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.

Friends’ Annual Meeting

Silent Sentinels of the Shores
featuring commentary by producer Ed Beaulieu

Wed., June 3rd 7:00 PM

Ed Beaulieu takes us on a journey into the history of this “endangered species” with a multi-media presentation of Lighthouses from New England and beyond. Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library. The 2009 Annual Meeting of the Friends of the NPL precedes this presentation.

Storyteller Mary Jo Maichack:
Sun, Moon, Stars, Shine!

Tues., June 23rd 3:00 PM

Kicking off the 2009 Starship Adventure @ your Library Summer Reading Clubs is storyteller Mary Jo Maichack presenting multicultural myths to illuminate the Cosmos! Find out how the face got onto the moon. Sing along to songs of stars and sunshine. Please join us for this very special presentation. Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.

Children’s Technology Workshop:
Space Animation

Wed., June 24th 3:00 - 5:00 PM
Thur., June 25th 3:00 - 5:00 PM

This animation workshop introduces students to stop motion animation production. Animations are created using digital cameras and capture software. Students learn about all aspects of the production process as they work in teams to write, direct and produce their own short film. Two workshops are being offered – each one for up to 20 children. Wednesday will be for Grades 2-4 and Thursday for Grades 5-8. Registration is required and occurs approximately one week before — sign-up will be at the Children’s Reference Desk. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.

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 PM. Please reserve the following dates: June 25th, July 2nd, July 9th, July 16th, July 23rd, July 30th, August 20th, August 27th, and September 3rd.

For further information about upcoming events, go to www.needhamma.gov/library.
What’s happening this month in the Children’s Room...

June Story Times

Lap-sit Baby Book Time - for ages up to 2 1/2
Wed., June 10, 17  10:00 - 10:20 AM
We read stories, sing songs, do rhymes and finger plays for about 20 minutes.

Toddler Time for ages 2-4
Thurs., June 4, 11, 18  10:00 AM
We read stories, sing songs, and more for 30 minutes

Preschool Stories for ages 3 - 5
Tues., June 2, 16  10:00 AM
We read stories, sing songs, and play games for about 30 minutes

Stories from around the world for PreK - Gr.2
Tues., June 2, 16  4:00 - 4:30 PM
We will be reading stories from around the world for about 30 minutes.

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

June Music Activities

Sing-Along with Ed Morgan
Fri., June 12th  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., June 3rd  10:30 AM
Tues., June 9th  10:30 AM
An interactive music and movement program for children under 4 and adults. Registration required - max. 20 children & accompanying adult. Registration begins approx. 1 week before program and is limited to one session only.

Ready, Set...Move with Cici Hunt: for ages 3-5
Fri., June 5th  11:00 AM
Fri., June 12th  11:00 AM
Join Cici Hunt in this fun-filled music and movement class for children and their caretakers. Registration is required - max. 20 children & accompanying adult.

June Craft Activities

Creative Kids’ Craft: for ages 5 - 7
Thurs., June 11th  4:00 PM
Registration required - maximum of 15 children.

Fathers Day Craft for ages 5-7 years
Thur., June 18  4:00 PM
Registration required - maximum of 15 children.

Fathers Day Craft for ages 2 - 5 years
Fri., June 19  11:00 AM
Registration required - maximum of 15 children.

June Reading Clubs

Lucy the R.E.A.D. Dog
Mon., June 22nd  6:30 PM
Join Lucy, a black lab, and Pat Howes (first grade teacher at Newman) for a great program that encourages children to read! Registration is required and limited to 15 children ages 3 and up. Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.
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. You also have the option of maintaining a print log at the Children’s Desk. The registration period begins June 16 and ends 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.

June Programs
In the Community Room

Childrens Movie: Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius (Rated G - 82 min.)
Fri., June 26th  2:00 PM
Accompanied by his cyber dog Goddard, “boy genius” James Isaac Neutron invents fantastic devices that work only sporadically and with decidedly mixed results. The communications satellite he makes out of his mother’s toaster allows for a race of gooey, egg-shaped aliens to kidnap the adults in Jimmy’s town with the intent of sacrificing the parents to their chicken-god. Converting amusement park rides into spaceships, Jimmy saves the day, despite a few false starts and misadventures.

SUMMER MOVIES in JULY

Thursday, July 2nd @ 2:00 PM:
Star Wars: A New Hope (ep.4) PG – 121 min.

Friday, July 31st @ 2:00 PM:
E.T. the Extraterrestrial PG – 115 min.

NPL Book Group
Tuesday, June 9th  1:00 PM
This months’ selection:
The Reluctant Fundamentalist by Mohsin Hamid
Changez is living an immigrant’s dream of America. But in the wake of September 11, Changez finds his position in his adopted city suddenly overturned, which unearths allegiances more fundamental than money, power, and maybe even love.

September Selection: Team of Rivals by Doris Kearns Goodwin

NPL Evening Book Group
Wednesday, June 17th  7:00 PM
This months’ selection:
Wild Swans: Three Daughters of China by Jung Chang
Jung Chang describes the life of her grandmother, a warlord’s concubine; her mother’s struggles as a young idealistic Communist; and her parents’ experience as members of the Communist elite and their ordeal during the Cultural Revolution. Chang was a Red Guard briefly at the age of fourteen, then worked as a peasant, a “barefoot doctor,” a steelworker, and an electrician. As the story of each generation unfolds, Chang captures in gripping, moving -- and ultimately uplifting -- detail the cycles of violent drama visited on her own family and millions of others caught in the whirlwind of history.

September Selection: The Lemon Tree: An Arab, a Jew, and the Heart of the Middle East by Sandy Tolan

In the Friends’ Gallery:
Robert Coppola
“Free to All”
Black and White photography
Upcoming Events...

Pumpernickel Puppets: Sir George and the Dragon with Z-2000 the Space Robot

Monday, July 13th    3:00 PM

Pumpernickel Puppet shows are presented with a cast of colorful puppet characters, audience participation, live voices and sound effects and fast paced scripts that educate as well as entertain. A demonstration period follows every performance giving the audience some insight into what happens behind the scenes. Additionally, Z-2000, the “Light Up” Space Robot will make a special guest appearance during the show. Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.

Noisy Science

Monday, July 27th    3:00 PM

Noisy Science is Karl Saliter and Ed Stander. These two friends met for the first time in Tivoli Gardens, Japan in 1998, and have been working together ever since. Their new show – Noisy Science – brings music, theatre, and humor together to present the science behind sound in a new and thoroughly entertaining manner. Nowhere will you find the world’s smallest concertina, a bagpipe wannabe competing against a flageolet, or a juggler acting as a roadie for a science professor. This is high art with no excuses. Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.

Did You Know...

Are you traveling overseas this summer? Acquiring a new language has never been easier! This month the Needham Public Library will debut a new database called Mango. Available to Needham residents, Mango is an on-line language learning system that teaches conversational skills for 10 languages. Interactive audio and visual cues build understanding and correct pronunciation. Learn through real conversations that are broken down into simple blocks of learning material. No previous knowledge is required. An intermediate speaker may practice articulation to build and reinforce fluency. Many of the language programs come with a full 100 lesson course which you may utilize at your own pace.

The languages included in this database are: Spanish, French, German, Italian, Russian, Greek, Brazilian Portuguese, Japanese and Mandarin Chinese. For recent immigrants, there is also English for Spanish Speakers, Brazilian Portuguese Speakers and Polish Speakers.

To find Mango, go to the library’s catalog screen at: http://library.minlib.net/search. Look for the blue tab labeled “Research and Information” near the top of the screen. Click on that tab. On the next screen choose “Databases”. Next, enter your 14 digit Library card number 23017000..... (no spaces) and login. The Library’s list of Databases will appear. They are listed in alphabetical order. Scroll down to Mango and choose your language!

Library Hours:

Mon. - Thurs. 9:00am - 9:00pm
Fridays 9:00am - 5:30pm
Saturdays 9:00am - 5:00pm
Sundays 1:00pm - 5:00pm

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