



# 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...

## **"The Joy of Sox: Weird Science and the Power of Intention" - Eric (Rick) Leskowitz, M.D.**

**Thurs., June 10th 7:00 PM**



Sportscasters describe a perceptible electricity at Fenway Park for Red Sox games; fans speak of experiencing it. Rick

Leskowitz has measured it. Reviewing the computer measurements he has done at Fenway, as well as a laboratory demonstration at the Institute of HeartMath, this Needham resident explains that both tests "suggest that sports fans hold the energetic key to their team's success." Dr. Leskowitz is Director of the Integrative Medicine Project at Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital. He is with the Department of Psychiatry of Harvard Medical School. His introduction to the inquiry into the power of large groups includes examples in music, politics, and professional sports. The history of subtle energy extends from Mesmerism and Animal Magnetism to such modern ideas as heart coherence, distant intentionality and conditioned spaces. The evening of June 10 is an away game for the Red Sox. Come learn how to become a more effective fan. Right there in the Community Room, we can try to create a positive group energy field and go for a win against Cleveland. Together, now: **Go Sox!** *Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library*, this



event will begin after the Friends' Annual Meeting at 7:00 PM.

## **Diane Kordas – Romper Rhythm and Puppets: Go Green with Hungry Caterpillar and Forest Folktales**

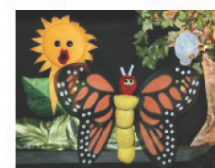
**Tues., June 22nd 3:00 PM**



Kicking off the Summer Reading Club **GO GREEN AT YOUR LIBRARY** will be

Diane Kordas' Romper Rhythm

and Puppets presentation of *Go Green with Hungry Caterpillar and Forest Folktales*. Diane weaves 3 engaging tales for younger children in this puppet production. A goofy hungry bear tries to raid a beehive in "*The Bear and the Beehive*," a story of strength in numbers and "*The Rabbit and the Moon*," is a charming tale of friendship, sharing, and the rewards of helping someone in need. The audience helps a caterpillar turn into a beautiful butterfly in the finale, "*The Hungry Caterpillar*." Diane's trademark humor, music, lovely puppets and effects make this fun for the family. *The Summer Programs are sponsored by The Friends of the Needham Public Library.*



For further information about upcoming events, go to [www.needhamma.gov/library](http://www.needhamma.gov/library).

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

## Children's Programs in June

Spanish Storytime with Claudia -  
Drop-In Storytime for ages 2 and up

Fri., June 4th

10:00 AM



Featuring a Spanish storytime by Claudia

Drop-in Storytime for ages 5 and under

Wed., June 9, 23, 30

10:00 AM

Fri., June 18

11:00 AM



Stories, music, movement and more for 30 minutes.

Baby Laptime for ages 0-12 months (Prewalkers)

Fri., June 18th

10:00 AM



A low-key interactive program of simple stories, songs, and rhymes for about 15 minutes, followed by a 15 minute "playtime."

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

Sing-Along with Ed Morgan



Fri., June 11th

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 2nd

10:30 AM

Wed., June 16th

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., June 14th

11:00 AM

Fri., June 25th

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\*\*



Thur., June 3rd

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

Mural Making for ages 4 and up\*\*

Thur., June 10th

3:30 PM



With this summer's reading club theme of "Go Green at Your Library," we will need your help to decorate a library mural with local "flora and fauna." We'll provide cutouts to glue on to the mural, and will have lots of space to include your own drawings. Please help us as we make a **Green Scene** of the Charles River to decorate Children's Room for the summer. \*\*Registration required, beginning one week before event.



Summer Reading Club Sign-Ups begin on Thursday June 17th. Stop by or register online!

Information will be forthcoming from the Children's Department.

**Go Green: Trash to Treasure time for ages 5 - 8\*\***

Thur., June 24th

3:30 PM

This program will have a variety of recycled materials that you can transform into something new!

\*\*Registration required, beginning one week before event.

## June Special Events

**Teddy Bear Tea Party for ages 2 - 5 years\*\***



Tues., June 15th

3:30 PM

Stories and crafts about a favorite toy!

\*\*Registration required, beginning one week before event.

**Recycled Reads - Book Swap for all Ages**

Mon, June 21st

6:00 - 8:00 PM

Drop-in to the library and bring 1 - 5 "gently used books" and swap them for the same number of books that are new to you! This is a great way to get ready for camp and vacation!



**Board Games for ages 5 and up**

Tues, June 29th

3:30 PM



Join us in our air-conditioned library for some fun with board games—Library Book Bingo will be from 4:00 - 4:15 PM.

## Toddler Movies - Summer 2010

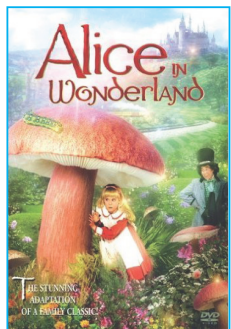


We will once again be showing Toddler Movies – films based on storybooks, in the Community Room on Thursday mornings from 11:00 - 11:30 AM. Please join us on the following dates: June 24th, July 1st, July 8th, July 15th, July 22nd, July 29th, August 5th, August 12th, August 19th and August 26th.

## Children's Movie: Alice in Wonderland - Part Two (TV -1985, Rated G - 90 minutes)

Friday, June 25th

2:00 PM



*Sometimes she's too big. Or much too small. Sometimes things are backwards. And there's always too much pepper in the soup! Nothing is quite right since Alice chased a very unusual White Rabbit and stumbled into an adventure that grows curiouseer and curiouseer. One of the greatest childhood fantasies is captured in Irwin*

*Allen's colorful production adapted from Lewis Carroll's Alice's Adventures in Wonderland. We will be showing Part 2 -Alice through the Looking Glass.*

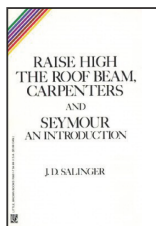
## June Book Discussions

### NPL Book Group

Tuesday, June 8th

1:00 PM

### *Raise High the Roof Beam, Carpenters and Seymour: An Introduction* by J.D. Salinger



*The author writes: The two long pieces in this book originally came out in The New Yorker - RAISE HIGH THE ROOF BEAM, CARPENTERS in 1955, SEYMOUR: AN INTRODUCTION in 1959. Whatever their differences in mood or effect, they are both very much concerned with Seymour Glass, who is the main character in my still-un-completed series about the Glass family. It struck me that they had better be collected together, if not deliberately paired off, in something of a hurry, if I mean them to avoid unduly or undesirably close contact with new material in the series. There is only my word for it, granted, but I have several new Glass stories coming along - waxing, dilating - each in its own way, but I suspect the less said about them, in mixed company, the better. Oddly, the joys and satisfactions of working on the Glass family*

*peculiarly increase and deepen for me with the years. I can't say why, though. Not, at least, outside the casino proper of my fiction.*

### NPL Evening Book Group

Wednesday, June 16th

7:00 PM

### *Sarah's Key*

by Tatiana De Rosnay

*Paris, July 1942: Sarah, a ten year-old girl, is brutally arrested with her family by the French police in the Vel' d'Hiv' roundup, but not before she locks her younger brother in a cupboard in the family's apartment, thinking that she will be back within a few hours.*

*Paris, May 2002: On Vel' d'Hiv's 60th anniversary, journalist Julia Jarmond is asked to write an article about this black day in France's past. Through her contemporary investigation, she stumbles onto a trail of long-hidden family secrets that connect her to Sarah. Julia finds herself compelled to retrace the girl's ordeal, from that terrible term in the Vel d'Hiv', to the camps, and beyond. As she probes into Sarah's past, she begins to question her own place in France, and to reevaluate her marriage and her life.*

*Tatiana de Rosnay offers us a brilliantly subtle, compelling portrait of France under occupation and reveals the taboos and silence that surround this painful episode.*



### *This Month in the Friends Gallery*

**Needham Artist  
Nancy Walton**

**and in the Display Case**

**Friends of Boston  
Harbor**

### *Library Hours:*

**Mon. - Thurs.**

**9:00am - 9:00pm**

**Fridays**

**9:00am - 5:30pm**

**Saturdays**

**9:00am - 5:00pm**

**Sundays**

**1:00pm - 5:00pm**



# Upcoming Events...

## Summer Movie Schedule

(All movies at 2:00 PM)

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

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

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

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

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

## July Children's Programs

**NSTAR Magic Show - "The Magic of Saving Power"**

Weds., July 7th

2:30 PM

"The Magic of Saving Power" is a spellbinding 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.



**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.

**Tales for the Earth - Storyteller Diane Edgecomb**

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.



## Questionnaire Results

Ann MacFate, Library Director

This will be the first of several articles written in response to the Library's Recent Use Questionnaire. All suggestions are being weighed by the Strategic Planning Committee.

- Thank you to the 754 people who filled out the Library's Strategic Planning Committee's recent questionnaire. Your opinions are important, as the committee formulates a plan of action for the library for the next several years.
- 95% of the respondents were Needham residents, 4 % were not, and 1% did not specify. The largest group of responses came from the 40 - 59 age group (321), with the 60+ age group in second place (233). Only 54 responses

came from people aged 6 - 19. 60% of the respondents have been using the library for more than 10 years. 42% used the library from 1 - 3 times each month, 31% used it 4 - 6 times, and 11% come to the library more than 10 times each month.

- The most popular materials were books (688), DVDs (488), paperbacks (351), and books-on-CD (216). Although many users borrow or use both the printed word and audiovisual items, the survey showed that customers prefer the printed word (books, magazines, newspapers) to the electronic media (DVDs, CDs, books-on-CD, downloadable audiobooks) by 54% to 46%.
- The question, "Are there library materials you would like to see added?" drew a variety of comments. Many people expressed the opinion that the library's collection was "just fine." One person noted that he/she was "pleased with the amount of resources that are available at the Needham Public Library. It makes me realize that I should use the library more often." Several people were concerned that the "traditional" library materials area would be eliminated (or even reduced) to favor "electronic deliver" materials. Library users requested more and a wider variety of all formats currently available. Additionally they would like to see foreign language books, copies of new books not in the reserve system, Blu-Ray DVDs, nursing journals, video games, learning kits, high school and middle school curriculum books, sheet music, Kindle rental, artwork and sculpture, a typewriter, a Medline membership, cake pan molds, and Mac computers.
- Borrowers felt that the following materials could be dropped: Videocassettes; books-on-tape; ephemeral, trashy novels; romance novels; older books; puppets/stuffed animals; foreign media; magazines; toys for kids (too many germs); paperbacks; DVD rental section; manga; newspapers. One person felt that this question should not be asked, noting that what one person does not want to use may be used by another person.
- While 63% of library users frequently or occasionally look for books on best seller lists, only 50% find the titles they are seeking. 69% seek newly published or newly reviewed books; however only 8% frequently find the books and 53% occasionally find them.
- Comments on the new book collection ranged from, "Whoever picks the new books does an amazing job, I always find something good," to "I never use this section because the wait list is so long." Many people expressed praise for the reserve system.

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