



NEEDHAM  
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# LIBRARY NOTES

April 2015

For further information about upcoming events, go to [www.needhamma.gov/library](http://www.needhamma.gov/library).

## Singer/Storyteller/Cartoonist Keith Munslow

Fri., April 3rd

10:30 AM



*An award-winning performer who combines rock solid funky piano playing, soulful singing, hilarious stories, and lightning fast cartooning, Keith Munslow has entertained thousands of children and families at schools, festivals, family concerts, and libraries throughout New England—and beyond. Keith will be debuting his new CD at this event. This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham. **RESCHEDULED FROM JANUARY 2015.***

## Dr. Gary Hylander—America and World War II

Tues., April 21st

7:30 PM

During the 1930's, American policymakers were more concerned with the Depression than with the deepening clouds of war in Europe and Asia. American public opinion was in no mood for another war "to make the world safe for democracy." But after December 7, 1941, "a date," thundered FDR, "which will live in infamy," the United States for the first time in its history faced war on two battlefronts. And as we entered the battle, America's enemies were already triumphant everywhere. **This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.**



## Nature Talks: Bugs for Brunch with David Gracer

Wed., April 22nd

11:00 AM



David Gracer eats bugs. Not any old crushed, oozy, sidewalk kind of bug, but insects selected just like any other food — for sustenance and taste. He eats them sautéed, filleted and roasted. And he thinks you should eat them, too! Mr. Gracer will bring a tasty treat for any willing volunteers to sample. What will it be: chocolate covered ants, crickets over rice or a grasshopper covered in caramel? Come find out and taste a new treat—if you dare! This family program is perfect for young nature explorers, adventurous eaters and curious bug collectors ages 6 and up and is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham and the Friends of the Needham Public Library.

## The Puppet People—The Firebird

Thurs., April 23rd

2:00 PM



*Inspired by the Russian folktale and popular ballet **The Firebird**, watch as the mythical firebird comes to life and Ivan and Princess Yelena team up to break the enchantment placed over their kingdom. This 50 minute magical puppet fantasy features beautifully handcrafted marionettes, lavish costumes, vivid sets, and a large body puppet—all masterly accompanied by Stravinsky's musical score from the ballet **The Firebird**. For Grades K-6 and up. **This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.***

## Nature Talks: Bee-Wise with Kerrie Capraro

Sat., April 25th

10:30 AM

Learn all about the precious honeybee from beekeeper Kerrie Capraro! A one hour presentation on bees and beekeeping, with an opportunity to see and try the tools of the trade as well as the prized honey. **This series is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham and the Friends of the Needham Public Library.**



## First Wicked Weed: Women's Role in Revolutionizing the Colonies

Sun., April 26

2:00 PM

*In December, 1767, the Town Meeting of Harvard, Massachusetts voted to discourage the sale and purchase of items as varied as tea, carriages and ready-made clothing. Material culture had increasingly made women's lives easier; the rejection of it led to Revolution, and most of the rhetoric centered on **TEA**, that wicked weed.*



**Dory Codington** is a local historian and novelist. As a Freedom Trail and Faneuil Hall Guide, she began to investigate the social changes that were necessary to embrace the higher notion of America's break from Great Britain. Her novel, *Cardinal Points* set during this time period, will be available for purchase and autographing following the presentation. **This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.**


# What's happening this month in the Children's Room...

## Children's Story Times in April

### Babies & Books (for Pre-walkers Birth to 11 months)\*\*

Tues., April 7 10:30 AM

Tues., April 28 11:00 AM

 Babies and their adult caregivers enjoy songs, lap games, baby sign language, rhythm and sensory activities, with a story or two (20 min.). **\*\*Registration Required.**

### Terrific Toddlers (For 1-2 years)\*\*


Tues., April 14 10:00 AM

Tues., April 28 10:00 AM

 Stories mixed with songs, rhymes, fingerplays, rhythm and sensory activities. **\*\*Registration Required.**

### Drop-In Child's Play for ages 0-2 years

Wed., April 8, 15, 29 10:00 AM

 Songs, rhymes, lap games, books and more in this interactive program.

### Pre-School Palooza for ages 3-4 years\*\*


Wed., April 8, 15, 29 11:00 AM

 An interactive themed storytime with picture books, music and movement, followed by a craft (45 min.) For ages 3-4. Children who are ready, may attend independently. Caregivers are also welcome.

**\*\*Registration Required.**

### Elementary, My Dear Readers\*\*

Fri., April 3, 10, 17 4:00 PM

 An interactive themed storytime with picture books, songs, creative games and a craft (1 hr.). Children ages 5-7 may attend independently. Please be aware that the Caregiver must remain in building.


**\*\*Registration Required.**

### Drop-In Storytime for ages 5 and under

Wed., April 22 10:00 AM & 11:00 AM

## Children's Craft Programs in April

 Drop-In Nature Crafts for ages 2 and up  
Wed., April 22 1:00 PM

 Drop-In Crafts for ages 2-6 years  
Thurs., April 30 10:30 AM

## Children's Programs in April

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

 Mon., April 6 10:30 AM

Mon., April 27 10:30 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 10 3:00 PM

Thurs., April 16 10:30 AM

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


### Music with Sarah for ages 3-5

 Thurs., April 2 10:30 AM

Join Sarah Gardner and bring your little ones to play instruments, sing & dance along. Become part of our little library band! This event will occur in the Community Room.

Funding for Music Enrichment Programs provided by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.

### Lucy the R.E.A.D. Dog: for ages 5 and up\*\*

 Tues., April 14 4:00 PM

Children may practice reading privately to Lucy for 10 minutes each. **\*\*Registration required. Begins one week prior to program.**  
*Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.*

### Fairy Garden Storytelling and Flower Fairy

Crafts for ages 6+

 Wed., April 22 3:30 PM

Join us for this magical storytelling performance and create a flower fairy for ages 6 and up.

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

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

Tuesday, April 21 11:00 AM-12:00 PM

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





## Fun Flicks for 2-5 year olds

Thurs., April 9

11:00 AM

Short films based on popular storybooks—  
shown in the Community Room.

## Children's Movie: *Song of the Sea* (Rated PG, 93 Min)

Fri., April 3

2:00 PM



Saoirse is an enchanting little girl who lives with her grandmother in Ireland. There is much more to this child than meets the eye, however. It turns out that she is a selkie. These mysterious beings live as seals in the ocean, but they take on human form outside the sea. She decides that the time has come to return to the sea, and she leaves her home to undertake a perilous journey. On the way there, she meets many others who may have a hidden identity about which they have no knowledge, and she awakens them to their destiny. *Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.*

## Children's Movie: *Night at the Museum 3 —Secret of the Tomb* (Rated PG, 97 minutes)

Fri., April 24

2:00 PM



The museum comes alive at night. Old statues, monkey exhibits and figurines all come alive with the help of magic. The power comes from The Tablet of Ahkmenrah. Larry Daley, the night watchman at the museum, has saved the tablet and the museum before. He must save the museum's magic yet again. This time, the tablet's magic is dying, and Larry must leave on a quest that will take him around the world. It's the only way he can find a way to save the tablet's magic. He must join some of the most famous museum exhibits and favorites to keep the magic from dying completely. *Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.*

This Month in the Friends' Gallery  
Needham Open Studios

## April Book Discussions

### NPLBook Group

Tuesday, April 14th

#### *Orphan Train*

by Christine Baker Kline

1:00 PM



A long journey from home and the struggle to find it again form the heart of the intertwined stories that make up this moving novel. Foster teen Molly is performing community-service work for elderly widow Vivian, and as they go through Vivian's cluttered attic, they discover that their lives have much in common. When Vivian was a girl, she was taken to a new life on an orphan train. These trains carried children to adoptive families for 75 years, from the mid-nineteenth century to the start of the Great Depression. Novelist Kline (*Bird in Hand*, 2009) brings Vivian's hardscrabble existence in Depression-era Minnesota to stunning life. Molly's present-day story in Maine seems to pale in comparison, but as we listen to the two characters talk, we find grace and power in both of these seemingly disparate lives. \*May 12, 2015—*The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared* by Jonas Jonasson\*

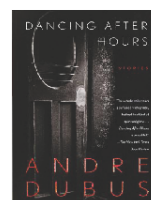
### NPL Evening Book Group

Wednesday, April 15th

7:00 PM

#### *Dancing After Hours: Stories*

by Andre Dubus



With his first collection in nearly ten years—Andre Dubus demonstrates more powerfully than ever before both his mastery of the form and his understanding of our imperfect lives. In each of the fourteen stories in *Dancing After Hours*, Dubus uncovers the mystery of ordinary life as his characters—often perseverant, yet occasionally crazed by desire, loss, or disappointment—wrestle with love, faith, and luck. Whether at a roadside bar or a family camp, in the everyday rigors of domesticity or its violent extremes, these lives unfold with an inevitability that is moving, sometimes redemptive, always surprising. \*May 20, 2015—*Choosing Next Years Titles*\*

## Library Hours:

Mon. - Thurs.

9:00 am - 9:00 pm

Fridays

9:00 am - 5:30 pm

Saturdays

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Sundays

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm



## Upcoming Events...

**Nature Talks: *Fun With Earth Dumplings: Making Clay Seed Balls to Produce Bee and Butterfly-Friendly Plants*** (For Ages 5 and up with accompanying adult)

Sun., May 3

2:00 PM

Larissa Jacobson of the Needham Community Farm will describe the work that it does and show how to create and attract bees and butterflies by incorporating plants into empty spaces. **Limited to 50 participants—**

**Registration will begin one week before event at the Adult Reference Desk, on the Second Floor.** This event is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham and the Friends of the Needham Public Library.



**Dr. Gary Hylander—America and World War II**  
Tues., May 19th 7:30 PM



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**Nature Talks: *Movement and Yoga for Gardeners***

Tues., May 5th

2:00 PM



*Movement and Yoga for Gardeners* will help all gardeners stay motivated, happy and fit this summer. In a one-hour session, landscape designer and yoga practitioner Lynette Tsiang will demonstrate exercises to develop body awareness and explore ways to avoid the fatigue and injuries that come

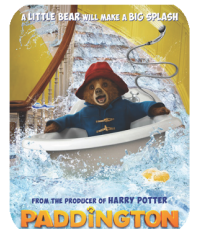
with repetitive garden movements and chores. As someone who has been gardening for 33 years and practicing Yoga for 25 years, Ms. Tsiang believes in the synergy of both disciplines. **This event is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham and the Friends of the Needham Public Library.**

**Children's Movie: Paddington (Rated PG, 95 minutes)**

Fri., May 22

3:30 PM

*Striking out on his own, a young bear from Peru named Paddington, journeys to London to seek a home. Despite having a love for everything British, Paddington has a hard time adjusting to the big city. Finding himself alone and lost in Paddington station, the young bear is discovered by the kind Brown family. They read the note around his neck, which asks that someone take care of him, and offer to let him live with them. Things start to settle down as Paddington adjusts to his new home. That is until a taxidermist from a museum sees Paddington and wants to add the rare bear to his collection. Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.*



**Peter Boie — Magician for Non-Believers**

Sat., May 9th

10:30 AM

Peter started learning magic at age 11 from a magic book he checked out from his local library. That interest turned into a career as a professional magician that has taken him around the country. He tells that story at every library where he performs, the story of how his local library empowered him to change his life. This show is for ages 4 - 104, and is **sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.**



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