

# Upcoming Events...



Alex the Jester -

Sat., December 13th 10:30 AM

It's easy to imagine a court jester – the colorful trickster with bells jingling from his floppy hat. But have you ever seen one perform in real time? A rare treat, indeed!

Enter the world of the Wise Fool, and take an inspiring journey to Medieval times with Alex the Jester.

Alex the Jester prefers action to words, from mind bending sight gags to amazing stunts. When he finally clears his throat to speak, his audience is captivated. Rolling off his tongue is a funny sounding gibberish tongue called Grammelot. Come join us on a thrilling journey that your sense of wonder and your funny bone won't ever forget! This event is sponsored by The Library Foundation of Needham.



## Vacation Week Films:

Childrens Movie: The Chronicles of Narnia - Prince Caspian (PG - 149 min.)

Fri., December 26th 2:00 PM

The four Pevensie children return to Narnia and discover that even though it has been only a short time in their world, hundreds of years have passed since they ruled there. With the help of a heroic mouse called Reepicheep and the exiled heir to the throne, Prince Caspian, they set out to overthrow the evil King Miraz who has taken charge in this second installment of the epic Chronicles series.



Childrens Movie: Kung Fu Panda (PG - 88 min.)

Wed., December 31st 10:00 AM

Enthusiastic, big and a little clumsy, Po works in his family's noodle shop while daydreaming about becoming a Kung Fu master. His dreams soon become reality when he is unexpectedly chosen to join the world of Kung Fu and study alongside his idols-the legendary fighters Tigress, Crane, Mantis, Viper and Monkey-under the leadership of their guru, Master



Shifu. But before they know it, the vengeful and treacherous snow leopard Tai Lung is headed their way, and it's up to Po to defend everyone from the oncoming threat. Can he turn his dreams of becoming a Kung Fu hero into reality? Po puts his heart and his girth into the task, and ultimately finds that his greatest weaknesses turn out to be his greatest strengths.

Childrens Movie: Horton Hears a Who! (G - 174 min.)

Wed., December 31st 7:00 PM

One of Dr. Seuss' most beloved stories roars to life as never before in this enormous animated adventure that proves "a person's a person no matter how small." A playful pachyderm named Horton becomes a reluctant hero when he discovers the microscopic city of Whoville on a floating speck of dust and embarks on a hilarious adventure to save the town from the dangers of the jungle. Featuring a who's who of superstar voice talent, including Jim Carrey, Steve Carell and Carol Burnett, this heartwarming hit comedy delivers loads of laughs and tons of fun for the whole family! Shown as part of the New Years' Needham Celebration.



## FYI FROM THE REFERENCE DEPARTMENT

### Testing & Education Reference Center

Need help finding scholarships? Use this database to search thousands of college and graduate school entries. Identify scholarships that meet your financial needs. Take on-line practice tests and use test prep eBooks to help obtain your educational goals. This database is funded by The Library Foundation of Needham.



### Library Hours:

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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# LIBRARY NOTES

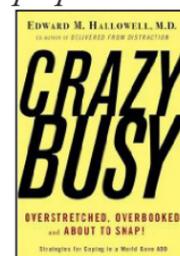
November 2008

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....

Dr. Edward M. Hallowell - *Crazy Busy: Overstretched, Overbooked, and About to Snap! Strategies for Coping in a World Gone ADD*

Sun., November 2nd 2:00 PM

Dr. Hallowell in speaking about his 2006 book, *Crazy Busy* says that the best systems for organizing ourselves do no good if our stated priorities are too numerous or unfocused, or if we are too disconnected from the people we cherish. With easy-to-follow advice that covers the large and small issues of life management, this book offers as much to CEOs as it does to house-husbands and minimum-wage workers. Come hear from a renown expert on ADD (and a fellow sufferer) tips on how to cope with this disorder. This program is sponsored by The Friends of the Needham Public Library.



Broadway-esque tunes. You'll become the Big Bad Wolf and blow the house down, fix Rosie's wrong rhymes, test your skills with the Simon Sez Song, and share a special moment with your loved ones singing "Love Is a Family."

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Richard Clarke in  
GREAT SCOT!  
IT'S ANDREW CARNEGIE!

Sun., November 23rd 2:00 PM

He rose from humble beginnings to become "The King of Steel" and the richest man in the world. He was called the "greediest little devil that ever lived" yet gave away billions of dollars building thousands of libraries. He warred with labor yet passionately advocated world peace and counted Mark Twain, Helen Keller and Booker T. Washington as his friends. Come join us as actor Richard Clarke brings this fascinating conundrum of a man to life. This program is the first in a series of One Person Interpretive Shows, sponsored by the Trustees of the Needham Free Public Library.



Debbie and Friends -  
Story Songs and Sing Alongs

Sat., November 8th 10:30 AM

Debbie and Friends concerts are fun for the whole family. Parents and kids join in this interactive "variety show," which includes a diverse array of styles including rock, pop, country, reggae, and



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...

## November Storytimes

**Lap-sit Baby Book Time - for ages up to 2 1/2**  
Wed., Nov. 12, 19, 26 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., Nov. 6, 20 10:00 AM

We read stories, sing songs, and more for 30 minutes



**Preschool Stories for ages 3 - 5**  
Tues., Nov. 4, 25 10:00 AM

We read stories, sing songs, and play games for about 30 minutes



**Stories from around the world for PreK - Gr.1**  
Tues., Nov. 4, 18, 25 4:00 - 4:30 PM

We will be reading stories from around the world for about 30 minutes.



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

## October Craft Activities

**Creative Kids Craft: for ages 5 - 7**  
Thurs., Nov. 6th 4:00 PM

Registration required, maximum of 15 children.

**Little Hands Craft for ages 2 - 5**  
Weds., Nov. 5th 4:00 PM

Thurs., Nov. 13th 4:00 PM  
Registration required - maximum of 15 children.



**Thanksgiving Craft for all ages**  
Thurs., Nov. 20th 4:00 PM

Registration required - maximum of 15 children.



## November Music Activities

**Sing-Along with Ed Morgan**

Fri., Nov. 14th 3:00 PM



For children 2.9-5 years accompanied by an adult. This is a drop-in program - please arrive on time.

**Music, Movement and Me with Sara Epstein**

Thurs., Nov. 13th 9:30 AM

Tues., Nov. 18th 9:30 AM

An interactive music and movement program for children ages 0-4 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., Nov. 7th 10:00 AM

Fri., Nov. 21st 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.

## November Reading Clubs

**Read-Aloud Book Club for 1st & 2nd Graders**

Wed., Nov. 19th 4:00 PM

Registration is required and limited to 15 members. Grade level restrictions apply.



**Lucy the R.E.A.D. Dog**

Mon., Nov. 10th 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.



## November Programs In the Community Room

**The U.Fund Start U Reading Program for ages 1 - 4 starring ELMO!**

Fri., November 7th 11:00 AM



Join us for a Story time and a visit from ELMO! Each child will receive a goody bag, courtesy of the Mass. UFund College Savings plan.

**Children's Movie: Wall-E (Rated G - 98 min.)**

Fri., November 28th 10:00 AM



As the last robot left on earth, Wall-E (voiced by Ben Burtt) is one small robot--with a big, big heart--who holds the future of earth and mankind squarely in the palm of his metal hand. He's outlasted all the "Waste Allocation Load Lifter Earth-Class" robots that were assigned some 700 years ago to clean up the environmental mess that man made of earth while man vacationed aboard the luxury spaceship Axiom. Wall-E has dutifully gone about his job compacting trash, the extreme solitude broken only by his pet cockroach, but he's developed some oddly human habits and ideas. When the Axiom sends its regularly scheduled robotic EVE probe (Elissa Knight) to earth, Wall-E is instantly smitten and proceeds to try to impress EVE with his collection of human memorabilia. EVE's directive compels her to bring Wall-E's newly collected plant sprout to the captain of the Axiom and Wall-E follows in hot pursuit. Suddenly, the human world is turned upside down and the Captain (Jeff Garlin) joins forces with Wall-E and a cast of other misfit robots to lead the now lethargic people back home to earth.

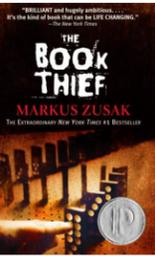
**NPL Book Group**

Tuesday, Nov. 4th 1:00 PM

**This month's selection:**

*The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak

Set during World War II in Germany, Liesel Meminger, a foster girl living outside of Munich, scratches out a meager existence for herself by stealing. With the help of her accordion-playing foster father, she learns to read and shares her stolen books with her neighbors during bombing raids. This is an unforgettable story about the ability of books to feed the soul.



**NPL Evening Book Group**

Wednesday, Nov. 19th 7:00 PM

**This month's selection:**

*Any Four Women Could Rob the Bank of Italy* by Ann Cornelisen



During an Italian summer of kidnappings and robberies, career women El and Lacey find themselves being waved through roadblocks by Italian police who assume that females are incapable of any premeditated crime. The friends conclude that any four women could rob the Bank of Italy. . . and the police would still go around looking for four men. At first, it is a kind of joke to pass the time. Then it evolves from what if we did? to let's do it, and eventually becomes a stunningly successful robbery of a mail train-leaving the perpetrators in a hilarious struggle with their own consciences and the local police.

Appearing this month  
in the Friends' Gallery:  
**Needham Art Association**

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