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...

Glue & Go Costumes with Holly Cleeland
Mon., July 11th 3:30 PM
Holly Cleeland is the author of the book Glue & Go Costumes for Kids: Super-Duper Designs. Holly has been featured on the Carol Duvall Show, The View, View from the Bay (SF), and The Rachel Ray Show. She will be demonstrating how to make costumes from everyday items found in the home and will make at least 3 costumes, based on this summer’s reading club theme of One World, Many Stories that can be taken home by the chosen participant(s). The Friends of the Needham Public Library are the sponsors of this second event for the One World, Many Stories Summer Reading Club programs.

Otha Day - Drum to the Beat
Wed., July 27th 11:00 AM
Celebrate this joyful event with your family and experience the thrill of making music together by participating in a highly interactive Community Drum and Rhythm Circle. Using African hand drums, shakers, bells and claves we will play exciting rhythms from many cultures in addition to our own improvised rhythms. No experience is necessary. All ages can participate together. “If you have a heartbeat, you have rhythm and you can drum!” The Friends of the Needham Public Library are the sponsors of this third 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:

- July 1st
  - Tarzan II: The Legend Begins – 72 minutes
  - Lion King II: Simba’s Pride – 81 minutes

- July 22nd
  - The Rescuers Down Under – 77 minutes
  - The Little Mermaid II: Return to the Sea – 75 minutes

- July 29th
  - Bambi 2 – 72 minutes
  - 101 Dalmatians II: Patch’s London Adventure – 70 minutes

- August 5th
  - Mulan II – 79 minutes
  - Aladdin and the King of Thieves – 81 minutes

- August 26th
  - 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 July

Drop-in Storytime for ages 5 and under
Wed., July 6, 13, 20, 27 10:00 AM
Stories, music, movement and more.

Drop-in Pajama Storytime for ages 3 - 6
Mon., July 11, 18 6:30 PM
Story times are drop-in—no registration required. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Sing-Along with Ed Morgan
Fri., July 8th 3:00 PM
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., July 12th 11:00 AM
Tues., July 26th 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., July 7th 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. Begins one week prior to program. Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.

Toddler Movies
Thurs., July 7, 14, 21, 28 11:00 AM
Due to popular response, we will continue to show Toddler Movies—films based on storybooks—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! Sign up anytime until July 30th, with the program ending on August 20th.

Drop-In “One World: Many Fashions” Crafts for ages 2-6
Thurs., July 7th 4:00 PM

Drop-In “One World: Many Celebrations” Crafts for ages 2-6
Thurs., July 14th 4:00 PM
Tues., July 19th 10:00 AM
(Same as July 14th program)

Drop-In “One World: Many Markets” Crafts for ages 2-6
Thurs., July 21st 4:00 PM
Fri., July 22nd 10:00 AM
(Same as July 21st program)

Drop-In “One World: Many Musical Instruments” Crafts for ages 2-6
Thurs., July 28th 4:00 PM
Fri., July 29th 10:00 AM
(Same as July 28th program)

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.
Continent Kids—Asia and Africa for ages 5+
Wed., July 6th  4:00 PM

Continent Kids are storycraft programs about the continents for children ages 5 and up.

Continent Kids—South America & Australia for ages 5+ — Meet Larry the Lizard!
Wed., July 20th  4:00 PM

Larry The Lizard has been enjoying globe-trotting adventures for over ten years and he takes pleasure in all that he does, from his own backyard to the wonders of the world. He encourages children of all ages to explore and appreciate their surroundings. Larry is curious, creative, fun and is always smiling as he spreads laughter and joy throughout the world. Join us for a Larry the Lizard Book Reading and Signing. Lori Grant will be reading from her book The Globetrotting Adventures of Larry The Lizard: Larry In The Amazon. This book will be available for purchase and signing following this event.

Harry Potter’s Birthday Celebration for ages 6+**
Wed., July 13th  4:00 PM

Attendees must be 6 years or older, able to read independently. Activities and crafts related to the books by J.K. Rowling.

**Registration required. Begins one week prior to program.

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 June and July. For additional information, please leave a message for Elaine Garnache at 781-455-7559, ext 205 or egarnache@minlib.net.

What’s new @ the Library...

The Friends of the Needham Public Library have generously donated a new desktop electronic print magnifier. The Bierley color magnifier will replace the 25 year old Optelec machine currently in use in the Reference Department.

Patrons may take the magnifier anywhere in the library that is close to an electrical outlet (which is located under most of the tables on the second floor). Low-vision patrons who have trouble reading the newspapers or magazines may now enjoy the library’s periodical collection. Patrons in other libraries have also used it to read pill bottles, contracts, maps, stamps and public notices.

To use the Bierley magnifier, contact the Reference Desk on the second floor of the library.

This month we are saying good-bye to both of our full-time Technical Services Department Catalogers, who are retiring after many years of service. They will truly be missed!!

Susan Park,
Head of Technical Services

Jean Kirkham,
Assistant Cataloger

This Month in the Friends’ Gallery

Sara Alexander
Upcoming Events...

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 sounding 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.

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Trustee Pick of the Month

This month’s trustee recommendations are from Greg Shesko, who writes about the historical espionage novels of Alan Furst.

While many writers are known for their World War II spy thrillers, Alan Furst has carved a niche for himself in the area of historical espionage novels set in Eastern Europe and the Balkans during the 1930’s and World War II. Over the past 23 years Furst has written 11 novels starting with *Night Soldiers* (1988) and most recently *Spies of the Balkans* (2010); the latter work has just appeared in paperback.

In his novels Furst combines well-developed characters with a completely realistic and authentic atmosphere. The reader cares about the ordinary people who are caught up in the turmoil of war. They are Costa Zannis, a police official in Thessalonika, (Spies of the Balkans); Khristo Stoianev, a Bulgarian youth who is recruited to be a spy for the Russians (Night Soldiers); Ilya Serebin, a Russian émigré who tries to disrupt the supply of Romanian oil to Germany (*Blood of Victory*); or Nicholas Morath, who undertakes dangerous “errands” in Hungary, Romania and Czechoslovakia on behalf of Count Polanyi, his diplomat uncle (*Kingdom of Shadows*).

Furst has done a considerable amount of research to ensure the accuracy of the 1930-1944 events for an area of Europe which is not well known. He has a very engaging style that has garnered him a loyal following among readers of this genre of espionage fiction. Although some of his characters make an appearance in several works, Furst’s eleven novels (with one exception) can be read in any order.

Watch for the Needham Free Public Library’s “Bookies”

Book Cart Drill Team in this year’s Fourth of July Parade