



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.....

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 workshop for children in Grades 3 - 6. This workshop 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. Registration will be at the Children's Reference Desk approx. one week before the program. *Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.*



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 entertaining 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 available for sale and autographing after talk. *Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.*



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 participation. 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



"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, Needham Free Public Library & the Newton Human 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://nfplchildrens.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.

Library Hours:

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| 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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