

It is hard to believe that we are wrapping up summer and moving into fall! The SUMMER READING program had 52 participants this year. 28 of those participants recorded 140+ minutes for 7, 8, or all 9 weeks of the program! Collectively, they read for 86,898 minutes (1,448 hours) over the nine weeks. Each week a participant logged 140+ minutes, they received either an ice cream coupon donated by Maryanne's Soft Serve or a sheet of stickers. Maryanne donated over 200 free ice creams to readers this summer, and 75 sticker sheets were distributed! The top five readers in the 0-6 age group and the 7-12 age group each received a ticket to the movies, donated by The Rialto Theatre in Lancaster. Our top reader read 13,260 minutes over 9 weeks! Congratulations on your amazing work, readers!

Overall, the summer program for children at Whitefield Public Library hosted 7 Fun Fridays and 34 Library programs for the community and Whitefield Rec campers thanks to all of our generous sponsors.

The winner of the Guess How Many Marbles jar was Amy Goyette, with an exact guess of 967 marbles. Amy has earned 2 tickets to the Rialto Movie Theater. There were lots of 1000 marble guesses, and several others that were very close to the 967.

Update - The Tuesday and Thursday STORY TIMES - Pre-K Stories and Play - will be held at 9:30 AM beginning September 3rd. There will not be Pre-K Stories and Play or Toddler Tales and Tunes on Thursday, August 29th or Tuesday, September 10th.

Check out the BANNED BOOKS display in celebration of Banned Books Week, which runs September 22-28th. See which books have been banned and consider why people might want access to particular books restricted, whether you agree with the concerns, what lessons can we learn from these books and the push to ban them, and ponder who gets to decide what others read. Should there be restrictions for children? Are there books that are just too dangerous or prejudiced or inappropriate to even exist? Who gets to make that choice and why? Have your mugshot photo taken with your banned book at the "Caught Reading Banned Books" booking station.

Do you have ADHD or live with someone who does? Are you interested in an ADHD support group? Please respond here if you are interested: <https://forms.gle/FiqJ3nCHeJJYNRgh9>. October is ADHD awareness month, so at the request and guidance of one of our library patrons, we will be hosting an informational program and providing ADHD related materials. Stay tuned for more information!

We have a busy September for adults here at the library as the children head back to school.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

WABANAKI RAISED BEADWORK FLOWER

with Rhonda Besaw

Saturday, September 7

2-4 PM

Open to adults and teens - minimum 6 students - capped at 10 participants

\$20 materials fee - due the day of the event paid directly to Rhonda

Sign-up required: <https://forms.gle/VvWV9n3q9E3s7FFR9>

Back by popular demand, Rhonda will share her skills of creating raised beadwork flowers with participants.

Rhonda Besaw is of Abenaki-Canadian Metis descent and resides in Whitefield, NH. Rhonda is one of the small number of beadworkers who specializes in traditional Wabanaki style beadwork. The Wabanaki people include the tribes historically located in the Northeastern United States, Quebec and the Maritimes. After Newt Washburn, a master Abenaki basketmaker, Rhonda is the second individual of Abenaki descent to become a juried member (2009) of the League of NH Craftsman. Rhonda's work is valued by museums and individual collectors of Wabanaki style beadwork.

"My ancestors have lived in southern Quebec, Canada and on both sides of the Kwinitekw (Connecticut) River in New Hampshire and Vermont for hundreds of years. I honor those who have gone before me and give to those in the future. Through beadwork perhaps my brothers and sisters, my relatives will recognize a piece of who they are and who they were. Perhaps some will be inspired to learn more about their culture. Perhaps others will be inspired to pick up a needle and thread and tell their own story of survival."

"To me, beading is breathing. It is that natural and essential. Just as breathing keeps the physical body alive, beadwork keeps my spirit alive. Beadwork designs that are influenced by the world around me, such as mountains or medicine plants, keep me observant, grounded and grateful to Mother Earth. Designs received from the dream world and visions are a most treasured gift. I marvel at waking up in the morning with a beadwork design fully developed in my mind. The colors, the patterns, the symbols and the meaning- it's all there! Every stitch becomes a prayer of thanksgiving to my ancestors and the Creator. My needle just flies when making such a project! These designs are the most powerful; the physical manifestation of spirit captured in bits of glass and cloth."

BOOK GROUP

Wednesday, September 11

6:30-7:30 PM

Open to adults & teens

Pick up a copy of this month's book, *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett

The Vignes twin sisters will always be identical. But after growing up together in a small, southern black community and running away at age sixteen, it's not just the shape of their daily lives that is different as adults, it's everything: their families, their communities, their racial identities. Many years later, one sister lives with her black daughter in the same southern town she once tried to escape. The other secretly passes for white, and her white husband knows nothing of her past. Still, even separated by so many miles and just as many lies, the fates of the twins remain intertwined. What will happen to the next generation, when their own daughters' storylines intersect?

Weaving together multiple strands and generations of this family, from the Deep South to California, from the 1950s to the 1990s, Brit Bennett produces a story that is at once a riveting, emotional family story and a brilliant exploration of the American history of passing. Looking well beyond issues of race, *The Vanishing Half* considers the lasting influence of the past as it shapes a person's decisions, desires, and expectations, and explores some of the multiple reasons and realms in which people sometimes feel pulled to live as something other than their origins.

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DEATH CAFE

With North Country Home Health & Hospice

Tuesday, September 17st

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.

RAILROADING IN WHITEFIELD 1960's-2020

With Ben English & Corey Fothergill

Saturday, September 21

1:30 - 3:00 PM

Open to all

Ben and Corey will introduce us to the railroads, railroad stations, and railroad activity in Whitefield from the 1960's to today.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

HOMESCHOOL SCIENCE

Tuesdays or Thursdays - September through May

1:30-2:30 PM

Open to children ages 5-12

This program is currently full. To be put on the waitlist please email Lyn at whitefieldpubliclibrary2@gmail.com.

Students will receive an introduction to a variety of science topics through stories, videos, activities, and crafts. Broken into five 5-6 class sessions, this year we will explore The Human Body, The 5 Senses, Animal Classes, Animal Characteristics, and Fun with Physics & Chemistry.

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE

with Rose Poland

(5 sessions) Tuesdays, October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

3:00 - 3:45 PM

Open to children ages 5+ who are interested and can maintain attention for the duration of the program

Capped at 15 students

Sign-up required: <https://forms.gle/16MttyqgdD9N8dMY6>

Rose is a retired teacher of the deaf who speaks ASL fluently. She has worked with children of all ages and will introduce the alphabet and some basic introductory signs through stories, songs, and direct instruction.

FIRST LEGO EXPLORE GROUP

(7 sessions) Thursdays, October 3, 10, 17, & 24 and November 7, 14, & 21

3-4 PM

Open to children ages 5-10

Capped at 10 students

(*This program will be held for a second group in January & February for those who prefer that time period or register after the cap of 10 is met. Please email Lyn at whitefieldpubliclibrary2@gmail.com to be put on the winter waitlist.)

Sign-up required: <https://forms.gle/FWbiN2hJUT4fMD6a6>

This season, First Lego is releasing SUBMERGED, an underwater exploration Lego program. Check out the introductory video here: https://youtu.be/hCEp4mQ6bVk?si=t1dhu_bQY1RaepE

REGULAR WEEKLY PROGRAMS FOR DROP-IN

PRE-K STORIES & PLAY

9:30-10:30 AM Tuesdays & Thursdays

Preschool & Kindergarten age children & their caregivers

Program Room

Join us for stories and activities, including games, songs, movement, and crafts.

TODDLER TALES & TUNES

11-11:30 AM Thursdays

Program Room

Join us for stories, songs, and movement.

INFANT AND TODDLER OPEN PLAY

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 library toys, and connect with other families.

KNITTING & CROCHETING GROUP

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

1:00-3:00

Front Reading Room

Will resume in OCTOBER

Teens & Adults

Are you a seasoned handicraft person? Do you want 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 plan to participate 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,
Lyn