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WPL NEWS

KIDS' SUMMER 2019

Library Summer Hours

Monday - Thursday 9 - 9 PM

Friday 1 - 5 PM

Saturday 9 - 5 PM

Sunday | 12 - 4 PM

(Closed on Sundays July & August)
CLOSED: May 26, 27 | July 4 | Sept 2

2019 Summer Reading



Join the summer reading program!
Read for badges, prizes and fun.
Participants may register beginning June 1st at
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SUMMER LEARNING - PREPARE TO LAUNCH!

Discovery Days | Tuesdays @ 1:30 PM | Registration Required | Grades 1-5

June 18 | Allegheny Park Rangers / Owl Program - Who, who, who is out in the parks at night? Owls of course! Discover the different adaptations these amazing birds have evolved to help them survive at night. Participants will receive an owl pellet to dissect.

June 25 | Space Exploration with Mrs. Reynolds - Imagine living on the International Space Station. Join Mrs. Reynolds, M.Ed., STEAM Integration Specialist from Baldwin-Whitehall School District for an afternoon of space exploration. We will listen to the story "Max Goes to the International Space Station" and participate in a fun activity called Living on the ISS.

July 2 | DIY Terrarium and Fairy Garden - Enjoy the outdoors as we create our very own terrarium and fairy garden.
Location: Brennan Plaza (next to the swimming pool).

July 9 | Jeff the Geode Guy - Geologist Jeff Smith will present a hands-on interactive earth science program about rock groups and minerals. We will view crystals and geodes. At the conclusion of the program, participants can have geodes cracked open, and will be the first to see the beautiful crystals inside them. Geodes offered: small polished half geode - \$4, medium hollow geode for cracking - \$6, large polished half geode - \$10.

July 16 | Carnegie Science Center-Rockets! - Explore the forces that work with and against a rocket. Reach for the stars by shooting off stomp and Alka Seltzer rockets. With enough training, you'll hit your target every time.

July 23 | Pittsburgh Zoo-Wonders of Wildlife - Discover fur, feathers, and scales in this introduction to some of the world's most fascinating animals. Using live animals from the zoo, we will explore the physical characteristics of each animal while learning how they are uniquely adapted to their environments.

July 30 | Bugs! - Curious about crawlies? Become an entomologist for a day. Mrs. Verna McGinley will present a hands-on interactive presentation with bugs, insects and arthropods. Here is your chance to study these tiny creatures up close.

Family Night | Mondays @ 7 PM | Registration Required

June 17 | Al Mazing Magic - Prepare to be amazed and astounded by the great Al Mazing! This humorous and family-friendly magic show will keep you "al-amazed" for days.

June 24 | Orion Splashdown! - Whitehall Library welcomes Mrs. Debbie Reynolds, M.Ed., STEAM Integration Specialist from Harrison Middle School. Bring the whole family to participate in an engineering design challenge, "Orion Splashdown!" Families will create a capsule using various materials that will protect their "astronaut" (marshmallow) from drowning upon splashdown in the ocean.

July 1 @ 6:30 PM | Storytime in the Park @ Brennan Plaza - Join us for this special outdoor picnic-themed storytime. We will have stories, songs, crafts and games. Families are welcome to bring a picnic basket. The library will provide free hot dogs and ice cream.

July 8 | Fireflies Light the Night @ Brennan Plaza - As the sky darkens, fireflies light the night. Join the Allegheny County Park Rangers for this fun event. We will learn about our official state insect, the fascinating lives they lead, and how we can all play a part in ensuring they are around for the enjoyment of future generations. We will have bug-themed crafts and fun activities for all.

July 15 | Reptiles Night with Miss Verna - Reptiles in the library? For goodness snakes! Join Verna McGinley for this hands-on presentation! We will learn fun facts about these fascinating cold-blooded animals.

July 22 | Block Party - Join us for an evening of building fun! We will have a variety of blocks and building challenges.

July 29 | Paper Box Puppets - Join us in the fun evening of puppet making. We will turn an old box into a storybook character and perform a puppet show.

SPECIAL FAMILY NIGHT - Thursday, July 18 @ 7 PM | Registration Required

Join Jeff Smith, "The Geode Guy," for a hands-on interactive earth science program about rock groups and minerals. The program will feature Mexico and an active underground geode mine. At the conclusion of this free program, children will be able to purchase geodes and watch Mr. Smith split them right before their eyes. Geodes offered: small polished half geode - \$4, medium hollow geode for cracking - \$6, large polished half geode - \$10.



Summer Lunch Bunch Club @ Brennan Plaza | Thursday @ 12 - 1 PM | Grades 3-5 | Registration Required

Join us for lunch (free pizza!) and a fun discussion of a thought-provoking chapter book and hands-on activities related to the book. Register for the club by checking out the book at the front desk of the Whitehall Public Library.

June 27 - "Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library" | **July 25** - "How to Train Your Dragon" | **August 15** - "Fortunately, the Milk"

MOVIES! | Friday, June 7 @ 6:30 pm Drive-In Movie Party! | Registration Required

Join us for this fun movie night as we turn the community room into a pretend drive-in. We will be showing, "Toy Story" (rated G) 1h 21 m. Kids will make a cardboard car and enjoy a movie in our homemade drive in theater. We will have free popcorn and snacks.

More Movie Nights! Join us for a craft, popcorn and snacks during our summer movie nights. Activities begin at 6:30.

Friday, July 19 - "How to Train Your Dragon 2" | **Friday, August 9** - "Paddington 2"

Carnegie Science Center Portable Planetarium - Friday, June 21 @ 1:30 PM | Registration Required | Space Limited

Visit planets, moons, and stars throughout the universe without ever stepping foot outside the library. WQED and Inquire Within present "Open Your Eyes to the Sky, a Sesame Street Adventure". As you open children's eyes to the sky, you will help them see how people all over the world are connected. Join Big Bird, Elmo, and Hu Hu Zhu on an exciting trip to the moon from a portable planetarium.



Ready Jet Go Space Camp | Friday, June 28 - Friday, August 2 @ 1:30 PM | Registration Required

Are you curious about space? Have you ever dreamed about launching your very own rocket or meeting an alien with silly dance moves? Then you've come to the right place: the READY JET GO! Space Exploration Camp. Welcome aboard!

At the camp, children ages 5-8 spend six sessions as Space Scouts. They accomplish missions, engineer spacecrafts and play space-themed games. Campers use teamwork to develop their science and engineering skills. At the end of the week, they will have completed 10 missions, launched a spacecraft and spent lots of time having fun!

Teen Programs

Wednesday @ 6:30 PM | Registration Required

June 19 | Cupcake Wars - It's a Battle of the Batters! Show off your cupcake decorating skills at our Cupcake Wars event! You and your teammate(s) will have a limited amount of time to decorate your cupcake according to secret themes that will be revealed during the competition. Of course, you can eat your cupcake once the competition is over.

July 10 | Teen Maker Meet-Up - Teen Maker Meet-Up is a perfect time to hang out with other teen makers. You can bring ideas or a project you are working on. Check out others' projects and get help launching your own ideas. We will have various maker projects to select from and create. All skill levels are welcome!

July 24 | Teen Game Night - Bring your favorite board game or use one of ours for an evening of gaming fun. Enjoy pizza and meeting new friends.

August 14 | Teen Advisory Group - This group is a volunteer organization for teens ages 12-18. Teen volunteers help library staff plan and promote programs and services for our community all while earning volunteer hours. Join us for snacks and fun.

Junior Librarians | Wednesday @ 6:30 PM | June 5, July 3, and August 7

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be a librarian? Do you think working in the children's library would be exciting and fun?

Then the junior librarian program is for you! Whitehall Public Library welcomes students who want to volunteer. They will develop new skills and gain practical experience, as well as learn about the educational mission and vision of a public library. Junior librarians will work cooperatively as a team with staff members to complete projects and tasks in the children's library. Volunteers must be entering grades 5-8.



Summer Storytimes | No Registration

Preschool Storytime | Tuesdays 10 AM and 1:30 PM
Toddler Storytime | Wednesday @ 10 AM
Book Babies | Thursday @ 11 AM
Family Nights | Monday @ 7 PM

Join us for stories, activities, crafts, snacks and fun for the whole family.

Summer Reading Wrap-Up!

Monday, August 12 @ 7 PM | Registration Required

Professor Steve and The Cat in the Hat in their Wacky Space Magic Show. Join us for an evening of magic, sponsored by WQED and 13th Hour Entertainment. This program is fun, educational and has lots of audience participation. All are welcome as we celebrate the end of summer reading with magic and **Rita's Italian Ice**.



SPECIAL FUNDRAISING EVENT | SUNDAY, JUNE 2 | 9 AM - 1 PM

Wow! THEY give US (Whitehall Library) a \$30 donation... How?

Benson Lincoln and the Residence at Whitehall are sponsoring a "Driven to Give" fundraising event to benefit the library.

Come to the beautiful new Residence at Whitehall parking lot area (4750 Clairton Blvd., 15236) to test drive a gorgeous Lincoln! The library receives a \$30 donation for every test drive. NO COST TO YOU!

This is not a sales event! It is a charitable community project sponsored by Benson Lincoln and the Lincoln Motor Company. *There is no participation fee, but you must be 18 years or older with a valid driver's license in order to drive.* In addition to being able to see and drive these beautiful cars, there will be plenty of other fun things to do, including refreshments, raffle baskets drawings (including a drawing for free Pirates tickets!)... and more! **We hope you're "Driven to Give" - see you there!**