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.....

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

Friends’ Summer Book Sale
Saturday, June 2nd  9:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Sunday, June 3rd  1:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
Sunday is Bargain Day!!!

Wednesday, June 6th  7:30 PM
Friends Annual Meeting
Syndicated Columnist Terry Marrotta with an often-comical, summer-anticipating talk called “Vacationing in One's Driveway.”

Saturday, June 9th  11:00 AM
Storyteller Katie Green - Farmyard Fancies
Katie Green tells tales of animals and happenings in and around the barnyard. Find out what a young boy thinks is the “Perfect Pet”. Listen to the adventures of “Half-Chick”. Smile when the “Odd Little Duckling” discovers that he’s not so odd, after all. Help pull the Enormous Turnip out of the garden. This is a family program for pre-schoolers through grade one.

Monday, June 25th  3:00 PM
Singer/Storyteller Anne-Louise Sterry from Canby, Oregon will be presenting a program for toddlers to Grade 6 and their parents based on this Summer's Reading Club theme of “Catch the Beat at Your Library”.

Harry Potter Film Festival
Friday, June 22nd  2:00 PM
Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone (PG) 2 hr 23 min
Harry learns upon his 11th birthday that he is the orphaned son of two powerful wizards and has some interesting powers of his own. He leaves a life of disenchantedness and despair to an exciting trek to Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Losing his parents at a young age, Harry makes a family of the close circle of friends at school. This magical and fantastical group of friends joins Harry to unravel the mystery of his parents’ death and confront the forces intent on destroying him.

Friday, June 29th  2:00 PM
Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (PG) 2 hr 43 min
The world’s most popular wizard – Harry Potter – is back in a second adventure. Harry returns for his second year at Hogwarts with his friends Ron and Hermione, despite a warning from house elf Dobby that great danger awaits him. Students are literally being petrified and Harry becomes suspect #1. He must figure out a way to save the school from this dark force, close the chamber of secrets forever and clear his name in the process.

Ongoing Activities....

Appearing this month in the Friends’ Gallery:

Needham Artist Judy Greenberg - “A Closer Look”.

Tuesday, June 12th  1:00 PM
NPL Book Group
This months’ selection:  
One of Ours by Willa Cather
Willa Cather’s Pulitzer Prize-winning narrative of the making of a young American soldier. Claude Wheeler, the sensitive, aspiring protagonist of this beautifully modulated novel, resembles the youngest son of a peculiarly American fairy tale. His fortune is ready-made for him, but he refuses to settle for it. Alienated from his crass father and pious mother, all but rejected by a wife who reserves her ardor for missionary work, and dissatisfied with farming, Claude is an idealist without an ideal to cling to. It is only when his country enters the First World War that Claude finds what he has been searching for all his life. In One of Ours Willa Cather explores the destiny of a grandchild of the pioneers, a young Nebraskan whose yearnings impel him toward a frontier bloodier and more distant than the one that vanished before his birth. In doing so, she creates a canny and extraordinarily vital portrait of an American psyche at once skeptical and romantic, restless and heroic.

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/
Children’s Department
June Activities

Baby Book Time - for ages 0 - 2 1/2
Wed., June 6, 13, 20 10:30 - 10:50 AM
Thur., June 7, 14, 21 10:30 - 10:50 AM

Toddler Time for ages 2 1/2 - 4
Tue., June 5, 12, 19 10:30 - 10:50 AM

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

Drop-in Craft - ages 4 and above
Tues., June 5th 3:30 - 4:30 PM
No Registration required. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Drop-in Craft - ages 7 and above
Tues., June 12th 3:30 - 4:30 PM
Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Creative Kids Craft - ages 6 and above
Topic: “Beautiful Beads”
Tues., June 19th 3:30 - 4:00 PM
Registration is required and begins June 5th - limited to 16 spaces. Younger siblings cannot be accommodated.

Summer Reading Club - “Catch the Beat at Your Library”
On-line registration for the summer reading program will begin Monday June 18th. The direct link for registration is: http://iread.evanced.info/needham/sr/homepage.asp. There will also be a link from our homepage at http://www.town.needham.ma.us/Library/. Traditional sign-up will begin in the Children's Room on the same day, but books won't count until June 25th, the following Monday. There will be 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.

Upcoming Events - July 2007

Wed., July 11th 3:00 PM
Rhythms of the World: Stories & Songs for Everyone featuring Parents’ Choice award winning performers Davis Bates and Roger Tincknell. A participatory concert for all ages - including songs from around the world, clapping games, just-so stories, creation myths and more.

Wed., July 25th 3:00 PM
Sparky’s Puppets - “Rhythms & Rhymes”
Clap your hands and stamp your feet; These rockin’ folktales can’t be beat!
Enjoy stories full of chants, refrains and clap-along songs. And learn how to make your own rhythm instruments! This show is a lively selection of traditional tales that encourage audience participation with rhythms, rhymes and songs.

Harry Potter Film Festival
Friday, July 6th 10:00 AM
Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban (PG) 2 hr 22 min
In Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban, Harry, Ron and Hermione, now teenagers, return for their third year at Hogwarts, where they are forced to face escaped prisoner, Sirius Black, who poses a great threat to Harry. Harry and his friends spend their third year learning how to handle a half-horse half-eagle Hippogriff, repel shape-shifting Boggarts and master the art of Divination. They also visit the wizarding village of Hogsmeade and the Shrieking Shack, which is considered the most haunted building in Britain. In addition to these new experiences, Harry must overcome the threats of the soul-sucking Dementors, outsmart a dangerous werewolf and finally deal with the truth about Sirius Black and his relationship to Harry and his parents. With his best friends, Harry masters advanced magic, crosses the barriers of time and changes the course of more than one life.

Friday, July 13th 2:00 PM
Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (PG-13) 2 hr 37 min
Harry’s fourth summer and the following year at Hogwarts are marked by the Quidditch World Cup and the Triwizard Tournament, in which student representatives from three different wizarding schools compete in a series of increasingly challenging contests. However, Voldemort’s Death Eaters are gaining strength and even creating the Dark Mark giving evidence that the Dark Lord is ready to rise again. In the unsuspecting lives of the young wizard and witches at Hogwarts the competitors are selected by the goblet of fire, which this year makes a very surprising announcement: Hogwarts will have two representatives in the tournament, including Harry Potter! Will Harry be able to rise to the challenge for the Tri Wizard Tournament while keeping up with school or will the challenges along with Voldemort’s rebirth be too much for the young hero?

Look for Harry Potter Day (July 20) - Information next month!