SUMMER 2025

Good Afternoon WPL Friends,

Summer Programs begin this coming week at Whitefield Public Library. The summer will hold additional library hours on Mondays from 9-12. All other hours will remain the same. We can't wait to see you here! There are offerings for all ages for our summer theme of COLOR OUR WORLD. Find all the details below. A printable summer calendar is attached.

SUMMER LUNCHES also begin on Monday. Lunches are available to all youth under 18 and may be picked up between 10 AM until they run out or the library closes each day.

Check out the book displays for the month of June before they transition. June is LGBTQ Pride Month. A selection of books with LGBTQ themes can be found on the book display shelf next to the Creation Station.

A wonderful display on the 250th anniversary of the United States, the formation of the Army, and the Battle of Bunker Hill, prepared by WPL patron Barbara Harte, provides a visual and written glimpse into the lives of the soldiers and founding fathers as the Revolutionary War progressed. It is worth spending some time engaging with this thorough and thoughtful display. I have learned so much! A portion of the display will remain on the wall for us to follow the progression of battles off and on over the next several months.

July features a Worldwide celebration of Women in Baseball the week of July 20-26th. Take some time to read and learn about some dedicated women who have left their mark on baseball. Another WPL patron, Lisa Courcey, will create and share this display.

SUMMER READING at WPL for YOUTH

Begin recording your reading minutes on Saturday, June 21st using the attached Reading Log. Next week, pick up your summer reading bag, decorate it with permanent markers, and check out what is inside. The summer reading bags will include:

- Reading Log record sheet
- Punch book with colored strips - a different color for each week of the summer program (you may request additional punch strips to add to your book if you read more than 140 minutes/week)
- Mini hole punch to use with punch book
- Scrapbook to keep summer memories and mementos

- Colored pencils to record in scrapbook and write on Reading Log
- 8 book review sheets (one for each week)
- 1 flashing rubber ring
- Summer Reading Instruction Sheet (also attached to this email)
- Little Thoughts Big Thoughts Book - This is a wonderful book for a child and parent to do together. Each set of pages asks questions about you, which you share and record - on the little thoughts page for the child's answers, and on the big thoughts page for the adult answers. Thank you to North Country Health Consortium for donating these!

Each week, record on your Reading Log sheet what you read, and use your mini punch to punch out a 20 for each 20 minutes read.
Write a book review for 1 book to display at the Triangle Dairy Bar.
Bring your punch book to the library to collect an ice cream voucher (all vouchers expire September 1) and a mini prize from the prize machine.
Bring your book review to the Triangle Dairy Bar with your voucher.

SUMMER READING at WPL for TEENS
Teens 12+ may earn a ticket to the Rialto Movie Theater for reading 6 novels throughout the summer. Track your minutes on the Reading Log to earn ice cream vouchers and mini prizes. Present your Reading Log at the end of summer, showing that you have read 6 novels to collect a ticket to the Rialto Movie Theater.

SUMMER FUN at WPL
- Each week at the library features a different color. Each week, count the number of book spines of that color in the children's picture book section of the library (where alphabetized by author, not the book bins sorted by topic). Tell a librarian how many books of the color of the week you counted to get a sticker.
- Five mini ducks the color of the week will be hiding in the children's book room each week. Locate all 5 (please keep it secret so others can enjoy the fun of searching), then tell a librarian to get a mini duck or a duck sticker.
- Each week, take a guess about how many colored balls are in the jar. Each individual gets 1 guess per week. At the end of the summer, the person with the closest guess gets a silly duck plush.

Throughout the summer, new activities will be available to find and do around the library and at the Creation Station.

Week 1 - Color Our World With Community (RED)
- Add to our color Tree in the children's room. Write what colors your world on a circle and add it to our tree. What are you grateful for? How do you make the

world more colorful? What do you enjoy? Who are the people in your life that bring you joy?
- Visit the Creation station to create a self-portrait or two or three. Draw yourself on a person-shaped popsicle stick. Use one of our drawing guides to draw your face or that of a friend or someone who inspires you or colors your world.

Week 2 - Color Our World With Stories (ORANGE)
- Take a Color Scavenger Hunt sheet and search out some items (outside or in) of that color, and record them on your sheet in pictures or words
- Write and illustrate a story, poem, graphic novel, etc. at the Creation Station.

Week 3 - Color Our World With Sound (YELLOW)
- Gently step out a tune on the floor piano. Make up your own song, or follow along with some sheet music to tap out the notes.
- Listen to some music on the Yoto Player at the Creation Station. Paint to the music. What do you hear? What thoughts and feelings does the music inspire? Does it make colors swirl through your mind?

Week 4 - Color Our World With Performance
- Put on a puppet show using the collection of hand and finger puppets.
- Spend time at the Creation Station to create finger puppets of animals, people, storybook characters, etc.

Week 5 - Color Our World with Movement
- Visit the outdoor movement course and challenge your balance, strength, coordination, flexibility, and endurance.
- Create a dancing figure at the creation station

Week 6 - Color Our World with Art
- Visit the Fine Art Gallery in the Adult non-fiction section. Rename each piece of art as if you were the artist.
- Make some Kandinsky Circle Art at the Creation Station.

Week 7 - Color Our World with Creation
- Design a cardboard creation at home or at the library
- Fold origami cranes to hang as decoration. Japanese legend says if you fold 1000 paper cranes, your wish will come true.

Week 8 - Color Our World with Laughter
- Hunt around the library for all of the jokes and have a good laugh

- Make Thank you cards for Triangle Dairy Bar for the ice cream coupon donations at the Creation Station

UPCOMING PROGRAMS for ADULTS & TEENS

AUTHOR TALK with ABI MAXWELL
"One day I'll grow up and be a beautiful woman," A Mother's Story
Saturday, June 28th
1:00 PM
Open to adults & teens
Registration Requested: https://forms.gle/JBgDzSyfuXy8QFraA (To attend remotely, sign up is required)
Borrow a copy of the book at the library.

Abi Maxwell will appear via Zoom to talk about her book, One day I'll grow up and be a beautiful woman, a memoir about her family's experience in Guilford, NH as they navigated the firestorm that raged after their child, who was known to the community as a boy, announced that she was a girl.

Abi Maxwell, a New Hampshire native, is the author of the novels Lake People and The Den. After graduating from the writing program at the University of Montana, she spent many years working in public libraries, and she now works as a high school librarian. She and her family now live in California.

Abi Maxwell grew up in rural New Hampshire, one of eight kids in a poor town abutting a wealthier lakeside village. She met her husband in Montana and when they became pregnant, they knew they wanted to raise their child near the mountains and lake of Abi's youth, so they moved to New Hampshire. When their six-year-old asked to wear pink sneakers, to be a witch for Halloween, and to wear a girl's dance costume, Abi worried about how their small community would react. But when that child changed her name, grew her hair long, and announced that she was a girl, a firestorm engulfed the family.

Weaving together the story of her own youth, marked by long afternoons skiing the mountains, a cottage on the lake, and a proud gay brother, but also by neglect and bullying that pushed her brother to the brink, Abi Maxwell contends with the rural America where she was raised and, years later, where she is now raising her daughter, as lawmakers nationwide push to erase the very existence of trans youth. Intimate and stirring, this book is essential reading for this moment in our history.

“Abi Maxwell’s searing and tender memoir is the best kind of narrative for right now—deeply engaged in a place not all Americans might know, fiercely engaged in reminding readers that love is love, blood is blood, family is family, and for so many of us women and mothers, the intricate web of loyalty is what truly matters.” — Susan Straight, author of In the Country of Women

TILE MOSAICS
Tuesday, July 7th
6:30 PM
Open to adults & teens
$10 materials fee
Sign-up Required by June 30th: https://forms.gle/Mr9d43k4Rss1E6EBA
Create your own tile mosaic using glass and ceramic tiles, found objects, marbles, etc. We will send you home with grout to apply after a 24+ hour curing period.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP & LOVED ONES LIVING WITH DEMENTIA PROGRAM
With Cate DiBlasi & Jeannie Jacobs, with support from Mary Bates
Friday, July 11th (Moved from the first Friday of the month in honor of July 4)
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.

SUMMER DOLL CLUB with Amy Aubin
Saturday, July 12
10-11:30 AM
$25 fee payable directly to Amy on the day of the event
Sign-up Required: https://forms.gle/ZT2xDF3z7wY9RzyN7
Amy will once again have a wonderful doll club full of summer doll crafts. Your 18" doll or stuffed toy will head home with their very own sandals, beach bag, floatie, bathing suit and wrap, sunglasses, towel, and beach hat.

NAIL & THREAD ART
Tuesday, July 15th
6:30 PM
Open to adults & teens

Sign-up Required by July 7th: https://forms.gle/9kv9M3cHukr4Jozf6
Use nails and string to make an art piece. Participants will print and cut an outline of an image, rest it on a piece of wood, hammer nails around the edge, then use string to wrap back and forth across the nails to add color and detail to the image.

CIVICS EDUCATION with Caleb Murphy
Thursday, July 17th (Third Thursday of the month.)
6:30-7:30 PM
Open to adults & teens
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.

WIRE BEADED FLOWERS with Kelly Blais
Tuesday, July 22nd
5:00 PM
Open to adults & teens
$15 materials fee to be paid directly to Kelly upon arrival
Sign-up Required by July 14th: https://forms.gle/inExqqqNCPAEdGrz6
Kelly will guide participants through the creation of beaded flowers using thin wire string and small glass seed beads.

PAPER QUILLING
Tuesday, July 29th
6:30 PM
Open to adults & teens
Sign-up Required by July 21st: https://forms.gle/bsaYdBB6MFjkXtWq5
Learn how to make pictures with rolled paper strips. Participants will plan out an image that they want to create, select their desired colored papers, then use slotted quilliing tools to shape thin strips of paper into various shapes. The shapes will then be glued to a paper in the design selected.

FLOWERS IN A BOOK
Tuesday, August 5th
6:30 PM
Open to adults & teens
$10 materials fee
Sign-up Required by July 28th: https://forms.gle/89YqKDaBDbeHpcNV6

Create an art piece using a discarded book. We will cut down, fold, and glue the pages, then fill them with fabric flowers of your choosing to display in a new way.

UPCOMING FRIDAY FUN PROGRAMS for FAMILIES

STORY TELLER SHAWN MIDDLETON

Whitefield Park
Friday, June 27th
10:30 AM
SPONSORED by: Children's Literacy Foundation (CLIF)
Award-winning storyteller and Author, Shawn Middleton, mesmerizes his audiences! With his unique style of storytelling, he brings stories to life with finger puppets, sound effects, voice dramatization, pauses, rhythm, sign language, mime, and hip-hop dance. Children, parents, teachers, librarians, and community members will be educated, entertained, and engaged. Audiences don't just listen. They sing, clap, dance, chant, and roar with laughter. With experience in early childhood education, hip-hop dance, sign language, and mime, Shawn combines a dramatic flair with great passion to create a unique style of storytelling. As a professional storyteller since 2000, he has brought his genius for spinning yarns to communities from New England to California, with the goal of fostering a deep appreciation for storytelling, reading, and writing.

NORTH COUNTRY CHAMBER PLAYERS

Whitefield Park
Friday, July 11th
10:00 AM
A Brass duo, musicians Bernhard Sculy and Louis Hanzlik, will represent North Country Chamber Players with their horn and trumpet, introducing their instruments and entertaining us with some music.

SUGAR COATED SHAKESPEARE

Whitefield Park
Friday, July 18th
10:00 AM
SPONSORED by: Dental Herb Company
The candy-coated learning experience with the Bard at the center! This "fun for all ages" romp features a 2-person team of professional actors taking the audience along on a journey through classical literature, songs, poetry and Shakespeare. These original and unique 25-30 minute shows are aimed at boosting literacy in a high-energy, comedic

and audience-interactive style that presents classical works in a fresh, modern and inventive way.

STEVE BLUNT & MARTY KELLY
Whitefield Park
Friday, July 25th
10:00 AM
SPONSORED by: Chris's Nostalgia Shop and Geo M. Stevens Insurance
Steve Blunt is a New Hampshire singer/storyteller whose fun, upbeat performance delight audiences throughout New England. Steve says, " For over 20 years I've been teaching and performing for kids & families, with this simple message: Music is fun—and it's something everyone can do! I believe that music helps grow happy, healthy kids and stronger communities. At schools & libraries, on recordings and in concert, I share fun, upbeat songs that tickle the funny bone, warm the heart, and delight the imagination—with lots of audience participation."

AUTHOR MARTY KELLY & CLIF BOOK GIVEAWAY
Whitefield Public Library
Friday, August 1st
10:00 AM
SPONSORED by: Children's Literacy Foundation (CLIF)
Author Marty Kelly's presentations are always fun, fast-paced explanations of how he creates his books. Using a grade-appropriate, interactive digital slide show, he explains the writing process from generating ideas to writing rough drafts to editing and revising. He emphasizes the vital importance of all the revisions and changes that all good writers do to their work. He shares rough drafts with the audience and demonstrates why it's so important to keep working and reworking the writing. He also shows how he creates the artwork for the books and explains how the writing and illustrating processes are linked for him. Each presentation ends with a drawing demonstration and questions from the audience.

POOP MUSEUM #2
Methodist Church Basement
Friday, August 8th
10:00 AM
SPONSORED by: White's Septic & Infiltrator Water Solutions
Susie Maguire will return for year two with her second presentation on poop and pooping with Poop Museum #2. We will learn more fun and interesting facts about animals and how they excrete their waste.

JASON TARDY JUGGLER
Whitefield Park
Friday, August 15th
10:00 AM
SPONSORED by: North Country Ford, Shippee Family Eye Care, and The Village Gun Store
Jason Tardy provides a high-energy juggling and comedy show. Jason Tardy is a multifaced performer who uses his strength (he juggles 10 lb bowling balls), intelligence (skipped a year of high school and was valedictorian), endurance (two-time ultramarathon finisher) and skill (he has no social life so he practices a lot) to create a crazy high-energy, comedy and juggling show like you've never seen before . . . unless you've seen him before. His hilarious show includes innovative, choreographed juggling to up-beat music, fitting his body through a tennis racket, balancing a ladder on his face, and standing on a yoga ball. Jason's training and over 30 years of experience in the performing arts have brought him all over the US and abroad. Some highlights include Disney Cruise Ships, the Atlantis Resort in the Bahamas, the Golden Phoenix Casino, and even The White House in Washington DC three times! He also holds several Ridiculous World Records. https://jasontardy.com/world-records/

UPCOMING PROGRAMS for YOUTH and FAMILIES

BABY AND ME with Zeanny Egea from UNH Cooperative Extension
Tuesdays, June 24, July 1, July 8, July 15, July 22, July 29
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Sign-up required: email Lyn at whitefieldpubliclibrary2@gmail.com
UNH Extension, ACHS, and the Whitefield Public Library invite you to meet other caregivers, talk nutrition with an experienced UNH Nutrition Connections Educator, and connect to relevant, local community resources! Class topics include: • Caring for mom • Feeding baby & First foods • Toddler transitions • Family meals • Sleep, learn & play If you need accommodation to participate in our programming, please contact Zeanny Egea prior to the event. Given ample time, we will make any reasonable effort to meet your needs, including language access services if requested, which will be provided free of charge. Zeanny Egea (603) 788 4961

WMSI NOVEL ENGINEERING FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM
Thursday, July 17th
5:30-7:00 PM
FUNDED by: The NH Family Engagement Center
Registration Required (space is limited): https://forms.gle/DxTo9qdsG7ETAii37

WMSI staff will share a picture book, then families will take an excerpt from the book and design/build a prototype solution for the protagonist of the story.

3D PRINTER TRAINING with WMSI
Thursday, July 24
4:30-6:00 PM
Ages 10+
Space limited to 15 participants
Sign-up required: https://forms.gle/2wpDgSpA3R9LMeRu9
Come learn how to use the Whitefield Public Library Prusa MK4S 3D printer with experts from White Mountain Science and make 1 item.

SPY NIGHT AT THE LIBRARY
Friday, August 8th
7:30-9:00 PM
Sign-up required: https://forms.gle/5KTUyXy2ntdBuhBBA
Be intelligent, observant, adaptable, and discreet to solve the case. Get into disguise, navigate through lasers, decipher secret codes, survive poison, find the clues, and solve the case, all while avoiding detection.

REGULAR WEEKLY PROGRAMS for SUMMER

CREATORS
Tuesdays & Thursdays
9:30-10:30 AM
Recommended ages 3-6

MAKERS
Tuesdays
1:00-2:30 PM
Recommended ages 6-12

PLAYERS
Thursdays
11-11:30 AM
Recommended ages 0-3

Check us out on our website www.WhitefieldPublicLibrary.org or at www.Facebook.com/WhitefieldPublicLibrary on our Facebook page.

We hope to see you at Whitefield Public Library this summer!
Cheers,
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