



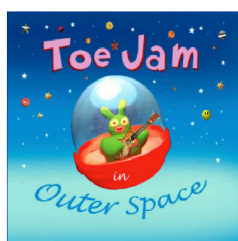
# LIBRARY NOTES

August 2009

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Welcome to *Library Notes*, a monthly publication of the Needham Free Public Library. *Library Notes* describes both the monthly events at the Library and the ongoing services.....

## Toe Jam Puppet Band In Outer Space Fri., August 21st 3:00 PM

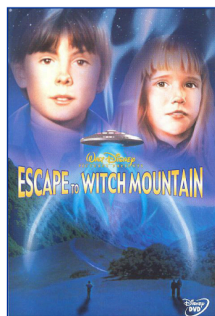


Toe Jam in Outer Space . .  
. All aboard! Countdown . .  
. 4-3-2-1-zero . . . Blast off!  
. . . into Outer Space with  
the band as they play songs  
from their new original CD,

*'Toe Jam in Outer Space!'* The show features a spacey dress-up puppet show and some crazy anti-gravity dancing! *Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.*

## Escape to Witch Mountain (1975 edition) (Rated G – 97 min.) Friday, August 28th 2:00 PM

*A vehicle floats in midair, a coat rack comes to life and attacks a sheriff and wild animals are putty in the hands of Tony and Tia Malone in Disney's thrilling fantasy adventure about the psychic powers of two young orphans. Their clairvoyance prompts evil millionaire Aristotle Bolt to lure them to his mansion to exploit their powers. While escaping, they meet a friendly camper and begin to unravel the mystery of their origin. Soon, all three are fleeing townspeople who have branded the children witches but then IT*



*happens! Someone with even greater powers takes over and leads the children and the audience into a dazzling and unexpected experience one that is truly out of this world!*

## NEEDHAM'S FOURTH OF JULY PARADE 2009



Photo by Moshe Bar

NPL staff member Judy Johnson and Friends member Sandra Jaszek marching as members of the Needham Free Public Library "Bookies" Bookcart Drill Team.

## Great Summer Reads

Summer can be a great time to catch up with your favorite authors or series. Here are some favorites, recommended by the Needham Free Public Library staff as great reads:

### Ann MacFate, Director:

Janet Evanovich--*Finger Lickin' Fifteen*  
Donna Leon--*Mysteries set in Venice, featuring Commissario Guido Brunetti.*

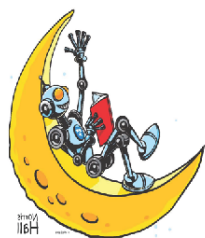
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For further information about upcoming events, go to [www.needhamma.gov/library](http://www.needhamma.gov/library).

# What's happening this month in the Children's Room...



## Summer Reading Clubs



The Children's Room at the Needham Public Library is once again running a Summer Reading Club, from June 16 - August 18. There are two clubs this year to suit varying reading levels: **Read to Me (ages 3-6)** and **Independent Readers (grades K-6)**. You can register and keep track of your books online at: [www.readsinma.org/needham](http://www.readsinma.org/needham). You also have the option of maintaining a print log at the Children's Desk. *The registration period began on June 16 and ended on July 28, 2009. All books must be logged in by August 18, 2009. All prizes and reading certificates must be picked up by September 25, 2009.*

## August Music Activities

### *Sing-Along with Ed Morgan*

Fri., August 14th 3:00 PM



For children 2 years and up accompanied by an adult. This is a drop-in program - please arrive on time.

### *Music, Movement and Me with Sara Epstein*

Wed., August 5th 10:30 AM

Tues., August 11th 10:30 AM

An interactive music and movement program for children under 4 and adults. Registration required - max. 20 children & accompanying adult, and limited to one session only.



### *Ready, Set...Move with Cici Hunt:*



*for ages 3-5*

Mon., August 3rd 11:00 AM

Mon., August 17th 11:00 AM

Join Cici Hunt in this fun-filled music and movement class for children and their caretakers. Registration is required.

## August Reading Clubs

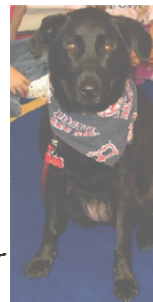
### *Lucy the R.E.A.D. Dog*

Wed., August 19th 10:00 AM

Wed., August 26th 10:00 AM

Join Lucy, a black lab, and Pat Howes (recently retired first grade teacher at Newman) for a great program that encourages children to read! Registration is required.

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## August Programs In the Community Room

### *Toddler Movies - Summer 2009*



Once again we will be showing Toddler Movies, films based on storybooks, in the Community Room on Thursday mornings from 11:00 - 11:30 AM. Please reserve the following dates: *August 20th, August 27th, and September 3rd.*

## Outer Space Film Festival in September

***The Last Starfighter* (Rated PG - 101 min)**

**Fri., September 3rd 2:00 PM**



*Alex Rogan is a small town teenager with big time dreams. Dreams of college . . . of success . . . of marrying his girlfriend Maggie . . . He's just like everybody else, except Alex has a very special talent . . . that no one on*

*Earth can appreciate. But, tonight, a mysterious stranger has called on Alex. He's come from a galaxy that's under attack from an alien force. And Alex's unique ability is their last hope . . .*

### **NPL Book Group**

**Tuesday, September 8th**

**1:00 PM**

*Next month's selection:*

#### **Team of Rivals**

**by Doris Kearns Goodwin**

*On May 18, 1860, William H. Seward, Salmon P. Chase, Edward Bates, and Abraham Lincoln waited in their hometowns for the results from the Republican National Convention in Chicago. When Lincoln emerged as the victor, his rivals were dismayed and angry.*



*Throughout the turbulent 1850s, each had energetically sought the presidency as the conflict over slavery was leading inexorably to secession and civil war. That Lincoln succeeded was the result of a character that had been forged by life experiences that raised him above his more privileged and accomplished rivals. He won because he possessed an extraordinary ability to put himself in the place of other men, to experience what they were feeling, to understand their motives and desires.*

*This capacity enabled President Lincoln to bring his disgruntled opponents together, create the most unusual cabinet in history, and marshal their talents to preserve the Union and win the war.*

### **NPL Evening Book Group**

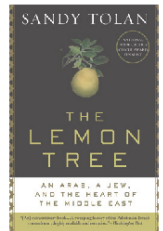
**Wednesday, September 16th**

**7:00 PM**

*Next month's selection:*

#### ***The Lemon Tree: An Arab, a Jew, and the Heart of the Middle East***

**by Sandy Tolan**



*Based on a 43-minute radio documentary that Tolan produced for Fresh Air, this volume pursues the story into the homes and histories of the two families at its center through the present day. Their stories form a personal microcosm of the last 70 years of Israeli-Palestinian history.*

*In 1967, not long after the Six Day War, three young Arabs ventured into the town of Ramla, in Jewish Israel. They were on a pilgrimage to see their separate childhood homes, from which their families had been driven out nearly twenty years before during the Israeli war for independence. Only one was welcomed: Bashir Al-Khayri was greeted at the door by a young woman named Dalia.*

*This act of kindness in the face of years of animosity and warfare is the starting point for a remarkable true story of two families, one Arab, one Jewish; an unlikely friendship that encompasses the entire modern history of Israelis and Palestinians and that holds in its framework a hope for true peace and reconciliation for the region.*

*In the Friends' Gallery:*

**Dario Preger**

**Black & White**

**Photography**





# Upcoming Events...



## Green Apple Kids Band

Sat., Sept. 26, 2009 11:00 AM



The **Green Apple Kids Band** writes songs that inspire celebration and caring for our Earth. Set in the imaginary world of the Green Apple Orchard and featuring special puppet guests, Steve, Jackie & Rob perform their eco-flavored tunes about nature, animals and recycling in a fun, engaging and highly interactive presentation for 2 – 8 year olds. Come join us as they present a lively and entertaining

show that children will love and learn from as well...

**Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.**

## Did You Know...

...that we have gathered in one spot all the books we own on both the Pollard Middle School and the Needham Senior High Summer Reading lists? Look for the Red (Pollard) and Green (NHS) arrows in the Reference Department on the second floor. Rising 6th Grade books are located in the Children's Room at the top of the staircase.

## Great Summer Reads cont. from page 1

### Nancy D'Amico, Assistant Director

Janet Evanovich--*Finger Lickin' Fifteen*

Alexander McCall Smith--*Tea time for the traditionally built*

James Patterson--*Swimsuit : a novel*

### Cindy Crawford, Circulation Supervisor

Ann Brashares--*The Last Summer (of you and me)*

Nancy Atherton--*Aunt Dimity Slays the Dragon*

### Carolyn Davis, Circulation

Stephen King--*On Writing*

### Karen Donaghey, Circulation

Elinor Lipman--*The Family Man*

### April Asquith, Reference Supervisor

Amitav Ghosh--*Sea of Poppies*

Greg Mortensen--*Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace-One School at a Time*

### Catherine Stetson, Reference

David Sheff--*Beautiful Boy: A Father's Journey Through His Son's Meth Addiction*

Clive Cussler--*Medusa*

### Gay Ellen Dennett, Reference

Nora Roberts--*Black Hills*

Catherine Coulter--*Knock Out* (latest FBI series)

Seth Grahame-Smith--*Pride and Prejudice and Zombies*

### Leigh Hoffman, Reference

Ann Ford--*Laughing Allegra: The Inspiring Story of a Mother's Struggle and Triumph Raising a Daughter with Learning Disabilities*

### Polly Conlon, Reference

Eva Hoffman--*Appassionata*

Roxana Robinson--*Cost*

Steve Lopez--*The Soloist: a lost dream, an unlikely friendship, and the redemptive power of music*

Dave Cullen--*Columbine*

Simon Winchester--*The man who loved China: Joseph Needham and the making of a masterpiece*

Anderson Cooper--*Dispatches from the edge: a memoir of war, disasters and survival*

### Ray Cranton, Custodian

Lee Child--*Echo Burning*

### Library Hours:

**Mon. - Thurs. 9:00am - 9:00pm**

**Fridays 9:00am - 5:30pm**

**Saturdays 9:00am - 5:00pm**

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