Welcome to Library Notes, a monthly publication of the Needham Free Public Library. Each month we’ll give you a synopsis of the monthly goings on and events happening at the Library, as well as highlighting ongoing services....

August Events in the Community Room at the Needham Free Public Library...

**Friday, August 3rd**  2:00 PM
**Movie: The Last Mimzy (PG) 90 min**
Two siblings begin to develop special talents after they find a mysterious box of toys. Soon the kids, their parents, and even their teacher are drawn into a strange new world and find a task ahead of them that is far more important than any of them could imagine!

**Friday, August 17th**  2:00 PM
**Movie: Everyone’s Hero (G) 87 min**
Ten-year-old baseball fanatic Yankee Irving is always the last one picked for sandlot baseball games. But when Babe Ruth’s prized bat is stolen during the 1932 World Series, Yankee steps up to the plate to help retrieve it for his beloved idol. He embarks on a wild cross-country journey that teaches him the stuff real heroes are made of; and along the way, Yankee learns the importance of perseverance and the true meaning of friendship.

**Wednesday, August 22nd**  3:00 PM
**Mike Bent’s AbraKidabra! Step to the Beat and READ! Magic Show.**
This all-new, interactive 45-minute educational program uses magic and music to get kids excited about reading. With the help of Olivia from *Olivia Forms a Band*, we will create our own band with a magical twist, and watch The Great Poochini escape from his house just in time to sing at the opera premiere of *Dog Giovanni*. **Step to the Beat and READ!** brings these and other wonderful children’s books to life, using comedy, magic, music, storytelling and puppets in a program that all ages will enjoy. 

**Dance Dance Revolution**
Come and join us in the latest electronic dance craze. This event is for ages 10 and up. Prizes will be awarded. **Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.**

**Friday, August 31st**  10:00 AM
**Movie: Melody Time (G) 75 min**
In the grand tradition of Disney’s greatest musical classics such as *FANTASIA*, MELODY TIME features seven classic stories, each enhanced with high-spirited music and unforgettable characters! Donald Duck -- an all-time Disney favorite -- puts on a display of jazzy antics as the star of “Blame It On The Samba.” Music becomes a real adventure for a busy bumble bee in “Bumble Boogie.” From the mischievous young tugboat in “Little Toot,” to the heroes of legend and myth in “Johnny Appleseed” and “Pecos Bill,” this feast for the eyes and ears entertains with wit and charm. **MELODY TIME** is a delightful Disney classic with something for everyone in your family!

**Ongoing Activities....**

**Appearing this month in the Friends’ Gallery:**
*Sue Priver - Fused Glass and Photography*

**New Database coming in the Fall**
Watch for a new database coming this fall. The Library Foundation of Needham is funding a special database - **“Testing & Education Reference Center”**. It will encompass College searching (both undergraduate & graduate), Career searching and a special section with tests to take (PSAT, SAT, AP, GRE, TOEFL) among others. We hope to have it loaded on the webpage by the start of school.

Check-out the revised and updated Library website for the latest news and information about upcoming events at the Library. Go to [http://www.town.needham.ma.us/Library/](http://www.town.needham.ma.us/Library/)
Children’s Department
August Activities

Baby Book Time - for ages 0 - 2 1/2
Wed., Aug 1, 8, 15, 22  10:30 - 10:50 AM

Story Time for ages 2 and up
Tue., Aug 7, 14, 21  11:00 - 11:30 AM
All story times are drop-in - no registration required. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Toddler Films in the Community Room
Thurs., August 2  11:00 - 11:30 AM

Thursday, August 16th  3:00 - 4:00 PM
Librarykinz!
A Book Club for 4th - 6th Grade Readers
The Whipping Boy by Sid Fleishman
Open to 10 lucky readers in Grades 4 - 6, so register now and pick up your copy of the book in the Children's Room. Call the Children's Room at 781-455-7559 to register. Refreshments will be served.

Summer Reading Club - “Catch the Beat at Your Library”
There are 3 clubs to join this summer—Read to Me, Early Readers, and Independent Readers. Prizes will be awarded on a cumulative basis. Each child who completes the program will be eligible for the Webkinz Lottery at the end of the summer.

Participants of the Catch the Beat Summer Reading Program who have read the minimum requirement of ten books (or ten hours for Read-to-Me participants) can come to the Children's Department beginning on Wednesday, August 22nd to collect their summer reading certificates, reading logs, and end of program goodies. The winners of the Webkinz raffle and Big E ticket raffle will be announced during the Mike Bent Magic Show (children do not need to be present to win the raffles.)

Upcoming Events - September 2007

Library Sponsors Evening Book Club
The Needham Free Public Library will be running an evening book club from September through June 2007/2008. The group will meet on the third Wednesday of the month from 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Cathy Stetson, Reference/AVLibrarian will lead the book discussions. The first meeting will be held on September 19, when the group will select the books for the following sessions. Any one can attend this book club, and all readers are welcome.

Tuesday, September 11th  1:00 PM
NPL Book Group
This month’s selection:
1776 by David McCullough
A New York Times Bestselling Author
A Two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning Author

“1776” is the story of the Revolutionary War during the nation's tumultuous beginning, and those who, at great sacrifice, fought for what we assume to be our rightful heritage and precious ideals. This is narrative history at its best, bringing to life an extraordinary period and a vast array of extraordinary characters on both sides of the conflict. It is also powerful testimony to how much is owed to a rare few in that brave, founding era.

Documentary DVDs Have New Location
We have moved our entire collection of nonfiction DVDs and Videos to the lower floor, where the other media is located. Their new location is behind the music CDs. This collection includes historical documentaries, biographies, sports, instructional exercise and yoga materials, “how to” and music concerts. Although these items are still arranged in Dewey Decimal order, patrons can browse the entire collection and have instant access to a wide variety of subjects in media format.

Library Hours:
Mon. - Thurs.  10:00AM - 9:00PM
Fridays            10:00AM - 5:30PM
Saturdays         9:00AM - 5:00PM