

WPL TECH TALK! - INFORMATIONAL SESSIONS, TECH HELP, AND TIPS



TECH CLINIC - Wednesdays @ 1:00 PM
Need face-to-face help using your device or other tech-related issues? Join me on **Zoom** for a virtual tech clinic. Email ahead or just "click in" to the zoom meeting.

Questions? Contact: Licia | slimonl@einetwork.net

MOBILE APP!

The Allegheny County Libraries mobile app provides quick access to core services for patrons of all public libraries in Allegheny County.



- Access your library account, checkout record, holds and reading history.
- Find convenient links to popular resources, including eBooks, databases and RAD Pass, an online ticket lending system that gives Allegheny County library users ages 18+ access to free or discounted tickets at regional attractions.
- Create a digital library card than can be used when visiting the library in person.
- Link a child's library card within the app, allowing for convenient access to multiple accounts.
- Self-check out items from select libraries.

Download the mobile app today! In your App store, search for Allegheny County Libraries to find it! Android / iOS

Once you have downloaded the app, select your home library to see what resources it offers.

DEVICES FOR CHECKOUT

Laptops in the Library

Laptops are available to use within the library with your valid driver's license and library card.



Take Home a Tablet

Don't have a tablet, but you're curious? Need an extra device for vacation? Wanna try before you buy? Check out our iPad Air 2 or Galaxy Tab A for 3 weeks with a valid library card. Call us to check availability at 412-882-6622.

Take Home a Mobile Hotspot!



Mobile Wifi Hotspots are now available to checkout. A mobile hotspot is a portable gadget that allows nearby wifi devices (ie.g., laptop, ipad, iphone, android) to connect to the internet. When you checkout a hotspot, you can use it at home, in your car on the move, in a park, anywhere there is 3G or 4G coverage, all free of charge, for 21 days.

Call the library to put your name on the HOLDS list: 412-882-6622.

Real Courses

We provide high quality, online courses to help you learn the skills needed to achieve your goals. Our courses are not just tutorials; they are real. They include lessons, exams, assignments, discussion boards and an instructor to help you master the learning outcomes.

Assessment of Your Progress

Verify your learning progress with the assessment of assignments and exams. Receive actual grades and feedback regarding your performance.

Earn CEUs and Certificates

Earn a certificate documenting your CEUs, contact hours, and course completion. Build your online portfolio and share your achievements with others.

Go At Your Own Pace

All courses are self-paced.

I Want to Take a Class in...

- Accounting
- Alternative Medicine
- Crafts & Hobbies
- Business
- Career Training
- Computer Training
- Entrepreneurship
- Finance
- General Education
- Health & Medicine
- History
- Homeschooling
- How To / Do It Yourself
- Language Arts
- Law/Legal/Criminal
- Mathematics
- Medical Billing
- Office Skills
- Parenting and Family
- Personal Development
- Pet and Animal Care
- Psychology
- Real Estate
- Science
- Self-Help
- Social Work
- Special Education
- Spiritual Studies
- Teacher Resources
- Test Preparation
- Web Development
- Writing Skills

Get Started:

Visit our website— www.whitehallpubliclibrary.org

Find the Universal Class— On the menu bar under LEARN/Online Courses tab

Questions?— Call the library and ask for one of our reference librarians 412-882-6622.

Ways to support the library. Donations / Memorials / And More...



MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS - An unique way to honor someone, or to commemorate a special event, please consider donating to the Whitehall Public Library. Call 412-882-6622 for more information or download a donation brochure from our website.

MATCHING GIFT PROGRAMS - One of the easiest ways to increase your gift to the library is through your employer. Many employers will match your donation to the Library, thereby increasing your contribution. Contact the Human Resources Department at your workplace to get more information on the options they offer.

UNITED WAY CONTRIBUTIONS - You can designate all or part of your United Way contributions to the Whitehall Public Library. Simply use donor code 2875. Your contributions will be used for programming, furniture, or the collection for the library.

AMAZON SMILE - Sign in to your Amazon account and select the Friends of the Whitehall Library as your designated charitable organization. The Amazon Smile Foundation will then direct 0.5% from all eligible sales to the Friends.

A NEW CHAPTER BOOKSTORE resides right inside of the library, surrounding our fireplace reading area. It's a cozy welcoming space that is volunteer-driven and maintained with exciting books, media and games for all ages. Proceeds go to support the library and prices couldn't be more reasonable. Donations may be dropped off on the first and third Friday of each month from 9 AM - 12 PM.



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The community resource for education, exploration, enrichment and enjoyment.



Look for photos, videos, messages and get library updates.



WPL NEWS

MAY 2023

Library Hours

Monday - Thursday **10 AM - 8 PM**
Friday **1 PM - 5 PM**
Saturday **10 AM - 5 PM**

Won't you be a WPL Neighbor?

Our Friends of the Whitehall Public Library have recently launched their annual WPL Neighbor appeal. This yearly fundraising drive directly supports the library's efforts to maintain and grow our first-rate collection of resources, programming for all ages, and our outreach to schools and other community partners. Please become a WPL neighbor through a gift to the Friends. Donors who contribute \$50 or more by May 31 become eligible to win one of six \$50 gift cards that support area businesses. And if the Friends meet their goal of \$35,000, an anonymous resident donor has pledged an additional \$5,000! So please consider a gift today. If you didn't receive an appeal letter in the mail you can drop a check off at the library or give online.

<https://givebutter.com/RWab8E>



Strike it Rich @ the Library

In celebration of April's National Library Week, the Friends of the Whitehall Library are sponsoring a **Lottery Bouquet Raffle— Scratch to hit pay dirt!**

For just \$5.00 you receive 10 chances to enter a lottery card raffle drawing, potentially worth thousands! This opportunity only runs through the month of May so "spring" to it and get your chances soon.

Planning for our Future

The Library's Board of Director's recently approved the newest library strategic plan. Months of data collection, focus groups, and committee meetings served to inform their planning as they envisioned the Library as People, Space, Community Connector, and Champion of Literacy & Reading.

Check out this exciting new plan on the library's website. www.whitehallpubliclibrary.org



Library will be closed
Monday, May 29, 2023



Wednesday, May 24th
1:00 - 2:00 PM
and
6:30 - 7:30 PM

The chronic stress from the pandemic has put many people in a state of constant fight-or-flight mode which can affect women wanting to conceive or are already pregnant.

Excessive stress hormones have been shown to affect the baby's health. Reducing stress hormones have been shown to have more positive outcomes for both mom and the baby.



Join Renee Fera, RN CEHP, for a program that seeks to ease the process of pregnancy at all stages – before, during, and postpartum. Learn what you can do to reduce worry, stress less, and find strategies for relaxation to enjoy the journey and create better outcomes.



Chat with the Chief: A Coffee Talk

Thursday, June 1st
10:00 - 11:00 AM
Whitehall Community Room

Start the month
with a nice cup of joe with Jason!

Join us for a cozy coffee chat with Whitehall Police Chief Jason Gagorik. In this two-part program, the Chief will provide a history of the borough's police department followed by a chance for real talk about any questions or concerns you have about your neighborhood and safety.

What better way to get to know the face behind the badge than with caffeine and sugar?!

No need to cop an attitude: coffee, sweets, and a good time will be provided! Free - Registration Required

Bio: Chief Jason Gagorik has been a dedicated public safety professional for 30 years. His experience includes progressive responsibilities and assignments in law enforcement, emergency medical services, and emergency management.

Chief Gagorik joined the Whitehall Borough Police Dept. in 2002. He was promoted to Sergeant in 2014, Deputy Chief of Police in 2017, Emergency Management Coordinator in 2018, and Chief of Police in 2021. Secondary duty assignments include Field Training Officer, Lead Investigator for Crimes Against Children, Crisis Negotiator for SHACOG CIRT, and System Administrator for many of the Department information technology projects.



DISCUSSION GROUPS

Visit our website's **Event Calendar** for more information on any of these discussion groups or call 412-882-6622.

Mystery Lovers Book Group | 2nd Thursday @ 11 AM

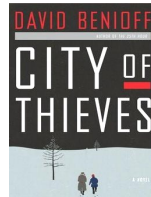
Join this group for goodies and discussion.

MAY 11: *Better the Blood* by Michael Bennett

Questions? Contact: Sarah (scott2@einetwork.net)

Evening Book Group | 3rd Thursday @ 7 PM

Members meet each month to talk about the selected book. For the location of the meeting, you can call 412-882-6622 or email Paula (kellyp@einetwork.net).



MAY 18: *City of Thieves* by David Benioff



Classic Works | Last Saturday @ 11:30 AM

Join the book club devoted to turning that masterpiece into a piece of cake! We'll tackle another classic work each month to see if it deserves its place on history's highest shelf.

MAY 27: *The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman* (1971) by Ernest J. Gaines

Not Your Momma's Book (& Beer) Club! | May 22 @ 7 PM

Enjoy beer, food, and friends – all while discussing great books! *Please contact Sarah for the place of the meeting.* Also ask to be placed on the email list or join the group at www.facebook.com/groups/WPLbookclub

Contact: Sarah (scott2@einetwork.net) or 412-882-6622

Title: TBA

Left to Write: Memoir Writing Group | 1st Tuesday @ 10 AM

In person or online, depending on your preference! **MAY 2**

Join our memoir writers' group for gentle feedback that will help you improve your writing skills. During each meeting, members take turns reading their recent work in exchange for feedback. Participants also help identify missing information, and make editorial suggestions. Contact: Sarah (scott2@einetwork.net)

Behind the Scenes: A Movie Club

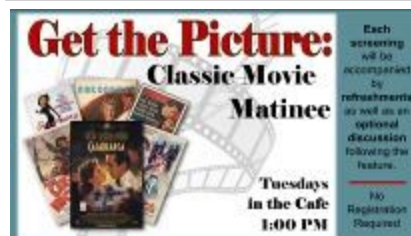
A Movie Discussion Club—Virtual Meetup
3rd Monday of the Month - 2:00 PM



Join Brandon for a fun discussion of a variety of films.

This month's selections: *Mishima: A Life in Four Chapters* (1985) and *The Fall* (2006)

Copies available at the library! Reserve yours by calling 412-882-6622 or e-mailing Brandon (taperb2@einetwork.net)



Each screening will be accompanied by an optional discussion and refreshments.

No Registration Required

May 2 - Quick Change (1990)

May 9 - Funny Bones (1995)

May 16 - The Impostors (1998)

May 23 - TBA

May 30 - The Birdcage (1996)

THURSDAY
MAY
5th and 19th
10 AM - 3 PM

Look for them seated near the fireplace.

SATELLITE OFFICE HOURS
WE'RE HERE TO HELP!

FIRST & THIRD THURSDAYS | 10 AM - 3 PM

SERVICES INCLUDE:
PROPERTY TAX/RENT BEHIND APPLICATIONS, DISKRIPTION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM APPLICATIONS, FIRST AUTHORITY SINKER, CONNECTCARD APPLICATIONS, FINDING UNCLAIMED PROPERTY, POW/NOTICE FORMS, ALONG WITH OTHER STATE-RELATED ISSUES.

WHITEHALL PUBLIC LIBRARY

Art Wall



Calling all artists! Whitehall Public Library is seeking art for our community gallery space. Art displays for one month at a time.

Applications are on our website under the menu tab Services/Spaces. For more information, contact Sarah at 412-882-6622 or scott2@einetwork.net



SEED SWAP!

Cultivate more than a love of reading with the library's seed swap!

Look for our display this month to pick up free seeds for your garden. Take them home, plant them, and enjoy!

We accept seed donations, too!

NEW MAGAZINE! Look for it at the library. From the publisher—*Taste of the South* invites readers to celebrate the heritage of the South by enjoying its traditional meals.



Plus, try eMagazines from our website.

Overdrive has 1000's of eMagazines to choose from. Browse & download the library's collection, available to read on your computer or mobile device.

MATINEE IN THE CAFÉ | FRIDAYS @ 1:15 PM

NOTE — There will be limited seating, mask encouraged, and registration is needed for each movie and begins on May 1st at noon!

MAY 5: 80 for Brady*
*** 2 TIMES * 1:15 PM & 3:00 PM**

MAY 12: iMordecai

MAY 19: Moving On

MAY 26: Air

Children's Programs

Storytimes:

Preschool Storytime (ages 3-5) | Tuesday 10:30 AM

Toddler Time (ages 2 1/2-4) | Wednesday 10:30 AM

Book Babies (ages 0-2) | Thursday 10:30 AM

Note: No Book Babies May 4th

Questions? Contact Denise (ignaskyd@einetwork.net)

Family Nights - Mondays @ 6:30 PM | Registration Required

MAY 1: Earn It! Learn how to earn money

Children's Book Clubs:

Early Readers | Grades K-2 | Wed - May 3 @ 6:30 PM

This book club is for kids who have graduated from storytime and are being introduced to more formal "learn-to-read" techniques in school. Registration is required.

Page Turners | Grades 3-4 | Wed - May 10 @ 6:30 PM

This book club is for kids who are reading chapter books. We will discuss a new book each month, play games, enjoy snacks and a fun book-themed activity. Registration is required.

Cliff Hangers | Grades 5-8 | Register | Wed - May 17 @ 6:30 PM

This book club is for middle-grade students. Each month we will discuss a new book, enjoy snacks and a fun book-themed activity.

Junior Librarians | Wed - May 31 @ 6:30 PM

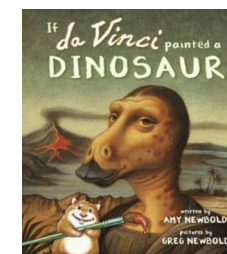
Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be a librarian?

Whitehall Public Library welcomes students who want to volunteer. Junior librarians will work cooperatively as a team with staff members to complete projects and tasks in the children's library.

Volunteers must be entering grades 5-8. Registration is required.

STEAM STATION | May 20 @ 10:30 AM

Chug along with us to STEAM STATION, an activity-based preschool class inspired by fun picture books. STEAM combines Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math concepts with inquiry-based and creative thinking activities that help promote literacy and learning. This class is for children ages 3 - 5 accompanied by an adult.



This month we will be reading *If Da Vinci Painted a Dinosaur* and make our own Dino-riffic art! Registration is required.



Earn It!

Learn how to earn money

Special Family Night

Monday, May 1st

6:30 - 7:30 PM

Join First Commonwealth Bank for an evening of financial literacy. We will read stories and problem solve on ways to earn money. Families will identify and explore different jobs, examine sources of income (such as selling lemonade or receiving birthday money), and discover that money is made (earned) by working.

We will raffle 10 copies of *My 1st Book of Money: Kids guide to learning Money Basics-Savings, Investing, Earning, Giving, Needs and Wants, Ancient money and Everything about Money* by Sarah Kale.

Free - Registration is required.

ACCEPTING BOOK DONATIONS!

DONATIONS ARE ACCEPTED THE FIRST & THIRD FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH

FRIDAY, MAY 5 & 19
9 AM - 12 PM
LIBRARY LOBBY

We are so excited to once again accept your donated items.

It's been a while – but we're back!

Our process has changed a bit, so please note the following:

Library donations may be dropped off on the first and third Friday of each month between the hours of 9:00 am and 12:00 pm. Although the library itself is closed, donations may be dropped off in the entrance lobby.

Donations are limited to two boxes per household.

We happily welcome the following materials:

- Fiction and/or nonfiction in good shape
- Children/Teen books
- DVDs, Blu-rays, and CDs
- Puzzles and Games

We will not accept:

- Moldy, musty, or water-damaged books
- Books with missing or torn pages
- Textbooks, Encyclopedias, or Reference Sets
- Reader's Digest condensed books
- Cassettes or VHS tapes

Stay tuned:

we have exciting new plans for an in-house ongoing book sale beginning in September!

Library Services

MOBILE PRINTING—

- Print any document or web page from your computer, phone or tablet.
- Email prints to whitehallprint@gmail.com
- Print jobs will be sent to our library printers.
- Please call ahead at 412-882-6622 to ensure your print job has successfully completed, and is available for pickup during hours of operation.
- Unclaimed print jobs will be deleted after 24 hours.



RENEWALS—

Whitehall Public Library has raised the number of renewals allowed for most items from **2 to 6***! Now all eligible items you have checked out will be renewed automatically on or shortly before its due date. You are able to extend your loan period up to 6 times as long as there are no other holds on the material.

***Note:** Not all items are eligible.

BOOKS ON WHEELS—

This service is for any Whitehall resident, regardless of age, who cannot come to the Library. Dedicated volunteers will deliver items to your home. For additional information, call 412-882-6622 and ask for Brandon.

