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# WPL NEWS

WINTER/SPRING 2012

## Library Hours

Monday - Thursday 9 - 9 PM  
 Friday 1 - 5 PM  
 Saturday 9 - 5 PM  
 Sunday 12 - 4 PM

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

**CLOSED - APRIL 6 & 8**

## New Hours In 2012 --



### *You asked and we heard you!*

It is important to us to provide the best possible customer service for our patrons. In order to make the library more convenient on the weekends, **the library's Sunday hours are from 12:00 to 4:00 PM**, allowing patrons more time to use the library.

**Additionally, we will remain open on Saturdays from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM all year long.** Our summer hours will only involve being closed on Sundays during the months of July and August.

We are hoping that these changes will make coming to the library even more convenient.



SCAN IT

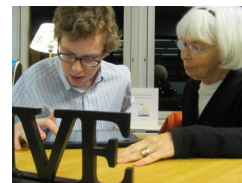
What is this crazy thing, and why am I seeing them everywhere!?

### This is a QR Code.

QR codes originally come from Japan, where they are very common. They are becoming more and more popular in the United States. You've probably noticed them on advertisements, etc. **QR is short for Quick Response.** They are designed to be read from a smart phones or tablet scanner. You simply scan the code, and it quickly links you to information, often a Website. There are lots of great ways for libraries to use QR codes--

- Want to know more about the author Stephen King?
- Do you need access to additional college and career materials that the library has?
- Did you want to learn how to make an omelet?
- Look for our QR codes throughout the library to enhance your library experience.

*Tell us what you think!*



**NEED HELP?**

**DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS?**

**Adults -- Don't be shy!** Come to our Technology Open House and our talented panel of local teen "experts" will be on hand to tackle your technology-related questions and curiosities about iPads, smart phones, Facebook, etc.

Stop by the Cafe for a visit, share a cup of coffee; our teens will be glad to assist you.

**Saturday @ 1:00 - 3:00 PM**

- February 4 & 18
- March 3 & 17

### **STOP IN TO SEE US!**



### **Adult Winter Reading Program**

Read a book and complete an entry form for a prize raffle at the end of each month. It's that simple! Details on our web site.

Program ends March 31, 2012.



### **AARP TAX HELP - MONDAYS ONLY**

**February 6 - April 9, 2012 — 10:00 to 2:00 PM**

AARP volunteers will give free tax preparation and assistance to low and middle income taxpayers with special attention to those 60 or older.

No appointments taken.

**BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS**

are held on the following days each month:

Evening Book Discussion

Meets on the third Thursday @ 7:00 PM

**JAN 19** - *Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout

**FEB 16** - *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot

Mystery Lovers Book Discussion

Meets on the last Thursday @ 10:30 AM

**JAN 26** - *The Chopin Manuscript: A Serial Thriller, based on an idea* by Jeffrey Deaver

**FEB 23** - *Hollywood Station* by Joseph Wambaugh

Cookbook Club @ 1:00 PM

Members meet on the THIRD Wednesday of each month to discuss and sample recipes they make from selected cookbooks. The meetings are on JAN 18 and FEB 15.

**Second Chapter Café**

There are many activities taking place in our café. Be sure to pick up a calendar at the library, at the library kiosk inside the Caste Village mall area, or online.



**MATINEE**  
in the CAFE

**Fridays @ 1:15 PM**

Stop in our Second Chapter Café and join other adults to watch newly released DVDs. FREE—No registration required.

**RETURNS!**

Wednesday, February 1  
7:00 PM

***Celebrate Valentine's Day with Chocolate!***

Join us for a yummy evening of chocolate! HappyJack Bakery owner, Lynette Kelley, will demonstrate how to make a chocolate cheesecake and a cookie called "Love Triangles." FREE! - Online registration required.

**ADULT****Creative Writing Group**

Saturday January 7  
10:00 - 12:00 PM



This Creative Writing Group will meet on the **1st Saturday of each month** in the Second Chapter Cafe. Sessions are informal opportunities to practice writing techniques and share work with other writing enthusiasts. No registration. All are welcome.

**COMING HOME TO THE BODY**

**Movement, Meditation, Relaxation, and Integration**  
**Thursday, March 8, 15, and 22 @ 7:00 - 8:30 PM**

Learn breathing techniques, simple movements from yoga, a bit of anatomical awareness, and deepening body consciousness to reduce postural restrictions and provide lightness and freedom for your entire body, mind, & spirit. INSTRUCTOR: Mark Taylor is a somatic movement therapist. FREE - Online registration is required.

**T'AI CHI CLASSES**

**Friday, March 23 & 30 and April 13 & 20 @ 7:00 PM**

T'ai Chi is an ancient Chinese form of exercise that blend physical movement with deep meditative breathing in order to boost energy, cultivate physical and emotional balance, and instill a sense of spiritual and physical well-being. INSTRUCTOR: Rhett Lauffenburger is from Rothrocks Kung Fu and Tai Chi Academy in West Mifflin.

*Registration is required and the cost of \$20.00 per person is due at that time.*

**ADULT YOGA CLASSES**

Saturday, March 31 and April 7, 14, 21, & 28 @ 9:30 AM  
Whitehall Community Room

- Cost is \$5.00 per class, payable to the instructor at door.
- Participants are required to register for the entire series
- Adults must bring a mat or heavy towel
- Register online by March 31 / Space is limited

Instructor, Ashley Greco is a registered yoga teacher.

**TEENS****ANIME Club Continues! MONDAYS @ 5 - 6 PM**

Come join the "Otaku Club". We will watch anime DVDs, discuss manga, share artwork, fanfiction, and more. For ages 13 and up. No registration required.

**TEEN YOGA CLASSES**

Tuesday, Feb 28 and Mar 6, 13, 27, Apr 3 @ 7:00 PM  
and Apr 10 @ 6:00 PM / Whitehall Community Room

- Cost is \$3.00 per class, payable to the instructor at door.
- Participants are required to register for the entire series
- Adults must bring a mat or heavy towel
- Register online by Feb 28 / Space is limited

Instructor, Ashley Greco is a registered yoga teacher.

## Children's Corner

### Family Nights

Monday Nights @ 7:00pm

\*No Family Night on B-W School District holidays\*

Children of all ages are invited to our weekly activity night! Join us for stories, games, crafts, activities and special events. No registration required.

### Toddler and Preschool Storytimes

January & March

Preschool: Tues. @ 1:30 (suggested ages 4-6)

Toddlers: Wed. @ 10:00 (suggested ages 2½-4)

Children are invited to join us for stories, rhymes, games, crafts, and other activities. No registration required.

### Book Babies

January & March / Thurs. @ 11:00  
(suggested ages 0-2)



Little ones are invited to join us for stories, songs, rhymes, and play. No registration required.

### Chill Out & Read Club

The weather outside is frightful, but reading inside is so delightful! Children ages 2 ½ - 11 can read to win a prize pack and certificate, and get registered for the grand prize drawing. Runs Jan. 2 – March 31.

### Book Brigade (4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade)

(January 25, February 29, March 28)

*Last Wednesday of each month from 6:00-7:00pm*

Do you love to read and talk about books? Then join Book Brigade! We eat pizza, talk about books, play games, and get ready for the annual Battle of the Books! Register online for your first meeting and pick up the book at the front desk.

### New Super Mario Bros Wii Competition

Saturday, March 10



Junior Division (Grades K-2); 11am - 12:00pm

Senior Division (Grades 3-5); 1:00 - 2:00pm

Children in grades K-5 are invited to take part in our New Super Mario Bros. Wii Competition!

Trophies will be awarded for first, second, and third place in each division. Register online.

## Our Library Spotlight



### LOOKING FOR

### A FEW GOOD MEN OR WOMEN

- ◆ Are you passionate about libraries?
- ◆ Would you like to help plan your library's future?
- ◆ Then apply for The Whitehall Public Library's Board of Trustees.

For more information, call

412-882-6622

or visit our web site at

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## ADULT - Special Days in the Café

Adult Coffee Mornings - Wednesdays / 9 - 11 AM Adults are welcome to come in for our Coffee Time in the Second Chapter Café.

Blood Pressure Screening - First Wednesday each month / 9:00 - 11:00 AM. HCR Manor Care Health Services will be at the library to do blood pressure and accu-check screenings.

Conversation Salon X2! - 2nd & 4th Wednesday each month @ 1:00 PM. Join us for an enlightening group meeting to discuss current events.

Adult GAME DAY - Every Thursday @ Noon - 3 PM. Join fellow game lovers for an afternoon of fun. Play Scrabble, Mahjong, Rummikub, Pictionary, Scattogories, Dominoes, Uno and more! You don't have to be an expert to play and you will meet new friends and have an enjoyable time. Just stop in.

## Library Services

### 3 WAYS TO RENEW:

1. From the library's web site, click on MY ACCOUNT and follow the instructions
2. 412-622-1895 - Call the Automated Phone Renewal at the bottom of your DATE DUE slip
3. 412-882-6622 - Call when the library is open for staff assistance

### BOOKS ON WHEELS

This service is for any resident of Whitehall, regardless of age, who cannot come to the Library. Dedicated volunteers will deliver items to your home.



For additional information, please call 412-882-6622 and ask for Denise Ignasky.

## COMPUTER HELP



Computer Assistance (by appointment only) - If you have specific computer-related questions, you may schedule a one-on-one computer assistance session with a knowledgeable staff member. To set up a 30 minute session, please call the library at 412-882-6622. Please note, we can not diagnose or troubleshoot any problems on your home system or laptop.

**Computer Tutor Returns in February** - Watch for details or visit our website for new dates and times.

**Technology Open House** - In our Cafe, talented panel of "local teen experts" will be on hand to tackle your technology-related questions and concerns. Stop by for a visit, have a cup of coffee, and our teens will be glad to assist you.

\* Saturday, January 7 @ 1:00 pm    \* Saturday, January 21 @ 1:00 pm    \* Wednesday, January 25 @ 6:30 pm



Ways to support the library.

## Donations / Memorials / Honorariums

**BOOK SALE!** - Did you know that the Library now has a used book sale all year round? In addition to many bestselling titles for both children and adults, we also sell audiobooks, CDs, videos, puzzles and games, as well as an intriguing array of nonfiction. Prices range from .75 cents to \$3.00. \*\*Please continue to bring your donations to the library throughout the year.

**UNITED WAY CONTRIBUTIONS** - Helping your library to grow. You can designate all or part of your United Way contributions to the Whitehall Public Library. Simply use donor code 2875. Your contributions are greatly appreciated and will be used for equipment, programming, furniture, or the collection for the library and its many users.



During regular operating hours, please bring in your empty toner cartridges (printers / copiers / fax machines) and we'll recycle them in exchange for much needed library supplies; like paper, pens and other office necessities.

### Recent donations made by --

\* Friends & Family donations in memory of **Virginia Porter**  
\* Gloria Taddeo in memory of **Rose Helminiak**

\* Gloria Taddeo in memory of **Mae Solomon**  
\* Miriam Manion in memory of **Eric Ostergaard**  
\* J. P Pratt [DVD - The Help] donation

Many people and organizations have found a deep satisfaction in making a memorial contribution to the Whitehall Public Library. In this way, they have both served the living and paid thoughtful tribute to the memory of a friend, associate or relative. Contact the library at 412-882-6622 if you wish to make a contribution.

Yes, I would like to honor someone with a gift to the Whitehall Public Library.

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Suggested area of interest for gift

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