



# 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...

## Former Needham Resident Author John Rockwood – Adventures with Grapenut Tuesday, May 11th 7:30 PM



Former Needham resident John Rockwood's slide show will chronicle the lives of two Common Loon families, from their arrival in the

spring through their migration back to the ocean in fall. Through John's photos, you will get to see Loons, so close up and personal that you will feel like you are in the kayak, living the adventure. The star of the show will be Grapenut, a 4 day old Loon chick from John's book, *Adventures With Grapenut*. You'll hear how John found Grapenut and learn about some of Grapenut's surprising and interesting loony behaviors! *Adventures With Grapenut* will be available for sale and signing before and after the presentation. Check out <http://natureforalltosee.net> for further information. *This event is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.*

## Creature Teachers – Animals Around the World

Saturday, May 8th 10:30 AM

This program explores the diverse habitats of our planet and the animals that live within them. See why some animals are well suited for certain areas and why some are not. Come, join us, as we take a trip around the world to find

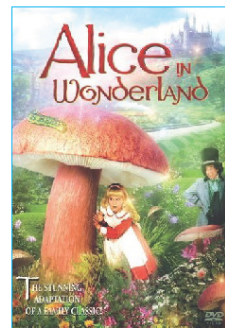


out where today's animals came from. This is a live animal show, featuring the following animals: Kinkajou (South America), Bearded Dragon (Australia), Umbrella Cockatoo (Indonesia), Alligator (USA), Gray Fox (North America), Python (India), African Spur Thigh Tortoise (North Africa) and Malaysian Leaf Frogs (Malaysia). *Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.*



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

Friday, May 28th 3:30 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 curiouser and curiouser. 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 1 of this two-part production.*

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 May

Spanish Storytime with Claudia -

Drop-In Storytime for ages 2 and up

Fri., May 7th

10:30 AM



Featuring a Spanish storytime by Claudia

Drop-in Storytime for all ages

Wed., May 12, 19, 26

10:00 AM

Thur., May 13

10:00 AM

Fri., May 21

10:00 AM



Stories, music, movement and more for 30 minutes.

Baby Laptime for ages 0-12 months (Prewalkers)

Fri., May 28

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., May 14th

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\*\*

Weds., May 5th

10:30 AM

Tues., May 25th

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., May 10th

11:00 AM

Mon., May 24th

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\*\*

Thur., May 6th

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 is required. Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.

## May Craft Activities

Mother Goose Party for ages 2 - 5 years\*\*

Tues., May 4th

4:00 PM



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

Children's Book Week Crafts for ages 3 and up\*\*

Thur., May 13th

4:00 PM



Featuring stories, crafts and surprises!!

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

Storycraft Program for ages 4 and up\*\*

Thur., May 20th

4:00 PM

Each month, we will read stories related to the month and do a craft project! \*\*Registration required, beginning one week before event.



Pirates and Princesses Party for ages 2 - 6 years\*\*

Thurs., May 27th

4:00 PM



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



## May Special Events

Meet SPOT the Dog - Drop-In for all Ages



Fri., May 14th 10:00 AM

Wed., May 19th 6:30 PM

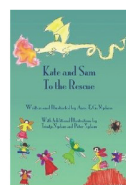
Sat., May 22nd 10:30 AM

SPOT the dog will visit our Library this month in celebration of his 30th Birthday - Bring your camera for this photo opportunity!!

Children's Author Anne Nydam - How to Have a Magical Adventure for ages 5 - 9\*\*

Tues, May 11th

3:00 PM



Needham Author Anne Nydam will read from her book *Kate and Sam to the Rescue*, and talk about how the book was written and illus. with a little help from her children. Participants will then have a chance to think about a magical adventure story of their own. \*\*Registration required, beginning one week before event.

## Rave Reads for ages 6 - 11 years\*\*

Tues, May 18th

4:00 PM



"Rave Reads" is for children ages 6-11 to have a chance to share a favorite book with one another. \*\*Registration required, beginning one week before event.

## May Book Discussions

### NPL Book Group

Tuesday, May 11th

1:00 PM

### *The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo*

by Steig Larsson



Mikael Blomkvist, a financial journalist and publisher of the liberal magazine Millennium, is licking his wounds after being convicted of libel. He wants nothing more than to see the truth about corrupt financier Hans-Erik Wennerström come out-and to see his own journalistic integrity restored. So when Blomkvist is promised crippling information about Wennerström by elderly businessman Henrik Vanger, former CEO of the Vanger Corporation, Blomkvist is intrigued. There are strings attached, of course: Vanger wants Blomkvist to investigate the disappearance of his beloved niece, Harriet, who vanished from remote Hedeby Island in 1966 without a trace. As he begins his investigation, Blomkvist struggles to adapt to the Nordic cold (on his second day he makes a break for the local store to buy lined gloves and long underwear), while also getting used to life on a small island, where the great majority of residents share the Vanger name. Intertwined with Blomkvist's narrative is that of Lisbeth Salander, a tattooed, waif-thin, 20-something hacker known for her extreme antisocial behavior and capacity for violence. Eventually, the enigmatic Salander is also drawn into the mystery of Harriet's disappearance, joining Blomkvist on the island and putting her professional skills as a freelance private investigator to use. Here the tightly written plot takes off, leading this unusual pair on a fast-paced, all-consuming journey deep into Harriet's story, and into the secrets of the Vanger family.



## NPL Evening Book Group

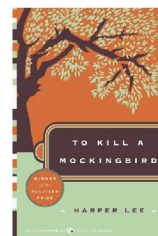
Wednesday, May 19th

7:00 PM

### *To Kill a Mockingbird*

by Harper Lee

"Shoot all the bluejays you want, if you can hit 'em, but remember it's a sin to kill a mockingbird."



A lawyer's advice to his children as he defends the real mockingbird of Harper Lee's classic novel--a black man charged with the rape of a white girl. Through the young eyes of Scout and Jem Finch, Harper Lee explores with rich humor and unswerving honesty the irrationality of adult attitudes toward race and class in the Deep South of the 1930s. The conscience of a town steeped in prejudice, violence, and hypocrisy is pricked by the stamina and quiet heroism of one man's struggle for justice--but the weight of history will only tolerate so much.

## *This Month in the Friends Gallery*

## NHS/Boston Globe Scholastic Art Award Winners



The Library still has IRS and Massachusetts Tax Forms.

Get them while you still can in the downstairs lobby... Tax deadline for Norfolk county

is May 11th!

## *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...

## **"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 Leskow-

itz 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.*

## **Medicare information & Counseling now at the Library!**



Are you overwhelmed by all your medicare choices? Do you care for an elderly person and have questions about his/her coverage? For the answers to these questions and more, help is now available at the

Needham Free Public Library. The **SHINE** program (Serving the Health Information Needs of Elders) offers FREE unbiased Medicare health insurance counseling. To schedule an appointment with a certified SHINE counselor, call the Senior Center at 781-455-7555 and ask for a **SHINE** Library appointment.

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