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Whitehall Township Public Library **Library Lines**

From the Director's Desk!

The library is still **ROCKIN'** for another month! Our summer reading program ends on Saturday Aug. 25 with a "Rockin' around the BLOCK" Party. This will be for all to come and enjoy yard games, food, prizes and MUSIC! We will be in the picnic area and back parking lot, so stop by for some food, music and FUN!

The summer reading program is open to all ages from children to adults and with the theme "**Libraries ROCK.**" What better place to start than at the library? There are still lots of programs to attend and books to read before this program ends Aug. 19. Please see the calendar, website, and newsletter for information or call the library if you have questions.

Community Heroes Night at the library! On Tuesday Aug 14 the local fire, police, ambulance, etc. will be here at the library. Say thank you to some of the men and women who work to keep us safe and healthy and learn a bit more about their jobs. Guests include the Cetronia Ambulance Corps, Whitehall Police, Whitehall Fire, the Lehigh County Sheriff, and a Medevac helicopter. (Any guests may be called away in the event of an emergency.)

The **Friends of the Library** will sponsor a bus trip to the **Grounds for Sculpture** on Saturday Sept. 29, 2018. The Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton, NJ, is home to over 300 sculptures on 42 acres. There is a lot of walking, but the surface is flat and the pace leisurely. The cost of \$75.00 per person includes bus, driver gratuity, admission, and guided tour. No outside food is allowed, but there are eating establishments on the grounds. The bus will leave from the library, 3700 Mechanicsville Road, Whitehall, PA 18052, at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 29. The one hour guided tour starts at 11 a.m., and then you are on your own to have lunch, stroll the grounds, and browse the gift shop until we leave **PROMPTLY** at 3:30 for Whitehall. We travel **RAIN OR SHINE**, so be prepared. You may pick up a form and flyer at the library and mail it to ENZO Travel no later than Aug. 15, 2018. Call Michele at 610-762-1973, or check with the library or library website if you have any questions. No phone reservations are accepted.

We have online resources on our website, and there is a lot offered for patrons to use for **FREE!** These online resources are found on the right side of our website. You need the barcode from your library card to use these sources. One that everyone should look at is **Learning Express Library**. As of June 22, 2018, the following products are available for all to use. There are so many books and tests on this site, so please try it! This site includes: PrepSTEP for High Schools; PrepSTEP for Community Colleges; PrepSTEP for Colleges & Universities; LearningExpress Job & Career Accelerator; Workforce Skills for 21st Century Success; GED Test Success

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“All Nature helps to
swell the song
And chant the same
refrain;
July and June have
slipped away
And August’s here
again.”

-From “August” by
Helen Winslow



Summer Reading Wrap-Ups

It’s crunch time! As the Summer Reading Program draws to a close, it’s time for you to squeeze those last few books in to get as many prizes as possible.

Kids

- You have until Sat., **August 18** to turn in your **SRP logs**. If you’re submitting it on paper, turn it in to the front desk by 5 p.m. (closing time). If you log your books online, you can keep going until 11:59 p.m.
- Your **SRP Finale** will be at the same time as our annual Block Party on Sat., August 25, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Come out for your prizes, games, and other fun!

Adults

- Whether you’re **logging books** online or using a paper log, you must have your books submitted by Fri., **August 24** at 6 p.m.
- You will have two chances to attend the adult **SRP Finale** on Tues., **August 28** at 1 p.m. or 6 p.m. Come out to either or both of the sessions as your schedule permits. Talk with others about what you read, eat some food, and get your prizes!

Kids in the Library

Looking for fun indoor activities during the hot summer months? Our next **Creation Station**, held the 1st Tuesday of every month, will be August 7 at 6:30 p.m. Bring the kids to exercise their creativity with Legos and other building materials. If they want a bit of exercise themselves, why not try **Just Dance** (Thurs., August 2, 1:30 p.m.)? That way they can burn off some energy inside an air conditioned building instead of out in the heat.

Wednesdays in August are great for the younger kids. Our last **SRP Story Times** will be August 1 at 11 a.m. & 7 p.m. This is open to children from 37 months - 2nd Grade. The next three Wednesdays after that (August 8, 15, and 22), kids of all ages can try **Simply Play** at 1:30 p.m.

And we’re not forgetting the older kids! Teens who want to join our **Teen Advisory Board (TAB)** can come to the next meeting (Sat., August 4, 1:30 p.m.) to help the library plan upcoming events. We’re always looking for new members, so come on in and bring your ideas with you.



At the Movies

Every 3rd Tuesday of the month, we have a **Family Movie Night** that’s open to all. This month’s film (in keeping with our musical SRP theme) is **Moana**, the story of a young Polynesian girl on a quest to save her home from a terrible curse. Fun, adventure, and singing all abound, and you can check it out on Tues., **August 21** at 6 p.m.



Rock Around the Block

If you love food, music, and games, then you’re in luck! It’s almost time for our **4th Annual Block Party**, where you can find all kinds of fun. This year’s Block Party (with the musical theme “Rock Around the Block”) will be on Sat., **August 25**, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., at the same time as the Kids’ Summer Reading Program Finale. Let’s all celebrate together as the summer draws to a close!



Community Heroes Rock!

Heroes are working hard all around us every day. If you want to thank some of the men and women who keep us safe and healthy and learn a bit more about their jobs, visit them at the Whitehall Library!

First, we have our annual **Community Heroes Night**

on Tues., **August 14**, 5 - 8 p.m. Guests include the Centronia Ambulance Corps, Whitehall Police, Whitehall Fire, the Lehigh County Sheriff, and even a Medevac helicopter. The helicopter is scheduled to arrive at 5, though like the rest of our guests, it may be called away in the event of an emergency. If you are considering a career in public service, this would be a great time to bring your questions to people who are experienced in these professions.



We'll have more guests on Thurs., **August 23**, 6 p.m. when the **Bethlehem Mounted Police** stop by! You may have seen them around Bethlehem during special events and festivals, since both the officers and their mounts are trained in crowd control and help to keep order in heavily-populated areas. Now you can meet the officers and their horses and learn more about their training and their duties. Then, the next time you see them in action, you'll be able to appreciate them a little bit better.

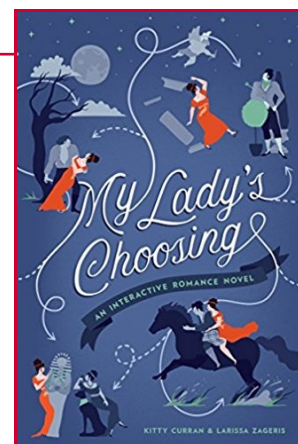
NOTE: Some calendars listed the date as August 16, but it has been changed to August 23.



Book Nook: A Literary Spotlight

Choose Your Own Adventure

One of the joys of being a kid is enjoying a long summer off from school. My parents were avid readers, so I could stay up late into the summer nights to finish a book. Do you remember choose your own adventure (CYOA) books? The plot would develop a bit and then you would make choices at different points until the conclusions. I would get a bit obsessed and go through the story again and again to enjoy all the plot twists. Why are CYOA rarely written for adults?



Lucky you! The library has just purchased two new books. In *My Lady's Choosing* by Kitty Curran and Larissa Zageris your character is a lusty Victorian-era "lady's companion" to a dowager duchess, who often reminds you that she is your sole support. You are looking for employment opportunities to leave her, so when you attend a ball, you meet people who offer you chances. Or try *Dating* by Mike MacDonald and Jilly Gagnon where you can choose to be a man or a woman who decides to try online dating, with mixed results.

~ Chris Andrews

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and Family eLearning. It also offers career prep, a high school help center, college admissions test prep, and skill-building resources for school children. Also included are adult core skills and popular software skills center.

Fourth Tuesday Adult Coloring Club at 11 a.m.: Anyone 18 years old and older is welcome to join us every 4th Tuesday of the month for our Adult Coloring Club. The library has some supplies but invites you to bring your own as well.

"What are you reading now?" will meet on the 4th Tuesday of every month at 1 p.m. Patrons are invited to chat about whatever books they are reading at the moment - the ones you loved, the ones you hated, and everything in between.

Beading Club for adults 18 and older will be held every Monday & Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. Do you enjoy beaded jewelry? Were you ever interested in making it yourself? If you ever wanted to try your hand at the craft, now's the time! You don't need to commit to every club meeting; just come as you will.

The library will continue to collect non-perishable can or box food items and paper goods for the **Whitehall Food Pantry**. Items may be dropped off during regular library hours. We will continue this all year, not just for the holidays. Whitehall has many families in need of food and supplies.

~ Patty Vahey

Did You Know?

The month of August is often referred to as the "**Dog Days of Summer**," but not because people love their pets! It's because the star Sirius, also known as the dog star, rose around sunrise during the month of August in ancient Roman times.



Last Month

With our Summer Reading Program in full swing, we've had a lot of fun programs available for all ages, but especially the kids. One favorite is **Super Science & Amazing Art** - an interactive program that lets kids have fun while learning. We had one SSAA this past month (see right), and due to popular demand, we've scheduled a second session for Wednesday, **August 8 at 6:30 p.m.**



Database Spotlight: AtoZ Maps Online

What Is It?

Meet the newest addition to our database family! You may have already checked out AtoZ the World to learn about other countries and cultures, and you may have tried to make some of the tasty recipes from AtoZ World Food. Now, we also have **AtoZ Maps Online**, which is the world's largest database of royalty-free, downloadable maps for academic use.

What Can You Find?

- Thousands of modern and antique maps.
- World, Continent, Country, & U.S. State Maps.
- Maps of political regions, climate, geology, ecology, topography, and more!
- Geography quizzes and other educational tools.

