Library Lines

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Library Hours

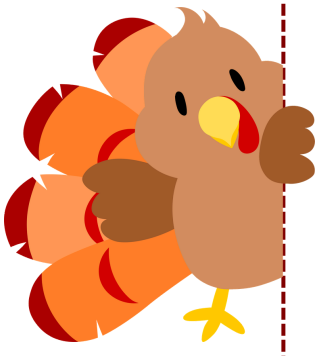
- **Monday - Thursday:** 9 am - 8 pm
- **Friday - Saturday:** 9 am - 4 pm
- **Sunday:** Closed

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Winter Updates



Welcome back to the library! We're glad to be back open at **regular hours** after all of the recent construction. The library is now open Monday - Thursday from 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. and on Friday - Sunday from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

We will, however, have **limited hours for Thanksgiving** at the end of the month. On Wednesday, November 25, we're closing at 4 p.m., and we'll be closed all day November 26 - November 27. We'll resume regular hours that Saturday. (Note that we'll also be closed December 24, 25, & 31, and January 1.)

Our upcoming **fundraisers** are our Basket Raffle (below) and a Used Book Sale on December 4 & 5 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Basket Raffle



We're reaching the end of our **Basket Raffle**. This raffle runs from **Fri., October 30 - Sat., November 7**.

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.

You can pick up prizes during our open hours from **November 9 - 15**.

Adults

Regular Events

- **Adult Coloring Club:** 11/5 & 11/19, 11 a.m.
- **Adult Book Talks:** 11/5, 1 p.m.
- **Board of Trustees Meeting:** 11/12, 6:30 p.m.
- **Death Café:** 11/16, 6:30 p.m.
- **A Good Yarn:** 11/17, 6 p.m.

Relaxation



Do you need a way to unwind? We have two classes this month to help encourage mindfulness. These sessions are hosted by Larissa Noto from The Lovely Little Lotus, and they're appropriate for all experience levels. Space is limited, and registration is required.

The **Adult Stretch and Soothe Chair Class** is on Wed., **November 4** from 10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. It combines gentle chair-based movement with breathwork to release tension and support mobility.

The **Art of Mindful Breathing** is on Tues., **November 17** from 6:30 - 7:15 p.m. This session for adults offers simple, accessible tools to reduce stress and improve focus. Participants will leave with practical breathing techniques they can return to anytime they need.

On the Same Page



Every other month, adult patrons read and discuss the same book. On Thurs., **November 19** at 6:30 p.m., we'll talk about ***Long Bright River* by Liz Moore**. This novel is about two sisters who live very different lives in Philadelphia, until one woman goes missing and her police officer sister goes looking for her.

2027 Book Picks

- **January 21:** *The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife* by Anna Johnston (Fiction, Contemporary, Humor)
- **March 18:** *Daughters of the Sun and Moon* by Lisa See (Fiction, Historical)
- **May 20:** *The Black Count* by Tom Reiss (Non-fiction, Biography, Historical)
- **July 15:** *The Divorce* by Freida McFadden (Fiction, Thriller, Mystery)
- **September 23:** *The Collected Regrets of Clover* by Mikki Brammer (Fiction, Contemporary)
- **November 18:** *The Names* by Florence Knapp (Fiction, Contemporary)

Kids

Story Times



Registration is required for all story times.

- **Fall Story Time (Through 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.
- **Storytime Yoga:**
  - ***Youth*** (Age 6 – 10): Mon., November 2, 4:30 p.m.
  - ***Tots*** (Age 2 – 5): Mon., November 23, 10:00 a.m.

Creation Station



Kids can explore their curiosity and creativity with projects in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics). In our monthly creation station, we have Creation Station, featuring STEAM themes for kids in grades 3 - 6. Space is limited, and registration is required.

On Wed., **November 18** at 6 p.m., kids will stretch their musical abilities **Singing Glasses**.

Have you ever made music with water? They've been used this way since the Middle Ages, and the first musical instrument made of upright wine glasses, called the glass harp, and was invented around 1750. People have been experimenting with this for a long time, using the friction of a finger on the rim to make the vibration which causes the sound. The Singing Glasses program combines music and physics in a fun and educational way.

Veteran's Day Grab & Go Craft

We'll have a grab & go craft for kids at the front desk on Wed., **November 11**. We provide the supplies and instructions, and you can take it home for your kids to do at your leisure. There's no registration, and they'll be available while supplies last.

Teen Advisory Board

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

The next meeting is on Sat., **November 21**. Feel free to come check it out to see if it's right for you.

Book Nook: National Life Writing Month

Life writing has other synonyms: journal, diary, memoir, autobiography, log, blog, vlog, etc. You have witnessed many things, both personal and global and while you may think what you have to say isn't important, it really is. We all have unique ways of seeing the world and noticing different details. When put together, a more truthful record results, and the more personal accounts there are, the chances are better that the truth survives.

There are many details of our everyday lives that everybody knows, and yet, a hundred years from now, if it was never recorded, a historian may not know how a drip coffee pot works when recreating an exhibit depicting daily life from 2026. How many disaster movies have you seen where people were saved because someone knew Morse Code or a CB radio? There are books about daily life in various time periods with these small details that are valuable to authors.

Literacy was a privilege throughout many cultures, and those that could record events are the ones accepted as history. There was no way to verify that people claimed to be or do or see. An example is Atlantis, which many believe to be a real place despite the fact that there is only one reference in all historical records: Plato's *Dialogues*. We are living in a time when we have witnessed many things that others are trying to convince us aren't true. Write your truth. It is all right if your opinion changes in the future about something you write about now.

Keeping a journal doesn't have to be a daily commitment. It is perfectly fine if you write only once in a while. It can be a simple story for your grandchild. Maybe about your most memorable Christmas. It may feel like bad luck, but consider writing your obituary so the facts are correct and all names are spelled correctly. The average person only knows three generations of their family history, and only 47% know the names of all four grandparents, so you can help save that information. Here's a scary fact: for people aged 55 and older in the United States, 35% of men and 48% of women, run the risk of getting some form of dementia, and you can preserve some of your own memories by writing them down.

If you need help getting started, books in Dewey starting 808 have ideas and suggestions. Thumb through them, see what appeals to you. Some have examples, and some have prompts. Many popular authors wrote books discussing their writing process, too.

If you'd like to give to those in need this season, we have a year-round donation box for the **Whitehall Food Pantry at St Stephens**. They say that they're especially looking for cereal, soup, and juice right now.

We're also collecting for **Toys for Tots** from **November 16 - December 10**.