DECEMBER 2025

Good afternoon, Whitefield Public Library Friends,

The dark is descending as the solstice approaches. We wish everyone a peaceful holiday season filled with joy, gratitude, and many wonderful memories.

We invite you to join us here at Whitefield Public Library on Tuesday, December 23rd, at 6 PM for a special Icelandic Christmas tradition. On Christmas Eve, Icelanders enjoy Jólabókaflóðið, which translates to Yule or Christmas Book Flood. During Jólabókaflóðið, people give and receive gifts of books, then spend the evening reading together while enjoying chocolate and other sweet treats. See below for more details and to sign up. All are welcome!

Are you a fan of the movie WICKED? Will you be attending WICKED: FOR GOOD at the Rialto in Lancaster? Stop in to make a crown and Elphaba's broomstick or Glinda's wand.

In December, the CREATION STATION will offer a Toilet Paper Roll winter ORNAMENT MAKING CHALLENGE. Who can create the most outstanding recycled TP roll decorations? Copy the samples provided each week, or create your own. There are so many things you can do with toilet paper rolls! Glue guns, paint, etc., are available to use in the program room (when programs are not in session) as needed.

Choose some HOLIDAY and WINTER SPORTS reads from the December book displays.

For our display next month, we will feature the BEST and WORST books of 2025 at WPL. Please fill out this anonymous 2-question survey to share your picks for the best and worst books you read this year: https://forms.gle/zWg34kr8vRCgqHA17

**ELECTRONICS RECYCLING at WPL** Do you have old or broken electronics such as laptops, computers, phones, tablets, video games, cables, chargers, power cords, wifi routers, or similar items? Instead of paying to throw them away, you can now recycle them for free in the blue bin near the magazine stand marked "We Recycle Electronics" at the WPL. This diverts them from going to a landfill and generally makes the world a little bit better. If the item has a battery or plugs into the wall, it can probably be recycled. If you have a question about whether an item can be recycled, or if you have larger items that won't easily fit in the bin, feel free to text a picture of the item to Jonathan at North Country Recycling at 603-684-2425.

**HOLIDAY HOURS**

**CLOSING EARLY** – 12 NOON Wednesday, November 26th **CLOSED** Thursday, November 27th

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**CLOSING EARLY** – 12 NOON Wednesday, December 31st **CLOSED** Thursday, January 1st

**UPCOMING PROGRAMS for ADULTS & TEENS**

**LINE DANCING with SUZY COLT** At United Methodist Church
Tuesdays (weekly through January 13th – NO CLASS NOV 25)
5 PM

**CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP & LOVED ONES LIVING WITH DEMENTIA PROGRAM** With Cate DiBlasi & Jeannie Jacobs, with support from Mary Bates
Friday, December 5th
(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.

**HOLIDAY PAPER CRAFTING**
Saturday, December 6th
1:30 PM
Open to adults & teens
Sign-up Requested: https://forms.gle/8hBBawcKgSZ8KEDT9

Are you feeling festive and ready to create for the holiday season? Come make a variety of holiday ornaments and decorations out of paper, cardboard, etc. Ideas will be available, then you choose what you want to create to hang from your tree, display on your mantle or, drape in doorways. Enjoy holiday music, sip some cider, and get creative.

**BOOK GROUP**
Wednesday, December 10th (2nd Wednesday of each month)
6:30-7:30 PM
Open to adults & teens
Pick up a copy of this month's book, The Librarianist by Patrick deWitt

From bestselling and award-winning author Patrick deWitt comes the story of Bob Comet, a man who has lived his life through and for literature, unaware that his own experience is a poignant and affecting narrative in itself.

Bob Comet is a retired librarian passing his solitary days surrounded by books and small comforts in a mint-colored house in Portland, Oregon. One morning on his daily walk he encounters a confused elderly woman lost in a market and returns her to the senior center that is her home. Hoping to fill the void he's known since retiring, he begins volunteering at the center. Here, as a community of strange peers gathers around Bob, and following a happenstance brush with a painful complication from his past, the events of his life and the details of his character are revealed.

With his inimitable verve, skewed humor, and compassion for the outcast, Patrick deWitt has written a wide-ranging and ambitious document of the introvert's condition. The Librarianist celebrates the extraordinary in the so-called ordinary life, and depicts beautifully the turbulence that sometimes exists beneath a surface of serenity.

**HOMEMADE GIFT WRAP & TAGS WORKSHOP**
Saturday, December 13th
1:30 PM
Open to adults, teens, and youth
Sign-up Requested: https://forms.gle/bTC41D1q5NyncPgB7

Spend an afternoon with friends decorating your own gift wrap. Using a base of brown paper, you will stamp, draw, imprint, and paint patterns and designs of your choosing. A variety of ideas will be available to work from.

**LADDERS (Library After Dark: Deliciously Entertaining Romance Social-Club)**
Monday, December 15th
10-11 AM
Open to adults & teens
Sign-up Required: message Earth2Sunshine on Facebook or tell a librarian by Dec. 13

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!

We'll be wrapping up the year in full cozy-core fashion: think Christmas jammies, mugs of cocoa, and a warm, festive morning filled with laughter, love, and just the right touch of spice.

Wear your coziest PJs or festive Sweater. Bring your favorite holiday drink or treat to share (optional)!

Our December read will be One Day in December by Josie Silver; & trust us, it's got all the feel of a Hallmark movie with a little extra heat. Stop by the library to pick up a copy of the book.

**COOKIE EXCHANGE**
Saturday, December 20th
1:30 PM
Open to adults & families
Sign-up Required: https://forms.gle/NHserUoEqVM3gUmi8

Would you like to try a variety of holiday sweets without having to bake a dozen different kinds of treats? Bake two dozen one-of-a-kind cookie, bar, or other treat, bring them to the library, and exchange with all of the other bakers, then head home with a variety of tasty treats to enjoy.

**Jólabókaflóðið**
Tuesday, December 23rd
6-8 PM
Open to adults, teens, & families
Sign-up Required: https://forms.gle/qFXTHy8RzJWuVpgP7

Join us for a cozy winter evening of books and chocolate in the tradition of Iceland's Jólabókaflóð. Gather at the library for an evening of reading by candle and lamplight. Bring a book of your own or borrow from the library shelves. Sip some hot chocolate and munch on cookies, visit with friends, and join children for some Christmas stories with Lyn, then spread out around the library and snuggle up to read. Some comfortable seating will be available, or bring a cozy cushion, blanket, or pillow to sit on.

According to my research, Iceland has a population of about 329,000 people, has a 100% literacy rate, and 70% of Icelanders will publish at least one book in their lifetime. As such a small country, books in Iceland are only printed from September through December. A catalog of books is sent out to Icelanders, who order gifts of books to give to loved ones for the holidays. “The Icelandic tradition of Jólabókaflóð, or the ‘Christmas Book Flood,’ is a unique cultural phenomenon with roots deeply connected with the nation’s history and literary heritage. This beloved tradition emerged during World War II, an era marked by economic constraints and strict currency restrictions across Europe. In Iceland, these conditions and the relative leniency on paper imports made books an accessible and highly valued gift choice. Unlike other commodities, paper was not rationed in Iceland during the war, paving the way for books to become the preferred Christmas gift.” (from https://adventures.is)

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS for YOUTH

### WINTER HOLIDAY CRAFTING

Thursday, December 11
3-4 PM
Suggested ages 5+ years
Sign-up required: https://forms.gle/rkaJHYh6Yucfh9BG7 Come create some holiday crafts to display in your home or give to friends and family. A variety of craft materials will be available to work with, and ideas will be offered for you to create.

### SOLSTICE CELEBRATION & LANTERN MAKING

Thursday, December 18
3-4 PM
Suggested ages 5+ years
Sign-up required: https://forms.gle/7aXztpzrebQiDMTY6

Bring light to your homes on these long winter nights. In celebration of the Winter Solstice, the shortest day of the year, we will make lanterns from paper bags, jars, and other items to light up the darkness.

### HOMESCHOOL MATH

Tuesday, December 16
11 AM -12 noon
Suggested ages 5-12 years
Sign-up requested but not required: https://forms.gle/yojzLZojpLCqfYt19

Do you have an elementary-level student who could benefit from “seeing” math? Join us once a month for a hands-on math program! This program will include a tiered mathematics problem, mathematical thinking-based games and puzzles, and other interactive math activities targeted toward a variety of math topics and learning levels. Led by an experienced high school math teacher, Amy Green, this program gets your students engaged in problem solving and seeing math in concrete form, and moving to abstract.

## REGULARLY SCHEDULED PROGRAMS

### PRE-K STORIES & PLAY

9:30-10:30 AM
Tuesdays & Thursdays
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

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

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

### KNITTING, CROCHETING & HANDCRAFTS GROUP

1:00-3:00
Fridays (may be intermittent, so call ahead 837-2030)
NO GROUP ON DECEMBER 26th
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.

**WEEKLY MATH CHALLENGE PROBLEMS**
All Ages
Program Room

Look for the weekly Math challenge problems in the program room. Multiple levels will be available. Beware! Some problems may even get you to think differently about mathematical concepts you have known most of your life. There will be open middle questions separated into three categories – early elementary, middle elementary, and late elementary. Open middle questions challenge your thinking and math reasoning. Odd One Out problems will be available in two levels. For odd one out, you determine which of the 4 images does not belong. The ultimate goal is to have fun while building spatial reasoning, pattern recognition, number sense, and problem-solving skills.

**WHITE MOUNTAIN HERDSMEN 4-H**
1st & 3rd Saturdays – December 6th & December 20th
9-10 AM
Enrollment Required

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 us out on our website at www.WhitefieldPublicLibrary.org/, on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/WhitefieldPublicLibrary, and on Instagram at www.Instagram.com/WhitefieldPublicLibrary.

We hope to see you at Whitefield Public Library soon.

Cheers,
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