

# BOOKENDS

A publication of  
the Whitefield Library,  
connecting our community

June – July 2023

I have been eager to share some VERY exciting news! In April, we were notified that the Whitefield Library was accepted into the Maine Regional Library System! We are working with similar-sized libraries and members of the Maine State Library Team to help guide us in our next steps. It is difficult to believe that this journey started in 2017



with a small collection of donated books and a child's request. It is a fantastic example of what a community can achieve when committed to lifelong learning!

We are abundantly grateful for the continued support and encouragement from the individuals and communities we serve. There will be lots of exciting news to share in the next few months, so please check out our website and Facebook page to stay current on

all the ways we are working to better serve our community!

Our children's reading challenge is just one example of some great events and programming we have planned for our community this summer. Along with our book club, cribbage days, and storytimes, we will also offer family game nights on the third Monday of each month. Like the summer, our little library offers abundant warmth, optimism, and positivity; we look forward to sharing this energy with you!

Shawn Gallagher, Library Administrator

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10am- 2pm

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**Oxbow Island Gang: Leap Frog**  
by Rae Chalmers

**Review by Addie Nelson**  
3rd grade student

I love the Oxbow Island Gang series because, as an environmental mystery, they break the stereotype that children and the elderly are not as capable as they can be.

In the fourth book of the Oxbow Island Gang series, main characters Bear and Olivia (12 & 13) must persuade their island community to protect amphibians who are being harmed in their habitat. One of my favorite parts is when Bear and Olivia hold their "frog-hop" party; a way for the community to gather and watch the frogs and salamanders migrate. The kids are nervous no one will come to support them. In the end a lot of their friends, and even some enemies show up.

I would recommend Leap Frog to anyone ages 4 to 104, and I rate this book a 9 out of 10. Leap Frog is a very good book for anyone who likes the great outdoors, a hint of mystery and splash of science.

## HAPPENINGS

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

**NEW! Game Night for ages 8+—**  
6-8pm June 19, July 18, Aug. 21

**Any Book Adult Book Club—**  
2-4pm second Wednesday  
each month

**Storytime**— 10:30am every  
Friday, June-August

**Special Event**—3-5pm, Sunday,  
July 16, Rhythms of Life – A  
Community Drum Circle Movie,  
drum circle to follow

**Annual Yard Sale** — Sat. July 8

## Listen to Me by Tess Gerritsen

Book Review by Hayley Parlin

New York Times bestseller and Maine author, Tess Gerritsen, treats her fans to the long-awaited release of her 13th novel in the Rizzoli and Isles series, *Listen to Me*. This was an action-packed return to familiar characters and a well-crafted storyline in true Gerritsen style.

This novel has multiple stories; the twists and turns and how they meld together will keep you turning the pages way past your bedtime!

While not quite as gory or gruesome as previous novels in this series, *Listen to Me* is a remarkable addition to the Rizzoli and Isles series. *Listen to Me* could be a standalone novel. Still, I highly suggest beginning with the first book in the series, *The Surgeon*, and let Tess Gerritsen entertain you with her unique characters and a concise style of writing that is not to be missed. I rate this book 5 out of 5 stars.

## Children's Programs at the Library

by Emma Nelson, Children's Programmer

### *Our Summer Reading Challenge is On!*

Encouraging early literacy among our communities' youngest readers has been an essential part of building our Library. Summer reading challenges are a great way to help kids stay on track for the following year of learning.

Beginning June 30 we will launch our summer reading challenge. Using a special graphic template, each reader will be able to illustrate their own stack of books to demonstrate just how much they are reading. For every book that is completed, the reader will get their name entered in a raffle that will be drawn at the end of the summer.

Our challenge finale will be August 25 when we will have fun games and activities and will feature a visit from Rae Chalmers, Maine author of the environmental mysteries, Oxbow Island series.



Emma Nelson



As Whitefield Library's traveling children's librarian, Suzanne Balbo reads stories at Hinterland Preschool every Tuesday morning.

We are always looking for more volunteers to support our programming! If you are interested in volunteering with our children's program, please email: [volunteer-coordinator@whitefieldlibrary.org](mailto:volunteer-coordinator@whitefieldlibrary.org)

# Summer

AT THE  
**WHITEFIELD LIBRARY**

### SUMMER STORYTIME EVERY FRIDAY JUNE - AUGUST AT 10:30

## JUNE

**26** FIELD TRIP STORYTIME  
HIDDEN VALLEY  
NATURE CENTER  
REGISTER ONLINE

**30** SUMMER READING  
CHALLENGE  
LAUNCH 10:30  
SIGN UP IN PERSON OR ONLINE

## JULY

**4** GAMES AT KINGS  
MILLS FIRE STATION  
AFTER PARADE

**15** FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT  
"MY NEIGHBOR  
TOTORO"  
REGISTER ONLINE

**26** FIELD TRIP STORYTIME  
FIELDS FIELDS  
BLUEBERRY FARM  
REGISTER ONLINE

## AUGUST

**4** THE PETRA & MO SHOW  
AN INTERACTIVE PUPPET  
SHOW FUN FOR THE WHOLE  
FAMILY 4PM

**7** FIELD TRIP STORYTIME  
BAILEY'S ORCHARD  
APPLE FARM  
REGISTER ONLINE

**19** SHOEBOX DRIVE-IN  
MOVIE NIGHT (TBD)  
& STUFFY SLEEPOVER  
REGISTER ONLINE

**25** Summer reading challenge  
FINALE PARTY!  
ENJOY GAMES & TREATS, A  
GIANT RAFFLE AND A SPECIAL  
VISIT FROM LOCAL MAINE  
AUTHOR OF THE "OXBOW  
ISLAND GANG" SERIES!