SEPTEMBER 2025

Good Afternoon WPL Friends,

As summer winds down and we welcome the cooler, shorter days of fall, Saturdays at the library will again be busy with programs for adults. Our weekday afternoons will temporarily quiet down as we plan and prepare for school year activities, which will resume in October.

With the shift in seasons, we are experiencing transitions here at the library as well. We are saying FAREWELL, thank you, and best wishes to two of our librarians; Audia, as she moves on to college, and Suzy, as she heads off on new adventures. We are excited to WELCOME Teresa Russo, with all of her wonderful energy and abundance of exciting program ideas, to the library team.

Tis the season of the GARDEN HARVEST. Are you overrun with an abundance of zucchini, green beans, cucumbers, and tomatoes? Visit the book display for ideas on what to do with the wealth of your end of season harvest. Nab a recipe book or a copy of a recipe to try out at home with all of your spoils.

The library has added MONDAY HOURS. The library will now be open on Mondays from 9 AM - 12 noon year-round.

September 15 - October 15 is NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH. According to the Smithsonian website "Hispanic Heritage Month is a celebration of Hispanic and Latino history and culture . . . during which we give extra recognition to the many contributions made to the history and culture of the United States, including important advocacy work, vibrant art, popular and traditional foods, and much more." Check out our book display dedicated to National Hispanic Heritage Month and broaden your cultural understandings.

Make some fall crafts at the CREATION STATION. Use a variety of craft items to make trees, apples, leaves, pumpkins, etc.

Patrons had fun hunting for colored ducks throughout the children's book room this summer. As we move into fall, see if you can find the APPLES hidden in the library.

PLEASE NOTE - the Library will be CLOSED on Monday, September 1st and Saturday, September 28th.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS for ADULTS & TEENS

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP & LOVED ONES LIVING WITH DEMENTIA PROGRAM
With Cate DiBlasi & Jeannie Jacobs, with support from Mary Bates
Friday, September 5th (First Friday of the month.)
9-10 AM
For those living with Dementia and their Caregivers
RSVP is helpful: https://forms.gle/Y2RuLNHL3fwi8JFr5

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.

VERMICOMPOSTING with Kim Charboneau - A Workshop in 2 parts
1:00 PM Saturday, September 6th (learn & plan)
&
1:00 PM Saturday, September 20th (build)
Open to adults & teens
$50 materials fee
Sign-up required: https://forms.gle/2hdPKVCgMyMwbpxK7
Kimberly Charbonneau will provide a two-part workshop on composting with worms, which they do right in your house!

During Part one, participants learn how to vermicompost. Where should you put your bin? What food and non-food scraps can be included? How much food waste do you produce? How do you care for your worms and keep your bin thriving?

Part two is a vermicompost bin building workshop. You will construct your own worm bin using materials provided, and will leave with a bin and worms to get started. This is a wonderful composting option for those cold winter months, so all of your scraps can be recycled into rich soil for your spring garden.

LEFT BRAIN, RIGHT BRAIN. Do Yours Work Together Efficiently?
with Sue High
Tuesday, September 9th
6-7 PM

Open to adults & teens
Sign-up requested: https://forms.gle/Lm7P8NYHV5VFcPwu7

Ever wonder how your brain balances logic and creativity, detail and big-picture thinking? This presentation explores the distinct roles of the left and right hemispheres—and how their dynamic partnership shapes everything from problem solving to emotional insight.

BOOK GROUP
Wednesday, September 10th
6:30-7:30 PM
Open to adults & teens
Pick up a copy of this month's book, James by Percival Everett

Awarded the National Book Award and Pulitzer Prize for fiction, James is a brilliant reimagining of Adventures of Huckleberry Finn—both harrowing and satirical—told from the enslaved Jim's point of view

When Jim overhears that he is about to be sold to a man in New Orleans, separated from his wife and daughter forever, he runs away until he can formulate a plan. Meanwhile, Huck has faked his own death to escape his violent father. As all readers of American literature know, thus begins the dangerous and transcendent journey by raft down the Mississippi River toward the elusive and unreliable promise of the Free States and beyond.

Brimming with nuanced humor and lacerating observations that have made Everett a literary icon, this brilliant and tender novel radically illuminates Jim's agency, intelligence, and compassion as never before. James is destined to be a major publishing event and a cornerstone of twenty-first-century American literature.

RECYCLING 101 with Andrea Folsom of NH Recycles
Thursday, September 11th
5:30 PM
Open to adults & teens
Sign-up Required: https://www.cognitoforms.com/NHRecycles1/Recycling101

This in-person Recycling 101 presentation includes a 30-minute dynamic presentation and a 30-minute Q&A where we tackle any and all recycling questions! Specifically, the presentation looks at what we throw away here in New Hampshire, where our trash goes,

what happens to our recycling, what it becomes, and steps we can all take to increase our recycling and decrease our waste.

YANKEE INGENUITY: STORIES OF HEADSTRONG AND RESOURCEFUL PEOPLE
with Jo Radner, Oral Historian
Sponsored by NH Humanities
Saturday, September 13th
1:30 PM
Open to adults & Teens
Sign-up Requested: https://forms.gle/bFtCsH6kQADxXPVZ9

Jo Radner shares a selection of historical tales-humorous and thought-provoking-about New Englanders who have used their wits in extraordinary ways to solve problems and create inventions. The stories are engaging and entertaining, but also may raise some profound questions about our admiration of ingenuity and about the ethics of pursuing discoveries without taking their potential outcomes into account. The performance will include discussion with the audience, and may introduce a brief folktale or a poem about inventiveness and problem-solving.

Before returning to her family home in western Maine as a freelance storyteller and oral historian, Jo Radner spent 31 years as a professor at American University in Washington, DC, where she taught literature, folklore, women's studies, American studies, Celtic studies, and storytelling. She has published books and articles in all those fields. Most recently, she published Wit and Wisdom: The Forgotten Literary Life of New England Villages, about a 19th-century village tradition of creating and performing handwritten literary newspapers. Radner received her Ph.D. from Harvard University and is a past president of the American Folklore Society and the National Storytelling Network.

CIVICS EDUCATION with Caleb Murphy
Thursday, September TBD
6:30-7:30 PM
Open to adults & teens
Sign-up Requested: https://forms.gle/LmZtormqy2gsDSsa6

Caleb Murphy, a CIVICS teacher at White Mountain Regional High School, will lead monthly discussions around CIVICS centered topics, such as Civil Discourse, Access to State Government Resources, Legal Cases that Lead to Constitutional Amendments, etc. These topics may be inspired by participant interests, current affairs, or Civics Basics.

READING AND WRITING - A WHOLE BODY EXPERIENCE with Sue High
Tuesday, September 23
6-7 PM
Open to adults & Teens
Sign-up Requested: https://forms.gle/u4B6HGgpQmAhgbXT6

Did you know that just about the entire body needs to work together well to read & write? Reading and writing may seem simple, but they're actually full-body feats—requiring seamless coordination between your brain, eyes, muscles, and even your heart and lungs. This presentation reveals the astonishing symphony of systems that must harmonize to turn thought into text and symbols into meaning.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS for YOUTH and FAMILIES

SCHOOL AGE PROGRAMS for YOUTH will resume SEPTEMBER 30

HOMESCHOOL SCIENCE
Begins September 30th/October 2nd (Tuesday or Thursday)
1:30-2:30 PM
Suggested ages 5-10 years
Sign-up required: https://forms.gle/VcwH1aaWT9X3WrHG8

Homeschool science is a once per week science program broken into multi-week sessions, for a total of 26 classes in 7 sessions. Participants enroll in either the Tuesday or Thursday program. Topics covered will include migration, aeronautical science, etc. Each class typically will include 1-3 stories/books, potentially a short video or two, and an experiment and/or project on the topic.

HOMESCHOOL MATH
Begins September 30th (Last Tuesday of the Month)
11 AM -12 noon
Suggested ages 5-10 years
Sign-up 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.

WEEKLY MATH CHALLENGE PROBLEMS
Begins September 30th
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 a mathematics concept 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. Determine The ultimate goal is to have fun while building spatial reasoning, pattern recognition, number sense, and problem-solving skills.

REGULAR WEEKLY PROGRAMS

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.

KNITTING, CROCHETING & HANDCRAFTS GROUP - to resume September 6th
Fridays (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
1:00-3:00
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.

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We hope to see you at Whitefield Public Library soon.

Cheers,
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