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 15th  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 17th  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 23rd  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.*  


**Ongoing Activities....**

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

**Tuesday, May 8th  - 1:00 PM**  

NPL Book Group  
This months’ 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 8th 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 10th.

Storycraft - Mother’s Day Craft - ages 3 - 5
Thursday, May 10th 3:30 - 4:00 PM
Registration is required and begins May 3rd, limited to 12 spaces.

Creative Kids Craft - ages 6 and above
Tuesday, May 22nd 3:30 - 4:00 PM
Registration is required and begins May 8th, 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 11th 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 25th 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 18th 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 6th 7:00 PM
Friends Annual Meeting
An Evening with Syndicated Columnist Terry Marrotta.

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 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 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.

Library Hours:

MON.-THURS. 10:00AM - 9:00PM
FRIDAYS 10:00AM - 5:30PM
SATURDAYS 9:00AM - 5:00PM
SUNDAYS 1:00PM - 5:00PM