



LIBRARY NOTES

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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...

Jackson Gillman—Songs and Stories for a Small Planet

Tues., August 9th

3:00 PM



Call it what you like—cabaret, vaudeville, or story/song-filled fun. Any way you slice it, Jackson Gillman's performances for families, children, and educational groups reach out and touch the audience,

making them laugh, making them think, and leaving them delighted. You might find song, dance, mime, and/or sign language incorporated into his interactive and educational performances—whatever works to bring audiences of all ages along for a rollicking ride into his wildly imaginative worlds of creative adventure. *The Friends of the Needham Public Library* are the sponsors of this fourth event for the *One World, Many Stories* Summer Reading Club programs.

Alex the Jester

Wed., August 24th

3:00 PM

It's easy to imagine a court jester—the colorful trickster with bells jingling from his floppy hat. But have you ever seen one perform in real time? A rare treat, indeed! Enter the world of the Wise Fool, and take an inspiring journey to Medieval times with Alex the Jester. Alex the Jester prefers action to words, from mind bending sight gags to amazing stunts. When he finally clears his throat to speak, his audience is captivated. Rolling off his tongue is a funny sound-



ing gibberish tongue called Grammelot. Come join us on a thrilling journey that your sense of wonder and your funny bone won't ever forget! *The Friends of the Needham Public Library* are the sponsors of this final event for the *One World, Many Stories* Summer Reading Club programs.



Summer of the Sequels Film Festival

This summer we will be showing a double bill of sequels to classic Disney animated films. All of these movies are Rated G. Movies will be shown starting at 2:00 PM, with a ten minute break between each film, in the order listed:

August 5th



Mulan II – 79 minutes
Aladdin and the King of Thieves – 81 minutes



August 19th



The Brave Little Toaster to the Rescue – 74 minutes
Toy Story 2 – 92 minutes



For further information about upcoming events, go to www.needhamma.gov/library.

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

Children's Programs in August

Drop-in Storytime for ages 5 and under



Tues., August 16	10:00 AM
Wed., August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	10:00 AM
Fri., August 26	10:00 AM

Stories, music, movement and more.

Story times are drop-in—no registration required. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Sing-Along with Ed Morgan

Fri., August 12th	3:00 PM
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For children 2 years and up accompanied by an adult. This is a drop-in program—please arrive on time.

Ready, Set...Move with Cici Hunt: for ages 3-5**

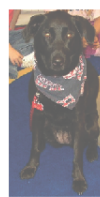


Tues., August 9th	11:00 AM
Tues., August 23rd	11:00 AM

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

**Registration is required, one session per month only please.

Lucy the R.E.A.D. Dog: for ages 3 and up**



Thurs., August 4th	10:00 AM
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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 required. Begins one week prior to program. *Sponsored by the*

Friends of the Needham Public Library.

Toddler Movies



Thurs., August 4, 11, 25	11:00 AM
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Due to popular response, we will continue to show Toddler Movies—films based on story-books—in the Community Room.



Summer Reading Club Events



Summer Reading Program—Stop by and Join our Summer Reading Program or Register Online at <http://www.readsinma.org/needham>

For every two hours of reading that you record in your reading log at the library OR online, you can pick up a small prize the next time you come into the library. Explore the world through reading! The Summer Reading Program will end on August 20th.

Drop-In "One World: Many Arts" Crafts for ages 2-6



Thurs., August 4th	4:00 PM
Fri., August 5th	10:00 AM

(Same as August 4th program)

Drop-In "One World: Many Ways to Travel" Crafts for ages 2-6



Thurs., August 11th	4:00 PM
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Drop-In "One World: Many Children" Crafts for ages 2-6



Thurs., August 18th	4:00 PM
Fri., August 19th	10:00 AM

(Same as August 18th program)

Drop-In "One World: Many Crafts" end of summer recycling!



Thurs., August 25th	4:00 PM
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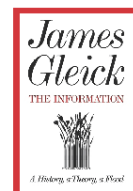
Drop-In Craft Programs usually last for approximately 45 minutes, depending upon your child(ren). Four or five crafts related to the theme will be offered for our creative young patrons.

Trustee Pick of the Month

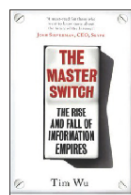


This month's Trustee recommendation comes from Rick Hardy who recommends two books on the subject of information: the first deals with the development of information and information theory, and the other the future of its distribution and control. Together they bring to the forefront how critical information is, in both its form and its means of access to a modern society.

The Information: A History, a Theory, a Flood by James Gleick presents a sprawling history of information—its development and many of the scientists who deciphered the physical principles of information theory.



Gleick touches upon the history of information from African tribal communication with drums, through the development of the alphabet, cuneiform writing, the telegraph, telephone to modern computers. This expansive book reveals how information and its technology created our modern world.



The Master Switch: The Rise and Fall of Information Empires by Tim Wu is authored by the academic who originally coined the term “net neutrality.” It provides the business history of the development of information companies as a prologue to the future of the internet. The implications of the past history of information empires, telephony, film, radio, etc. constitute a “cycle” as Wu describes: a freewheeling beginning with eventual consolidation and monopolization. The implications for today are serious to consider with the role the Internet now plays in providing the average citizen with information and as the government and information companies wrestle for control over the information highway. Much of this debate is occurring as we speak in Washington with little notice. A good read for someone interested in business history and an important book if you are concerned about the future of a democracy and how information will be controlled and distributed in the future.

We would like to start a LEGO club for children ages 5-9. If you have any LEGOS in excellent condition that your child/ren no longer use, please bring them to the Children's Room any Thursday afternoon (2:00 - 6:00 PM) or Wednesday (10:30 AM - 1:30 PM) in August. For additional information, please leave a message for Elaine Garnache at 781-455-7559, ext. 205 or egarnache@minlib.net.



NEW MUSEUM PASS AT LIBRARY

The Needham Free Public Library is pleased to announce the addition to its museum pass program of a pass to the USS Constitution Museum.

To reserve this pass, or any of the library's other museum passes, call 781-455-7559 ext. 4 or go online at <http://www.needhamma.gov/library/museums>.



The USS Constitution museum pass provides free admission for up to nine people. The museum is located in the Charlestown Navy Yard, just steps away from the USS Constitution. The museum is providing libraries with passes, as a kick-off to next year's celebration of the Bicentennial of the War of 1812. Come to the museum and explore the USS Constitution's 200+ year history through engaging, interactive, family-friendly exhibits.

Library Hours:

<i>Mon. - Thurs.</i>	<i>9:00am - 9:00pm</i>
<i>Fridays</i>	<i>9:00am - 5:30pm</i>
<i>Saturdays</i>	<i>9:00am - 5:00pm</i>

This Month in the
Friends' Gallery

Sarah Alexander

Upcoming Events...

Vic & Sticks Recycled Rhythm Band Program Sat., September 17th 10:30 AM

While sharing that “everyone can make a difference” through respect for one-self, for others and respect for this planet, *Vic and Sticks* promotes a message of kindness.



By singing about the three “R’s”...reduce, reuse, recycle... the Recycled Rhythm Program also talks about how recycling helps the world around us. Children also learn through this program that the best place to practice “reuse” is at their neighborhood library. This music show is fast paced and encourages audience participation, as the children in the audience become part of the Recycled Rhythm Band! This event is sponsored by the LFN.

John Paul Jones: A Talk by Bob Begin Thurs., September 22nd 7:30 PM



Bob Begin (U.S.S. Quincy - Feb. 2008) returns, this time telling the story of John Paul Jones, from his origins in Scotland, and his naval career that culminates with his victory against the Royal Navy, to his final days in Paris....

Begin discusses Jones’ strengths and flaws, schemes and well thought out plans, as well as his unbridled ambition to always better his standings. But what also needs to be told is the story of his unabashed courage and ferocity in dealing with the enemy. Jones’ actions and demeanor dwarfed those of his contemporaries. His request for a ship leaves no doubt as to his intentions when he said: “*Give me a fast ship, for I intend to go in harm’s way.*” Bob will tell this story, capturing both John Paul Jones’ strengths and shortcomings, along with his significant contributions to the cause of the American Revolution.

Children’s Movie: Rio - Rated PG - 96 min Fri., September 23rd 3:30 PM

A classic tale of self-discovery, romance, and adventure, *Rio* is the story of Blu, a flightless macaw who was taken from the forests of Rio de Janeiro as a young bird and raised by a kind girl in a small Minnesota town. When an ornithologist comes to town and informs Blu’s now-grown owner Linda that Blu is the last male of his species, Blu



and Linda return to Rio so that Blu can mate with a feisty female named Jewel. Thus begins an adventure in which Blu encounters everything from the complexities of courtship and love, to thugs involved in an exotic animal theft ring, strange new friendships—including one with an overly friendly slobbering bulldog--and a crazy ride through a Carnival parade. Blu and Linda both mature as a result of their journey in Rio, and love ensures that life will never be quite the same for either ever again.

The Story of Immigration in Needham: Voices of our Neighbors

Sun., September 25th 2:00 PM



Come watch the critically acclaimed PBS documentary on immigration in contemporary society titled “*Welcome to Shelbyville*” followed by the personal stories of Needham residents who describe their own recent immigration experiences. Beyond the hype and hyperbole of the immigration debate, join us for an honest and personal discussion of what it means to be an immigrant in the 21st century. Sponsored by the Needham Human Rights Committee and the Needham Free Public Library.

Needham’s 300th—July 4th Parade



The Needham Free Public Library Bookies Book Cart Drill Team once again took to the streets of Needham and marched in this year’s 4th of July Parade.

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