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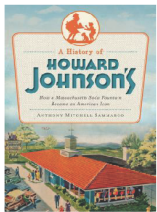
# LIBRARY NOTES

April 2014

Author Anthony M. Sammarco—*The History of Howard Johnson's: How a Massachusetts Soda Fountain Became an American Icon*

Sunday, April 13th

2:00 PM



Howard Johnson created an orange-roofed empire of ice cream stands and restaurants that stretched from Maine to Florida and all the way to the West Coast. Popularly known as the "Father of the Franchise Industry," Johnson delivered good food and prices that brought appreciative customers back for more. The attractive white Colonial Revival restaurants, with eye-catching porcelain tile roofs, illuminated cupolas and sea blue shutters, were described in *Reader's Digest* in 1949 as the epitome of "eating places that look like New England town meeting houses dressed up for Sunday." Boston historian and author Anthony M. Sammarco recounts how Howard Johnson introduced twenty-eight flavors of ice cream, the "Tendersweet" clam strips, grilled frankforts and a menu of delicious and traditional foods that families eagerly enjoyed when they traveled. Books will be available for purchase and autographing. *This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.*

World War I—A Series of Lectures by Dr. Gary Hylander

Tuesday, April 15th

7:30 PM



Popular speaker and lecturer Dr. Gary Hylander returns with his fourth lecture on World War I, in this 100th anniversary year commemorating this cataclysmic event.

*This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.*

Swords Through The Ages—A Lecture, Discussion and Demonstration of Swordsmanship

Tuesday, April 22nd

3:30 PM



Come to an amazing sword presentation by Jeff Goodhind and Jeff Lord from the Association for Renaissance and Medieval Swordsmanship. They'll demonstrate the art of Western European swordsmanship over the centuries. If you dare, try your hand at (blunt) sword combat! This program is for ages 12 and up. *This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.*

*Created Equal: America's Civil Rights Struggle — Film Screenings and Scholar-Led Discussion*

Film Showing: *Slavery by Another Name* (90 min.)

Thursday, April 10th

7:00PM

Discussion: *Slavery by Another Name: Then and Now* led by Leslie C. Smart

Saturday, April 12th

2:00 PM



*Slavery by Another Name: Even as slavery ended after the Civil War, new forms of forced labor kept thousands of African Americans in bondage. Based on the 2008 Pulitzer Prize-winning book of the same title by Douglas Blackmon.*

The *Slavery by Another Name: Then and Now* discussion will be led by Leslie C. Smart, facilitator of a Framingham University Cultural Proficiency graduate course and the METCO coordinator for the Needham Middle Schools.

*Created Equal: America's Civil Rights Struggle*, is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Humanities that uses the power of documentary films to encourage scholar-led, community discussions of America's civil rights history. The *Created Equal* film set is made possible through a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, as part of its Bridging Cultures initiative, in partnership with the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History.

Crabgrass Puppets—The Pirate, The Princess and the Pea

Saturday, April 26th

10:30 AM



*A pirate's life isn't all "yo-ho-ho and a bottle of grog," ya know. It's hard work searchin' for treasure, what with avoidin' the sea monsters, keepin' the crabs from eatin' your nose, and fallin' overboard just in time to meet a giant octopus. But it's worth it when ya haul in that treasure chest . . . but the treasure in this chest happens to be a princess . . . a princess who doesn't even believe you're a pirate! And how do you prove you're a real pirate? Arrgh. Well, ya start with a whole lot o' mattresses! This program is 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...

## Children's Programs in April

### Drop-in Storytimes for ages 5 and under



Wed., April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 10:00 AM  
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 Fri., April 4 10:30 AM  
 Tues., April 15 10:30 AM

Stories, music, movement and more. Storytimes are drop-in—no registration required. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

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



Tues., April 1 10:30 AM  
 Tues., April 29 10:30 AM

An interactive music and movement program for adults and children under 4. \*\*Registration is required, one session per month only please.

### Ready, Set...Move with Cici Hunt: for ages 3-5\*\*



Tues., April 8 11:00 AM  
 Tues., April 22 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.

### Sing-Along with Ed Morgan



Fri., April 11 3:00 PM  
 Thurs., April 17 10:30 AM

For children 2 years and up accompanied by an adult. This is a drop-in program—please arrive on time.

**Funding for Music Enrichment Programs  
 provided by the Friends of the Needham  
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### "Fun Flicks" Movies for ages 2-5

Thurs., April 10 11:00 AM  
 Short films based on popular storybooks—shown in the Community Room.

### April Coloring Time for all ages.

Thurs., April 3 10:30-11:15 AM

Come and color April Special Days coloring sheets.



## Children's Craft Programs in April



### Drop-In "Crafts of the Month" for ages 2-6

Mon., April 7 4:00 PM



### Drop-In "National Library Week" Crafts for ages 2-6

Mon., April 14 4:00 PM



### Drop-In "Earth Day" Crafts for all ages

Thurs., April 24 10:30 AM



### Drop-In "Spring Sports" Crafts for ages 2-6

Mon., April 28 4:00 PM

**All Drop-In Craft Programs feature two crafts and a coloring page that are related to the theme. There will be 25 of each craft, so be sure to come early for first choice.**

### Growing Readers: Story/Crafts for Ages 4-6

Wed., April 2, 16, 30 1:00 PM



Join us for this 45 minute combination storytime and craft session.

### LEGO Time! Needham Free Public Library's BLOCK PARTY!

Due to space limitations, the program is limited to 24 children, ages 6+.

Tuesday, April 15

4:30 - 5:30 PM

**Sign-up for program begins one week before the event. You can sign up by phone or in person.**



## Looney Tunes Cartoon Festival

Friday, April 25 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM



All Looney, All Day!! Come and go as you please for this all day event—join us for this trip down memory lane as we show your favorite Looney Tune cartoons from the Golden Age of Animation as well as some of your favorite full-length movies. The showing schedule will be posted closer to this event.

## April Book Discussions

### NPL Book Group

Tuesday, April 8th

#### *Where'd You Go, Bernadette*

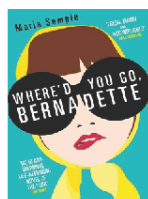
by Maria Semple

*Bernadette Fox is notorious. To her Microsoft-guru husband, she's a fearlessly opinionated partner; to fellow private-school mothers in Seattle, she's a disgrace; to design mavens, she's a revolutionary architect; and to 15-year-old Bee, she is a best friend and, simply, Mom.*

*Then Bernadette disappears. It began when Bee aced her report card and claimed her promised reward: a family trip to Antarctica. But Bernadette's intensifying allergy to Seattle—and people in general—has made her so agoraphobic that a virtual assistant in India now runs her most basic errands. A trip to the end of the earth is problematic.*

*To find her mother, Bee compiles email messages, official documents, secret correspondence—creating a compulsively readable and touching novel about misplaced genius and a mother and daughter's role in an absurd world. \* May 13, 2014 Book: *The Man in the Wooden Hat* by Jane Gardam. \**

1:00 PM



### NPL Evening Book Group

Wednesday, April 16th

#### *The Orphan Master's Son*

by Adam Johnson

*Pak Jun Do is the haunted son of a lost mother—a singer “stolen” to Pyongyang—and an influential father who runs a work camp for orphans. Superiors in the state soon recognize the boy's loyalty and keen instincts. Considering himself “a humble citizen of the greatest nation in the world,” Jun Do rises in the ranks. He becomes a professional kidnapper who must navigate the shifting rules, arbitrary violence, and baffling demands of his Korean overlords in order to stay alive. Driven to the absolute limit of what any human being could endure, he boldly takes on the treacherous role of rival to Kim Jong Il in an attempt to save the woman he loves, Sun Moon, a legendary actress “so pure, she didn't know what starving people looked like.”*

7:00 PM



*In this epic, critically acclaimed tour de force, Adam Johnson provides a riveting portrait of a world rife with hunger, corruption, and casual cruelty but also camaraderie, stolen moments of beauty, and love.*

\* May 21, 2014—Help Choose Next Year's Titles \*

## Teaching Tech Tips for Adults

Looking for help with your phone or your laptop?

How about your iPad or Kindle?



The Needham Free Public Library and local high school students are offering their expertise with iPads, tablets, and cell phones to the adults of Needham. Enrolling is easy—all you need to do is:

- Sign up for an individual time slot at the Reference Desk
- Fill out the flyer, available at the library, concerning your technological needs and questions.
- Arrive at the library with your device and device passwords, on your scheduled date and time.

Have further questions? Call 781-455-7559, option 2 or stop by the Adult Reference Desk.

## This Month in the Friends' Gallery

## Needham Open Studios

## DID YOU KNOW...



...that the library subscribes to the online version of *Consumer Reports* and that you can access it from home if you are a Needham Resident? Just go to <http://library.minlib.net/search>, select *Databases*, then go to the Needham Database home page and scroll down to *Consumer Reports*.

## 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...

## Who's Watching You? Owls of the World

Saturday, May 10th

10:30 AM

Everyone loves owls! Yet, how many of us have ever seen a live owl up close? Perhaps you've glimpsed the shadowy form of a Great Horned Owl in the headlights as you've traveled a back road at night. Ever scanned a frozen saltmarsh or farmer's meadow in winter, hoping to find that Arctic hunter, the Snowy Owl? How about a mob of noisy crows circling a white pine tree—have they found an owl? Join naturalist Marcia Wilson and photographer Mark Wilson in sharing their passion for owls! "Who's Watching You? Owls of the World" will introduce you to the owls of New England and beyond. **This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.**



A Barn Owl joins 5 other live owls at Marcia and Mark Wilson's Eyes On Owls presentation.  
Photo © Mark Wilson / Eyes On Owls

## Barry Pell—A Year in Morocco Slide Show

Tuesday, May 13th

7:30 PM



Barry Pell recently returned from a year teaching English in Casablanca and traveling throughout Morocco. In this program, he will take you on a journey through the country's walled cities and their ancient markets, across the rugged Atlas Mountains with traditional Berber villages, and into the desolate and dune-covered Sahara Desert. The presentation, accompanied by Mr. Pell's photography, will highlight Morocco's exquisite historic architecture and the lives, traditions, and ceremonies of its Arab and Berber people. **This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.**

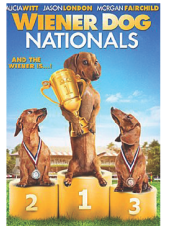
## Children's Movie: Wiener Dog Nationals

(Rated G, 82 minutes)

Friday, May 23rd

3:30 PM

A little boy and his family adopt a runt of a dachshund from a shelter and name her "Shelly," in honor of shelter dogs everywhere. Despite all odds, the dog surprises the boy's father when it places in the state trials of the illustrious **Wiener Dog Nationals Race**. The family pools all of its resources to advance to the next round only to face strong opposition from the reigning champion dog, Princess and her owner Ms. Merryweather. Meanwhile, Melanie, one of the racing judges, is banned from the races by the head Judge when she tries to help the family prove that Ms. Merryweather is cheating. Relying only on the dog's skill and her young owner's passion for the race, little Shelly and her new family must face the challenge of advancing through the cut throat world of the nation's greatest wiener dog race, **Wienerschnitzel's "Wiener Dog Nationals."** One Race, One Nation, One Wiener!



## friends' spring book sale



Saturday, May 31st

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Sunday, June 1st

1:00 - 4:00 PM

**Sunday is Bargain Day: all items are half-price and a brown bag is \$8.00.**

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## DID YOU KNOW...

**MORNINGSTAR**

...that the Library subscribes to the digital versions of *Morningstar* and *Valueline* (only for Needham Residents)? Just go to <http://library.minlib.net/search>, select Databases and go to the Needham Database home page and choose the appropriate icon and you're there! A hint on searching *Valueline*—choose **Research Hub** to get to the investment surveys.



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