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Whitehall Township Public Library **Library Lines**

From the Director's Desk

Welcome to **SPRING** and to **SPARK**, the **NEW online library catalog** and circulation system for the library starting **April 19, 2018!** If you would like a list of the books you read this past year, we can print that off from the OLD system for you before **April 9, 2018**. Please ask the staff for help. We have started the changeover to SPARK, a PA library system. But the patrons will not see any major changes until **Thurs. April 19, 2018**.

Along with the NEW system, we will create a library group called the **Lehigh Carbon Library Cooperative (LCLC)** which would include: Catasauqua, Coplay, Dimmick, Emmaus, Lehigh, Lower Macungie, Palmerton, Parkland, Slatington, Southern Lehigh, and Whitehall. We are proud to be a part of this NEW system and to promote cooperation between libraries to serve our patrons.

GO LIVE DAY will be Thurs. April 19, 2018.

But other days for you to remember! NO NEW items will be added to the library catalog between April 9 and April 18, 2018.

LAST DAY for patrons to use the OPAC (Online Patron Access Catalog) will be on Sat. April 14. Patrons will need to ask the staff for help looking for items between April 16-19.

Library items will NOT be checked in between April 16-18, 2018. ALL items will be checked in on Thurs. April 19. Patrons **WILL** be able to check items **OUT** on the **NEW** system April 16-18.

Other APRIL happenings at the library! Adult Library Book BINGO will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tues. April 10, 2018 in the reference area. Anyone 18 years and older can join us! You will need to know book titles, quotes, authors, etc. You can win bags, mugs, pens, notepads, books, etc. Come and join the fun!

Kate Brandes will give a talk about designing easy and beautiful home gardens that help the local ecology! The talk will be "Native Plants in the Home Garden" on Tues. April 24 at 6:30 p.m. We will have packets of wildflower seeds to hand out to patrons.

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Did You Know?

The theme for this year's **Earth Day** (April 22) is "End Plastic Pollution." Visit www.earthday.org to see how you can help!

**Spring Story Time**

Spring is in the air, and that means it's time for us to read some spring stories and do some seasonal crafts. If you're interested, we have a few options for you!

Preschool Story Time (37 months – 6 years old)

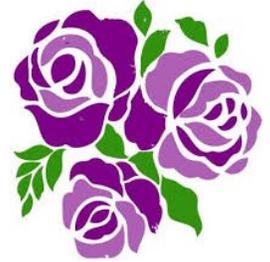
- Tuesdays, March 6 – April 24, 10:30 a.m. & Wednesdays, March 7 – April 25, 1:00 p.m.
- Registration is required. There will be no story time on April 10 or 11.

Family Story Time (37 months – 6 years old)

- Wednesdays, March 7 – April 25, 7:00 p.m.
- No registration is required. There will be no story time on April 11.
- On April 25, the Whitehall High School London Club will visit to read stories about travel.

Toddler Story Time (18 – 36 months old)

- Thursdays, March 15 – April 26, 10:30 a.m.
- Registration is required. There will be no story time on April 12.

**Fundraising**

The library's Board of Trustees will send out its annual fundraising letter this month. Please feel free to pick up a copy at the front desk if you don't get one in the mail. It should also be available shortly in the Whitehall Township newsletter.

3rd Monday Open Mic/Jam

The third Monday of each month is **Open Mic/Jam Night** at WTPL!

Hosted by **Earl Andrews**, the event begins at 6:30p.m., with signup beginning at 6:15 p.m. (Slots are available on a first-come, first-served basis unless we have special guests. Then they get the first half hour.) Here are our 3 rules for performers:

1. Your act must be family-friendly.
2. It must be no longer than three songs or 15 minutes.
3. You must be ready to perform when Earl calls your name (so tune up before the show).

The next Open Mic/Jam Night will be on April 16. Even if you can't quite see yourself performing in front of other people, please come anyway. Without an audience, a performance is only a rehearsal. Show your appreciation for our local talent, and when it's your turn to try out your skills, they'll appreciate you right back!

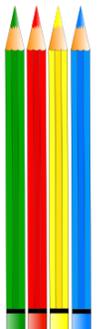
**At the Movies**

On the **3rd Tuesday** of every month at **6:00 p.m.**, it's time for **Family Movie Night!** The next movie night will be on Tues., April 17, and you can stop in to see **Justice League**. In this movie (rated PG-13), Batman seeks out other heroes including Wonder Woman, Aquaman, Cyborg, and the Flash to help him defeat a great enemy.

**Join the Club**

Do you want to enjoy your favorite hobbies while having fun with other people, or do you just want to try something new? Check out one or more of the clubs we have to offer.

- **Adult Coloring Club**
- 4th Tuesday, 11:00 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
- **Adult Reading Club**
- 4th Tuesday, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
- **Beading Club**
- Mondays & Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m.
- **Lehigh Valley Knitting Guild**
- 1st & 3rd Thursday, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.



How Does Your Garden Grow?

Do you love gardens? Whether you've been gardening for years or you're a complete beginner, you can still learn about local plants with **Native Plants in the Home Garden** with Kate Brandes on Tues., April 24 at 6:30 p.m.

About the Program

Learn some basic flower garden design tips you can apply in your own yard as Ms. Brandes talks about designing easy, beautiful home gardens that support your local ecology. This discussion will focus on the benefits of native plants in the home landscape so your garden will not only look great, but be environmentally friendly as well.

About the Speaker

Kate Brandes has worked as a geologist and environmental scientist for twenty years. Currently, she's focused on improving local ecology using native plants in small public and residential gardens in addition to her work as an author and artist.

**"April's air stirs in
Willow-leaves... a butterfly
Floats and balances"**

— Bashō Matsuo, Japanese Haiku



Checklist of Changes



We'll get our new computer system (SPARK) on **April 19**. Here's what you need to know and do:

- **Print** your reading record by Fri., April 6. When we get a new system, we'll no longer have access to your old one.
- If you want the new system to keep track of your reading record, you will have to **Opt In** under the "Account Preferences" section of the "My Account" page. (The library not be able to see your list.)
- **Pick Up** a library brochure with the new checkout limits, fines, fees, etc. (These will go into effect on Thu., April 19.)
- **Check Out** our new public access catalog. If you need help learning how to use it, ask a staff member.
- **Finish placing holds** by Fri., April 13, since that feature will not be available again until we get SPARK on the 19th.



Yard Sale

Do you like a good bargain? Stop by our annual **Yard Sale** on Fri. April 27, 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. or on Sat., April 28, 9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. Not only can you find some deals, but you can also support the library by shopping. There will be a **\$5 per bag sale** from Noon to 2 p.m. on Saturday, so bring your bags (any size)!



[Please note: If you wish to donate items to the sale, these donations of clean, gently-used items are greatly appreciated (no electronics or large items like furniture).]

National Library Week

Celebrate **National Library Week** April 9-14 with this year's theme, "Libraries Lead." Here at the Whitehall Library, we'll have giveaways all week so that you, our patrons, can feel as appreciated as we do.

Not enough fun for you? Then join a free, book-oriented game of **Adult Library Bingo** Tues., April 10 at 6:30 p.m. We have this program every year around National Library week, and it's always a great opportunity to win some cool prizes!



Director's Desk (cont'd)

We will be celebrating **National Library Week from April 9-16, 2018**. Our theme this year is "**Libraries Lead**". Libraries are more than books. They are community resources for computers with Internet so patrons can find employment, plan a vacation, receive authoritative information from a reliable sources, and people of all ages can gather to talk about books, movies, music, and programs, etc. Libraries are the heart of a community and Whitehall residents should be very proud of their local library. **Tues. April 10 is National Library Workers Day**. It is a day for library staff, users, administrators and Friends groups to recognize the valuable contributions made by all library workers.

Did You Know?

The earliest recorded reference to **April Fools' Day** was in Geoffrey Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales* in 1392. In the "Nun's Priest's Tale," the narrator mentions some foolishness that happens when 32 days have passed since March began (April 1).

Last Month

This March, we wrapped up our **Adult Winter Reading Program**: "Book Your Winter Getaway!" 38 people participated, reading a total of 248 books! As usual, our readers had fun at the wrap-up party (see right), talking about what they read and picking up their prizes. If you'd like to participate in this year's **Summer Reading Program**, it'll open to both kids and adults on Tues., June 5 with the theme "Libraries Rock!" Be on the lookout for more information closer to the date.



Database Spotlight: Rosetta Stone



What Is It?

When you hear the words "**Rosetta Stone**," what do you think of? You may remember hearing about the ancient Rosetta Stone in history class. This stele, which had an old decree inscribed in three languages, helped scholars decipher Egyptian hieroglyphs. On the other hand, if you hear someone talking about Rosetta Stone, you might think of the **language-learning software** named after that old slab. It's one of the most popular ways for people to learn languages on their own, and now the Whitehall Library has access to a version of it, which you can find on the right-hand side of our home page, along with our other databases.

How Does Learning a Language Help You?

With **30 different languages** available to you, you can use this database for travel preparation, for continuing education, or just for a new hobby. Studies have even shown a number of **health benefits associated with learning a foreign language**, including:

- **Improved Memory** - As you learn new vocabulary and grammar, it helps you memorize other things.
- **Better Decision-Making Skills** - Improving your brain can help with critical thinking abilities.
- **Increased Attention Span** - Learning anything, including languages, can help you focus better.
- **Improved Ability to Multitask** - Multi-tasking is stressful, but learning how to switch between languages can also help you switch between other tasks more effectively.
- **Improved Resistance to Dementia** - Being able to switch between two or more languages helps the brain stay active and prevent deterioration, and so it can slow the onset of dementia and Alzheimer's.