JUNE 2026

Good Afternoon, Whitefield Public Library Friends,

Summer is on the way! The calendar for June is truncated as we prepare for Summer Reading, which begins June 22nd and runs through August 22nd. We are so excited about the 2026 theme: **UNEARTH A STORY**. We will be digging into the past and exploring the history of the earth as **ARCHEOLOGISTS**, scientists who study past human life and culture by examining physical remains, such as artifacts, buildings, and landscapes, **GEOLOGISTS**, scientists who study the Earth's physical structure, composition, history, and the processes that shape it, and **PALEONTOLOGISTS**, scientists who study the history of life on Earth through fossils, including plants, animals, and microorganisms. More to come soon about **SUMMER READING**!

Summer programs will be held for all age groups, so mark your calendars!

INFANTS & TODDLERS (0-3 year olds) - Thursdays 11-11:30 AM
PRESCHOOL (3-6 year olds) - Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM
SCHOOL AGE - Tuesdays 1-3 PM
ADULTS - Tuesdays 6 PM
TEENS - Thursdays 6:30 PM

Please keep us in mind on June 9th-10th for **NH GIVES**, a 24-hour period when thousands of donors come together to support local nonprofits. For ten years, NH Gives - an initiative of the NH Center for Nonprofits - has been New Hampshire's statewide celebration of giving. Although Whitefield Public Library is partially funded by local tax dollars, we are reliant on grants, donations, community collaborations, and volunteers to raise about one third of our operating budget. This allows us to provide the wide range of programs and services that we are fortunate to be able to offer. We appreciate the role that each individual and organization plays in making this happen. Please participate by donating on Wednesday, June 9th from 5 PM - Thursday, June 10th at 5 PM. Donations can be made through the NH Gives site (https://www.nhgives.org/), our PayPal account (https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/H7QPA3CR5Y7RQ), or by writing a check to Whitefield's Official Library Friends. All donations are tax deductible!

Check out our June book display of PRIDE PAGES for **PRIDE MONTH**. The first Pride march was held in June of 1970 to mark the one-year anniversary of the Stonewall Riots. You may notice some LGBTQ themed books with the Stonewall Award Triangle stamped on the front. The first Stonewall Award was given to Isabel Miller's *Patience and Sarah* in 1971**.** To learn more about the Stonewall Book Awards,

visit: https://www.ala.org/rrt/award/stonewall, and see if you notice any Stonewall Book Award winners in our display.

In tribute to Fathers and our celebration of Father's Day on June 21st, Visit **DAD's BOOKSHELF** - Check out what Dads are reading, both locally and nationally.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS for ADULTS & TEENS

BLAST INTO SUMMER WELLNESS WORKSHOP

A new program series
Thursday, June 4
5-6 PM
For adults & teens
Sign-up requested: https://forms.gle/qkodFha9hL5K8QxN9

Did you know the stress hormone cortisol can impact your health in a multitude of ways? From anxiety to difficulty sleeping, weight gain, and inflammation, long-term stress has a negative impact on your health, well-being, and relationships.

This series is designed to help you develop positive, mindful methods to deal with the stress in your life.

Our first workshop will focus on recognizing areas of stress, understanding the facets of wellness, and creating a self-care plan.

Future sessions will build on your self-care plan with mindfulness, restorative writing, journaling, meditation, and more!

Come join us and learn to create more calm in your day!

Teresa is a Community Health Worker and Resilience Building Leadership Coach, Certified Meditation and Mindfulness Teacher, with certifications in Resiliency and Wellbeing, Life Transitions, and Adult Mental Health First Aid.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP & LOVED ONES LIVING WITH DEMENTIA PROGRAM

With Cate DiBlasi & Jeannie Jacobs, with support from Mary Bates
Friday, June 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.

OLD LIFE SKILLS REVIVAL - INTRODUCTION TO METHODS OF FOOD PRESERVATION with Teresa
Tuesday, June 9th (2nd Tuesday of each month)
4:30 PM
Open to adults & teens
Sign-up Requested: https://forms.gle/rRn94J79NoESm96v7

Are you interested in learning all of those skills that our ancestors relied on in daily life that have become obsolete for most of us in the modern day, such as sewing, mending, making food from scratch, basket weaving, etc.? Join Teresa on the second Tuesday of each month to learn some of these skills.

Teresa will introduce a variety of methods for preserving food for future use, including fermentation, dehydration, freezing, canning (both pressure canning & waterbath canning), pickling, and dehydration.

MAHJONG
Wednesdays, June 10th & 24th
(2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month)
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.

TRIVIA NIGHT
Friday, June 12th
6-7 PM
For Adults & Teens

Dinner Provided
Registration Required: https://forms.gle/urWHMmzHT545aYu49

Do you love facts, trivia games, working with a team, and competition? Join us for TRIVIA NIGHT at WPL. Questions cover a wide range of topics, which may potentially include art, sports, music, history, local interests, food, literature, famous quotes, culture, movies, etc.
Compete as an individual or as a team (up to 5 participants). Winner leaves with bragging rights and the GOLDEN TROPHY.

Dinner will be provided.

THREE MEN AND A ONE SHILLING KNIFE - A GENEOLOGICAL LOOK AT LOCAL HISTORY: A public lecture with Diane Florence Gravel from the NH Society of Geneologists
Tuesday, June 16
4:30 pm
Open to adults, teens, & families
Sign-up Requested: https://forms.gle/GJSvMgpHU55TYBuT6

Presented by the New Hampshire Society of Genealogists (NHSOG), this engaging program uses a dramatic 1788 tavern killing in New Durham to show how genealogists uncover the stories from the past. Through newspapers, court records, military records, petitions, and other original sources, the lecture follows the intertwined lives of three Revolutionary War veterans and reveals how family history research can illuminate the people, events, and communities of New Hampshire's past.

Diane Florence Gravel, CG®, has served NHSOG as President, Recording Secretary, and as a member of its Program and Governance Committees. She also served as co-editor of New Hampshire Families in 1790. She has lectured at national and regional conferences and institutes. She served on the Association of Professional Genealogists' Board of Directors, chaired its Chapter Review Committee, served as president of its New England Chapter, and was awarded APG's Grahame T. Smallwood Jr. Award of Merit.

LADDERS ***(Library After Dark: Deliciously Entertaining Romance Social-Club)***
Wednesday, June 17th (3rd Wednesday of each month)
6 PM
Open to adults
June Book: ***TOP SECRET - To be revealed at LADDERS on May 20th***

Sign-up Required: message Earth2Sunshine on Facebook or tell a librarian by June 14th

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 June14th so we have enough snacks, seats, and supplies.

THE CLASSICS BOOK GROUP
Tuesday, June 23rd (4th Tuesday of each month)
4:30 PM
Open to adults & families
June Book: Middlemarch by George Eliot
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!

"Middlemarch" by George Eliot (the pen name of Mary Ann Evans) is a richly woven tapestry of life in a provincial English town, exploring themes of ambition, love, and societal change. Through the intersecting lives of its vivid characters, Eliot delves deeply into the complexities of human nature and social dynamics. This enduring classic offers profound insights into personal and political struggles, making it a seminal work of Victorian literature.

UNDERSTANDING AI with Dylan Cavalaro
Wednesday, June 24
3-4 PM
For adults & teens
$15 fee
Sign-up required: call or text Dylan to reserve your spot (603) 803-3315
Minimum of 3 participants required to hold class, mas 20 participants

Learn about ethical and responsible artificial intelligence usage. This is a worry-free program with no experience needed. Join us for a 60-minute beginner-friendly class where you will learn how to:

- Confidently use AI websites

- Learn about the pros & cons of AI
- Discover the latest AI developments
- Utilize AI ethically and responsibly
- Watch live AI demonstrations

GAME NIGHT AT THE LIBRARY
Friday, June 26th
(4th Friday of each month)
6 PM
Open to adults, teens, and youth
Sign-up Requested: https://forms.gle/g6mXEstFHtEiA5ez9

Do you LOVE board games? Do you kind of like board games? Do you play board games to make your family happy? Do you want to learn some new ones or enjoy some old favorites? Join us for our new monthly board game night. Come on your own, with a friend, or as a family. Try out some new games or stick to your go-tos. Bring your own, or see what is available here. Some options include Settlers of Catan, Ticket to Ride, Azul, Really Loud Librarians, Apples to Apples, DiXit, Ouisi, etc.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS for YOUTH

SATURDAY SENSORY PLAY
Saturday, June 20th
2 PM
1-4 years and caregivers
Sign-up requested: https://forms.gle/VwDm6dDdhpdHeLph

Bring your toddler or preschooler to enjoy some sensory play and social time. Explore a variety of sensory activities and materials with your child and connect with other families. Some sensory materials available may include water, sand, beans and rice, playdough, yogurt fingerpaint (not to be saved, just for play), stickers, sponges, sensory balls, sensory jars, sensory bags, light table with materials, etc.

REGULARLY SCHEDULED PROGRAMS

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
Thursdays11-11:30 AM
Program Room
Suggested ages birth-3 years
Join us for stories, songs, and movement that are developmentally appropriate for children under 3.

KNITTING, CROCHETING & HANDICRAFTS GROUP - will be on HOLD for summer after June 19th meeting
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.

WHITE MOUNTAIN HERDSMEN 4-H
Saturday, June 13th
9-10 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 typically 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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