



# LIBRARY NOTES

May 2007

**NEEDHAM  
FREE PUBLIC  
LIBRARY**

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.....

## May Events in the Community Room at the Needham Free Public Library...

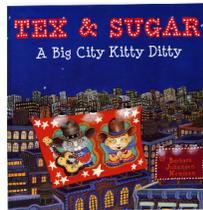
Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> 7:30 PM



Author Ric Wasley - *Shadow of Innocence* will give a talk entitled "Integrating the Creative and Business Sides of Crafting a Successful Novel That Will Sell". Book for sale courtesy of Wellesley Booksmith - autograph session to follow talk.

Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> 3:30 PM

Children's Author Barbara Johansen Newman:  
*Tex and Sugar: A Big City Kitty  
Ditty*



Barbara will be reading from her latest book and will autograph books following her program. Book available for purchase courtesy of New England Mobile Book Fair.

Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> 7:30 PM



**Book Launch: Needham Authors'  
Judy Gelman & Vicki Levy Krupp  
*The Kids' Book Club Book: Reading  
Ideas, Recipes, Activities, and Smart  
Tips for Organizing Terrific Kids'  
Book Clubs.***

Based on surveys representing five hundred youth book clubs across the country and interviews with parents, kids, educators, and librarians, *The Kids' Book Club Book* features: the top fifty favorite book club reads for children ages eight to eighteen; ideas and advice on forming great kids' book clubs-and tips for kids who want to start their own book clubs; recipes, activities, and insights from such best-selling children's book authors as Christopher Paolini, Lois Lowry, Jerry Spinelli, Nancy Farmer, Christopher Paul Curtis, Andrew Clements, Laurie Halse Anderson, Norton Juster, and many others. Book available for purchase courtesy of New England Mobile Book Fair.

## Ongoing Activities....

Appearing this month in the Friends' Gallery:  
Needham High School's Boston Globe/  
Scholastic Art Awards Winning Art Work

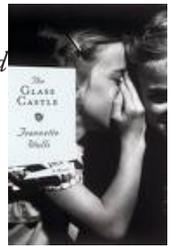
Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> - 1:00 PM

NPL Book Group

This month's selection:

*The Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls*

Jeannette Walls grew up with parents whose ideals and stubborn nonconformity were both their curse and their salvation. Rex and Rose Mary Walls had four children. In the beginning, they lived like nomads, moving among Southwest desert towns, camping in the mountains. Rex was a charismatic, brilliant man who, when sober, captured his children's imagination, teaching them physics, geology, and above all, how to embrace life fearlessly. Rose Mary, who painted and wrote and couldn't stand the responsibility of providing for her family, called herself an "excitement addict." Cooking a meal that would be consumed in fifteen minutes had no appeal when she could make a painting that might last forever. Later, when the money ran out, or the romance of the wandering life faded, the Walls retreated to the dismal West Virginia mining town -- and the family - Rex Walls had done everything he could to escape. He drank, he stole the grocery money and disappeared for days. As the dysfunction of the family escalated, Jeannette and her brother and sisters had to fend for themselves, supporting one another as they weathered their parents' betrayals and, finally, found the resources and will to leave home. What is so astonishing about Jeannette Walls is not just that she had the guts and tenacity and intelligence to get out, but that she describes her parents with such deep affection and generosity. Hers is a story of triumph against all odds, but also a tender, moving tale of unconditional love in a family that despite its profound flaws gave her the fiery determination to carve out a successful life on her own terms.



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

### May Activities



#### Baby Book Time - for ages 0 - 2 1/2

Wed., May 23, 30 10:30 - 10:50 AM

Thur., May 24, 31 10:30 - 10:50 AM

#### Toddler Time for ages 2 1/2 - 4

Tue., May 22, 29 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 3 and above

Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> 3:30 - 4:30 PM

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

#### Story Time/Craft for ages 4 and up

Thur., May 24, 31 3:30 - 4:15 PM

5 week session - limit 12. Registration begins Thur., May 10<sup>th</sup>.

#### Storycraft - Mother's Day Craft - ages 3 -5

Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup> 3:30 - 4:00 PM

Registration is required and begins May 3<sup>rd</sup> - limited to 12 spaces.

#### Creative Kids Craft - ages 6 and above

Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> 3:30 - 4:00 PM

Registration is required and begins May 8<sup>th</sup> - limited to 24 spaces. Younger siblings cannot be accommodated.

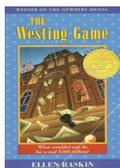
#### Book Clubs! Starting this month we will be launching two new book clubs for grade school kids - Registration Required.

Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup> 3:30 - 4:30 PM

**cover2cover!** a Book Club for Grades 5 and 6

Book: *The Westing Game* by Ellen Raskin

Location: Community Room



Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup> 3:30 - 4:30 PM

**Librarykinz!** a Book Club for Grades 3 and 4

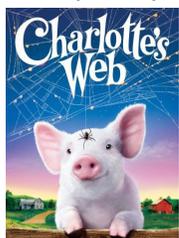
Book: *Babe* by Dick King-Smith

Location: Community Room



#### Children's Movie - *Charlotte's Web*

Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup> 3:30 PM



*The classic story of loyalty, trust, and sacrifice comes to life in this live-action adaptation. Fern (Dakota Fanning) is one of only two living beings who sees that Wilbur is a special animal as she raises him, the runt of the litter, into a terrific and radiant pig. As Wilbur moves into a new barn, he begins a second profound friendship with the most unlikely of creatures - a spider named Charlotte - and their bond inspires the animals around them to come together as a family. When the word gets out that Wilbur's days are numbered, it seems that only a miracle will save his life. A determined Charlotte - who sees miracles in the ordinary - spins words into her web in an effort to convince the farmer that Wilbur is "some pig" and worth saving.*

## Upcoming Events - June 2007

Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM

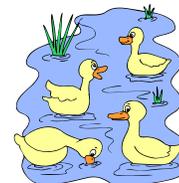
#### Friends Annual Meeting

*An Evening with Syndicated Columnist Terry Marrotta.*

Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 disenchantment 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 join Harry to unravel the mystery of his parents' death and confront the forces intent on destroying him.*



Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup> 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.*



## LIBRARY HOURS:

MON. - THURS. 10:00AM - 9:00PM

FRIDAYS 10:00AM - 5:30PM

SATURDAYS 9:00AM - 5:00PM

SUNDAYS 1:00PM - 5:00PM