APRIL 2026

Good Morning, Whitefield Public Library Friends,

According to the calendar, spring has arrived. According to the weather, it is slowly approaching between end of season snowfalls and freezes. Birds are migrating back north, animals are coming out of winter sleep, the trees are getting ready to leaf out, and gardeners are preparing for the planting season. If you are interested in gardening, but are new to it or would like to learn more from the professionals, sign up below to join a seed starting workshop with Emily from Tellman Hill Farm and Stephanie from Uphill Farm in Whitefield.

National Library Week is April 19-25th. Award-winning librarian, author, and new host of the children's program "Reading Rainbow," Mychal Threets, will serve as Honorary Chair of National Library Week.

The theme for National Library Week this year is "Find Your Joy." "Find Your Joy," is an invitation for people of all backgrounds to explore and discover what sparks joy in them at the library. The theme amplifies a message that is ever-present in Threets' recurring viral videos about the innumerable ways people can find joy in the library, and in his debut picture book, I'm So Happy You're Here: A Celebration of Library Joy, published February 3, 2026.

Join us in celebrating National Library Week, which kicks off with **RIGHT TO READ DAY** on Monday, April 20th, a day for readers, advocates, and library lovers to take action to protect, defend, and celebrate the right to read.

Visit https://uniteagainstbookbans.org/toolkit/ for some information on why it is important to protect the right to read, and ways that you can help if you are interested in doing so.

Earth Day is Wednesday, April 22nd. Check out our **EARTH DAY** display to see what types of things you can do to care for our planet.

April is **MOVE MORE MONTH**. Borrow some books about movement and read about why movement is so important, how it is crucial for both physical and mental health, and how to move safely and at your own pace.

Rebekah from **Tri-County CAP** will be at the library this **Saturday, March 28th**, from 9 am - 1 pm. Stop by to see what they have to offer. From public transportation and early

childhood education to senior meals and guardianship services, come discover how their family of programs can support you.

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, April 3rd (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 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.

MAHJONG

Wednesdays, April 8th & 22nd
(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.

BOOK GROUP

Wednesday, April 8th
(2nd Wednesday of each month)
6:30-7:30 PM
Open to adults & teens
Pick up a copy of this month's book, The Nightingale, by Kristin Hannah, at the library.

THE NIGHTINGALE, by Kristin Hannah – soon to be a major motion picture to be released in early 2027.

The Nightingale, set in France, 1939, in the quiet village of Carriveau, where Vianne Mauriac says goodbye to her husband, Antoine, as he heads for the Front. She doesn't believe that the Nazis will invade France…but invade they do, in droves of marching soldiers, in caravans of trucks and tanks, in planes that fill the skies and drop bombs upon the innocent. When a German captain requisitions Vianne's home, she and her daughter must live with the enemy or lose everything. Without food or money or hope, as danger escalates all around them, she is forced to make one impossible choice after another to keep her family alive.

Vianne's sister, Isabelle, is a rebellious eighteen-year-old, searching for purpose with all the reckless passion of youth. While thousands of Parisians march into the unknown terrors of war, she meets Gäetan, a partisan who believes the French can fight the Nazis from within France, and she falls in love as only the young can…completely. But when he betrays her, Isabelle joins the Resistance and never looks back, risking her life time and again to save others.

With courage, grace, and powerful insight, bestselling author Kristin Hannah captures the epic panorama of World War II and illuminates an intimate part of history seldom seen: the women's war. The Nightingale tells the stories of two sisters, separated by years and experience, by ideals, passion, and circumstance, each embarking on her own dangerous path toward survival, love, and freedom in German-occupied, war-torn France—a heartbreakingly beautiful novel that celebrates the resilience of the human spirit and the durability of women. It is a novel for everyone, a novel for a lifetime.

GETTING STARTED WITH COMPUTERS & SMART PHONES - a Beginner Friendly TECHNOLOGY class with Dylan Cavallaro
Thursday, April 9th
4-5:30 PM
Fee: $20 adult, $15 seniors (call the library for financial assistance - 837-2030)
Sign-up required: Call or Text 603-803-3315
(Minimum of 3 participants & maximum of 20)

Join Dylan for a 90-minute beginner-friendly class where you will learn how to:

- Use the internet safely
- avoid common online scams
- confidently use a smartphone
- confidently use a computer
- Ask your own tech questions

SEED STARTING WORKSHOP with Emily from Tellman Hill Farm & Stephanie from Uphill Farm
Saturday, April 11th 11 AM
Open to adults & teens
Sign-up Requested: https://forms.gle/7ueEr7B6XymJewPn7

Join Emily from Tellman Hill Farm and Stephanie from Uphill Farm for a seed starting workshop. Participants will get a head start on planting season by selecting and starting seeds to transplant after the final freeze. Learn some tips and tricks from the experts about what works best for an ideal harvest.

OLD LIFE SKILLS REVIVAL - MENDING, PATCHING, & DARNING with Teresea
Tuesday, April 14th (2nd Tuesday of each month)
4:30 PM
Open to adults & teens
Sign-up Requested: https://forms.gle/uEDbeF5uQT6hkGUBA

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 show us how to repair and spruce up clothes that have become worn or torn using mending, patching, and darning techniques.

LADDERS (Library After Dark: Deliciously Entertaining Romance Social-Club)
Wednesday, April 15th
(3rd Wednesday of each month)
6 PM
Open to adults
Sign-up Required: message Earth2Sunshine on Facebook or tell a librarian by April 12th.

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 are doing something a little different for April . . . and yes, we are reading TWO books! Our TWO April picks are The Court of Thorns and Roses & A Court of Mist and

Fury by Sarah J. Maas. We'll meet on Wednesday, April 15 at 6:00 PM at Whitefield Public Library to talk all things ACOTAR . . .
6:00 - 6:45 - A Court of Thorns and Roses
6:45 - 7:30 - A Court of Mist and Fury

Whether you read one or take on both, you are SO welcome to come chat.

Trust us on this: don't look anything up while reading!!!!! No spoilers, no fan art, just go in blind!!! This is going to be such a fun discussion and we can't wait to hear what everyone thinks.

RSVP is required by April 12 so we have enough snacks, seats, and supplies.

CRAFT SWAP
Saturday, April 25
11:30 am - 2 pm

Are you inundated with craft supplies, unfinished craft projects, kits, supplies, yarn, fabric, materials, etc.? Join us for a craft swap! Leave whatever you are ready to pass on, and take whatever interests you! Items may be dropped off ahead of time in the shed at the back of the library, or brought the day of from 10:30 on. We hope you can leave items you no longer need, and/or find some great new projects and materials to take home.

THE CLASSICS BOOK GROUP
Tuesday, April 28th
(4th Tuesday of each month)
4:30 PM
Open to adults & families
April: Frankenstein by Mary Shelley
Sign-up Requested: https://forms.gle/LxoecGQi4iZkYtNy8

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!

Few creatures of horror have seized readers' imaginations and held them for so long as the anguished monster of Mary Shelley's Frankenstein. The story of Victor Frankenstein's terrible creation and the havoc it caused has enthralled generations of readers and inspired countless writers of horror and suspense. Considering the gothic

novel's enduring success, it is remarkable that it began merely as a whim of Lord Byron's.

"We will each write a story," Byron announced to his next-door neighbors, Mary Wollstonecraft Godwin and her lover, the romantic poet Percy Bysshe Shelley.

The illustrious poets failed to complete their ghost stories, but Mary Shelley rose supremely to the challenge. With Frankenstein, she succeeded admirably in the task she set for herself: to create a story that, in her own words, "would speak to the mysterious fears of our nature and awaken thrilling horror — one to make the reader dread to look round, to curdle the blood, and quicken the beatings of the heart."

GAME NIGHT AT THE LIBRARY
Friday, April 24th
(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

OPEN LEGO PLAY
Tuesdays
3-4 PM
Suggested ages 5+ years

Come create with LEGOS. Build scenes, creatures, etc., using the available LEGO pieces. Create robots or other creations using the Lego Spike App, then code them to move. *Due to limited numbers of batteries and computers, building and coding may need to be done with a partner or in teams, depending on participation.

PAINT WOODEN EGGS

Thursday, April 2
3 PM
All Ages
Sign-up requested: https://forms.gle/gyueCoCEs6gXQr3TA

Design, or select from picture samples, a simple or complex pattern. Draw it with pencil on your wooden egg. Use acrylic brushes to paint in the design. Participants may paint up to two eggs and will receive 1 acrylic egg stand.

EARTH DAY ACTIVITY
Thursday, April 16
3 PM
All Ages
Sign-up requested: https://forms.gle/AQRJFRT1dRh8Dgrc7
Listen to some Earth Day related stories and create an Earth Day art project.

SATURDAY SENSORY PLAY
Saturday, April 18th
2 PM
1-4 years and caregivers
Sign-up requested: https://forms.gle/WmmtAo3GabyX7ezR6

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.

DOLL CLUB with Amy
Tuesday, April 28
1 PM
Suggested ages 7-12
Materials Fee - $10 - to be paid directly to Amy upon arrival
Sign-up Required: https://forms.gle/w23PgA2UVuAshvh88

Make your 18" doll its own poncho. Cut out the fabric, sew the pieces together, then use fabric glue to add fringe to the bottom.

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 & HANDICRAFTS GROUP
1:00-3:00 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
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 spacial reasoning, pattern recognition, number sense, and problem-solving skills.

WHITE MOUNTAIN HERDSMEN 4-H
2nd & 4th Saturdays - February 14th & February 28th
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 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.

OTHER OFFERINGS at WPL

FREE BOOKS FOR KIDS through DOLLY PARTON'S IMAGINATION LIBRARY
According to the World Literacy Foundation, "Home Libraries are inextricably linked to student success and achievement. An in-depth analysis of 31 countries found that “reading volume and exposure to books outside of school have a positive effect on students’ reading achievement and are powerful contributors to a variety of academic skills.” When children have books readily accessible at home, they gain a significant academic advantage. Books are sources of infinite learning, exposing children to new ideas and vocabulary that they can apply when in the classroom. These positive academic effects are long-lasting: children who grow up with access to books benefit in a myriad of ways, lasting into adulthood. Evans, author of Scholarly Culture and Occupational Success in 31 Societies, says that, “The academic impact of home access to books and reading materials continues long after these early experiences. We know that when books are part of a home environment, children are more likely to read for pleasure and have a better vocabulary. Studies show they also have increased access to information and a more comprehensive ‘cultural toolkit’ that positively impacts educational achievement.

”Introducing books at home can boost a child’s academic success regardless of their parents’ educational background. In many ways, books can be the greatest teachers for children when their parents are unable to attend to their academic needs. A 2019 study found that “the difference between being raised in a bookless home compared to being raised in a home with a 500-book library has as great an effect on the level of education

a child will attain as having parents who are barely literate (3 years of education) compared to having parents who have a university education (15 or 16 years of education)."

If you have a child from 0-5 years old who is a resident of upper Grafton or Coos County, enroll them to receive free monthly books delivered through the mail from Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. Thanks to many generous donors throughout our community and the state, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is fully funded for this region for 2026. Click this link to enroll a child: https://imaginationlibrary.com/check-availability/

YOTO PLAYERS & CARDS

Our library now has 3 Yoto Players and a growing collection of Yoto Cards available to borrow. A Yoto Player is a screen-free smart speaker for kids that plays audiobooks, music, podcasts, and more using physical, interchangeable cards, giving children independence to choose their own content without ads, cameras, or microphones. Kids control it by inserting cards into a slot and turning knobs for volume and chapters, making it easy to use for ages 3+. This means that ALL readers - including emerging readers, struggling readers, neurodivergent learners, and kids who simply love stories - can enjoy independent access to books at the library and at home. No screens. No reading required. Just stories, learning, and imagination for everyone. This video explains what it is and how it works https://youtu.be/TXLliFFJjec?si=ZVCZZ0ld6pxFMTDX.For those interested in purchasing a card or set of cards for donation, visit our YOTO wishlist here: https://www.yotoplay.com/wishlist/4xHgxbnOfmF9trfCRA7Hy?store=us.

DEVELOPMENTAL, VISION, & HEARING SCREENINGS

Through a collaboration with Ammonoosuc Community Health Services (ACHS), families of children ages birth through 5.5 years may complete the Ages and Stages Questionnaire Developmental Screenings (ASQ-3 and ASQ-SE 2). The ASQ-3 asks 6 questions in 5 categories (fine motor, gross motor, speech & language, social emotional, and problem solving) to give you an idea of areas where your child is developing typically and where they may benefit from further evaluation or support. The ASQ-SE 2 focuses specifically on social and emotional development. You can complete one or both of these screenings by clicking here: https://www.asqonline.com/family/832443.Lyn, in addition to being a librarian, is also an Early Childhood Development Community Health Worker at ACHS. She will send you results within a week of completing the ASQ, as well as ideas for developmental activities that you can do to strengthen and build your child's skills. If you

have concerns about your child's development and/or questions about further evaluation, speak with Lyn.
Lyn can also do hearing and vision screenings using the Welch Allyn OAE Hearing Screener and the Welch Allyn Spot Vision Screener. To schedule a screening, stop by the library and speak to Lyn, or email lyn.schmucker@achs-inc.org.

3D PRINTER
We have a Prusa MK4S 3D printer available for use in the program room. Bring your own filament, or use ours and pay a nominal fee. *Please note: prior experience or training is needed to use the printer.

CRICUT MAKER
A Cricut Maker is available for use in the program room. If you know how to use a Cricut, you may use it upon request and availability. If not, keep an eye out for upcoming training.

FAMILY PASS to FAIRBANKS MUSEUM and PLANETARIUM
The Morrison Communities has sponsored a family pass to the Fairbanks Museum in St. Johnsbury, VT for library patrons. This pass allows 1 family per day to visit the museum and attend a planetarium show. To access the pass, please speak with a librarian.

EYEGLASSES RECYCLING at WPL
A collection box for eyeglasses is available in the front reading room of the library, which is monitored and collected by the Whitefield Lions Club.

DAILY & WEEKLY NEWSPAPERS
The library has subscriptions to the Caledonian Record, which arrives daily, and the Coos County Democrat and Littleton Courier, which arrive weekly on Wednesdays. These are available for patrons to read in the library.

LIBRARY OF THINGS
We have a variety of non-book items available for borrowing, including a telescope, donated by the NH Astronomical Society Library Telescope Program, a birding backpack with binoculars and an Identification Guide to Birds, a metal detector, and a tent. We also have 11 Development Kits available to borrow for children birth through 4 years, provided through the Early Childhood Development Program at Ammonoosuc Community Health Services. Each kit includes a variety of developmental toys for young children.

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.

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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