

NEWSLETTER - MARCH 2024

Good Afternoon Whitefield Public Library Friends,

When you stop by the library check out the BLACK HISTORY MONTH book display before it leaves at the end of February, then visit the WOMEN'S HISTORY display coming in March.

BLIND DATE WITH A BOOK has been a fun and popular opportunity to spend some quality time with a new book. If you feel up for taking a chance on a fresh encounter, grab one of the wrapped books and spend some time becoming acquainted with some new characters before they move back to their shelves.

Take some quiet time to PAINT A BOOKMARK at the creation station. *Please limit to one per person per visit to ensure that others have the opportunity to enjoy themselves as well. Then use the provided supplies to DESIGN A BOOKMARK for our Summer Program 2024 theme - Adventure Begins at the Library - Bookmark Competition. Winners will be reproduced as giveaways for our summer reading program.

Children love searching for the hidden item in the stacks. Help them find and read the SEEK & FIND directions, then read the poem to determine what the hidden object is.

We are taking a survey to assess interest in a weekly Toddler Story and Activity time, as well as occasional toddler focused programs. Please fill out this survey if your family has a toddler and would like to participate: <https://forms.gle/JLhvruswEQ88Q2K8>. And please pass this link on to anyone you know who might be interested.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

SPRING PAINT & SIP (hot chocolate, tea, or coffee)

With Kaylee Smith

Saturday, March 2nd

1:30-3:00 PM

Open to adults, teens, and ages 8+

RSVP required: <https://forms.gle/KqhrF2SKw2p6L3ma9>

Kaylee is an experienced artist who enjoys painting rocks, canvasses, and other paintable surfaces. She will guide attendees through the process of painting a spring themed scene on canvas using acrylic paints.

ART CREATIONS

Tuesdays, March 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th, & April 2nd

3:30-4:30 PM

Open to ages 5-12

Registration Required: <https://forms.gle/QPKdcmassaWksj4y8>

During this 5 week program, your child will design and construct something using paper mache then design and create a glass tile mosaic. Each project will take multiple weeks to complete.

OLD SCHOOL LIFE SKILLS

Thursdays, March 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, April 4th, & April 11th

3:30-4:30 PM

Open to ages 6-12

Registration Required: <https://forms.gle/L5wKTLPqa3YzWPib7>

Is your child interested in learning some basic home and life skills? During this six week program, participants will learn to sew using several different stitches, attach a button, make butter, whipped cream, and cheese, the art and process of weaving, how to find and use natural fibers to make cordage, knitting, and the art of embroidery.

MEDICARE INFORMATION SESSION

Presented by Lynne Warren State Farm

Thursday, March 7th

5:00-6:00 PM

Open to adults & teens

Are you or someone you love turning 65 soon? Let us clear up some confusion about Medicare, the enrollment process, and supplement plans, including medicare advantage. We will also discuss the difference between medi-gap and advantage plans.

BOOK GROUP

Wednesday, March 13th

6:30-7:30 PM

Open to adults & teens

Boys in the Boat, by Daniel James Brown

Out of the depths of the Depression comes an irresistible story about beating the odds and finding hope in the most desperate of times—the improbable, intimate account of how nine working-class boys from the American West showed the world at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin what true grit really meant.

It was an unlikely quest from the start. With a team composed of the sons of loggers, shipyard workers, and farmers, the University of Washington's eight-oar crew team was never expected to defeat the elite teams of the East Coast and Great Britain, yet they did, going on to shock the world by defeating the German team rowing for Adolf Hitler. The emotional heart of the tale lies with Joe Rantz, a teenager without family or prospects, who grows not only to regain his shattered self-regard but also to find a real place for himself in the world. Drawing on the boys' own journals and vivid memories of a once-in-a-lifetime shared dream, Brown has created an unforgettable portrait of an era, a celebration of a remarkable achievement, and a chronicle of one extraordinary young man's personal quest.

DISCOVERING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY - An Introduction to Genealogy

With Archivist, Lanny Weaver

Saturday, March 16th

1:30-3:00 PM

Open to all

RSVP preferred, but not required: <https://forms.gle/qkLo3Bu6xBTmLaScA>

Lanny will share the story of how she first became motivated to learn about her ancestors and will introduce researching family history. Get inspired by Lanny, begin your own family tree, and become acquainted with a variety of methods and sources to conduct genealogical research.

Whitefield Public Library now has a subscription to Ancestry.com, which is free for you to use.

DEATH CAFE

With North Country Home Health & Hospice

Tuesday, March 19th

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.

SOLAR ECLIPSE

Monday, April 8th

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Open to all - More details to come next month

RSVP required: <https://forms.gle/t66fEB5uurWthfLb8>

Join us for some eclipse stories, information, and activities, then the viewing. All attendees will receive a free pair of eclipse glasses with which to view the solar eclipse at 3:28 PM.

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 have had several responses to our survey, and are in the process of procuring grant funds to make this happen. We will be in touch with survey respondents when we find out about

funding and collaboration with a local organization/qualified individual to work with those experiencing memory loss. We are sharing this survey one last time to give anyone else an opportunity to share and/or respond.

We are seeking input on interest in 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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