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....

**November Events in the Community Room at the Needham Free Public Library...**

**Sunday, November 4th  2:00 PM**

**The Battlefield Guide**

Poetry about Gettysburg & Antietam by Rodger Martin, accompanied by traditional and original music. 

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**Saturday, November 10th  10:00 AM**

**Toe Jam Puppet Band**

Performing 250 shows in 2006 and selling over 2000 CDs, the **Toe Jam Puppet Band** delivers super fabulicious kids music that grownups enjoy too! Big kids’ Tom and Willy bring smiles, giggles and dance to families with their unique combination of original and interactive songs and stories. The nonstop fun is contagious! Everybody will sing and dance along with the band as they entertain with a unique combination of original songs (“Barn Dance”, “Block Cheese Dance Party”, “Car Wash”, “Flying Laundry”), storytelling and just plain old good fun. 

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**Sunday, November 18th   2:00 PM**

**Outrageous Fortune - Acoustic Music Duo**

**Outrageous Fortune** features Chris Wells on guitar and lead vocals and Needham Native Rod Thomas on harmonica and harmony vocals. Their repertoire reflects their roots in Folk, Blues and 1930’s Jazz. 

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**Friday, November 23rd   2:00 PM**

**Children’s Movie: Ratatouille (G - 111min)**

After watching a celebrity chef on television, Remy the rat, a rodent blessed with an exquisite sense of smell and taste, dreams of becoming one himself. And soon he does, after he is accidentally swept into a storm drain, washes up near the most famous restaurant in France, and comes up with a delicious soup recipe. Teaming up with Linguini, a lowly dish boy, Remy fulfills his dream, in a funny, moving tale about fulfilling your potential against all odds.

**Tuesday, November 27th   5:30 PM**

**Book Launch: Needham Poet Robert K. Johnson**

Come and hear local poet Robert K. Johnson read selections from his latest volume of poetry. Autograph session following the reading. The book will be available for purchase.

**Ongoing Activities....**

**Appearing this month in the Friends’ Gallery:**

**Needham Art Association Members’ Show**

**Tuesday, November 13th   1:00 PM**

**NPL Book Group**

This month’s selection: **The Road by Cormac McCarthy**

_The Road is the profoundly moving story of a journey. It boldly imagines a future in which no hope remains, but in which the father and his son, “each the other’s world entire,” are sustained by love. Awesome in the totality of its vision, it is an unflinching meditation on the worst and the best that we are capable of: ultimate destructiveness, desperate tenacity, and the tenderness that keeps two people alive in the face of total devastation._

For further information about upcoming events, go to www.needhamma.gov/library.
Children’s Department
November Storytimes

Lap-sit Baby Book Time - for ages up to 2 1/2
Wed., Oct 31        10:00 - 10:20 AM
Wed., Nov 7, 14, 28   10:00 - 10:20 AM
Introduce your baby to the fun of books and words with stories, fingerplays, and sing-alongs.

Toddler Time for ages 3 and up
Thurs., Nov 1, 8, 15, 29    10:00 - 10:20 AM
Combines music, movement and stories.

Story times are drop-in - no registration required.
All children must be accompanied by an adult.
Storytimes start PROMPTLY at 10:00 AM - please arrive on time.

Craft Programs for November

Drop-in Story/Craft - ages 3 and above
Thursday, November 1st   3:30 - 4:00 PM
No Registration required. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Creative Kids Craft - ages 5 and above
Thursday, November 15th  3:30 - 4:15 PM
Registration is required and begins Nov 8th - limited to 12 spaces. Younger siblings cannot be accommodated.

Story/Craft- ages 4 and above
Thursday, November 29th  3:30 - 4:15 PM
Registration is required and begins Nov 15th - limited to 12 spaces. Younger siblings cannot be accommodated.

Upcoming Events - December 2007

Saturday, December 1st   3:00 PM
Children’s Author/Illustrator Ruth Sanderson
Join us as Author/Illustrator Ruth Sanderson talks about how she writes and illustrates her award-winning fairytale and picture books.
Books will be available for purchase and autographing following the presentation.
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Sunday, December 2nd    2:00 PM
An Edwardian Christmas Tea with Rita Parisi

Enjoy an afternoon of holiday cheer as Rita transports you back to Christmas 1908. Find out what ladies, gentlemen and children wanted in their stockings that year, as well as the holiday traditions. Take a moment from the holiday stress as Rita shares with you her plans for the holiday, including her preparation of a Christmas dinner. And don’t forget to bring along your “Christmas Wish List” and Rita will open up her 1908 Sears & Roebuck catalogue and let you know how much it will cost you!

Thursday, December 27th  3:00 PM
MAGIC by GEORGE

MAGIC by GEORGE’s fun filled show keeps you on the edge of your seat. You’ll be thrilled by the appearance of live birds and the actual levitation of an audience member! With lots of audience involvement and family fun humor, everyone will leave wanting more. For young and old alike. A Great Show! And Great Fun! Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

Friday, December 28th    2:00 PM
Children’s Movie: Short Film Festival featuring Pixar Short Shorts and the work of Chuck Jones

Disneys’ Pixar Films invite you to discover these masterpieces of storytelling from the creative minds that brought you Toy Story, Monsters, Inc., Finding Nemo and many more. With revolutionary animation, unforgettable music and characters you love, these dazzling short films have changed the face of animation and entertainment and are sure to delight people of all ages for years to come.
Chuck Jones, one of the top directors for the Warner Brothers Looney Tunes, also directed several children’s book-based cartoons over the years. We will be showing his version of Rikki-Tikki-Tavi as well as a few other surprises.