

BOOKENDS

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connecting our community

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It has been an exciting year at the Whitefield Library. Community support for our library grows by the day, and I stand in awe at the amazing volunteer team that executes all the library services and programs. Each edition of this newsletter has exciting news to share, and this one is no different. I am thrilled to announce that we can now request books through Interlibrary Loan. This service allows our patrons to access books from all over the world! Please stop by the circulation desk to learn more!



Another exciting piece of news is that **Suzanne Balbo** will take over as library director starting in September. Suzanne has been an active volunteer in our children's program and performs many behind-the-scenes tasks

that support the functioning of our library. She brings a passion for cultivating community, and her leadership will have an enduring impact on the folks we serve.

Our little library is growing and thriving, and I remain abundantly grateful to be part of this community. As our Summer season comes to a close, I hope you stop by for a book or a chat!

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10am- 2pm

Wednesdays 1:30-6pm

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The Girl Who Drank the Moon
by Kelly Barnhill

Book review by Ananda
5th grade student

I would recommend this book because it is full of magical creatures, like flying paper birds and swamp monsters, and the characters go on many adventures. It was hard to put down because it kept me in suspense the entire time.

My favorite character, Xan, rescues babies who are taken from their families and abandoned by the elders and she brings them to the Free Cities to find a new home. One night, Xan accidentally feeds a baby moonlight instead of starlight and it enmagicks her. Xan names the baby Luna and decides to raise the baby as her own.

My three favorite parts are when Luna is a baby and she pees on the Grand Elder and sticks her tongue out at him, when Luna's magic begins to release and she leaves flower footprints behind her, and when Xan's tiny dragon friend, Friar, grows into a giant dragon.

I really loved ***The Girl Who Drank the Moon*** and I would suggest this book to anyone over age 8 and give this book 9.99 out of 10!

HAPPENINGS

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

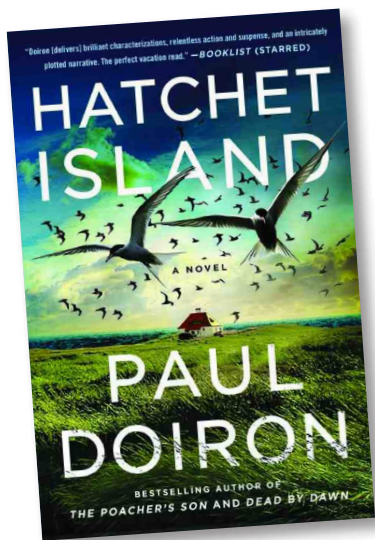
Game Night for ages 8+—
6-8pm Sept 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10

Any Book Adult Book Club—
2-4pm monthly on second
Wednesday

Storytime— 10:30am every
Friday in Aug. Watch the
website for Fall dates

Fall Open Mic Nights—
Oct. 21, Nov. 18, and Dec. 16

Upcoming Author Talks— see
dates and info on next page



Hatchet Island by Paul Doiron

Book Review by Hayley Parlin

Hatchet Island, by Maine writer Paul Doiron, is the 13th novel in his Mike Bowditch, Maine game warden series.

This extremely well-written novel is a sinister tale of murder and mayhem followed by tragic deception. The pace, intensity, and compelling narrative make this a suspenseful read from beginning to end. Mike Bowditch has evolved and matured throughout the series and has gone from a new hot-headed young Maine game warden to a more responsible role as an investigator for the Warden Service.

Mike and his girlfriend, Stacey, a biologist, are taking a sea kayaking trip to the small islands of Midcoast Maine. Chaos ensues with the sound of a single gunshot, and the reader is captivated.

Doiron perfectly describes the mid-coast of Maine. The reader is intoxicated by the eerie atmosphere of mist and fog. Easily a standalone novel, though I highly suggest reading this series from the beginning.

I give this novel a 5 out of 5-star rating.

Our Interlibrary Loan Program is up and running!

The **Interlibrary Loan Program** is a service that allows you to order books from other libraries across the state, the U.S., and even the world. If the Whitefield Public Library doesn't have the book you are looking for, we'll order it for you. Simply fill out an Interlibrary Loan Request form found by the front desk and we'll take it from there and will contact you once your book has arrived!

It's easy! Here's how the Interlibrary Loan Program works

YOU Request a book that we don't have in the library

WE Request the book from a partnering library

YOU Read, enjoy and return the book to our library

WE Return it to the sending library

Upcoming Local Author Talks

- ▶ Thursday, Aug. 10, 7-8:30pm
Deb Gould, author of *Household; The Eastern Book 1; The Eastern Book 2.*
- ▶ Saturday, Sept. 30, 7-8:30pm
Darrell Hartman, author of *Battle of Ink and Ice.*

Please wait to donate your books to the library

Currently, donations of books are not being accepted. We are still working through the tremendous amount of books we received for the annual yard sale. Watch our website and Facebook for when we are again accepting donations.

Once we are again accepting books, we can take two boxes (banker's box size) of newer books. Books that do not make it into circulation will be put into our book sale. Profits from our book sale help to defray the shipping costs associated with the Interlibrary Loan Program.

Have you used our Online Public Access Catalog System?

Our Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC) System is a great way to browse the Whitefield Library's catalog of books from the comfort of your home. Back in the day, libraries had card catalogs with real cards and you had to go to the library to use it. Today everything is digital and you can search our catalog while relaxing on your couch! And you can even tell if the book is available to check out.

You can connect to our OPAC system by clicking on the Catalog tab on our website OR you can click on this link:

whitefieldlibrary.org/whitefield-library-catalog/

If you find something you like from our collection of books, you can request a hold on the book until you can come to the Library to pick it up!



A huge thank you to the creators and performers of the Petra and Mo show. It was a full house at the library on the night of their performance!