



Library Lines

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**Whitehall Township
Public Library**

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Regular Library Hours
***Also See Construction
Hours***

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

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Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Library Updates

Construction

We'll have limited hours due to construction starting August 3. Printers and bathrooms will be unavailable, and computers may be unavailable. Please watch our website for updates, and thank you for your patience.

Week 1: August 3 - 8

- 8/3: Closed All Day
- 8/4 - 8/6: Curbside 9 - 5:30 & Programs
- 8/7: Curbside 9 - 3:30 & Programs
- 8/8: Regular Hours

Week 2: August 10 - 15

- 8/10 - 8/12: Regular Hours
- 8/13: Open 9 - 6
- 8/14-8/15: Regular Hours



Summer Reading Program

This year's Summer Reading Program features dinosaurs, archaeology, and paleontology. The last day to register and log books is Sat., August 1. The Adult Finale is Thurs., August 6, 1 - 2 p.m., and the Kids' Finale is Sat., August 8, Noon - 2 p.m.

LCLC Passports

Visit your Lehigh-Carbon County libraries from **June 1 - August 29** for a chance to win prizes! Visit each library and do an activity to get that library's dig site marked off on your sheet. Earn a raffle ticket for that library's prize. When you reach 6 then 12 libraries, you'll get a ticket for the Grand Prize drawing.

Adults

Regular Events

Adult Coloring Club:

Thurs., August 6 & 20, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

A Good Yarn: Tues., August 18, 6 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

Board of Trustees

Meeting: Thurs., August 13, 6:30 p.m.



Basement Complex

Take a trip down the Nile to the Giza Plateau and other important landforms. Learn about the rocks and processes that allowed the Egyptians to accomplish great feats of engineering at these key sites. You can learn about **Ancient Egyptian Geology** with the PA Earth Sciences Association on Tues., **August 4** at 6 p.m.



Chair Yoga

Our **Adult Stretch and Soothe Chair Class** combines gentle chair-based stretching, mindful movement, breathwork, and relaxation. It meets on Wed., **August 5** at 10:30 a.m., and participants will move at a comfortable pace to release tension, support mobility, and leave feeling refreshed. Hosted by Larissa Noto of The Lovely Little Lotus LLC, this session is appropriate for all experience levels. Registration is required.

Local Revolution

As part of our "America at 250" series, hear some **Local Tales of the Revolution**. The Sigal Museum will present this program on events around the Lehigh Valley that played a role in the American Revolution. This program will be on Tues., **August 11** at 6 p.m.



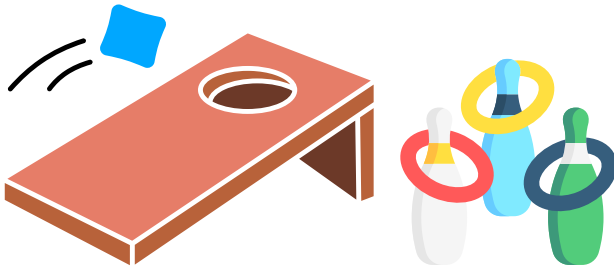
Fraud Prevention

Join us for an informative presentation from Neffs Bank about financial fraud and scams affecting individuals of all ages. Learn how to recognize common warning signs, protect your personal and financial information, and avoid becoming a victim of fraud and scams. This program will be on Wed., **August 12** at 11 a.m.

Kids

Kids & Teens Connect

Our Teen Advisory Board will run some fun and welcoming activities for our younger patrons. The program gives kids the chance to play while giving our teen volunteers valuable opportunities to develop leadership. This event will be on Sat., **August 1** from Noon - 2 p.m.



Simple Fixes

Thanks to a generous donation from IronPigs Charities, we're presenting a series of **Everyday Skills for Teens**. In the final program of this series, Simple Fixes, teens will learn how to do some simple repairs around the home. This program will be on Wed., **August 5** at 1:30 p.m.



Crazy About Science

The **Nutty Scientists** will present Crazy About Science with many hands-on experiments. This program is geared towards school-aged kids and teens, though all are welcome. This program will be on Wed., **August 5** at 6 p.m.



Storytime Yoga

This fun yoga and story is led by yoga instructor Larissa Noto from The Lovely Little Lotus. Registration is required for each session. Walk-ins will not be accepted, as space is limited. We'll have two sessions:

- **Tots:** Ages 2 - 5. Mon., **August 17**, 10 a.m.
- **Youth:** Ages 6 - 10. Mon., **August 31**, 4:30 p.m.



Paper Sculpting

Kids in Grades 3 – 6 can enjoy STEAM projects once a month in **Creation Station**. This month, put your artistic skills to work with some papercraft! We'll work on this paper sculpting on Wed., **August 19** at 6 p.m. Registration is required.

Baby Prom

Join us at the library for **Baby Prom**, a special celebration designed just for babies and their grown-ups! Dress your little one in their favorite fancy outfit (or come as you are) and enjoy story time, music, a simple craft, photo opportunities, and plenty of smiles. Come on Thurs., **August 6** at 10 a.m. to make memories and introduce your baby to the joy of the library. This program is for ages 0 - 36 months, and registration is required.



The Good Dinosaur

Our free monthly movie night is on Wed., **August 26** on 6 p.m. This month, as part of our dinosaur-themed Summer Reading Program, we're watching *The Good Dinosaur*. In a world where dinosaurs and humans live side-by-side, an Apatosaurus named Arlo makes an unlikely human friend.



Brainfuse

Are you getting ready to go back to school? We have two Brainfuse databases that are great for studying!

Brainfuse LearnNow

has lessons and practice tests for a wide age range, from upper elementary to adult career courses. **Brainfuse HelpNow** has live tutoring, a writing lab, flashcards and learning tools.

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

According to research findings, the more children ages 1 - 5 hear books read to them, the more prepared they are to learn to read when they reach kindergarten. Through the "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten" program, children exercise their early literacy skills. Register at our front desk and pick up your first reading log to track what you read to your child. Every 100 books, bring your log into the library to get the first reading incentive and the next log. Once you reach 1,000 books, your child will get a certificate and a prize.

All Ages

Yard Sale

The library will have an **Indoor Yard Sale** on Friday, **August 21** and Saturday, **August 22**.

- Friday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.: Regular Price
- Saturday, 9 a.m. - Noon: Bag Sale (Items are \$5 per bag.)
- Saturday, 1 - 3 p.m.: Free (Anything that remains is free to take.)

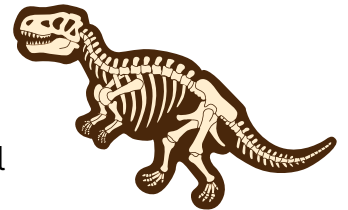
Between Noon and 1 p.m. on Saturday, we'll be tidying the room and setting aside certain items for charitable organizations. Not everything will be here when we open up again, so please make your final purchases by Noon.

We'll accept donations for the yard sale through Fri., August 14.



Dinosaur 13

Join us for a screening of the documentary *Dinosaur 13* on Fri., **August 7**, at 1 p.m. Learn about the discovery of the largest Tyrannosaurus Rex fossil ever found and the controversy that ensued.

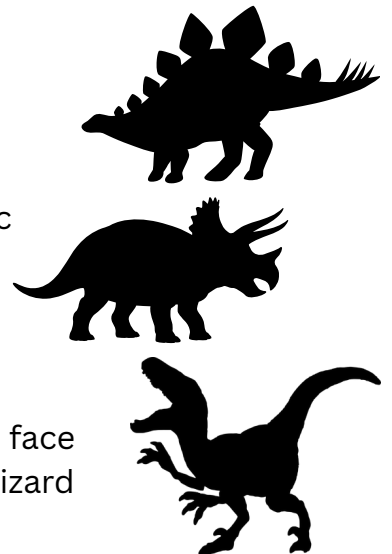


Dinosaur Name Match

Can you match the following dinosaur names to their meanings?

1. Ankylosaurus
2. Brachiosaurus
3. Dilophosaurus
4. Dracorex
5. Gallimimus
6. Stegosaurus
7. Triceratops
8. Tyrannosaurus
9. Velociraptor

- A. arm lizard
- B. chicken mimic
- C. dragon king
- D. fused lizard
- E. quick thief
- F. roof lizard
- G. three-horned face
- H. two-crested lizard
- I. tyrant lizard



Book Nook: National Back to School Month

Most people think that children having the summer off from school comes from days gone by when there was more farming. But if you are a farmer, you know that the busiest seasons when you need extra help are for spring planting and autumn harvesting. The real reason is that before there was air conditioning, schools got too hot in the summer, especially in cities, and wealthy, and later middle class, families traditionally would relocate to other places for the summer. United States schools' summer breaks average about 80 days. Italy has the longest summer break with about 100 days off. Germany, Switzerland, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Taiwan, and South Korea all have year-round schooling with shorter breaks between their school terms.



Unfortunately, many students experience what educators call "Summer Slide," when they forget about 40% of what they learned during the school year, especially in math and reading. So, the first 4-6 weeks of the new school year is spent reviewing material from the prior grade. Additionally, children can also suffer mental health problems during the summer because of changes in routines for sleeping, eating, exercise, computer time, and social interaction. Knowing this, public libraries traditionally have their busiest times during the summer by promoting reading and hosting all sorts of activities and programs.

Many schools provide students with required reading lists to do over the summer. If you have a child at home, you may want to find out how many they have checked off their list. We have copies of most required reading books, in case your child needs a copy. Our library also has books to get students ready for school. There are some practical guides and many story books about starting preschool, kindergarten, and first grade. You can use our catalog to find them. If you need help searching, please ask at our circulation desk. Remember, the first day of school for Whitehall Township is August 24th.

~ Chris Andrews

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

Dinosaur Match Answers

