



Library Lines

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**Whitehall Township
Public Library**
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Library Hours

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

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Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Library Closings & Updates

Labor Day

The library will be closed all day for Labor Day from Sat., September 5 - Mon., September 7.

Construction

Due to construction, the library will temporarily only have Curbside Pickup & scheduled programs. Unfortunately, the building will remain inaccessible at this time for general patron use.

Curbside Pickup Hours:

- **Sat., 8/29:** 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- **Sun., 8/30 - Mon., 8/31:** Closed for Construction
- **Tues., 9/1 - Thurs., 9/3:** 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
- **Fri., 9/4:** 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- **Sat., 9/5 - Mon., 9/7:** Closed for Labor Day



Used Book Sale

We'll host a used book sale on Fri., **September 25** & Sat., **September 26** from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. On Saturday only, we'll have a bag sale from Noon - 3, when books will be \$5 a bag!



Adults

Regular Adult Events

Coloring Club:

09/03 & 09/17,
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Book Talks:

09/03, 1 - 2 p.m.

Board of Trustees Meeting:

09/10, 6:30 p.m.

A Good Yarn:

09/15, 6 - 7:45 p.m.

Death Cafe:

09/21, 6:30 p.m.

Mah Jongg 101

Learn the fundamentals of American Mah Jongg, including the objective of the game, tile recognition, how to read the National Mah Jongg League Card, the basic rules, game setup and play, and beginner-friendly tips and strategies to help you start playing with confidence. The program is on Thurs., **September 3** at 5:30 p.m. Registration is required. The cost of program \$30.00. **Attendees must pay at the library to finalize registration by September 2.** If you're interested in a National Mah Jongg League Card they will be available for purchase at the program for \$15.00.



They Called Us Enemy

Every other month, adult patrons read and discuss the same book. This month, we're reading *They Called Us Enemy* by George Takei. This graphic memoir recounts the childhood of actor/author/activist George Takei, spent in Japanese internment camps during World War II, and we'll talk about it on Wed., **September 17** at 6:30 p.m.

Health & Relaxation

These sessions are hosted by Larissa Noto, The Lovely Little Lotus LLC, and are appropriate for all experience levels. Registration is required.

- **Adult Stretch & Soothe Chair Class:** Wed., **September 2**, 10:30 a.m. This wellness class combines gentle chair-based stretching, mindful movement, breathwork, and relaxation.
- **The Art of Mindful Breathing:** Tues., **September 15**, 6:30 p.m. This mindfulness and breathwork session for adults offers simple, accessible tools to reduce stress, improve focus, and support emotional regulation. It incorporates seasonal themes to make the practices relevant, meaningful, and easy to apply in daily life.



Kids

Story Times

Registration is required for all Story Times.

Storytime Yoga

Stretch and move along with us in this fun yoga and story time is led by yoga instructor Larissa Noto from The Lovely Little Lotus. Children will enjoy a fun story paired with simple yoga poses. It's a playful way for young children to build coordination, mindfulness, and a love of stories. This program is made possible by a grant from IronPigs Charities.



- **Youth:** Ages 6 - 10. Mon., **September 14**, 4:30 p.m.
- **Tots:** Ages 2 - 5. Mon., **September 28**, 10 a.m.

Fall Story Time

Fall story time will run from **September 28 – November 19**.

- **Preschool Story Time:** Ages 37 months – 5 years. Tuesdays at 11 a.m. & Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m.
- **Toddler Story Time:** Ages 12 – 36 months. Thursdays at 10 a.m.

Creation Station

Kids in Grades 3 – 6 can enjoy STEAM projects once a month. On Wed., **September 16** from 6 - 7 p.m., you can take the Engineer Challenge! What can you build in teams? Registration is required.



Teen Advisory Board

TAB puts together different library activities, and it's always looking for new teen members!

It meets monthly, and this month's meeting is on Sat., **September 12** at 1 p.m.

Monthly Movie Night

Every month, the library has a family movie night. It's on the fourth Wednesday of the month, this time on **September 23**, at 6 p.m.

This month's movie is to be determined, so please watch our website for updates as we get closer.

Book Nook: National Americana Month



The United States's 250th anniversary is winding down, and it is time to reflect on our place in its history. The median age of Pennsylvania residents is 41 years old. That means you have experienced about 16% of this country's history. If you are 70, you have lived through 28%! Bet you never thought of yourself as "living history." Your story is important to future generations to understand what daily life in this time means.

Our country is a blend of people from every country in the world (currently 195) and 575 American indigenous tribes. What are some of the characteristics we share? Patriotism: we display our flag and national symbols more than any other country, and we have the most stringent rules for those displays and how they must be handled. A love of nature: the United States created the first National Park (Yellowstone) in the world and have added more since, now totaling 63, plus 570 national wildlife refuges, 2,500 state parks, and 150,000 local parks. Sports: many were created here, many of them for the outdoors, such as American football, baseball, volleyball, basketball, skateboarding, Frisbee, pickleball, and the stunt-filled World Wrestling Entertainment. Music: blues, jazz, country, gospel, rock and roll, soul, disco, hip hop, and Tejano genres are enjoyed globally but began here. Car culture: we have the most highways and the tendency to prefer driving instead of walking. Casual wear: people in many other countries do not wear athletic clothing (baseball caps, hoodies, yoga pants, etc.) and especially sneakers outside the gym or playing fields. The Wild West: what is more iconic than the unique attire of an American cowboy? Hollywood: nothing has shaped world opinion of America more than our movies and television programs, making English the most widely spoken language in the world, and reinforcing those things that make Americans identifiable to other cultures.

Please use our catalog to find books about any of these subjects. "Americana" will locate many decorative arts. History books begin with Dewey number 973. Tips for writing a journal are in 808. The Lehigh Valley Active Life Center (1633 Elm Street, Allentown) has an ongoing program to collect and record the experiences of those who served in the military and a monthly program for a guest veteran to talk about their service. We only know history by what is recorded, and everyone's story builds a true picture. Do you remember the Challenger space shuttle disaster? Where were you during the September 11 attack? What did you do during the COVID 19 pandemic? Be proud of your place in American history. Only you can tell your story.

~ Chris Andrews