



# 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.....

## Author Frank Shirley — *New Rooms for Old Houses: Beautiful Additions for the Traditional Home*

Sun., April 5th

2:00 PM

*The most popular American house styles today are still the classics from yesterday--Capes, Bungalows, Victorians and Federals. The perennial struggle we all seem to face is how to best live in them with our changing needs. Often we need more space. The likely solution? Add on. The challenge? How to do it right. Renowned Architect Frank Shirley, the author of *New Rooms for Old Houses*, will offer us an in-depth look at making the most of a traditionally inspired addition. Book will be for sale courtesy of New England Mobile Book Fair. Event sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.*



## Poetry/Fiction Reading — JoAnne Preiser and Kevin McIntosh

Tues., April 14th

7:30 PM



Join us as local poet JoAnne Preiser and short fiction writer Kevin McIntosh read selections from their latest works. Preiser's poetry has been published in numerous journals including: *Alehouse Press*, *The Ledge* and *Memoir(and)*. JoAnne teaches at Dover Sherborn High School and resides in Needham with her husband. Kevin McIntosh's short stories have appeared in the *Beloit Fiction*

*Journal*, *American Literary Review*, *Potomac Review* and have been nominated for *Best New American Voices*. Kevin currently lives in West Newton with his wife and two children.

## Fun and Discovery with Bubbles — Mike the Boston Bubble Guy

Sat., April 25th

10:30 AM



Mike Dorval, The Boston Bubble Guy, will present his award-winning performance, "Fun and Discovery with Bubbles." Mike has been performing out on the West Coast and is now treating Boston-area audiences to this great show! Join us for this fun, family event. *Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.*

## Richard Hughes' Silent Movie Show

Tues., April 28th

7:30 PM



Silent movie master pianist Richard Hughes will take you on a trip into the past when films were black and white and there were no sound tracks. The movie industry put plenty of charm and personality into these old films, using skillful pantomime acting. Join us, as Richard provides the accompaniment to that classic of the silent screen, *The Mark of Zorro* (1920) starring Douglas Fairbanks. *Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.*



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...

## April Story Times

**Lap-sit Baby Book Time** - for ages up to 2 1/2  
Wed., Apr. 1, 8, 15, 22 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., Apr. 2, 9, 16, 23 10:00 AM  
We read stories, sing songs, and more for 30 minutes



**Preschool Stories** for ages 3 - 5

Tues., Apr. 7, 14 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., Apr. 7, 14, 21 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., Apr. 24 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.*

## April Craft Activities

**Creative Kids' Craft:** for ages 5 - 7

Thurs., Apr. 16th 4:00 PM  
Thurs., Apr. 23rd 4:00 PM

Registration required - maximum of 15 children.



**Little Hands' Craft** for ages 2-5

Thurs., Apr. 15th 11:00 AM

Registration required - maximum of 15 children.



**Planting Craft** for ages 2- 5 years

Wed., Apr. 8th 11:00 AM

Thurs., Apr. 9th 11:00 AM

Registration required - maximum of 15 children.



## April Music Activities

**Sing-Along with Ed Morgan**

Fri., Apr. 10th 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., Apr. 21st 10:30 AM

Tues., Apr. 28th 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., Apr. 3rd 11:00 AM

Fri., Apr. 10th 11:00 AM



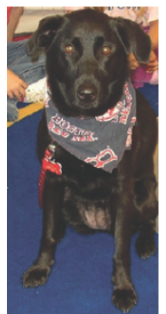
Join Cici Hunt in this fun-filled music and movement class for children and their caretakers. Registration is required- max. 20 children & accompanying adult.

## April Reading Clubs

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

Mon., Apr. 6th 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.

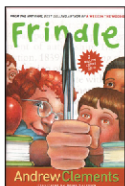


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## Online Book Club for Grades 3 - 5

Mon., Apr. 13th 6:30 PM

This month's book is *Frindle* by Andrew Clements. *Nicholas Allen is not a trouble-maker -- he's just creative. When he decides to liven things up in Mrs. Granger's fifth grade language arts class, he comes up with the greatest plan yet. He invents a new word for a pen -- frindle. It doesn't take long for frindle to take root and soon the excitement spreads beyond the school and town and unleashes a series of events that rapidly spins out of control.* 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., Apr. 30th 4:00 PM

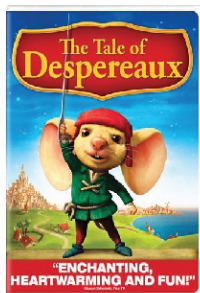
*Titanicat* by Marty Crisp  
*Jim Mulholland, a boy who has signed on as cabin boy aboard the Titanic, helps ready the ship for its maiden voyage, but when it is time to set sail and he cannot find the ship's cat on board, he leaves the vessel to search for her.* Registration is required and limited to 15 members. Grade level restrictions apply.



## April Programs In the Community Room

Childrens Movie: The Tale of Despereaux  
(Rated G - 90 min.)

Thur., Apr. 23rd 2:00 PM



Welcome to the story of Despereaux Tilling, a mouse who is in love with music, stories, and a princess named Pea. It is also the story of a rat called Roscuro, who lives in the darkness and covets a world filled with light. And it is the story of Miggery Sow, a slow-witted serving girl who harbors a simple, impossible wish. These three characters are about to embark on a journey that will lead them down into a horrible dungeon, up into a glittering castle, and, ultimately, into each other's lives...

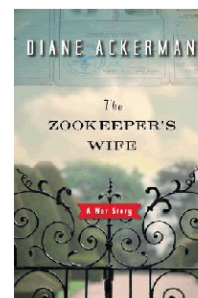
## NPL Book Group

Tuesday, Apr. 14th 1:00 PM

This month's selection:

*The Zookeeper's Wife*  
by Diane Ackerman

*When Germany invaded Poland, Stuka bombers devastated Warsaw--and the city's zoo along with it. With most of their animals dead, zookeepers Jan and Antonina Zabinski began smuggling Jews into empty cages. Another dozen "guests" hid inside the Zabinskis' villa, emerging after dark for dinner, socializing, and, during rare moments of calm, piano concerts. Jan, active in the Polish resistance, kept ammunition buried in the elephant enclosure and stashed explosives in the animal hospital. Meanwhile, Antonina kept her unusual household afloat, caring for both its human and its animal inhabitants--otters, a badger, hyena pups, lynxes.*



## NPL Evening Book Group

Wednesday, Apr 15th 7:00 PM

This month's selection:

*Oh the Glory of it All*  
by Sean Wilsey

*Sean Wilsey grew up rich, pampered, privileged. Home was 800 feet above San Francisco, in a luxury apartment with the kind of view you see on postcards. Early mornings, young Sean and his parents took walks in matching blue jumpsuits with white piping. Their lives, like the scenic splendor out their high-rise windows, seemed perfect. It was an illusion. Wilsey's engrossing memoir, Oh the Glory of It All, is about surviving a childhood that was all but destroyed by childish adults.*



**In the Friends' Gallery:**

**Needham Open Studios 2009**



# Upcoming Events...

## **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**



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.

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## ***“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.

## **Did You Know....**

that *Library Notes*, the Needham Free Public Library's monthly newsletter, is now available electronically. *Library Notes* lists all the library's monthly activities, including children's storytimes, craft activities and other children's programs; adult library programs sponsored by the Friends, the Library Foundation, and the library's trust funds; library book club information; Friends' Gallery and display cabinet art and craft work information; and more....

To view the latest issue of *Library Notes*, go to the library page on the Town's website ([www.needhamma.gov/library](http://www.needhamma.gov/library)) and on the left side of the page click on “Current Library Newsletter.” To be notified when the latest copy of the newsletter is available online, return to the library home page and click on “Notify Me about Library Events.” Follow the registration instructions on the page that appears.



### **Library Hours:**

<b>Mon. - Thurs.</b>	<b>9:00am - 9:00pm</b>
<b>Fridays</b>	<b>9:00am - 5:30pm</b>
<b>Saturdays</b>	<b>9:00am - 5:00pm</b>
<b>Sundays</b>	<b>1:00pm - 5:00pm</b>

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