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From the director's desk



“**Build a Better World**” has started at the Whitehall Township Public Library! This is the theme for our 2017 summer reading program and the program is open to all, from children to adults. What better place to start than at your community library! We’ve planned story times, a science event, kids’ bingo, and programs on nature and art, and we’ll all come together for education and fun for all! Please see our calendar, website, and newsletter for information, and call the library if you have questions.

Did you ever hear the “thud” on a window that tells you a bird has flown into it? Join us on Monday, July 10, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., to find out why this happens and what you can do to prevent it. **Marie North**, a certified sustainable building advisor in the Lehigh Valley, will lead a kid-friendly discussion about birds and glass and provide an activity where you will learn how to make window decals out of **Collidescape**. Special thanks to **Jeff Rank, Collidescape**, and **Lisa Parker, Wild Bird Center of Lehigh Valley**, for donating the materials for this program.



Thanks, too, to **Fellowship Community** for sponsoring two of our summer events. The first will be a series of four programs provided by the **Center of Vision Loss**: “**Vision Loss Is Not a Normal Part of Aging**” on Tuesday, July 11, at 7 p.m.; “**Eyes In the Library**” on Wednesday, July 12, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; “**The Teen Seen**” on Wednesday, July 12, 2 p.m.; and “**C. Well Bunny Story Time**” on Thursday, July 13, 10:30 a.m. All four programs are free and include free vision screenings. See page 3 for more info!



We welcome **Bill Streeter** from the **Delaware Valley Raptor Center** and his “fair-feathered” friends — a peregrine falcon, a saw-whet owl, and a golden eagle named Julia - back to the library. On Tuesday, July 25, at 6 p.m., Bill will be here to present a program on birds of prey. Come in and see several live raptors and spend an hour gaining a greater knowledge of and appreciation for the raptors of the northeast. Thank you, **Fellowship Community**, for sponsoring our “**Birds of Prey**” program and for supporting the library.



Our **Third Annual Block Party** will be held on Saturday, August 26, 11 a.m.– 2 p.m. There will be hot dogs, popcorn, treats, yard games, prizes, and fun for all ages, kids to adults! A door prize drawing will be held every half hour, and DJ Kelly Eisenhauer will be spinning oldie tunes from 11 a.m.–2 p.m. Look for our flyer for complete info!

Part of **Build[ing] a Better World** is to volunteer, donate to, or otherwise help your community. The library collects nonperishable canned and boxed food items and paper goods for the Whitehall Food Pantry; we collect animal supplies and food for Peaceable Kingdom; and we collect nonperishable foods that are distributed to some of our district students to help them cope with food insufficiency. (Lists of items requested for each agency are available at the library.) You can sign up to be a library volunteer, share vegetables from your garden with others, help out with the Whitehall Hunger Initiative group - the opportunities to help others seem endless.

Are you, perhaps, 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** from any store 2. **Art supplies** 3. **Colored paper** for printing signs 4. **Birdseed** 4. **Antibacterial wipes** 5. **Small paper plates**

The **Fourth Tuesday Adult Coloring Club** (11 a.m.–12:45 p.m.) and the **Fourth Wednesday Evening Coloring Club** (6-8 p.m.) will continue throughout the year. Anyone 18 years old or older is welcome to join us for either or both groups. The library has some supplies but invites you to bring your own as well. This is a chance for grownups to relax, reduce their stress levels, and enjoy themselves!

The “**What Are You Reading Now?**” Club meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 1 p.m. Patrons 18 or older are invited to chat about whatever books they are reading or listening to at the moment: the ones they loved, the ones they hated, and everything in-between.

If you’re going to the **IronPigs** baseball game on **Community Night at Coca-Cola Park** (Thursday, August 24, at 7:05 p.m.), be sure to stop at our table between 6-8 p.m. to say “hi” and pick up some free giveaways!

Celebrate Christmas in July with fine forgiveness!

During this one-time event (from Saturday, July 1–Monday, July 31, 2017), fines will not be charged for overdue library materials. (Previous charges will still apply.)

Donate canned food items for the Whitehall Food Pantry, and for every can you bring to the front desk, we will remove \$1 from the fines on your account. ...

Have a merry Christmas in July!

—Patty Vahey



3rd Monday Open Mic/Jam Night



Do you tell jokes that have your friends clutching their sides in laughter? Do you sing as part of a barbershop quartet?

On the third Monday of each month, we sponsor a free Open Mic/Jam Night at the library from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Here, you'll have an opportunity to display your gifts, whatever they may be, to a small, receptive audience.

Performer signup takes place from 6:15-6:30 p.m. There are no age restrictions and almost any type of entertainment, done at almost any level of expertise, is acceptable. There are just four rules for would-be performers: (1) Your act must be family-friendly, (2) it must be no longer than 15 minutes, (3) you must be ready to perform when host **Earl Andrews** calls your name (i.e., tune up be-

fore the show) and, because each show is podcast as live audio by **Steve Jones**, host of audio podcast "Rocking the Valley," (4) your act needs to be audibly interesting. Come for the fun and then consider returning as a performer!

Not ready to show your stuff? Well, what's a performance without an audience? Far too quiet! Show your appreciation for our local talent, and when it's your turn to entertain, they'll appreciate you back!

The next shows will be on Monday, July 17, with duo **Ancient Oaks** as our guest, and Monday, August 21, when **Kayla Avitabile** will be with us.

Pssst — want to check things out before coming? You can find the "Rocking the Valley" blog and archives at www.rocking the valley.com.



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Join us at the library on Tuesday, July 18, for the 6 p.m. showing of the PG-rated movie "Fred Claus." According to the **Internet Movie Database (www.imbd.com)**, the story concerns "Fred Claus, Santa's bitter older brother, [who] is forced to move to the North Pole."



But wait! Why are we showing a Christmas movie in July? Because we're observing "Christmas in July" during the week of July 16! We'll have Christmas-themed stories and Christmas-related crafts during story times, and perhaps we'll all feel a few degrees cooler than we usually feel during the summer.

According to www.imbd.com, this movie features "a suit-wearing, briefcase-carrying baby [who] pairs up with his 7-year old brother to stop the dastardly plot of the CEO of Puppy Co." What movie is it?

If you guessed the PG-rated "Boss Baby," you're right! We'll be showing it on Tuesday, August 15, beginning at 6:15 p.m. Come enjoy it with us!

Young attendees are invited to wear their PJs and slippers and bring along their pillows, blankets, and teddy bears. As always, admission to our movies is free!



Toddler read-to-me story times in July

Designed for children ages 18–36 months old, Toddler Time programs will be held on the following Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.: July 6, July 13, July 20, and July 27. No registration is required.

As part of our "Vision Week" programming, our July 13 Toddler Time will be "C. Well Bunny Story Time." (See "Vision Week," page 3, for more information.) On July 20, during our "Christmas in July" Week, we'll have stories and crafts with a Christmas theme.



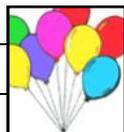
In observance of **Independence Day**, the Whitehall Township Public Library will be closed on Tuesday, July 4.

Have a Safe and Happy Fourth, everyone!



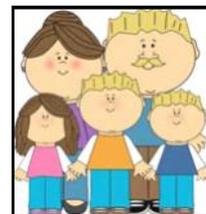
Kids and Teens Connect!

This is an event that gives kids and teens a chance to connect! Teens will help kids with a pool noodle activity, which will be outside, weather permitted. The fun will take place on Saturday, July 29, 11 a.m.–1 p.m. Join us!



Family story times & crafts in July

Family story time and craft sessions are planned for ages 37 months–10 years and their families. These programs will be held on the following Wednesdays at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.: July 5, July 12, July 19, and July 26, and no registration is necessary.



Two of these dates will feature special topics: During our "Vision Week"

(July 10-15), the theme for both family story times will be "Eyes at the Library." (See "Vision Week," page 3, for more information.) Then, during our "Christmas in July" Week" (July 17–22), we'll have Christmas-themed stories and Christmas-related crafts during both family story times.

Teen Night/TAB 10th ANNIVERSARY!

Are you a teen gamer? And going into grades 6 - 12?

Whether you're into board games or video games, you're invited to join us at the library from 5–7:30 p.m. on Friday, July 7, for this annual gaming event.

We'll also be celebrating the 10th anniversary of our **Teen Adversary Board (TAB)**, so all current and former members are welcome to attend! The library will close at 6 p.m. (as usual) to all adults except for staff, parents, and TAB alumnae so that attendees can be loud!



Join us at the Memory Café

Are you caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's, dementia, or memory loss?

If so, we invite you and your loved one to join us at the Memory Café, a safe, warm, and relaxing environment to share stories, receive support, participate in group activities, and socialize with others living with memory loss.

Where: Whitehall Township Public Library

Dates: Fridays, July 7, August 4, September 1, October 6, November 3

Time: 10 a.m.–noon

(Participate as long as you can.)

For more information, contact Laura Benner at Laura_J.Benner@lvhn.org or 610/674-3163.

This program is sponsored by the Geriatric Workforce Enhancement (GWEP) at Lehigh Valley Health Network, in partnership with the Whitehall Township Public Library, the Alzheimer's Association of Delaware County, the Allentown Health Bureau, and the Lehigh County Office of Aging and Adult Services. GWEP is funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration, with the goal of enhancing care and community resources for older adults and their caregivers.



Notes

Some of our children's programs require prior registration; some are limited by age; and all of them require participating young children to be accompanied by a parent or other responsible person. We suggest that you phone us at 610/432-4339, speak with a staff member in person, or visit our website (<http://www.whitehallpl.org>) to learn what limits, if any, exist for whatever program interests you.

This newsletter may not cover all of our programs for July and August. To learn what else is going on, visit our website, call the library, or pick up an updated calendar the next time you're in the library.

'A horse is a horse, of course, of course ...'

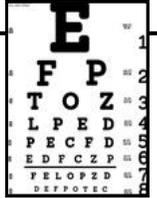


If you're of a certain age, you'll recognize the above as the theme song of the TV show "Mr. Ed," which was about an English-speaking talking horse and his owner. We don't have a talking horse, but we will have the **Bethlehem Mounted Police** and their horses in the library picnic area on Tuesday, August 22, 5–8 p.m. The horses probably won't talk to you, but you're welcome to talk to

Vision Week

The week of July 9–15 is "Vision Week" at the Whitehall Township Public Library! We invite you to join us for any of the following programs, sponsored by **Fellowship Community** (thanks, friends!) and presented by the **Center for Vision Loss**:

- ① "Vision Loss Is Not a Normal part of Aging" (intended audience: adults): Discussion of the vision changes we can expect as we get older; Tuesday, July 11, 7 p.m.
- ② "Eyes in the Library" (intended audience: preschoolers–seventh graders): Kids can learn how to protect their eyes for the future; Wednesday, July 12, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
- ③ "Teen Seen" (intended audience: 13 years and up): Teens can experience vision loss simulations, learn some eye facts, and have fun with optical illusions; Wednesday, July 12, 2 p.m.
- ④ "C. Well Bunny Story Time" (intended audience: toddlers): C. Well Bunny helps young children to understand eye health and safety tips; Thursday, July 13, 1:30 p.m.



Free vision screening and information will be available after each program!

These programs are

FOR THE BIRDS!



Have you ever heard a thud on your window and looked out to find a dazed bird? Ouch! Join us on Monday, July 10, from 6:30–7:30 p.m., to find out why this happens and what you and your family can do to prevent birds from striking your windows.

In a program entitled "**Bird-Friendly Art for Your Windows**," **Marie North**, a certified sustainable building advisor in the Lehigh Valley, will lead a short, kid-friendly, interactive discussion about why birds hit glass. She will also provide a hands-on activity using **Collidescape*** - learn how to make window decals that can help prevent those hits that hurt.

On Tuesday, July 25, at 6 p.m., **Bill Streeter,**** director of the **Delaware Valley Raptor Center**, will present "**Birds of Prey**," a talk about owls, eagles, falcons, and other birds of prey. You'll see several live raptors and spend a magical hour gaining a greater knowledge and **appreciation** of these creatures.

We extend our thanks to those who make these programs possible:

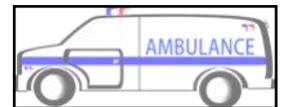
*This material was donated by **Jeff Rank, Collidescape**, and **Lisa Parker, Wild Bird Center of Lehigh Valley**, Fogelsville, Pennsylvania.

** Bill Streeter's program is sponsored by **Fellowship Community**.



Community Heroes Night

For this year's event, our scheduled guests are from the **Cetronia Ambulance Corps**, **Lehigh County Sheriff's Department**, **Whitehall Fire Department**, and **Whitehall Police Department**; a **MedEvac helicopter** and crew will also be here. These are the folks who put their lives on the line to keep the rest of us safe. They'll be at the library on Tuesday, August 8, from approximately 5–8 p.m. (The helicopter will land around 5 p.m.) Come on out and meet them!



Please note that in the event of an emergency elsewhere, personnel and equipment may be called away.



A martial way to wellness

Tai chi, created in China as a martial art, is primarily used in this country as a means of promoting health and wellness. Composed of slow, graceful postures done mindfully, tai chi — also known as “moving meditation” — is said to develop balance, relieve stress and anxiety, and improve one’s mood and quality of life. Join instructor **Anne Morris** at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 6, for an introductory program that will include instruction and practice in selected tai chi postures and in meditation.



Super Science & Amazing Art

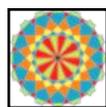
Appearing here again with one of our most popular children’s programs, **Cathy Seachrist** (aka **Miss Cathy**) will show kids how to have fun with learning. Join us at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 1, for her latest program, “**Building Better Minds.**” Proceed with caution, however, because during this program brains “will be under construction!” Open to all!



PATRON ART DISPLAY

As part of our “Build a Better World” summer reading program, we’d like to display your work in our display cases!

All arts and crafts, in any medium, are welcome - as long as they’re family friendly and a reasonable size. You can bring in your crocheted potholders, painted wine glasses, even poems, if you wish. Use your imagination!



Want to participate? Bring in no more than two pieces of your work, tagged with your full name and phone number.



(If you wish to use an alias or remain anonymous, include that information as well.) Entries must be submitted by Friday, July 28. Please plan to



pick up your creation(s) during the first week of September, when the display will be over.



Anne L. Morris, writer/editor, & library staffers Chris Andrews, Jim Gilbert, Andrea Hargrove, Loraine Santaliz, & Patty Vahey produced this newsletter.

The end ...

No matter which of our summer reading programs you are participating in, we hope you’re having fun. But reading programs, once begun, eventually end, just like everything else.

Now would be a good time to review the instructions you received when you registered for your particular program.

Keep in mind that **adult summer reading program** registration and recording of books read both end on Saturday, August 19, at 5 p.m. There will be two wrap-ups to choose from, both on Tuesday, August 22. One is at 1 p.m. and the other is at 6 p.m. — choose whichever is most convenient for you.

For tots to teens, there are two last registration and log-in dates. For **toddlers through those going into grade 2**, registration closes at 10:59 p.m. and books read may be recorded until 11:59 p.m., on Tuesday, August 1. For those going into **grade 3 and up**, registration closes at 10:59 p.m. and books read may be recorded until 11:59 p.m. on Monday, August 7. Then, for non-adult participants and their families, there will be our annual Summer Reading Program Finale, which will run from 11 a.m.–1 p.m. on Saturday, August 12. We can promise you food and fun and the chance for the kids to pick up their last prizes.

And next summer, when all will seem fresh and new, we can do it all over again!

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Fun for all!

Come out for games & summer tunes at the
Whitehall Township Public Library's
Third Annual End-of-Summer Block Party
With DJ Kelly Eisenhauer

Saturday, August 26, 2017, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.
Free & open to the public.

610/432-4339
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Looking ahead

July’s Teen Advisory Board (TAB) **meeting** will be on Saturday, July 15; August’s **TAB meeting** will be on Saturday, August 19. Each meeting runs from 1:30–3 p.m. ... Call the library at **610/432-4339** or check <http://whitehallpl.org> (our website) for details on becoming a TAB member. ... The **Knitting Guild** will meet at the library on Thursdays, July 6 and 20, and Thursdays, August 3 and 17, at 6 p.m. Don’t knit? Bring whatever type of needlework you’re into. ... Our **Friends of the Library** group will meet on Friday, July 14, and Friday, August 11, at 10 a.m. New Friends are always welcome! ... The library’s **Board of Trustees** will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 13, and Thursday, August 10. As always, the public is invited...Now there are **two beading classes** each week! In addition to the regular Monday night classes at 6:30 p.m. on July 10, 17, 24, and 31 and August 7, 14, 21, and 28, there will be an extra class on Fridays in July and August at 1 p.m.!

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