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Whitehall Township Public Library **Library Lines**

From the Director's Desk!

After a HOT and very wet summer, bring on **FALL!** Some folks are doing their fall cleaning and wanting to toss things. And I may be able to help them make some money by doing "**How to Sell on eBay**" session on Sat., Oct. 13 from 10 a.m. - Noon. We will go through the basics of taking photos, writing descriptions, and listing items on eBay. You will be surprised on what folks buy on eBay!

We want to remind our patrons that the library will be closed on Fri., Oct. 19 for **Staff Development Day**. We will be open regular hours on Sat., Oct. 20.

The library will have its **4th Annual Basket Raffle** beginning Mon., Oct. 15 - Noon on Mon., Oct. 29. We are planning on 100 baskets or items for the raffle. Some of our themes include dog care, the Iron Pigs, back to school, Grillin' 'n' Chil-lin', Crayola Experience, America on Wheels, Christmas, Hershey Gardens, Lehigh Valley Zoo, and the Strasburg Railroad, just to name a few! Raffle baskets will be displayed for 2 weeks. You may purchase tickets starting Mon., Oct. 8. Tickets will be \$5 per sheet of 25 tickets or five sheets for \$20. (That is 125 tickets for \$20, and that is a bargain!) You won't need to be present to win, but we will need your name and phone number on the ticket stub when you buy your tickets.

The Whitehall Township Public Library will be a collecting point for **Senior Care Annual Coat & Boot Drive**. Bring your new or gently used boots, coats, snowsuits, and snowpants to the library. They will be donated to those in need in the area. Adult and children's items are needed and in ALL sizes.

Our library is open 64 hours a week but there are times when you may need information outside of these hours, and we are still **OPEN** for you - **online!** If you have a current library card, a computer and internet, you can log in to one of 27 online databases listed on the right-side of our website. One of these databases is called **PA POWER Library**. This is an online portal to all that PA libraries offer to residents of PA. You can find reliable information on biographies, business, college resources, elementary and secondary school resources, health care, consumer purchases, personal finances, and more.

NewsBank provides a comprehensive collection of reliable news sources covering a wide array of topics and issues. This source includes full text articles about topics such as business, health, social issues, politics, government, people, and sports from all over the world.

Are you looking for a way to help your library? Here is a **Wish List** of items that we are looking for right now: Gift Cards (any store, especially Walmart & AC Moore), Art Supplies (especially washable black markers), Colored Printer Paper, Anti-Bacterial Wipes, Birdseed, Small Bells, Individually-Wrapped Candies, and Col-

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Public Library



The library will be **CLOSED ALL DAY** on Fri., October 19 for **Staff Development Day** and will resume normal hours on October 20. You can still use our online databases or return books in our book drop in the meantime. Thank you for your patience!

Halloween Fun



have tales for people of all ages to enjoy, to get you in the Halloween spirit.

Halloween is a special time for storytelling. It is the time of year for those stories about the unexpected, the unusual, and the unheard of. It's also time for some less scary stories to bring fun into the season. Look for both **A Family Night of Halloween Stories**, hosted by the **Lehigh Valley Storytelling Guild** on Wed., **October 24** at 6:30 p.m. Storytellers **Charles Kiernan** (a frequent Whitehall library presenter) and **Judy England-McCarthy** (here for the first time)

If the kids want extra games, candy, activities, and more, they can come to **Kids & Teens Connect: Halloween Carnival** on Sat., October 27, 1 - 2:30 p.m.. This event, planned and run by the library's **Teen Advisory Board**, can give them another chance for fun and another opportunity to wear their Halloween costumes!

Teen Read Week is October 7-13 this year. (It's always the same week as Columbus Day.) During this week, think about ways you can encourage the teens in your life to read for the fun of it. You can also pick up a young adult book to read!

Basket Raffle

Looking for a way to support the library? Our **Annual Fund-raising Basket Raffle** (October 15-29) gives you two ways! You can **donate items, buy raffle tickets**, or both! The proceeds will be used to pay for guest speakers, family programs, children's summer reading, and other library activities for the community to enjoy. All of our programs are free and open to the public.



We are accepting **donations** for our basket raffle until Thurs., October 11. We can use items such as gift certificates, admission passes, new items, autographed items, etc. We will be creating baskets for the auction with a variety of themes such as pets, food, sports memorabilia, and local travel. If you have a basket to donate, please do not seal it up.

At the Movies

Looking for a few scares this month? Check out **Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom** (PG-13) at our **Family Movie Night** on Tues., **October 16** at 6:00 p.m. In this film, a volcano on Jurassic World is about to erupt, causing an extinction level event. Humans are divided, some wanting to save the dinosaurs and others wanting to leave them. Family Movie Night is every 3rd Tuesday of the month, so keep an eye out for future titles.



You may **purchase tickets** starting Mon., October 8. Tickets will be \$5 per sheet of 25 or \$20 for five sheets. (That's 125 tickets for \$20, and that is a bargain!) You won't need to be present to win, but we will need your name and phone number when you buy your tickets.

You have 2 weeks to **put in your tickets**, from Mon., October 15 at 9:30 a.m. to noon on Mon., October 29, and winners will be drawn and called on that day. If you do not pick up your basket by Mon. November 5, another ticket will be drawn, and the basket will go to the new winner.

Buckets of Nature

Do you know the story of the ghost owl? What are snake stones? Is the unicorn's horn really full of magic? Let's get into the spirit of Halloween as we explore the fun mysteries and myths of the natural world in **"Nature's Magic, Mysteries, and Myths"** on Wed., October 17 at 11 a.m. This is the 2nd of our **"Buckets of Nature"** program series with **Jolie Chylack** of the Lehigh County Conservation District. You may have seen the first installment in September, and you can look forward to the final program in November!



Making Money with eBay

Do you have a lot of clutter in your house? Do you want to make some money while you clear it out? You might have thought of selling it on eBay, especially if you have old or collectable items that you wouldn't get a good price for in a yard sale. If you like that idea but don't know where to start, come to **How to Sell on eBay**, on Sat., October 13 from 10 a.m. - Noon, and Library Director Patty Vahney will show you basics of eBay so that you can learn how to list your items, ship them, and get paid.



Did You Know?

The library has several regular clubs and programs. (See our calendar or front desk if you would like dates, times, or more information.)

Kids

Creation Station

Teens

Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

Adults

Coloring Club & Book Talks

All Ages

Beading Club (which is changing to every Monday and Thursday at 1:30 p.m. starting this month), Knitting Guild, 3rd Monday Open Mic/Jam, & Family Movie Night

Bundle Up!



As you prepare for the winter, you may think about others in the Lehigh Valley that need a hand keeping warm. One easy way to help is to participate in the **Annual Coat & Boot Drive** run by local coalition Senior Care Team. The drive goes from **September 1 - October 31**, and the Whitehall library is one of the drop-off locations. There is a great need for new or gently-used items of **ALL SIZES** for **men, women, and children**, but especially children's snowsuits, boots, and snow pants. Donations go to a number of deserving charities including the Allentown Rescue Mission, New Bethany Ministries, Safe Harbor of Easton, Third Street Alliance - Women & Children's Shelter, and Turning Point of the Lehigh Valley. If you have any questions, please contact Candace Dew at 484-241-9226. **Thank you for your help!**

Book Nook: A Literary Spotlight

Real Things That Go Bump in the Night

It's hard to not think of Halloween when stores start putting out that merchandise along with back-to-school items. Halloween is my favorite holiday, and I probably have as many decorations for Halloween as I do for Christmas. It was my family's favorite as well. My parents would help make our costumes and turn our garage into a haunted house, so preparing for Halloween was a month-long activity in our home.

There are many stories about relatives on my father's side who had real ghost encounters, not on a regular basis, but memorable "visits," if you will. Our library has a small collection of real ghost stories from this region (Dewey 133.109748), so maybe you brushed elbows with a ghost and didn't know it! After all, we live in an area where Lenni Lenape and Europeans lived, not always happily, and there are still many inns that date back to pre-Colonial times. Even a dorm at Cedar Crest College is haunted! We also have books on ghost hunting (Dewey 133.1) for those brave enough to try. If you like chiller thrillers, check out the real thing!

~Chris Andrews

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ored Duct Tape. Thank you to those who have donated already!

Helping Hearts and Handbags, Inc. is collecting gently used purses in any size. They fill the purses with items for women and them distribute to homeless women living in the area or in shelters. They are also collecting travel size toiletries, small packs of tissues, women products, lotions, toothpaste, deodorants, socks, etc.

The **Adult Coloring Club** has added another day to the schedule. They will meet on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of every month from 11:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Relax and enjoy yourself with some fun coloring time. This club is for anyone 18 years old and older. The library has some supplies but invites you to bring your own as well.

Please continue to read our information in the Whitehall Press, our website, calendars, handouts, etc.

~Patty Vahey

Did You Know?

Having a full moon on Halloween is rarer than a white Christmas in North America. The last time it happened was in 2001, and it won't happen again until 2020. This year it will be waning (getting smaller) and only about half will be visible.



Last Month

Last month we celebrated the beginning of fall with the program **Autumn's Creepy Crawlies** on September 19. Part of our **Buckets of Nature** series with **Jolie Chylack** of the Lehigh County Conservation District (holding a guest spider in the picture to the right), this program showed us how the arrival of cool weather affects all kinds of little critters including spiders, pollinators, and spotted lantern flies. Catch the second Buckets of Nature program, **Nature's Magic, Mysteries, and Myths**, on October 17 at 11 a.m. and the final one, **Thank You, Mother Nature**, on November 14 at 11 a.m.



Database Spotlight: TumbleBooks

Want to help your kids boost their reading skills? Want to expose them to a bigger variety of reading material? The library has three eBook databases to help our younger patrons read, watch, and learn a variety of material.

- **TumbleBook Library** - This collection of animated read-along e-books has books for grades K-6. There are also math stories as well as educational videos, puzzles, and games.
- **TumbleBook Cloud Junior** - This collection has e-books, audiobooks, and videos for grades 3-6. Look for nonfiction and fiction titles, which even includes some graphic novels.
- **TumbleBook Cloud** - Find e-books for middle schoolers and high schoolers here - some for class and some for fun. Teens taking advanced classes or who enjoy more challenging material can especially get some use out of the drama, poetry, and AP English sections.



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