

BOOKENDS

A publication of
the Whitefield Library,
connecting our community

April – May 2023

Spring has recently been making its way into Whitefield—longer days, warm nights, birds returning, and buds bursting open. Spring represents so many new beginnings, and here at the Whitefield Library, we hope you consider becoming a member of our volunteer team. Becoming a volunteer at the Whitefield Library means supporting your communities access to information. Our library, and public libraries in general, are important institutions that provide equal access to information and resources regardless of economic status or background. As a volunteer, you also strengthen your connection to the community. Our small library is quickly becoming a hub that offers a space for people in our community to connect and as a volunteer, you help foster this sense of community. Whether you help a patron find a book they are looking for, sell popcorn at one of our community events, or simply have a conversation with a neighbor whom you have never met, your work at the library will positively impact the community you serve. Please stop by the library anytime to learn more about joining our team!



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10am- 2pm

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***The Land of Stories:
The Wishing Spell***
by Chris Colfer

**Review by Hazel Thomas,
3rd grade student**

I recently read *The Land of Stories: The Wishing Spell* and liked this book because the two main characters, Alex and Conner, go on so many adventures and have near-death experiences with daring escapes. Alex and Conner are half fairy and their magic allows them to accidentally teleport themselves to *The Land of Stories* where eight well-known fairy tales come to life.

One of my favorite parts is when Jack, from *Jack and the Beanstalk*, meets Goldilocks, from *The Three Bears*, for a romantic scene in the moonlight. Meanwhile Conner and Alex are battling wolves nearby. The end of the book is my favorite part because it's scary, daring, dangerous, and ends with a cliffhanger. I recommend this book to children ages 8 and up who love the fantasy adventure genre.

On a scale of 1-5, I would rate the book a 4, not my favorite book ever but definitely very engaging.

HAPPENINGS

Cribbage—2-5pm First & third
Wednesdays each month

Toddler Storytime—
10:30-11:30am Fridays
April 7 & 21, May 5 & 19

Adult Book Group—2-4pm
Second Wednesday each
month

Special Event—
Open Mic
5:30-7pm,
Saturdays
April 15 & May 20



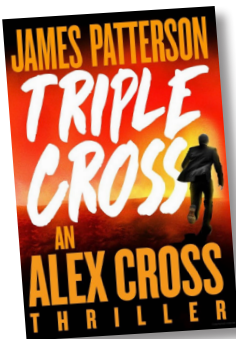


Triple Cross

by James Patterson

Book Review by Hayley Parlin

James Patterson's *Triple Cross*, the 30th novel in his Dr. Alex Cross series, is a fantastic read. This gripping novel finds two complicated cases involving Dr. Alex Cross, FBI, DC Metro Police consultant, and his wife, Bree Stone, former law enforcement and now a private detective. Alex is investigating "The Family Man" serial killer case, while Bree is investigating human trafficking in the iconic fashion industry.



With an economy of words and the brevity of the chapters, this novel is a fast-paced read! Switching back and forth in the storylines keeps the reader on edge. Followers of this series will love this book, while new readers of Patterson will enjoy this tale from a master of suspense and intrigue. I give this novel a 5 out of 5 rating.

April is the month of the Volunteer!

"You make a living by what you get.
You make a life by what you give."

—Winston Churchill

April is the month of the Volunteer! The Library Board is very thankful for the wonderful team of volunteers who currently provide 100 hours a month. These volunteers allow the Whitefield Library to be open three days a week, have a robust Children's Program, and an Adult Program/Community Program. Many teams of volunteers have helped the library succeed: construction, book cataloging, grant writing, and those who help keep the grounds and building tidy.



Volunteer Michelle Finley, attends to the check-out desk in the Library

The Whitefield Library has many opportunities for you to volunteer. It is easy to sign-up. Head over to whitefieldlibrary.org, and click "Help Us"—here, you will find the volunteer application. There are a number of areas to help that might interest you. Once you submit online, we will reach out to welcome you to the team! It could not be more simple!

We look forward to having you be a part of our team!

—Julie Cowles, Volunteer Coordinator

I was overjoyed when I heard about the Whitefield Library! Volunteering not only gives me a chance to meet some wonderful people but it also gives me time to do something I enjoy. I grew up going to a library and have always loved to read. I volunteered at my high school library while a student and my first job was working in my county library.

—Michelle Finley

I volunteer because libraries are important places to have available to the community. I love books and feel it is important for children to have books read to them and to read. Volunteering also connects me to my community.

—Melissa Boyton

I've been a patron of the Whitefield Library since the first summer the team of volunteers opened the doors. Even in those humble days, the library had a great vibe and positive energy. Now that I have a bit of spare time, I'm thrilled to be part of this group of volunteer book lovers and community builders who are called to help make the library a community and cultural center. I look forward to seeing more and more of our neighbors and friends at our beautiful library as we continue to grow.

—Mary Kaminsky