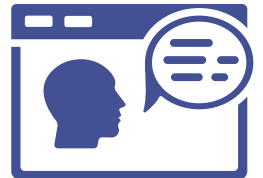
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Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Share Your Stories



How has your library helped you?

The library is working on new building improvements, and to do that, we need to share peoples' stories in our campaign. We're looking for patrons willing to tell us specific ways that the library has helped them. Your quotes may be used in print or online with a first name and optional last initial, with a picture preferred.

If you would like to help us help others, we'd greatly appreciate it. To participate, call 610-432-4339 x201.

Adult Winter Reading Program

The Adult Winter Reading Program runs from **January 2 - March 31**. During this time, adults can register and pick up a winter reading bookmark. Complete the bookmark and return it to the desk to receive a small prize.



Teen Book Boxes

Not sure what to read next? Sign up for this quarterly library subscription!

Each box will contain one library book that's checked out to you, plus some fun extras, like snacks and crafts.

Boxes are available in March, June, September, & December. Sign up by the end of any given month to get that month's box.

Supplies are limited, and registration is required.



Story Times

Eid to Eid Story Time

Join us for stories about the moon and Ramadan. Ramadan is the 9th month of the Islamic Lunar Calendar. Muslims all over the world fast from food & drink, as they feed their spirit with good deeds, togetherness, and community. At the end of the month Muslims celebrate one of two Eid holidays.

This story time is on **February 7** at 2 p.m., and it's for ages 5 - 9. Registration is required and will be open through February 1.

We'll have a second Eid to Eid Story Time on May 9 at 2 p.m., so stay tuned for that.

Saturday Story Time

Kids ages 3 - 7 can join us for a story time on **February 14** at 11 a.m. No registration is required.



Did You Know?

There are two Eid celebrations: Eid Al-Fitr and Eid Al-Adha. The first ends the fasting month of Ramadan. The second comes months later and marks the end of a large annual pilgrimage.

These holidays, based on the Islamic lunar calendar, take place on a different day every year. This year, Eid Al-Fitr goes from the evening of Thurs., March 19 - March 20. Eid Al-Adha will go from the evening of Tues., May 26 - May 27.

One traditional greeting is "Eid Mubarak", meaning "blessed celebration."

Regular Events

Adult Coloring Club

- Thurs., February 5 & 19, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Come in to enjoy this relaxing hobby while chatting together!

Adult Book Talks

- Thurs., February 5, 1 - 2 p.m.
- Talk about whatever you're reading now or recently finished.

Board of Trustees Meeting

- Thurs., February 12, 6:30 p.m.
- Members of the public are welcome to attend our Board of Trustees meetings. They usually meet at 6:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month.

Teen Advisory Board Meeting

- Sat., February 14, 1:30 p.m.
- TAB puts together different library activities, and it's always looking for new teen members!

A Good Yarn

- Tues., February 17, 6 - 7:45 p.m.
- Whether you work with hooks or needles, yarn or thread, you're welcome to join the club!

Death Café

- Mon., February 23, 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.



Online Newspapers

You can now access the Wall Street Journal and the New York Times online with your library card! Visit our Research & Learn page to register for your accounts.

The **Wall Street Journal** will give you access for a period of 3 days at a time, and you can continue requesting access links as needed.

For the **New York Times**, you'll get an access code that gives you access for 24 hours, and you can continue redeeming codes to keep getting access to this paper, too.



Book Nook: Library Lovers Month

The Whitehall Township Public Library would like to thank you and our Board of Trustees for keeping this library a vital part of our community. You may wonder why there are still libraries when almost everyone can access so much information from their phones. Studies show that the average person spends about 55 seconds per topic online for just a quick answer, no in-depth information. Why books? Have you ever experienced a blackout, or forgot to charge your phone? Books require no electricity to provide hours of entertainment. It may come as a surprise that most of our library's users borrow fiction books more than informative nonfiction. This underscores the entertainment value of reading. Fiction can take the reader to the past, present, or future to experience not only those settings, but the attitudes and experiences of the characters living in those times. Nonfiction books provide more in-depth information in one place than searching on the Internet. For example, a cookbook provides more than one recipe; a knitting book shows more than one stitch and more than one pattern; an astronomy book has more than one constellation.



Many studies have been conducted about reading books and the results are advantageous, especially for children. Reading improves concentration, memory, vocabulary, social skills, writing skills, communication skills, empathy, knowledge, and critical thinking. Reading helps reverse cognitive decline in adults. The immersive experience of reading reduces stress by about 68%. Best of all, reading increases the average lifespan.

Libraries are more than just books. Most provide access to computers for personal use, photocopiers, and microfilm. Our library also loans out recorded books, music CDs, DVDs, hotspots, birding backpacks, children's puzzles, and free passes to several regional museums.

Your library card also provides access to many things in this library without leaving your home: e-books, audiobooks, newspapers, magazines, graphic novels, movies, television programs, music, academic and professional practice tests, online academic tutoring, online job search help, access to military records, and references about the US, world, and food. Please take advantage of all we have to offer you and your family. We are happy to help you.

~ Chris Andrews