

Whitehall Library is going for gold.

The Whitehall Public Library is proudly participating in the PA Forward Star Library Program as part of the Pennsylvania Library Association's 21st Century Literacies Initiative. This initiative spotlights the critical role of public libraries in communities.

The Pennsylvania Library Association's 21st Century Literacies Initiative, PA Forward, was

conceived to give a voice to what the library community already knows, that with the right support, libraries are ideally positioned to become the community centers of information, technology, and learning that will fuel educational and economic opportunity for all of our citizens – Pennsylvania Library Association.

Library Director Paula Kelly is proud to state, "We've already earned our Silver Star, and we're confident that we'll officially be a Pennsylvania Gold Star Library by summer's end."

PA Forward has branded library collections, programs and services around five fundamental literacies: Basic Literacy, Information Literacy, Civic and Social Literacy, Health Literacy, and Financial Literacy. By unifying the message around these five literacies, libraries across Pennsylvania can successfully champion the broad scope of what goes on each and every day within a 21st century public library.

Here in Whitehall one only needs to consult this website, better yet, walk through our doors to experience it first-hand. The library regularly hosts programs for all ages to engage in life-long learning, including programs for new foreign residents who need English language support. There are technology classes, both in person and online, and regularly scheduled programs around financial and health literacy. Many of the programs happen right in the library's Café. The collection now includes circulating tablets, e-readers, hot spots and even cake pans. If you haven't visited the library in a while you might just be surprised at what you find and experience.

