September 2026

Good afternoon, WPL friends and patrons,

With summer ending, school starting, and the expansion groundbreaking underway, change is in the air!

Programs will scale down for the month of September. The regularly scheduled programs will continue, and just a few others will be sprinkled in.

September brings the annual **WHITEFIELD COMMUNITY DAY**, which will be held on Saturday, September 26th from 10 AM - 2 PM. Enter a scarecrow in the annual scarecrow contest, and join us for a day of fun, games, crafts, food, and music. Mark your calendars! We hope to see you there!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS for ADULTS

NH SAVES - Button UP
presented by Ted Stiles, BPI Building Analyst

- Thursday, September 3
- 6-7:30 PM
- Sign-up requested: https://forms.gle/AjbyFDp4RuAaxAKh7

Take care of your #1 investment. Attend a no-cost home energy workshop by NH Saves. Take the first step to add more comfort and value to your home. Understand how your home functions as it relates to energy efficiency and what you can do to increase your in-home comfort while saving money and energy.
Learn about:

- Electricity savings
- Utility incentives
- Rebates on electric and gas appliances
- Home Energy Performance Program
- Insulation and air sealing
- Energy audit and weatherization programs

STARK DECENCY: NH's World War II German Prisoner of War Camp
with Allen Koop

- A NH Humanities Program

- Tuesday, September 29th
- 5-6 PM
- Sign-up requested: https://forms.gle/362CBhuyXDiVaWN26

During World War II, 300 German prisoners of war were held at Camp Stark near the village of Stark in New Hampshire's North Country. Allen Koop reveals the history of this camp, which tells us much about our country's war experience and about our state.

REGULARLY SCHEDULED PROGRAMS for ADULTS

MAHJONG

- Wednesdays (weekly through September 30th)
- 10 AM
- Open to adults & teens
- Sign-up Required: https://forms.gle/87xWcSFVT7rps3xK7

Are you an experienced Mahjong player and looking for a group to join? Are you a beginner and looking to improve your skills? Are you interested in learning though you have never played before? Join our twice-monthly Mahjong group. All skill levels are welcome.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP & LOVED ONES LIVING WITH DEMENTIA PROGRAM

- With Cate DiBlasi & Jeannie Jacobs, with support from Mary Bates
- Friday, September 4th (First Friday of the month)
- 9-10 AM
- For those living with Dementia and their Caregivers

This is an opportunity for caregivers to meet and share about their experiences, share some ideas and strategies, provide some understanding, support, and connection with other caregivers, and connect with Jeannie and Mary. Separately, loved ones will enjoy a program with Cate to stimulate their minds and move their bodies.

KNITTING, CROCHETING & HANDICRAFTS GROUP Fridays

- 1:00-3:00 (may be intermittent, so call ahead 837-2030)
- To be added to the email list for this group, please email Lyn at whitefieldpubliclibrary2@gmail.com
- Front Reading Room
- 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.

BOOK GROUP

- Wednesday, September 9th
- (2nd Wednesday of each month)
- 6:30-7:30 PM
- Open to adults & teens
- Pick up a copy of this month's book, ***The Ride of Her Life***, by Elizabeth Letts at the library.

In 1954, sixty-three-year-old Maine farmer Annie Wilkins embarked on an impossible journey. She had no money and no family, she had just lost her farm, and her doctor had given her only two years to live. But Annie wanted to see the Pacific Ocean before she died. She ignored her doctor's advice to move into the county charity home. Instead, she bought a cast-off brown gelding named Tarzan, donned men's dungarees, and headed south in mid-November, hoping to beat the snow. Annie had little idea what to expect beyond her rural crossroads; she didn't even have a map. But she did have her ex-racehorse, her faithful mutt, and her own unfailing belief that Americans would treat a stranger with kindness.

Annie, Tarzan, and her dog, Depeche Toi, rode straight into a world transformed by the rapid construction of modern highways. Between 1954 and 1956, the three travelers pushed through blizzards, forded rivers, climbed mountains, and clung to the narrow shoulder as cars whipped by them at terrifying speeds. Annie rode more than four thousand miles, through America's big cities and small towns. Along the way, she met ordinary people and celebrities—from Andrew Wyeth (who sketched Tarzan) to Art Linkletter and Groucho Marx. She received many offers—a permanent home at a riding stable in New Jersey, a job at a gas station in rural Kentucky, even a marriage proposal from a Wyoming rancher. In a decade when car ownership nearly tripled, when television's influence was expanding fast, when homeowners began locking their doors, Annie and her four-footed companions inspired an outpouring of neighborliness in a rapidly changing world.

THE CLASSICS BOOK GROUP

- Tuesday, September 22nd
- (4th Tuesday of each month)
- 4:30 PM
- Open to adults & families
- September Book: *The Sun Also Rises* by Ernest Hemingway

- Sign-up Requested: https://forms.gle/8aijXpLVfrWptAkJA
- Are you interested in reading some of the CLASSICS and discussing them with a group of other interested individuals? Join Teresa for a monthly exploration of the classics. Pick up a copy at the library and get started!

First published in 1926, *The Sun Also Rises* displays the full flower of Hemingway's unique style, at once spare and gut-wrenching. Following a group of expatriates in Europe after the devastation of World War I, the novel traces the doomed love story of Jake Barnes, a veteran wrestling with wounds both physical and emotional, and the beautiful Lady Brett Ashley. As they drift from the hedonistic nightlife of Paris to the macho world of bullfighting in Spain, these members of the Lost Generation face the loss of their illusions and the impossibility of love. Closely based on true people and events Hemingway experienced as an ex-pat in Europe, this debut novel marked the arrival of a towering talent.

LADDERS *(Library After Dark: Deliciously Entertaining Romance Social-Club)*

- Wednesday, September 30th
- 6 PM
- Open to adults
- September Book: ***First Time Caller*** by B. K Borison
- Sign-up Required: message Earth2Sunshine on Facebook or tell a librarian by September 28th
- Looking for a book club with a little more spice, swoon, and laughter? You just found your people! Join us for LADDERS, a new romance book club!!! We'll be exploring swoony page-turners full of love, drama, and just the right amount of spice; all in good company!
- 📸 RSVP is required by September 28th so we have enough snacks, seats, and supplies.

INSTANT *NEW YORK TIMES* BESTSELLER A hopeless romantic meets a jaded radio host in this cozy, *Sleepless in Seattle*–inspired love story from beloved author B.K. Borison.
Aiden Valentine has a secret: he’s fallen out of love with love. And as the host of Baltimore’s romance hotline, that’s a bit of a problem. But when a young girl calls in to the station asking for dating advice for her mom, the interview goes viral, thrusting Aiden and *Heartstrings* into the limelight.

Lucie Stone thought she was doing just fine. She has a good job; an incredible family; and a smart, slightly devious kid. But when all of Baltimore is suddenly scrutinizing her love life—or lack thereof—she begins to question if she’s as happy as she believed. Maybe a little more romance wouldn’t be such a bad thing.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS for YOUTH & FAMILIES

PARENT CHILD WORKSHOP (A 5-week Family Place Library Program)

- Mondays, September 28th, October 5th, 19th, 26th, & November 2nd
- 9 AM - 10:15 AM
- 1-5 years and their caregivers
- Max capacity: 12 children and their caregivers
- Sign-up required: https://forms.gle/EWcY2awRfSREP7aN6

Parent Child Workshop is a free five-week program for toddlers and their parents/caregivers. This fun, informal, play-based program provides a rich environment of toys, books and art activities. Families have the opportunity to spend time together, make new friends, and talk one-on-one with a different community resource professional each week. Each weekly session transforms the library space into an informal early childhood center filled with developmental toys, books, and art activities, and each week will have a guest community resource professional. Local experts in the fields of child development, speech and hearing, nutrition, and music and movement attend the sessions to chat informally and answer questions.

REGULARLY SCHEDULED PROGRAMS for YOUTH

PRE-K STORIES & PLAY

- Tuesdays & Thursdays
- 9:30-10:30 AM
- Preschool & Kindergarten age children & their caregivers
- Program Room
- Suggested ages 3-6 years

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

TODDLER TALES & TUNES

- Thursdays
- 11-11:30 AM
- Program Room
- Suggested ages birth-3 years

Join us for stories, songs, and movement that are developmentally appropriate for children under 3.

WHITE MOUNTAIN HERDSMEN 4-H

- Saturday, September 12th
- 9-10:30 AM
- Stop in and check it out to see if it's for you, then join if you are interested!

White Mountain Herdsman, a newly formed 4-H group led by Jessie Ingerson, will meet on the second and fourth Saturdays from 9-10 AM in the program room. Youth aged 5 to 18 years are welcome to participate. To join, please follow this link (https://4h.zsuite.org) and sign up under the White Mountain Herdsman. For questions, contact Jessie at jessieingerson4H@gmail.com.

Check out the Whitefield Public Library on Facebook, and on Instagram.

We hope to see you at Whitefield Public Library soon!

Your Friendly Neighborhood Librarians,
Courtney, Lyn, Teresa, Audia (and sometimes Carolyn)