New Mobile App!

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

- Download the app to your phone.
- Search for Allegheny County Libraries to find it.
- Get help with the app.
- Visit our website: whitehallpubliclibrary.org

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 | simloni@einetwork.net

Take Home a Mobile Hotspot!

Mobile Wi-Fi Hotspots are now available to checkout. A mobile hotspot is a portable gadget that allows nearby Wi-Fi devices (e.g., laptop, tablet, cell phone, android) to connect to the internet. When you check out a hotspot, you can use it at home, in your car or on the move, 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.

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

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- Soft training treats, freeze dried treats and jars of peanut butter
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- Salmon treats (unopened) - Open Simple Rewards and Apple Stick
- Dog Toys (new or washable)
- Nylabones and Kongs
- Licki Mat
- Oxbow Simple Rewards and Apple Stick
- Cat Toys (new or washable)
- Catnip
- Soft training pads
- Catnip
- Cleaning supplies: latex gloves, paper towels, trash bags (30 or 55 gallon)
- Natural dishwashing soap
- Bath towels or hand towels - gently used or new
- Coffee paper and envelopes: empty egg cartons, toilet paper rolls, tissue boxes and cereal boxes
- Gift Cards: (pet stores and grocery stores)

All the Lonely People - synopsis
In weekly phone calls to his daughter in Australia, widower and Jamaican immigrant Hubert Bird paints a picture of the perfect retirement, packed with fun, friendship, and fulfillment. But it’s a lie. In reality, Hubert’s days are spent waiting in line, dragging on without seeing a single soul. Until he receives some good news—good news that in one way turns out to be the worst news ever, news that will force him out again, into a world he has long since turned his back on. The news that his daughter is coming for a visit. Hubert fears a seemingly impossible task: to make his real life resemble his fake life before the truth comes out. Along the way Hubert stumbles across a second chance at love, renews a cherished friendship, and finds himself roped into an audacious community scheme that seeks to end loneliness once and for all.

All the Lonely People

July & August

Whitehall Reads 2022

Let’s read, talk and grow together by collectively reading this year’s Whitehall Reads choice.

It’s the story of the life of Hubert Bird, a Jamaican immigrant living in London, now in his eighties. The novel explores themes of self-imposed isolation, race and racism, and how community can become family. Given what we’ve all experienced over the past couple of years, this novel couldn’t be timelier.

The library will be hosting related programs as well as additional opportunities to learn and explore at home.

Special Project-

Our Whitehall Reads title, All the Lonely People is about a self-isolated senior, Hubert Bird, whose only companion is his beloved cat, Puss. As a related community project that ties into our book club, the library will collect donated items for our community’s lonely animals.

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We’ll hear about a brilliant scientist who fell in love with a pigeon, a confession of a former Disney World employee, and so much more! Stories can be humorous, heart wrenching, thrilling or all of the above. We know you’ll have a great time – and that our story will whisk you away.

Book your registration today.

WPSN NEWS
JULY 2022

Library Hours

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

Masks are encouraged but not required since we continue to serve immunocompromised patrons and young children.

No need to pack any bags or take a Dramamine for this trip.

Come and take a journey to Jamaica! Inspired by the Caribbean birthplace of the central character in All the Lonely People, we want you to explore the history, sights, and sounds of this beautiful and culturally-rich island nation.

To accompany this special screening, we will have bite-sized snacks for you to savour in the region.

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**Refreshments will be provided.** Required Registration.
DISCUSSION GROUPS
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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 (kellyph@einetwork.net).
JUL 21: Good Neighbors by Sarah Langan
AUG 18: TBA

Mystery Lovers Book Group | 2nd Thursday @ 11 AM
Join this group for good food and discussion.
JUL 14: The Burning Girls by C.J. Tudor
AUG 11: The Sun Down Motel by Simone St. James
Questions? Contact Sarah (scottcs2@einetwork.net)

Not Your Momma’s Book ( & Beer) Club!
NOTE: The meeting will be on Tuesday, July 26th at 7 pm at the Crafthouse Stage & Grill. Enjoy beer, food, friends – all while discussing great books! For more information, contact Sarah to be placed on the email list or join the group at www.facebook.com/groups/WPLbookclub
Contact: Sarah (scottcs2@einetwork.net) or 412-882-6622

JULY 26: TBA / Contact Sarah

Left to Write: Memoir Writing Group | Tuesday @ 10 AM
Virtual Meetup – JULY 5 & 19
Want to start writing your memoirs, but not sure where to begin? Or have you begun and become stuck?
Join our memoir writers’ group for gentle feedback that will help you improve your writing skills. During each meeting, we will take turns reading their recent work in exchange for feedback.
Participants also help identify missing information, and make editorial suggestions.
Interested? Please email Sarah (scottcs2@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. Each month, we will discuss two thematically paired films and look “behind the scenes” to unpack each its historical significance, stylistic choices, and meanings.
This month’s selections: The Boy Friend (1971) and True Stories (1986)
Copies available at the library! Reserve yours by calling 412-882-6622 or e-mailing Brandon (lspecet@einetwork.net)

MATINEE IN THE CAFE | FRIDAYS @ 1:15 PM
NOTE — There will be limited seating, mask required, and registration is needed each week.
Registration for all movies begins on June 27th at noon!
JULY 1: Father Stu
JULY 8: Downton Abbey: A New Era
JULY 15: Father of the Bride
JULY 22: Minamata
JULY 29: The Duke

2023 Experience Kits
Thanks to our partnership with the Heinz Center Affiliates Program and other Allegheny County Cultural Resources, we are offering FREE ADMISSION for up to four people to a number of museums and historical sites around Pittsburgh! Plus, each pass comes with virtual access to educational information, itinerary ideas, and other fun content.
Our kits this year include:
• Duncan & Miller Glass Museum
• Heinz History Center (includes admission to Fort Pitt Museum and Meadowcroft Rockshelter)
• Historic Fort Steuben
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For more information on how to Reserve A Pass, visit radpass.org

RAD Pass is an online ticket lending system that allows Allegheny County library cardholders ages 18+ to access free or discounted tickets to regional attractions. RAD Pass also helps make our region’s cultural resources accessible and affordable to everyone.

Crafternoons - Saturday, JULY 9 @ 2:00 PM
At this adults-only program, relax and unwind with good tunes and a fun afternoon! Each month, we explore different techniques and create something new. No experience is necessary, but registration is required. A donation is requested for materials (accepted during check out).

This month’s craft: Book Mermade
Create a book sculpture sure to seduce any wayward sailors!
This craft is of medium difficulty.

We will offer a limited number of Take & Make kits of the in-person craft following the program, for any individual unable to attend. Please call (or stop in) to reserve your kit AFTER July 9. To be added to the waiting list for any additional openings, email Sarah at scottcs2@whitehallpubliclibrary.org.

Cooking & Canvas Painting Party
Wednesday, JULY 20 @ 6:30 PM
Whitehall Community Room
Join us for an evening of painting fun. We will have lots of brains to choose from or create your own. Enjoy some delicious cookies and snacks with your friends.
Grades 6 and up. Registration is required.

i5: Rage of the Clans
This graphic novel is a historical retelling of the wars between the Clans of Scotland. The story is told through the eyes of a young warrior, Ewan, who must learn the ways of war and the value of friendship.

STEAM @ the Library: The Sun Down Motel
JULY 9 @ 10:30 AM
Join us for this STEAM-powered learning class where we will read a picture book and have fun exploring STEAM concepts! This month we will read about the women and their stories. We will discuss the different roles and responsibilities of the women in the story. We will also encourage critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

This summer we will explore our ocean’s possibilities and this month’s craft: build a boat.

Merrick Art Gallery
This summer read books and attend programs for a chance to win gift cards, tickets, or have your own book appear at the Carnegie Museum of Natural History.

Libraries are encouraged to support this program by promoting it to their patrons.

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

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.

Be sure to visit the new Browser’s Book Nook in the Children’s Library!

Browser, WPL’s curious little mouse, loves adventures! Take him home with you, then share his photo to let us know what he’s been up to!

Tag us (@whitehallpubliclibrary) or use the hashtag, #BrowsertheMouse.

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