

Happy 2024, Whitefield Public Library Friends!

When you stop by the library this month be sure to write your name on a heart whenever you check out books and add it to our tree.

Visit our book display and check out a secret book for a BLIND DATE WITH A BOOK.

Stop by our little craft table and spend a little time creating some Valentines for your loved ones.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

ABOVE THE NOTCH

With Photographer Fletcher Manley

Saturday, February 10th

1:30-3:00 PM

Open to all

RSVP preferred, but not required: <https://forms.gle/14TQU98PbobEPg7n9>

"Above the Notch" is Fletcher Manley's newest book. Its purpose is to arouse awareness of the importance that wildlands play in the economic and spiritual value of northern New Hampshire.

Fletcher writes "It is this hardscrabble region above the "notches" where people live and work close to their environment that I have come to appreciate as a land apart. This little book is a visual commentary on life above the notches as I see it. More importantly, it is offered as a reminder of the importance of the wildlands inherent in the North Country.

The same impulse that inspired early artists to romanticize the region, and settlers to create trails into the wilderness, drives adventure tourism today. Wild nature, and a yearning for it, infuses life in this land above the notches. Great landscape artists have immortalized it, mountaineers explored it, loggers harvested it, and conservationists worked to preserve it. That work continues. The future of New Hampshire's North Country lies in the preservation of its wildlands."

Fletcher will share images from his book and related anecdotes.

VALENTINE'S DAY EXTRAVAGANZA

Tuesday, February 13th

3:30-5:00 PM

Open to ages 4+

Registration Required: <https://forms.gle/bo2cQ5zfZm2SBQ7j7>

*Join us for some fun Valentine's Day-themed arts, crafts, activities, and treats. Paint a wooden heart-shaped box, create a stained glass heart with black paper and colored cellophane, decorate heart-shaped sugar cookies, make heart string art, create Valentines for friends, and fold fun fancy mini envelopes to put a little note in. *Wear clothes that can get stained by acrylic paint.*

BOOK GROUP

Wednesday, February 14th

6:30-7:30 PM

Open to all

Lessons in Chemistry, by Bonnie Garmus

Listed as A BEST BOOK OF THE YEAR by The New York Times, Washington Post, NPR, Oprah Daily, Entertainment Weekly, and Newsweek, Lessons in Chemistry is Laugh-out-loud funny, shrewdly

observant, and studded with a dazzling cast of supporting characters, and is as original and vibrant as its protagonist.

Chemist Elizabeth Zott is not your average woman. In fact, Elizabeth Zott would be the first to point out that there is no such thing as an average woman. But it's the early 1960s and her all-male team at Hastings Research Institute takes a very unscientific view of equality. Except for one: Calvin Evans; the lonely, brilliant, Nobel-prize nominated grudge-holder who falls in love with—of all things—her mind. True chemistry results.

But like science, life is unpredictable. Which is why a few years later Elizabeth Zott finds herself not only a single mother, but the reluctant star of America's most beloved cooking show Supper at Six. Elizabeth's unusual approach to cooking ("combine one tablespoon acetic acid with a pinch of sodium chloride") proves revolutionary. But as her following grows, not everyone is happy. Because as it turns out, Elizabeth Zott isn't just teaching women to cook. She's daring them to change the status quo.

INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE

With ASL Instructor Christina Bertin

Saturday, February 17th

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Open to all ages

Registration Required: <https://forms.gle/XYZZT1EcwTifG4BL7>

Join ASL instructor, Christina Bertin, for an introduction to American Sign Language. Christina will share the alphabet and some basic signs for communication.

DEATH CAFE

With North Country Home Health & Hospice

Tuesday, February 20th

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.

TRAMPING WITH THE APPIES: Early White Mountain Travels With the Appalachian Mountain Club

With AMC Archivist, Becky Fullerton

Saturday, February 24th

1:30-3:00 PM

Open to all

RSVP preferred, but not required: <https://forms.gle/NeKg7sCeSk8Ng5Ci9>

Take a trip in pictures to experience how outdoor recreationists explored the White Mountains before the age of highways, ultralight gear and Gortex. Which train would you board to reach the hills? What equipment and food would you carry? What was it like to take over a mountain hotel with a boisterous group of Appalachian Mountain Club hikers? Learn all of this and more in an engaging showcase of 19th and early 20th century travel.

ACTIVE INDOOR GAMES for FEBRUARY VACATION

Tuesday, February 27th

1:00-2:00 PM

For ages 3-7

Sign-up required: <https://forms.gle/UNCyVgQ3ARqUhpc4A>

Come and spend some time dancing and moving with an hour of fun, active, indoor games.

TEENS & TWEENS GAME DAY

Wednesday, February 28th

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

For ages 10+

Sign-up required: <https://forms.gle/JZ2cWH5DpWa1vZJg7>

Get together with friends for some hot chocolate, popcorn, and a day of board games in your PJ's.

CREATE YOUR OWN CARDBOARD BOX BOOK NOOK

Thursday, February 29th

1:00-4:00 PM

For ages 8+

Sign-up required: <https://forms.gle/N89mHgKsBvL7VBie9>

Design and create your very own book nook. Make a miniature forest, castle, cafe, book shop, fairy village, or another creative scene in a book-sized box using cardboard, clay, paper, paint, and glue to display between books on your bookshelf.

**This activity will require the use of sharp cutting instruments, including X-acto knives and sharp craft scissors. A release of liability waiver is required.*

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.

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.

DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP Interest Survey - We are continuing work on establishing a support group for the caregivers of individuals experiencing memory loss and *potentially a simultaneous program for the individuals experiencing memory loss. If this would be of interest to you, please fill out this survey: <https://forms.gle/dYfvrxo98eokTV4X8>. And please pass it on to anyone you know of who may be interested!

** Dependent on personnel to run this program*

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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