Comic Workshop with Illustrator
Gareth Hinds for Grades 3 - 6
Mon., May 4th 3:30 PM
Graphic Novel illustrator
Gareth Hinds (Beowulf,
King Lear, The Merchant
of Venice) will conduct
a hands-on comic work-
shop for children in Grades 3 - 6. This work-
shop will give them a feel for the various stages
or aspects of illustrating a story, the range of
problems and solutions involved in each, etc.
Pre-Registration required — limit 20. Reg-
istration will be at the Children’s Reference
Desk approx. one week before the program.
Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Need-
ham.

Magic Dave Show - Magic with Reading
Sat., May 9th 10:30 AM
Massachusetts Magician David Hall
will be performing a fun, comedic
magic show, with tons of participa-
tion. For children of all ages — and
their parents, too. Sponsored by the
Library Foundation of Needham.

Author Diane Rapaport — The
Naked Quaker: Crimes and
Controversies for the Courts of
Colonial New England
Tues., May 12th 7:30 PM
Diane a former trial lawyer, now writer and
speaker, draws upon her background in law and
history to uncover surprising (and sometimes
shocking) stories in old court records. This en-
tertaining collection of short stories grew out of
her award-winning “Tales from the Courthouse”
column in New England Ancestors magazine
(the journal of the New England Historic
Genealogical Society). Come and
listen as Diane reveals a side of
colonial New England that is not
found in the history books we read
growing up... Book will be avail-
able for sale and autographing after talk. Spon-
sored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

“They Take our Jobs! And 20 Other Myths
About Immigration.” with Author Aviva
Chomsky
Tues., May 19th 7:30 PM
Aviva Chomsky is professor
of history and coordinator
of Latin American studies at
Salem State College. In her
book, Avi Chomsky provides
a guide to the current debate on immigration
and offers constructive solutions. Sponsored by
the Needham Human Rights Committee, Need-
ham Free Public Library & the Newton Hu-
man Rights Commission. Open to all.

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

May Story Times

Lap-sit Baby Book Time - for ages up to 2 1/2
Wed., May 6, 13, 20       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., May 7, 21, 28       10:00 AM
We read stories, sing songs, and more for 30 minutes

Preschool Stories for ages 3 - 5
Tues., May 5, 26       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., May 5, 12, 19       4:00 - 4:30 PM
We will be reading stories from around the world for about 30 minutes.

Family Story Time for all ages
Fri., May 15, 29       10:00 AM
Bring your parents, grandparents, or caregivers and enjoy stories, songs and more for 30 minutes.

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

May Craft Activities

Creative Kids’ Craft: for ages 5 - 7
Thurs., May 14th       4:00 PM
Thurs., May 28th       4:00 PM
Registration required - maximum of 15 children.

Little Hands’ Craft for ages 2-5
Wed., May 13th       11:00 AM
Registration required - maximum of 15 children.

Mothers Day Craft for ages 2 - 5 years
Wed., May 6th       11:00 AM

Mothers Day Craft for ages 5 years and up
Thurs., May 7th       4:00 PM
Registration required - maximum of 15 children.

May Music Activities

Sing-Along with Ed Morgan
Fri., May 15th       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
Tues., May 12th       10:30 AM
Wed., May 27th       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., May 1st       11:00 AM
Fri., May 22nd       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.

May Reading Clubs

Lucy the R.E.A.D. Dog
Mon., May 18th       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.
Online Book Club for Grades 3 - 5  
Mon., May 11th  6:30 PM
This month’s book is *Love that Dog* by Sharon Creech. Jack hates poetry. Only girls write it and every time he tries to, his brain feels empty. But his teacher, Ms. Stretchberry, won’t stop giving her class poetry assignments — and Jack can’t avoid them. But then something amazing happens. The more he writes, the more he learns he does have something to say. Discussion will take place online at: [http://nflplchildrens.pbwiki.com](http://nflplchildrens.pbwiki.com). Registration is required for new members, sign-up at the Children’s Desk or request access by visiting the above website.

Read-Aloud Book Club for 1st & 2nd Graders  
Thur., May 21st  4:00 PM
*Listen to the Wind: The Story of Dr. Greg and Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson.
Greg Mortenson stumbled, lost and delirious, into a remote Himalayan village after a failed climb up K2. The villagers saved his life, and he vowed to return and build them a school. Told in the voice of Korphe’s children, this story illuminates the humanity and culture of a relevant and distant part of the world in gorgeous collage, while sharing a riveting example of how one person can change thousands of lives. Registration is required and limited to 15 members. Grade level restrictions apply.

**May Programs**

**In the Community Room**

**Childrens Movie: Hotel for Dogs** (Rated PG - 100 min.)  
Sat., May 23rd  10:00 AM

Animals are strictly forbidden at Andi and her little brother Bruce’s foster home. But for Friday, the adorable dog they secretly care for, they’re ready to risk everything. They finally find him an ideal shelter, a huge abandoned hotel that Bruce transforms, thanks to his engineering genius. In what has become an incredible paradise for dogs, Friday is soon joined by all kinds of furry friends, so many in fact that their barks alert the neighbors...and the local pound, who can’t understand the disappearance of all the stray dogs. Andi and Bruce will have to call on all their friends and all their imagination to stop the hotel’s secret from being discovered...

**NPL Book Group**  
Tuesday, May 12th  1:00 PM

This month’s selection: *The Murders in the Rue Morgue* and *The Mystery of Marie Roget* by Edgar Allan Poe
This month, the NPL Afternoon Book Group will be reading two short stories by the master of the macabre, Edgar Allan Poe. The stories are interconnected as they both feature Poe’s detective character C. Auguste Dupin, who must use all of his detective skills to solve these Parisian murders.

**NPL Evening Book Group**  
Wednesday, May 20th  7:00 PM

This month’s selection: *Three Cups of Tea: One Man’s Mission to Promote Peace... One School at a Time* by Greg Mortenson
Anyone who despairs of the individuals’ power to change lives has to read the story of Greg Mortenson, a homeless mountaineer who, following a 1993 climb of Pakistan’s treacherous K2, was inspired by a chance encounter with impoverished mountain villagers and promised to build them a school. Over the next decade he built fifty-five schools especially for girls that offer a balanced education in one of the most isolated and dangerous regions on earth. As it chronicles Mortenson’s quest, which has brought him into conflict with both enraged Islamists and uncomprehending Americans, *Three Cups of Tea* combines adventure with a celebration of the humanitarian spirit.

**In the Friends’ Gallery:**

**NHS/Boston Globe Scholastic Art Award Winners**
Upcoming Events...

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.

Did You Know
...that the Library is adding Playaways, the first self-playing digital audio book, to all of our existing audio book collections.

Half the size of a deck of cards, Playaway is the simplest way to listen to a book. There are no tapes or CDs, and the self-contained unit can hold up to eighty hours of listening pleasure. Playaway comes with the audio content already pre-loaded on it. Using clearly marked buttons, Playaway gives listeners the ability to move back and forth within or between chapters and alter the speed of a narrator’s voice. It even has an automatic bookmark feature that remembers where you left off. Playaway has a universal headphone jack that works with almost any type of headphone or mobility accessory.

Come to the library to check out this new collection. All you will need for many hours of listening pleasure are earphones and one AAA battery. Playaways are available in the Children’s, Adult, and Young Adult Collections.

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