



LIBRARY NOTES

July 2010

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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...

NSTAR Magic Show - "The Magic of Saving Power" for ages 6 - 10**

Weds., July 7th

2:00 PM

"The Magic of Saving Power" is a spell-binding showcase on the benefits of conserving energy hosted by Joules, the official NSTAR Energy Wizard. Joules will dazzle you with fun facts and will teach magic tricks to use at home to conserve energy. **Limited to 50 attendees - **Registration begins one week before the event.**



Howl at the Moon with a Wild Thing Tune - Tom Sieling

Mon., July 12th

2:30 PM



Humorous, VERY participatory (sometimes even a bit athletic!) songs that engage the whole family - Tom has delighted tens of thousands of families in the US and beyond for over twenty years. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.*

Tales for the Earth - Storyteller Diane Edgecomb for ages 4 years and above

Tues., July 20th

3:00 PM

A Celebration of Nature and all the simple things we can do to help. *Tales for the Earth* is a beloved performance that is both educational and entertaining. It explores topics such as Water Conservation, Recycling and Wildlife Protection. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.*



Needham Author John O'Leary - If We Can Put a Man On the Moon...Getting Big Things Done in Government

Thursday, July 22nd

7:30 PM

Local Author John O'Leary is a Research Fellow at the Ash Center of the Harvard Kennedy School and the Executive Editor of *Better, Faster, Cheaper: Smart Ideas for Government*, a web site devoted to public sector innovation.



Facebook 101

Thur., July 8 or 29 7:00 PM

With over 120 million users in the US alone, Facebook is the world's most popular social network. Despite its popularity, Facebook's frequently changing features and confusing privacy settings can make it difficult for beginners to use. Come to either fun and interactive two-hour class to learn the basics of using Facebook safely to keep in touch with friends and family. A Facebook account is not required to attend!



Limit: 20 per session - Sign up one week before event at the Reference Desk

Note: Because this is an interactive class, a WiFi-equipped laptop is required. For questions, please contact matt@mtthg.com.

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 July

Drop-in Storytime for ages 5 and under

Fri., July 2, 16, 23

10:00 AM

Wed., July 14, 21, 28

10:00 AM



Stories, music, movement and more for 30 minutes.

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

Sing-Along with Ed Morgan

Fri., July 9th

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**

Tues., July 6th

10:30 AM

An interactive music and movement program for adults and children under 4.

**Registration required - max. 20 children

& accompanying adult, and limited to one session only.



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

Mon., July 12th

11:00 AM

Fri., July 30th

11:00 AM



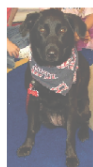
Join Cici Hunt in this fun-filled music and movement class for children and their caretakers.

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

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

Fri., July 9th

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 required and begins one week prior to program. Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.

Summer Reading Club Activities

Summer Reading Club Sign-Ups began on Thursday June 17th. Stop by or register online! The Last day to Register will be Friday, July 30th.



Go Green: Jewelry and Gifts for ages 5+**



Thur., July 8th

4:00 PM

All Craft programs offer 4-5 crafts on the theme. **Registration required, beginning one week before event.

It's Easy Being Green: Animals and Plants StoryCrafts for ages 4+**



Tues., July 13th

4:00 PM

StoryCraft programs include stories and craft activities. **Registration required, beginning one week before event.

Go Green: Ocean StoryCrafts for ages 4+**

Thur., July 15th

4:00 PM

StoryCraft programs include stories and craft activities. **Registration required, beginning one week before event.



Go Green: Make a Fairy or Wizard House from Natural Material for ages 6+**



Thur., July 22nd

4:00 PM

All Craft programs offer 4-5 crafts on the theme. **Registration required, beginning one week before event.

Toddler "Trash to Treasure Time" StoryCrafts for ages 2+**



Tues., July 27th

4:00 PM

StoryCraft programs include stories and craft activities. **Registration required, beginning one week before event.

Go Green: Earth StoryCrafts for ages 4+**

Thur., July 29th

4:00 PM

StoryCraft programs include stories and craft activities. **Registration required, beginning one week before event.



July Special Events

Red, White, Blue and Green! Independence Day Drop-In Craft Fun for 2+ years and older

Thur., July 1st

4:00 PM

All Craft programs offer 4-5 crafts on the theme.

Stuffed Animal Sleepover for ages 2+**

Thurs., July 15th

6:30 PM

Bring a favorite stuffed animal (who won't mind being separated from its owner) to the library for a fun story-time and bedtime snack. Kiss your friend good-night and bring it home the next morning! Stuffed Animal pick-up will be from 9:30 - 11:00 Am on Friday, July 16th. **Registration required, beginning one week before event.



Board Games for ages 5 and up

Weds., July 14, 28

3:30 PM

Join us in our air-conditioned library for some fun with board games – *Sorry*, *Chess*, *Checkers*, *Monopoly Jr.*, *Uno*, etc.



Toddler Movies - Summer 2010



We will once again be showing Toddler Movies – films based on storybooks, in the Community Room on Thursday mornings from 11:00 - 11:30 AM. Please join us on the following dates: July 1st, July 8th, July 15th, July 22nd, July 29th, August 5th, August 12th, August 19th and August 26th.

Summer Movie Schedule

(All movies at 2:00 PM)

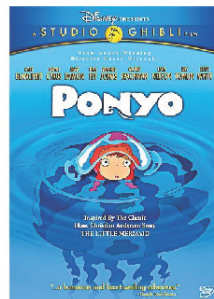
July 2nd - Percy Jackson & The Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG - 120 min.)



Modern and mythical worlds collide in this thunderous fantasy-adventure! Percy Jackson is no ordinary teenager... he's just learned he's the son of Poseidon and is accused of stealing Zeus' lightning bolt – the most powerful weapon ever created! With storm clouds brewing, Percy embarks on an incredible cross-country journey to prove his innocence, recover the bolt and prevent a war amongst the gods that could destroy our world!

July 16th - Ponyo (G - 103 min.)

A heartwarming and imaginative telling of Hans Christian Andersen's classic fairy tale *The Little Mermaid*. A young boy named Sosuke rescues a goldfish named Ponyo, and they embark on a fantastic journey of friendship and discovery before Ponyo's father, a powerful sorcerer, forces her to return to her home in the sea. But Ponyo's de-



sire to be human upsets the delicate balance of nature and triggers a gigantic storm. Only Ponyo's mother, a beautiful sea goddess, can restore nature's balance and make Ponyo's dreams come true. Ponyo will delight your family with its magnificent animation and timeless story.

July 30th - Nim's Island (PG - 96 min.)



Adventure doesn't always begin with pirates on the high seas or explorers deep in the desert; sometimes it starts with an idyllic life on a private island in the middle of the South Asiatic Sea. For 11-year old Nim and her father and microbiologist Jack Russo, life is perfect thanks to their love of nature, Jack's mechanical ingenuity, and regular deliveries via supply ship. Adventure and imagination are ways of life for Nim whether she's heading out to sea to help her father collect plankton specimens, playing soccer on the beach with Selkie, or delving into the latest Alex Rover adventure novel, but everything changes when Jack departs on the boat for a two-night expedition to collect plankton specimens and gets caught in an unexpected storm. Alone on the island, Nim begins to worry about her father's safety as well as her own and, through a chance e-mail, connects with Alex Rover whom she begs to come help find her father. Problem is, author Alexandra Rover is an unbalanced big city shut-in who's afraid to leave her townhouse, not the fearless adventure hero portrayed in her books. Nim, Alexandra, and Jack embark upon the adventures of a lifetime in which each must overcome his or her own fears and perceived powerlessness and limitations in order to grow and help one another. The question is: can each prevail against his or her own insecurities and the fury of nature?

This Month in the Friends Gallery Nancy Walton Watercolors

Library Hours:

Mon. - Thurs.	9:00am - 9:00pm
Fridays	9:00am - 5:30pm
Saturdays	9:00am - 5:00pm

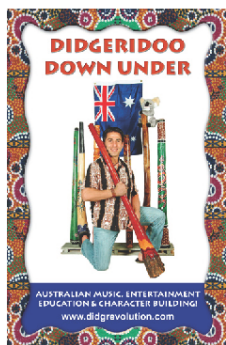
Upcoming Events...

Didgeridoo Down Under Wed., August 11th

11:00 AM

DIDGERIDOO DOWN

UNDER is a high-energy, Australia-theme show that combines music, art, puppetry, comedy, environmental education, character building and audience participation. Perfect for kids 3 to ageless!



Using books, vocabulary lists, maps, artifacts, art work, puppets and musical instruments to enhance their presentations, **DIDGERIDOO** engages the audience with a fresh perspective, delivering lessons and messages that transcend all countries, borders and peoples ...in promoting cultural harmony, environmental protection and global unity, furthering appreciation of world music and indigenous art and in encouraging kindness and respect toward all living beings. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.*

The Yo Yo Guy – John Higby – 2008 World Champion

Fri., August 20th

3:00 PM



Who would have thought you could make an entire show out of yo-yos? John Higby brings back that nostalgic toy, reminding you of old favorite tricks such as *Walk the Dog* and *Rock the Baby*, then amazing you with new and bizarre tricks, such as *Boingy-Boingy* and

Iron Whip.

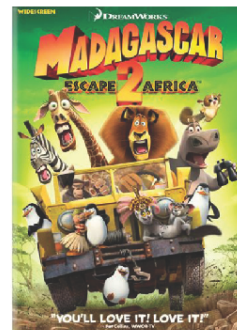
Yo-yos attached to bouncy balls, yo-yos with 10-foot strings, and multiple yo-yos looping while hula hooping and unicycling are just some of John's finely tuned feats. High skill and deft timing to swingin' music coupled with high energy and sarcastic humor makes Yo-Yo Guy a favorite for every age. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.*

Summer Movie Schedule

(All movies at 2:00 PM)

Wed., August 4th - Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (PG - 89 min.)

All of the lovable characters are back – Alex the lion, Marty the zebra, Melman the giraffe and Gloria the hippo, King Julien, Maurice and the penguins – in Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa. They find themselves in the wildest place of all – the vast plains of Africa – where our zoo-raised crew encounter species of their own kind for the very first time. While discovering their roots, they quickly find the differences between the concrete jungle and the heart of Africa. Despite long-lost relatives, romantic rivals and scheming hunters, Africa seems like a great place...but is it better than their Central Park home?



Fri., August 27th - The Lion King (G - 89 min.)



The adventures of Simba, the feisty lion cub who “just can’t wait to be king.” But his envious Uncle Scar has plans for his own ascent to the throne, and he forces Simba’s exile from the kingdom. Alone and adrift, Simba soon joins the escapades of a hilarious meerkat named Timon and his warmhearted warthog pal, Pumbaa. Adopting their carefree lifestyle of “Hakuna Mataka,” Simba ignores his real responsibilities until he realizes his destiny and returns to the Pride Lands to claim his place in the “Circle of Life.”



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