SUMMER 2026

Happy Summer, Whitefield Public Library Friends!

We are so excited for our summer program, **UNEARTH A STORY**, which begins this week!

There are reading programs for all ages, so start tracking your reading today.

ADULTS will receive a raffle ticket for each novel or non-fiction book read, to be entered into our adult reading raffle. Pick up an Adult Summer Reading sheet from one of the librarians to begin tracking. (Raffle item procurement is still in process. We will display them as they are acquired.)

TEENS who read 9 or more novels and/or non-fiction books will receive a movie ticket to the Rialto Theater in Lancaster. Grab a Tracking Sheet from a librarian.

CHILDREN of all ages earn a weekly ice cream coupon to Triangle Dairy Bar (Thank you to Triangle Dairy Bar!) *or* a sheet of stickers for reading 140+ minutes per week - this equals 20 minutes per day. Pick up a Summer Reading Packet from a librarian to get the details and sign up.

FREE SUMMER LUNCHES for children under 18 begins on Monday. Lunches will be available for pick up starting at 11 am (or as soon as they are delivered and counted) until they are gone. Lunches will be delivered Monday-Friday each week (NO LUNCHES JULY 3). To register for lunches, sign up here: https://forms.gle/ToYQEdxhFRPQZE9R9 so we can get an estimate of how many are needed.

Our summer calendar is located above. There are weekly programs for all ages, listed below.

New events and programs will be added throughout the summer, particularly for teens, so keep your eye out for those.

Updates and reminders will be emailed throughout the summer.

SUMMER PROGRAM DAYS & TIMES BY AGE GROUP

INFANTS & TODDLERS (0-2ish): Thursdays 11 am - 12 pm
YOUNG CHILDREN (3ish-6ish): Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:30 am - 11 am
ELEMENTARY CHILDREN (6ish-12ish): Tuesdays 1 pm -3 pm
TEENS (13ish-17ish): Thursdays 6-8 pm, other TBD
ADULTS: Tuesdays 6 pm
FAMILIES: Fridays 10 am - a performer, presenter, or program will be held either at Whitefield Park on Highland Street (where Whitefield Rec is held) or at the Library - check the calendar for info.

REGULAR MONTHLY PROGRAMS

MAHJONG
2nd & 4th Tuesday
10 am - 12 pm
(sign up link: https://forms.gle/yonMQ294SWWYRt1Z6)

OLD LIFE SKILLS REVIVAL
2nd Tuesday
4:30 pm (July 14th)
Frozen Treats sign up: https://forms.gle/MrgHfEGdZkQDzkbH6)

TRIVIA NIGHT
July 31st & August 14th
July 31 sign up link: https://forms.gle/SND1eUVbpQQwqK458)

The CLASSICS Book Group
4th Tuesday
4 pm

LADDERS Romance Book Group
Wednesday, July 15,
Tuesday, August 25 (note change in date),
6 pm

SENSORY PLAY SATURDAY
3rd Saturday
2pm (for ages 1-4 and their caregivers)
July 18 sign-up: https://forms.gle/FqmTUJECEEZZ31y27
August 15 sign-up: https://forms.gle/dtUVW4yiqd16bE5x8

GAME NIGHT
4th Friday
6-8 pm
Sign-up link: https://forms.gle/Dwp8z7WdSVhuQmj18

KNITTING
Has been moved to Fridays at 10 am for the summer
Email whitefieldpubliclibrary2@gmail.com to be added to the phone text/contact list for knitting)

FUN FAMILY PROGRAMS

LINDSAY and her PUPPET PALS
Friday, June 26
at Whitefield Park on Highland Street (https://maps.app.goo.gl/FMnRBAjWaNHWJvDi8)
10 am

Hilarious, heartwarming and interactive puppet show for children and families! Lindsay entertains with her larger than life handcrafted puppets and stories. Funny, fast paced, and interactive, this variety show delights the young and young at heart.

ASTRONOMY FAMILY TINKER TIME with WMSI
Tuesday, July 7
5-6:30 PM
Sign-up: https://forms.gle/eUEuCVsbePDBahQZA

Have you ever looked up at a clear summer night and wondered what those patterns of stars are trying to tell you? Join Boston-based astronomer Theodore Hill and White Mountain Science, Inc. (WMSI) for an engaging introduction to some of the most iconic constellations visible from the White Mountains region!

In this hands-on evening presentation, Theodore will guide you through five spectacular star patterns: the harp of **Lyra**, **Cygnus**the Swan, **Aquila** the Eagle, the unmistakable "W" of **Cassiopeia**, and the familiar **Ursa Major** with its famous Big Dipper. You'll learn the myths and stories behind each constellation, tips for finding them in the sky, and the brightest stars that mark their shapes. Along the way, you'll create a take-home constellation box that will bring these constellations to life!

No prior astronomy experience is needed - just bring your curiosity! Be sure to join us at our follow-up event on **August 18th** where we will meet later in the evening and get the telescopes out!

GEOLOGY ADVENTURES
Friday, July 10
at Whitefield Public Library
10 am
Sign-up requested so we know how much to purchase:
https://forms.gle/E5t8BA4UsuUuTYYB9

Come learn about all things rocks with a special guest geology enthusiast. Get your own portion of mining rough to sift with a sifting pan and a tub of water. Identify your rocks, gems, and fossils, then take them home to keep them safe.

MAGIC FRED
Friday, July 17
at Whitefield Park on Highland Street (https://maps.app.goo.gl/FMnRBAjWaNHWJvDi8)
Time To Be Determined

The Magic Fred Show provides high-energy, interactive magic. Known for engaging kids and amazing adults, each show features audience participation, big visual magic, and plenty of laughs.

DIGGING FOR DINOS
Friday, July 24
at Whitefield Public Library
10 am
Sign-up requested so we know how many to make:
https://forms.gle/vVsmDNkUzhGKEyXR7

Be an archaeologist/paleontologist for the morning. Learn how these scientists very carefully excavate a dig, working slowly and gently to keep all bones and artifacts intact. Each child will get their own "dig" to excavate. They will have the tools needed to slowly and carefully excavate artifacts from three layers of "earth," washing and preserving them to take home to display.

DINOSAUR GAMES Field Day
Friday, July 31

at Whitefield Park on Highland Street (https://maps.app.goo.gl/FMnRBAjWaNHWJvDi8)
10 am

Are you in the mood to move? Come be a dinosaur at field day. Enjoy a variety of "Dinosaur" races, challenges, hunts, and relays.

NORTH COUNTRY CHAMBER PLAYERS
Friday, August 7
at Whitefield Park on Highland Street (https://maps.app.goo.gl/FMnRBAjWaNHWJvDi8)
10 am

Musicians with North Country Chamber Players will educate and entertain us. They will tell us all about the instruments they play, and play some music for us.

VERNAL POOL PARADE - Hidden Stories with SQUAM LAKE SCIENCE CENTER
Friday, August 14
at Whitefield Public Library
10 am

Using real photos and videos from trail cameras, a Squam Lakes Natural Science Center Naturalist reveals the hidden lives of local wildlife and the stories unfolding right in our own backyards. Participants discover surprising animal behaviors, explore how animals survive in the places they live, and meet a live animal ambassador connected to the story. Discover the surprising variety of animals, from Black Bears and Owls to smaller forest visitors, that visit a vernal pool as it changes through the seasons.

ASTRONOMY NIGHT with WMSI
Tuesday, August 18
8 pm
Sign-up above under Astronomy Family Tinker Time

This is a follow up program to the Astronomy Family Tinker Time on Tuesday, July 7th. Join Boston-based astronomer Theodore Hill and White Mountain Science, Inc. (WMSI) for a look at the night sky through the lens of a telescope.

MATT FORREST ESENWINE Clif Author and BOOK GIVEAWAY
Sponsored by the Children's Literacy Foundation
Friday, August 21
at Whitefield Park on Highland Street (https://maps.app.goo.gl/FMnRBAjWaNHWJvDi8)
10 am

Author Matt Forrest Esenwine will read and discuss his book, "Don't Ask a Dinosaur," followed by a book giveaway.

ADULT PROGRAMS

UPCYCLED GARDEN MARKERS CRAFT

Tuesday, June 23
6 pm
Sign-up: https://forms.gle/9mCcRFVEYBrNsgzDA

Come make your own garden markers using materials that might otherwise be recycled or thrown away.

MINI DIORAMAS

Tuesday, June 30
6 pm
Sign-up: https://forms.gle/kaeRkDoZmSk3FDxQ7

Use old sardine tins, cheese boxes, match boxes, etc. as a "house" in which to create a miniature diorama using paper, cardboard, paint, and other materials.

PAPER FLOWER WREATHS

Tuesday, July 14
6 pm
Sign-up: https://forms.gle/qAuYXiDPqp4hkXaH8

Make colorful flowers out of paper and attach them to a hoop to create a summer wreath for display.

COMMUNITY CROCHET

Tuesday, July 21
6 pm
Sign-up: https://forms.gle/MwE2oVQBqhg3tnYo8

Join community members to work together to crochet granny squares to be assembled into a quilt for a library raffle fundraiser.

INTRODUCTION TO THE CRICUT MACHINE

Tuesday, July 28
6 pm
Sign-up: https://forms.gle/3TG61u8BRqzLJYYcA

Come learn how to design and cut using the Cricut software and machine.

NAPKIN PAINTING
Tuesday, August 4
6 pm
Sign-up: https://forms.gle/YvzCDrVV2Jc7UcUcA

Bring, create, or search out a design that you want to recreate. Draw or trace it onto a white 19"x20" napkin. Use acrylic fabric paints to paint in your design.

BIG TREES PRESENTATION with Joel White
Tuesday, August 11
6 pm
Sign-up: https://forms.gle/QrBWeiMinH3pwWA66

Joel will introduce us to some of the local big trees, both through an engaging spoken presentation, followed immediately by an in person field trip to visit two of the biggest trees of their kind in town (biggest apple tree, and biggest silver maple). Participants will travel independently to see these local wonders.

ROCK DECORATING
Tuesday, August 18
6 pm
Sign-up: https://forms.gle/e78JrFMoTbqm7eSB9

At first, rock decorating may sound like an activity for young children, but this is both a calming, therapeutic activity, and an opportunity to transform an amazing piece of the earth, which holds its own beauty, into a different type of art.

Paint some rocks with acrylic paints, draw with permanent markers, or wrap rocks with string and sticks.

TEEN CRAFT NIGHTS

CHALKBOARD SIGNS

Thursday, June 25
6 pm
Sign-up: https://forms.gle/XxTrXcZVm9xu9JvY8

Select a piece of wood, paint it with chalkboard paint and add permanent decorations as desired with acrylic paints. Attach a string to hang.

MINI DIORAMAS
Thursday, July 2
6 pm
Sign-up: https://forms.gle/bPhR211HtNkPGJAD8

Use old sardine tins, cheese boxes, match boxes, etc. as a "house" in which to create a miniature diorama using paper, cardboard, paint, and other materials.

CARDBOARD CREATIONS
Thursday, July 9
6 pm
Sign-up: https://forms.gle/JWHFWYKsE7xzzSb28

There are so many cool things that you can do with cardboard! Come with ideas of your own, or get some here. Come design, cut, color, and assemble some cool cardboard creations.

PAPER QUILLING
Thursday, July 16
6 pm
Sign-up: https://forms.gle/d3V9hqDyXc284eB19

Have you seen those really cool works of art made with tiny paper strips formed into different shapes to create colorful designs and images? It is much easier than you may think. We have the quilling tools and paper. Come try it out. Bring your own ideas for a design or get some here and learn different ways to twist and fold the paper strips to create your design.

ARTIFICIAL TERRARIUMS
Thursday, July 23
6 pm
Sign-up: https://forms.gle/AD8MWfqVoC9g7GGb6

Create tiny artificial terrariums in bottles, jars, or glass globes. Use dried moss, paper, and art clay to create the elements, then glue them into your terrarium. Because they are artificial, they won't take any further maintenance!

SEED BEAD BRACELETS
Thursday, July 30
6 pm
Sign-up: https://forms.gle/uwsRdkWsoXvVQ5FDA

Use a loom to weave seed beads into a bracelet, or string them into a bracelet or necklace. Learn to make simple seed bead flowers.

JUNK JOURNALS
Thursday, August 6
6 pm
Sign-up: https://forms.gle/EsfD5xLbTLVohGUp7

Get crafty assembling a junk journal with random cuttings, stickers, printed images, photos, and bibs and bobs.

AIR DRY CLAY CREATIONS
Thursday, August 13
6 pm
Sign-up: https://forms.gle/FoWnMK6xPEcxPvQX6

Use air dry clay to create creatures, vessels, jewelry, abstract art, etc.

ROCK DECORATING
Thursday, August 20
6 pm
Sign-up: https://forms.gle/cXSuF62EKewo6c7Z7

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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 soon!

Cheers,
The Library People
Courtney, Lyn, & Teresa