Hello WPL families,

Attached you will find flyers about upcoming events and programs at Whitefield Public Library. Unless it has a sign-up link, it is open to the public without RSVP. Sign-up is typically required when we have a limit on the number of attendees, it has a materials fee, and/or we need numbers to properly prepare for the event.

Next Saturday, February 4th is **Take Your Child to the Library Day**. We will have a story reading at 9:30 AM, then some activities available for families to do together - go on a library scavenger hunt, search for the letters of the alphabet around the library, write and illustrate your own storybook, order books by Dewey number and/or title and/or author, play Book Character Memory, and enjoy some book character coloring pages. We hope to see your family there!

We are very excited to host **Micheal Descoteax of the Nulhegan band of the Cooksuk Abenaki Tribe who will share about the culture and history of the Abenaki people on Saturday, February 18th from 1-4 PM**. This is a free program open to the public, suitable for adults, teens, and older children. Michael will explore the early Abenaki life and culture, including travel, migration, where they lived, what they ate, and how they harvested food. Micheal will also dive into post-colonization life and unearth the new arrivals' impact on the Abanaki way of life. Both the positive and negative effects of changes in everyday living and their impacts on culture will be examined. Micheal will conclude with the modern era of the Abenaki people and their struggles to survive eugenics, boarding schools, and racism. He will speak about the struggles the Abenaki people face in the modern era and how they are retaining their culture and traditions.

February Break Activities (February 28-March 2) - please take a look at the attached flyer for details. Use these sign-up links to participate:

Paint With Friends Pre-K - 1st Grade Tuesday, February 28 10:30-11:30 AM https://forms.gle/A4Z7rVrXChjZkw1U6

Shadow Puppet Workshop 5th - 8th grade Tuesday, February 28th & Thursday, March 2nd 1-4 PM https://forms.gle/krJCENNY41sMr2WaA

Pot Holder Weaving for youth 8+ years Wednesday, March 1 2:30-3:30 PM \$10 materials fee https://forms.gle/SbhkHhsQ7hXAGLZd9

Paint With Friends 2nd - 6th Grade Thursday, March 2 10:30-11:30 AM https://forms.gle/RzAGWfXgHGkiPZed8 Hope to see you at some of our upcoming events!

Remember to check our website for regular programming updates: <u>www.whitefieldpubliclibrary.org</u>.

Hope to see you soon! Lyn