

Good Afternoon Whitefield Public Library Friends,

This month we enjoyed a visit from Mary with the NH Historical Society, who presented three Granite State Stories - Concord Coach, the "Battle of Gettysburg" Painting, and Stories from Mount Washington. Due to a miscommunication, I misadvertised that we would be hearing about artist Benjamin Champney - I apologize for that to those who were particularly looking forward to that presentation. This program was generously sponsored by NH Humanities.

We are transitioning out of several ongoing programs - Seniors Eating Well and Moving More ended last week, and this Tuesday will conclude the after school program on Artists and Their Art. There are 3 more sessions of Lego EXPLORE before we transition back to Open Play LEGOS on Thursday afternoons.

QUILT RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

Don't forget to get your tickets for a chance to win a beautiful quilt made by local quilter Melon Sanders who generously donated the hand-sewn quilt as a fundraiser for programming and materials. It measures at 70" x 70", fitting a double or twin bed. Tickets are on sale at the library at one for \$2, 3 for \$5, 7 for \$10, and 15 for \$20. If the goal to raise \$500 is met by Thanksgiving, the raffle will close then and a winner will be drawn, otherwise the raffle will extend into early December.

PROGRAMS

Christmas Around the World

An After School Program

Tuesdays

December 5 - Netherlands

December 12 - Iceland

December 19 - Mexico

Thursday

December 21 - Ukraine

3-4 PM in the WPL program room

Open to children ages 5+

\$10 materials fee

Sign up Required: <https://forms.gle/akhZYfpv6kU4uDSe6>

There are many beliefs, celebrations, holidays, and practices around the world. Even those that are celebrated by people on various parts of our globe have different traditions and stories. Christmas is celebrated by many who live in the United States, maybe even you, and by people in other countries as well. Are you curious about how Christmas traditions, food, and stories may vary? This is an after school program for children ages 5+ who will enjoy a story or two, a craft that reflects the culture and traditions of the country being explored, and a traditional drink and treat.

PERSPECTIVES Book Group sponsored by NH Humanities

The Humans by Matt Haig

Wednesday, December 13th

6:30-7:30 PM

Open to all – pick up a copy of the book at the front desk

join the Perspectives Book Group, facilitated by Alice Fogel thanks to a grant from NH Humanities, discussing The Humans by Matt Haig, an unlikely story about human nature and the joy found in the messiness of life on Earth.

There are still plenty of free paperback books available and plenty of time to read the book before the book group meets. To join the discussion, stop by the library to pick up your book and register for the program, which will be a hybrid offering of virtual and in-person options. This program is free and open to

the public. Details can be viewed on the NH Humanities website at <https://www.nhhumanities.org/programs/1972/perspectives-book-group-the-humans>

Dementia 101 - INTRODUCTION TO MEMORY LOSS

Saturday, December 9th

1:30-3:00 PM

Open to all

RSVP preferred, but not required: <https://forms.gle/t2rvZn8LhpfQzsVr8>

Are you or a loved one experiencing memory loss? For two consecutive Saturdays, Dec. 9 and Dec. 17 from 1:30 - 3:00 p.m., Mary Bates, Certified Dementia Practitioner, will introduce the dynamics of dementia and Alzheimer's and how you can support your loved one experiencing memory loss, as well as plan for how you can cope as a caregiver. On December 9, Mary will give an overview of the symptoms and signs to look for, and how to support and care for a loved one.

Dementia 102 - RESOURCES FOR MEMORY LOSS CARE

Saturday, December 9th

1:30-3:00 PM

Open to all

RSVP preferred, but not required: <https://forms.gle/4b3gnxMGticwXHBf6>

Are you or a loved one experiencing memory loss? Mary Bates, Certified Dementia Practitioner, will share information about local and state resources for those experiencing memory loss and their caregivers, identify and review local programs, Day Programs, Neurologists, Memory Programs, etc., and answer any questions you may have.

REGULAR WEEKLY PROGRAMS FOR DROP-IN

Story and Activity Hour

Tuesdays only through December 19

NO Story hour December 26th

Resumes Thursday, December 29th

Returns to Tuesdays & Thursdays beginning in January

9-10 AM

Preschool & Kindergarten age children & their caregivers

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 in the Children's Book Room

Thursdays

3-4 PM

Ages 3+

DUPLOS and LEGOS will be available for OPEN PLAY in the Children's book room. These will be available while the First Lego League EXPLORE group is in session in the program room for younger siblings or anyone

*who wants to build but is not interested in the structured EXPLORE program, or if we reached max capacity before you were able to sign up. * Parents are responsible for supervising children during OPEN PLAY Legos.*

Knitting & Crocheting Group

Fridays (beginning October 6 - 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 canceled if you are planning to join for the first time – (603) 837-2030.

Writing Group

Thursdays (intermittent)

10-11 AM

If you are interested in joining the writer's group, please email Lyn at whitefieldpubliclibrary2@gmail.com. The writers meet intermittently, so it is best to check in before showing up.

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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