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Whitehall Township Public Library **Library Lines**

From the Director's Desk!

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We continue our Summer Reading Program theme with Libraries ROCK! And we will be doing that on Thursday, July 19 at 6 p.m. Jolie Chylack, coordinator from Lehigh County Conservation District, will present a **Bucket of Nature** with the theme "**Fossils Rock**" on Thursday, July 19 at 6 p.m. Books aren't the only things that tell stories; rocks do, too! Become an archaeologist and join us for a session of discovery as we explore many of nature's fossil and go home with your very own fossil design as well! This free program is open to all ages for kids and adult to learn and have fun!

The SRP will be open to all ages from children to adults and with the theme "**Libraries ROCK.**" What a great place to start but at the library! There will be story times, science and music programs, kids' bingo. It will include nature, art, and coming together for **education and FUN for ALL!** Please see the calendar, website, and newsletter for information, or call the library if you have questions.

Dawn Sellers from the **Center of Vision Loss** will be at the library to do the following programs for **Vision Month in July.** The following are free and open to all. Dawn will do a story time on Wednesday, July 25 at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. for a children's program and on Thursday, July 26 for a toddler program. There will be a teen vision program on Wednesday, July 25 at 2 p.m. and an adult program on Tuesday, July 24 at 6 p.m.

The **Friends of the Library** will sponsor a bus trip to the **Grounds for Sculpture** on Saturday, September 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, September 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 p.m. 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 Wednesday, August 1. Call Michele at 610-762-1973 or the library at 610-432-4339 or visit the 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. Take a look at NovelList Plus. This is a comprehensive readers' advisory resource for fiction and nonfiction. With an intuitive interface and extensive proprietary content, NovelList Plus answers the question: What should I read next? This site will also help you find Award Winning BOOKS and a booklist for authors you enjoy reading.

Do you want to learn a foreign language!? Log in to **Rosetta Stone** from our main website. There are 30 languages listed and **FREE** for you to use with your active WTPL library card. Some of the languages are French, Irish, Chinese, Greek, Hebrew, Dutch, and

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Did You Know? (Fun Eye Facts!)

1. The most active muscles in your body are your eyes.
2. Your eyes can get sunburned.
3. We spend about 10% of our wake time with our eyes closed.
4. Ommatophobia is the fear of eyes.
5. Humans can see more shades of green than any other color.
6. The eye has over 2 million moving parts.
7. The lifespan of the average eyelash is 5 months.

Source: Canadian Association of Optometrists



Eyes in the Library

Think about how much you use your eyes on a daily basis. If you want to learn **more** about eyes and eye health and get a **free vision screening**, come to one of the programs presented by the **Center for Vision Loss**.

Vision Changes (Adults)

- Tues., July 24, 6:00 p.m.
- Are you experiencing vision changes as you age? Find out what options and resources are available to you.



Family Story Time (Age 37 months - 2nd Grade)

- Wed., July 25, 11:00 a.m.
- Come in for a short, interactive program that helps young children learn about their eyes and what they can do to keep them safe and healthy.

Teen Seen (Grades 6 - 12)

- Wed., July 25, 2:00 p.m.
- Teens will discover the differences between animal and human eyes, learn about eye diseases and conditions, have fun with optical illusions, and experience a blindness/vision loss simulation.

Family Story Time (Grades 3 - 5)

- Wed., July 25, 7:00 p.m.
- This program has fun activities to help students understand eye safety and learn about how eyes work.

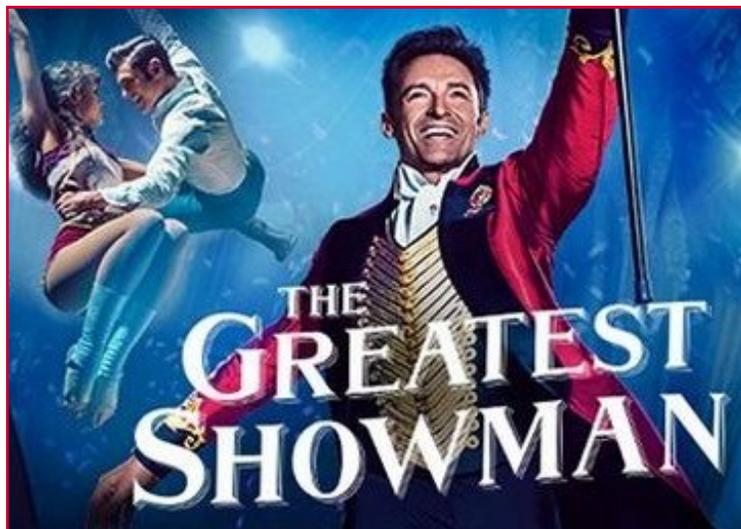
Toddler Time (Ages 18 - 36 months)

- Thurs., July 26, 10:30 a.m.
- This program is designed to introduce very young children to the idea of eyesight so that they can learn about one of their five senses.



At the Movies

Ladies and gents, this is the moment you've waited for! Hugh Jackman's family-friendly movie **The Greatest Showman** will be the July movie at our monthly **Family Movie Night**. You can see a movie here every 3rd Tuesday of the month at **6:00 p.m.** This month's movie will be on **Tues., July 17**. Come out and you can see a story that celebrates the birth of show business and tells of a visionary who rose from nothing to create a spectacle that became a worldwide sensation.



Kids' Summer Reading Events

Throughout the summer, we're filling the library with fun programs for kids, many of them centered around our music-themed "Libraries Rock!" Summer Reading Program. For instance, kids who want to indulge their creative side while listening to some fun tunes can attend **Kids Color to the Music (Tues., July 24, 2:30 p.m.)**. Those who want to get up and move can get their groove on at **Just Dance (Thurs., July 5, 1:30 p.m.)**. Even this year's **Super Science & Amazing Art (Tues., July 10, 6:30 p.m.)**, which is always a favorite with the kids, will come with the theme "The Sound of Science."



Of course, we'll also have our regular programming as well, such as our monthly **Creation Station (Tues., July 3, 6:30 p.m.)**, which happens on the 1st Tuesday of every month. In this STEM-based activity, we pull out building materials like Legos or building blocks so that kids can design something new.

There will be two story times this month – Toddler Time and SRP Story Time. **Toddler Time (Thursdays in July, 10:30 a.m.)** is open to children ages 18 - 36 months, and REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. Each week we'll have something new, ending with a visit from the Center for Vision Loss on July 26 (see pg. 2). Our **SRP Story Time (Wednesdays, July 11 - August 1, 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.)** is open to children from 37 months - 2nd Grade. The only exception is on July 25, when the Center for Vision Loss will be visiting (see pg. 2). On this day, we would like kids in Grades 3 - 5 to come the evening session.

We're not forgetting about our teens, either! Those who come to our annual **Teen Night (Fri., July 13, 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.)** can hang out with their friends while enjoying some games and snacks. On that day, we'll close the library to the general public at 6:00 p.m. as usual. After that, it'll only be open to teens, parents, and library staff, so we can get as loud as we want! Our Teen Advisory Board will also be helping out at our **Kids & Teens Connect (Sat., July 28, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.)**, where they'll help younger kids with a fun activity.

Book Nook: A Literary Spotlight

Miss Julia series by Ann B. Ross

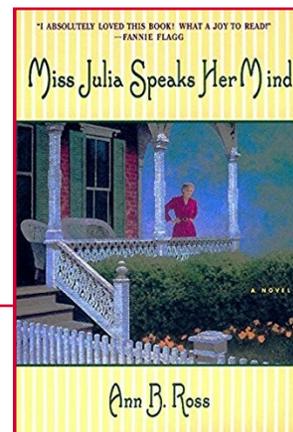
Miss Julia is a "lady of a certain age" and doyen of upper class society in a small North Carolina town. She and her friends are proud to set the social standard of Southern hospitality. Miss Julia's world is rocked when her husband dies and she discovers he had a mistress and a child. Some people thought this would take Miss Julia down a peg, but she surprises them all by befriending Hazel Marie and her son. Sometimes Miss Julia's sharp tongue and steel backbone get her in trouble, but she also uses them to fiercely protect those she considers friends and family, and that usually leads to a humorous adventure or a misstep. So far, there are 20 books in the series. The author says she writes each book as a stand-alone, but it helps to know the history Miss Julia has the various recurring characters by reading them in order.

The library will be **CLOSED** for **Independence Day on Wed., July 4.**



4th of July Timeline

- 1776:** Declaration of Independence wording approved
- 1777:** First Independence Day celebration
- 1826:** Deaths of John Adams and Thomas Jefferson
- 1831:** Death of James Monroe
- 1870:** The 4th is made a holiday



Director's Desk (cont'd)

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German, to name a few! It is FREE, so check it out!

The library is helping the Whitehall Lions Club by gathering supplies for **Peaceable Kingdom in Whitehall**. They are looking for new toys, specific foods, and old (but clean) towels, and supplies to care for their cats and dogs.

Are you looking for a way to help your library? Here is a wish-list of items that we are looking for right now. 1. Gift Cards (any store) 2. Art Supplies 3. Bird Seed 4. Colored paper for printing signs 5. Anti-Bacterial Wipes

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?

In the United States, July is both **National Hot Dog Month** and **National Ice Cream Month**. Why not celebrate both at your next summer picnic?



Last Month

Last month, the library started rocking with all kinds of musical programs for kids and adults alike. We had programs where kids could build and color while listening to some sweet tunes, a craft day where they could make their own musical instruments, and a showing of the Disney musical *Coco*. We also brought in a live blues band, the Acoustic Blues Project (right), and members of our own Teen Advisory Board showed their stuff as the opening act.



Database Spotlight: Zinio

Want some light reading on vacation this summer? Then you may want to download some magazines onto your phone, tablet, or other device before you hit the road.



What We Have

We currently have 166 titles, with options for men, women, teens, and kids alike! They cover all kinds of categories such as sports, news, hobbies, business, food, and entertainment, so we're sure to have something for everybody.

How It Works

You can download the current magazine issue to your device, or you can download back issues, starting at the time we subscribed to that title. Once you download it, there's no need to return it! It stays with you until you delete it.

