

## PROGRAM NEWSLETTER - APRIL 2024

Happy Spring, Whitefield Public Library Friends!

Spring is on the way with longer days, warmer weather, and the growth of new life. April brings a Solar Eclipse, Earth Day, and National Poetry Month.

Be sure to visit the March display of WOMEN IN AVIATION before the end of this month. There are some engaging picture books for children about some truly inspiring women, and several chapter books for adults. Check some out to share with the younger boys and girls in your life, or to enjoy for yourself. In April visit the EARTH DAY related display and borrow some books about our home planet and the interconnected web of life it houses.

For National Poetry Month, create some STICKY NOTE POETRY on our poetry wall, and MAGNETIC POETRY on the magnet board.

Visit the CREATION STATION to draw, paint, and create some spring FLOWERS for a seasonal scene or bouquet.

We will begin holding TODDLER STORY & ACTIVITY TIME at 11 AM on Thursdays for those who have toddlers, beginning April 4th. Please spread the word!

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

#### PAINTING WOODEN EGGS

Saturday, March 30th

1:30-3:00 PM

Open to adults & teens

RSVP required: <https://forms.gle/QzJTGAaq7VE3sEba9>

Come spend some time with friends getting creative. Bring a design you would like to replicate, or choose from provided ideas. Each participant will get three wooden eggs to paint in any style or pattern they choose. Attach a screw in eye hook for hanging if desired, or leave as is and display with a small stand or in a bowl.

#### SOLAR ECLIPSE

Come pick up solar glasses at the library while supplies last for the eclipse on Monday, April 8th. The in person program has been shifted to story time on Thursday, April 4th from 10-11 AM due to traffic concerns the day of the eclipse.

#### First NH LEGO League CHALLENGE

Tuesdays, April 9th, 16th, May 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th

3:00-4:00 PM

Open to ages 9-14

Registration Required: <https://forms.gle/V3U5i7LfyQXfA2Ny8>

Work with local robotics students from White Mountains Regional High School to assemble lego structures, build a robot, and program it to complete tasks.

#### BOOK GROUP

Wednesday, April 10th

6:30-7:30 PM

Open to adults & teens

The Bear, by Andrew Krivak

April's Book Group selection is The Bear by Andrew Krivak. It was the 2023 National Endowment for the Arts Big Read and the 2023 NH Big Read sponsored by New Hampshire Humanities, which supplied the Whitefield Public Library with ten free paperback books for book group participants.

From National Book Award in Fiction finalist Andrew Krivak comes a gorgeous fable of Earth's last two human inhabitants and a girl's journey home.

In an Eden-like future, a girl and her father live close to the land in the shadow of a lone mountain. They own a few remnants of civilization: some books, a pane of glass, a set of flint and steel, a comb. The father teaches his daughter how to fish and hunt and the secrets of the seasons and the stars. He is preparing her for an adulthood in harmony with nature, for they are the last of humankind. But when the girl finds herself alone in an unknown landscape, it is a bear that will lead her back home through a vast wilderness that offers the greatest lessons of all, if she can learn to listen. A cautionary tale of human fragility, of love and loss, The Bear is a stunning tribute to the beauty of nature's dominion.

#### DEATH CAFE

With North Country Home Health & Hospice

Tuesday, April 16th

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Open to all

Join us to share about and discuss death and dying, the inevitable end to life, in a light, open, honest, and respectful manner. This is a monthly opportunity to broach the rarely discussed topic of death and dying, coming to terms with our mortality, how to make the most of the lives we have, and think about how to prepare and plan for our passing.

#### OPEN MIC POETRY READING

Saturday, April 20th

1:30-3:00 PM

Open to all

Sign up for readers: <https://forms.gle/qoSPveg1RXH6rkpg8>

Are you a lover of poetry? Do you have favorite poems that you just can't wait to share with others? Do you write poetry or music of your own? Join us for an afternoon of poetry. Come to read, recite, and listen.

#### BELONGING ART & POETRY CONTEST Workshop

Tuesday, April 23

11 AM - 12 Noon

K-3rd grade

Sign up required: <https://forms.gle/15qP1xhnGYQ2PUKT9>

1-2 PM

4th grade +

Sign up required: <https://forms.gle/QzP19PZn99bVM95e9>

What does it mean to BELONG? What does it feel like? What does it feel like to NOT BELONG? What is the cost of belonging? How can we help others belong? Join us for some stories, poems, and discussion around BELONGING, then

work on creating your own poem or piece of art around the theme of BELONGING. If participants choose to do so, they can enter their creative pieces in the 2024 ART and POETRY CHALLENGE through the Racial Unity Team. Details for submission will be provided.

RAMBLING REPAIR with Elena Brotz

Saturday, April 27th

1:30-3:00 PM

Open to adults & teens

Sign up requested: <https://forms.gle/VWB3ckccNTheDhRt6>

For centuries, and all across the globe, people have been picking up a needle and thread to “make do and mend” and fix what is fixable. Simply using a needle and thread and your own two hands, patching is an accessible, creative, and satisfying craft that allows you to keep your favorite items wearable while also adding a personal creative touch. In this free workshop we will find the joy of repair together and gather around the table to learn the basics of mending and collaborate to fix some of your favorite torn clothing. Come join us and stitch your clothes back to stability!

Bring your own clothing to fix and any yarn, fabric, or materials you’d like to use or share. We will provide the rest!

Elena is a senior at College of the Atlantic in Bar Harbor, Maine. For her Senior Project, she is biking from Burlington, VT to Bar Harbor, ME, and along the way she will stop in different towns to offer workshops on mending, textile repair, and re-use to the local communities.

From Elena - "Since I was a child I have loved sewing and fabric crafts and I began working with a mentor to learn these skills when I was 11. As I have gotten older and connected this craft with other values I have learned about mending, darning, patching, and the importance and creative opportunity of repair and re-use. At COA I have been running a club called Mending Matters for the past 3 years and this has been a fun way to share this knowledge with other folks, try out new skills myself, and work within the community to create solutions, share joyful space, and keep perfectly good textiles out of the waste stream."

Follow Elena on Instagram @ramblingrepair.

#### REGULAR WEEKLY PROGRAMS FOR DROP-IN

Story and Activity Hour

10-11 AM Tuesdays & Thursdays

Preschool & Kindergarten age children & their caregivers

Program Room

Join us for some stories and activities, which may include games, songs, and/or arts & crafts.

Toddler Story and Activity Time

11-11:30 AM Thursdays

Program Room

Join us for some stories and activities, which may include games, songs, and/or arts & crafts.

Infant & Toddler Open Play

Wednesdays & Saturdays

9-11 AM

Infants & Toddlers and their caregivers

Program Room (or children's book room if another event has been scheduled)

Come visit the library with your little ones. Find and read some stories, play with some new toys, and connect with other families.

Open Play LEGOS

Thursdays

3-4 PM

Ages 3+

DUPLOS and LEGOS will be available for OPEN PLAY in the Children's Book Room. \* Parents are responsible for supervising children during OPEN PLAY Legos.

Knitting & Crocheting Group

Fridays (may be intermittent, so call ahead 837-2030)

1:30-3:30

Front Reading Room

Teens & Adults

Are you a seasoned handicrafts person? Are you wanting to learn? Do you have a project in the works or something you have dreamed of creating? Adults & Teens of all skill levels are welcome to join others while you knit, crochet, needlepoint, sew, etc. Please call first in case a session has been cancelled if you are planning to join for the first time – (603) 837-2030.

Check us out on our website at <https://whitefieldpubliclibrary.org> and on Facebook!

We hope to see you at Whitefield Public Library!

Cheers,

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