

BOOKENDS

A publication of
the Whitefield Library,
connecting our community

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Welcome to the first issue of the Whitefield Library newsletter. Our library has matured into more than a charming building with a small collection of books — we now have 7,000 titles cataloged and have lent more than 2,500 books to the community.

Our children's program has evolved from a simple story time into a dynamic program that supports young children's literacy and their social and emotional well-being. Emma Nelson, our children's programming coordinator, has partnered with community businesses to host occasional 'Field-trip story times'—a truly magical experience. For adults, we have started a cribbage day. Bring your cribbage board and a friendly smile to the library 2-5 pm the first and third Wednesdays every month. Our adult book club meets the second Wednesday each month at 2 pm.



All this growth is possible due to the unwavering commitment of our dedicated volunteers. I am abundantly grateful to work with this team and look forward to serving our wonderful community.

Shawn Gallagher, Library Administrator *Shawn*



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Open Fridays & Saturdays

10am- 2pm

Wednesdays 1:30-6pm

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Flora and Ulysses

by Kate DiCamillo

**Review by Eleanor Gagne,
6th grade student**

I liked this book because it has an unusual plot line, and it is very funny. The drawings are beautiful and the characters are very complex, each with their own personality—a girl named Flora and a heroic squirrel named Ulysses!

Flora's neighbor (Tootie Tickham) receives a vacuum for her birthday. While Tootie is testing it out, she accidentally sucks up a squirrel! Luckily the squirrel is ok and Flora decides to keep the squirrel (she names it Ulysses). The rest of the book is about their adventures together! Amazingly, Ulysses can type and express himself, and do other heroic actions! There is also a movie, although it changes some of the story.

If you like books about animals and superheroes, this book is for you. It is perfect for kids age 7-10, although I read it when I was 12. I think younger kids would love it! Overall I would rate this book 7 out of 10.

HAPPENINGS

Cribbage

2-5pm First and third
Wednesdays every month

Toddler Storytime

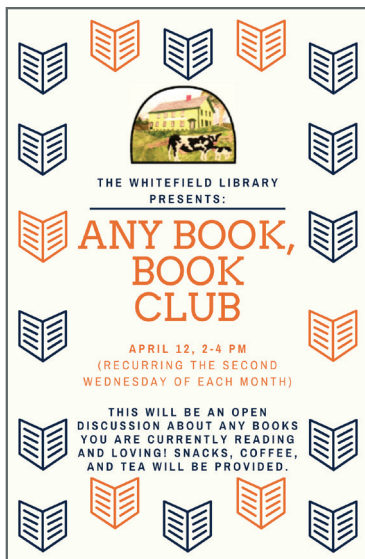
10:30-11:30am Fridays March 10
& 24, April 7 & 21, May 5 & 19

Adult Book Group

2-4pm Second Wednesday
every month— starts April 12

Special Event—Oshima

Brotthers film screening
Sunday, March 26—1 & 5 pm
Details on next page



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each month—Starts April 12

Things We Do in the Dark by Jennifer Hillier

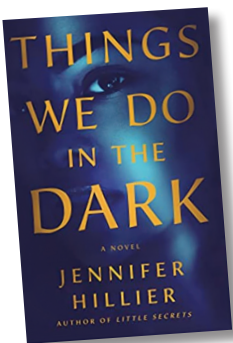
Book Review by Hayley Parlin

Things We Do in the Dark, opens with an intensity that instantly captures the reader's attention leading to questions that resonate throughout the entire novel. Who is Paris Peralta and what are her secrets?

Paris has been arrested on the suspicion of murdering her much older husband and comedian, Jimmy Peralta. While Paris is in shock from finding her husband dead, she is also concerned that her past will be

discovered, despite the façade she has created and maintained for the past 25 years.

In this riveting slow burn novel, Hillier uses alternating perspectives with a timeline of the past and present. Some discoveries are surprising, while others were predictable. This was a compelling thriller that is somewhat dark and disturbing. I give this novel a 4 out of 5 star rating.



Oshima Brothers in Whitefield

Join us for *Dark Nights, Golden Days*, a new visual album by the Oshima Brothers

The Oshima Brothers will be at the Whitefield Library on Sunday, March 26 to screen their new film, answer questions, and perform a few songs. Screenings are at 1 and 5 pm and last 75 minutes. Tickets are \$20 and sold at the Sheepscoot General Store and Whitefield Library starting March 3 (cash or check only). Seating is very limited so get your tickets soon.

In their first self-directed film, *Dark Nights, Golden Days*, the Oshimas tell the story of their lives as artists and siblings. The film is a visual album that pairs with the sequence of their new album, *Dark Nights, Golden Days*. Sean and Jamie explore the joys of the nature they enjoyed growing up in Maine. The film welcomes viewers into the deep imagination of the band, mixing gorgeous drone footage and scenes from New England. Music has always been a central part of the brothers' lives but for the past decade so too has film-making, having already created more than 30 of their own official music videos. The Maine-based indie duo released *Dark Nights, Golden Days* in spring of 2022.



Do you know?

How do I get a library card?

Library cards are free! Just fill out our Card Application when at the library or online at: whitefieldlibrary.org/membership-application-form/

Who can check out books?

Anyone who has a Whitefield Library Card can check out books.

Are you on the Minerva system?

Currently, we are not part of the Minerva system but we are working to partner with the Maine State Library and hope to offer this service soon.

How can I volunteer?

Whether you want to help at the circulation desk, hammer a few nails, or serve popcorn at one of our library functions, we would love to have you join our team! Please fill out our volunteer application: whitefieldlibrary.org/whitefield-library-volunteer-application/

Once we have your application, Julie Cowles, our Volunteer Coordinator, will contact you with details.

How can I connect with the library on social media?

Follow us on Facebook at: facebook.com/whitefieldlibrary/