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# Whitehall Township Public Library **Library Lines**

## From the Director's Desk!

We are happy to announce that the WTPL will be part of the **NEW Lehigh-Carbon Library Cooperative**. This will mean more resources and services for patrons to use and share among other libraries. We will be creating a one-card system by February 2019. Watch for more information in December and January newsletter and flyers at the library. The **SPARK libraries for LCLC include:** Whitehall Township Public Library, Emmaus Public Library, Coplay Public Library, Dimmick Memorial Public Library, Lehigh Area Memorial Library, Southern Lehigh Public Library, Palmerton Area Library, Parkland Community Library, Slatinton Library and Lower Macungie Public Library.

Beginning **January 2, 2019**, the library will have **NEW hours!** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday we will be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Reminder that the library will be closing early at 5 p.m. on **Thanksgiving Eve** Wed., November 21 and closed all day on **Thanksgiving Day**, Thurs., November 22. We are open regular hours on the Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving. So come in and get your books and movies early! Wishing you a very **Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving!**

**Buckets of Nature** with Jolie Chylack from the Lehigh County Conservation District, will present "**Thank You, Mother Nature!**" on Wed., November 14, 11 a.m. November is a month for being grateful and saying thank you, and there are so many reasons to appreciate our beautiful "Mother Nature!"

Mark your calendar for the **Big Annual Book Sale** to be held on Fri., November 16, from 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sat., November 17 from 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. in the community room. At our annual used book sale, you can, of course, find new and gently-used books and media, but we will also have a table full of holiday items (Easter, Halloween, Christmas, etc.), and baked goods will be for sale. On Sat., November 17 from Noon – 3 p.m., there will be a **\$5 per bag sale** for the books. Any size bag you can carry! Regular prices are \$1 for hardback and \$.50 for paperback. Children's books are 5 for \$1. DVDs, CDs and videos are individually marked. We will have a table of specially priced books.

We would like to say a **BIG thank you** to all of our staff and patrons who contributed to the **Annual Fall Basket Raffle** for the library fundraiser. It was a BIG success because of **YOU!** We had 76 awesome baskets and we made **\$1,085**. This money will be used for programs and supplies during the year.

Our **databases** located on our website are on 24/7, and if you need information, you can find almost anything on here! Three good resources are **A to Z the World**, which has information about 175 countries and cultures, **A to Z World Food**, where you can explore recipes and food culture by country, and **A to Z Maps Online**, where political, physical, thematic, and historical maps are printable. These are free resources to patrons who have a current library card in good standing.

**Digital yearbooks** are for sale and the years available are from 1922 - 2017. They cost \$8 if picked up at the library and \$10 if shipped to your address. Fill out an order form at the

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Public Library



The library will **CLOSE at 5:00 p.m.** on Wed., **November 21** and be **CLOSED ALL DAY** on Thurs., **November 22**, for Thanksgiving.

Our **parking lot drop boxes** will remain open, and if you need some quick resources, you can continue to use our **online databases**.

### Daylight Savings Time ends



on Sun., **November 4**. If you have any clocks that don't change automatically, you will need them to **fall back**. (In other words, turn the clock from 2 a.m. to 1 a.m.)

## Book Sale

Every year in November, the Whitehall Township Public Library has its **Annual Used Book Sale**. This year, it will be on Fri., **November 16**, 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. & Sat., **November 17**, 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. You can come either day, or you can come on both! You might want to stop in early on Friday to get the biggest selection of books, but then on Saturday from Noon - 3:00 p.m., we'll have a \$5 per bag sale to move whatever hasn't been sold so far.



The book sale itself always has a collection of gently-used books and movies, but we will also have a couple special tables with other items that you can buy at the same time. The first is a **holiday table** where you can find ornaments and other Christmas paraphernalia to help you decorate and get ready for the season. The second table will have **baked goods** so that you can buy some cookies and other yummy treats. Stop in and get books, decorations, and food all in one trip!

## Ongoing Activities

In addition to our special events, we also have several recurring programs that you can check out at any time:

- **Beading Club** - Mondays and Thursdays, 1:30 p.m.
- **Lehigh Valley Knitting Guild** - 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- **Creation Station** - 1st Tuesday of every month, 6:30 p.m.
- **Adult Coloring Club** - 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month, 11:00 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
- **Third Monday Open Mic/Jam** - 3rd Monday of every month, 6:30 p.m. (sign-ups start 6:15 p.m.)
- **Adult Book Talks** - 4th Tuesday of every month, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.



## At the Movies: Solo: A Star Wars Story

Many stories have been set a long time ago in a galaxy far, far away. The latest installment of the **Star Wars** franchise centers around a young Han Solo, long before he meets Luke Skywalker or joins the Rebel Alliance. During a journey into the criminal underworld, Han meets his future co-pilot Chewbacca, encounters Lando Calrissian, and has a string of other adventures.



This movie, which will be on **Tues., November 20**, is part of our monthly **Family Movie Night** series, which takes place at **6:00 p.m.** on every **Third Tuesday of the Month**. There's a new movie every month, and you can feel free to come in your PJs, equipped with blankets and pillows, as you settle in for the movie experience. Keep an eye on the monthly calendar and newsletter to find out what we're showing next!

## Buckets of Nature: Thank You, Mother Nature!



November is a month for being grateful and saying thank you... and there are so many reasons to appreciate the nature that's all around us! We'll explore some of those in **Thank You, Mother Nature!**, the third and final installment of our **Buckets of Nature** series with With Jolie Chylack of the Lehigh County Conservation District. During this session, which will be at **11:00 a.m.** on **Wed., November 14**, we'll learn about local environmental treasures, explore technology and inventions that were inspired by our natural world, and we'll even create a special project that we can give back to our natural world. If you love the world around you and want to know a little bit more about it, this program is for you! It's open to all ages, both kids and adults, so if you're interested, feel free to come on down.

## A Brief History of Thanksgiving

There were many thanksgiving celebrations held on what is now the United States of America that predate the Massachusetts pilgrims, so why do they get the credit? European colonization of present day America began quite early by the Spanish and French in Florida, Georgia, and the Carolinas. Our most enduring city is St. Augustine, FL, founded by Spain in 1565. Eventually, Spain and France would possess large portions of the continent's interior while Great Britain claimed the Eastern seaboard.



The first English settlement was the doomed Roanoke colony in 1585, but the earliest successful one was Jamestown, VA, founded in 1607. In September 1620, the *Mayflower* carried 102 passengers (of which about 40 were Separatists) and a crew of about 30 from England toward Virginia, but rough seas forced it off course. By time it neared the New World, it was November, and the first land it reached was Cape Cod, MA. The captain tried to sail south to Virginia, but the weather forced them back, and it was imperative to get a settlement started before winter. Rule of governance of the English colonies was dictated by the Charter of 1606, or the Virginia Company Charter but the *Mayflower* was outside that boundary, and the Mayflower Compact was created before anyone left the ship. The pilgrims tried to settle in a few other places before Plymouth, but local native tribes were well established in those sites. Plymouth was founded in late December on an abandoned Patuxet village.

Winter took its toll and about half of the pilgrims and crew survived. A local Wampanoag tribe helped the colonists survive with hunting and agricultural knowledge. Some had prior contact with early European explorers and could speak English. One of these men, known as Squanto, had been captured by an English explorer in 1614, sold into slavery in Europe, escaped, and returned to North America in 1619. When he reached his village, he found the Plimouth Plantation settlement and remained as a liaison between the native tribes and colonists. What we know as our first Thanksgiving was the first harvest festival held in 1621 celebrated by 53 surviving pilgrims (49 men and 4 women), and 90 Wampanoag men. However, what the pilgrims called their first Thanksgiving was in 1623 and was a solemn religious ceremony held when they got word that more colonists and supplies were on the way.

George Washington proclaimed Thanksgiving as a holiday in 1789, and in 1863, Abraham Lincoln made it an official national holiday to be held the last Thursday of November. In case you were wondering, the 1621 celebration did include turkey and corn, as well as fish, waterfowl, ham, venison, fruits, and squashes. They didn't have pumpkin pie because they didn't have cattle for milk and butter. The only livestock on the *Mayflower* were 2 dogs (a mastiff and a spaniel), chickens, and pigs. So why do the pilgrims get credit for the first Thanksgiving? Because they had the best documentation. There are 3 well-known written accounts of the celebration. One pilgrim sent a descriptive letter to a friend in 1622, and it was printed a pamphlet distributed in the colonies. Sometimes history is as simple as that.



**Veterans Day** is a day that we set aside every year to honor those who have served in the armed forces (not to be confused with Memorial Day, which honors those who died in military service.)

We celebrate Veterans Day on **November 11** to mark the end of World War I, which formally ended on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 (or 11:00 a.m. on November 11).

~Chris Andrews

## Director's Desk (cont'd)

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front desk or print off of our website, and we will prepare you a DVD with your requested year(s). Copies will be on either a CD or DVD depending upon file sizes.

The library will be helping the **Whitehall Lions Club** gather supplies for **Peaceable Kingdom in Whitehall**. (Peaceable Kingdom is a no-kill animal shelter.) This is a year-round project. They are looking for new toys, specific foods, clean towels, and supplies to care for their cats and dogs. Some items needed are: dry food (Purina One or Pro Plan); Purina One Dry kitten food; canned cat food (Friskies Turkey and Giblets Pate); KMR kitten formula (powder); miracle nipples (MINI size); poop bags; dog and cat toys; leashes, harnesses, and collars; dog and cat treats; Nyla bones and other "indestructible" toys; Freedom No-Pull harnesses/leashes; Martingale collars; cleaning supplies; trash bags; and latex gloves. A complete list may be found on their website ([www.lvpeaceablekingdom.info/pk-wish-list](http://www.lvpeaceablekingdom.info/pk-wish-list)).

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

~ Patty Vahey

We ought to make the moments notes  
Of happy, glad Thanksgiving;  
The hours and days a silent phrase  
Of music we are living.  
And so the theme should swell and grow  
As weeks and months pass o'er us,  
And rise sublime at this good time,  
A grand Thanksgiving chorus.

- From "Thanksgiving" by  
Ella Wheeler Wilcox



## Last Month

While this month's fundraiser will be our annual used book sale, last month, we had a **Basket Raffle** to raise money for the library (right). We made 76 baskets for the library, raising a total of \$1,085! Thank you to all the people and businesses who donated items or baskets for the raffle and to everyone who bought tickets. We appreciate you helping us get the funds to improve the library wherever we can.



## Database Spotlight: brainfuse



brainfuse  
**HelpNow**



brainfuse  
**LearnNow**

As the school year moves on, projects start to pile up, and there's a growing number of tests to study for. It can seem a little overwhelming at times, whether you're a kid or an adult, especially if you're trying to tackle it all on your own. Luckily, the library has some resources to help you out, including two **brainfuse** databases: HelpNow, which provides online tutoring and live help, and LearnNow, which gives you tools to brush up on your skills on your own. Both are available in the database list on the right-hand side of our website ([www.whitehallpl.org](http://www.whitehallpl.org)).

**HelpNow** - This database provides expert help in the form of live tutoring, online writing assistance, answers to your questions, and a language lab. There are also study tools such as flashcards and a chance to collaborate with other students.

**LearnNow** - Here you can prepare yourself by reading lessons, watching videos, and taking practice tests in a number of areas. Not only can you find prep work for elementary through high school, but you can also get it for college, nursing school, graduate school, the Praxis test, the ASVAB test, and more.