Joy of Coloring For Adults
Thurs., April 14th 2:00–4:00 PM
Thurs., April 14th 7:00–9:00 PM
The Library will supply all you need (pencils, markers, coloring sheets), as well as a few snacks. Come for the coloring and conversation with your fellow coloring enthusiasts!
Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

Presidental Elections with Dr. Gary Hylander
Thurs., April 21st 7:30 PM
Lecture Four: FDR’s New Deal
In the presidential election year of 1932, FDR promised the American people a New Deal. He assured anxious voters that his greatest primary task was to put the American people back to work. And that in the present crisis “the only thing we have to fear is fear itself.”
In this important presidential election year, please join Dr. Hylander in reviewing five critical presidential elections. This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

Eyes on Owls—Owls of the World—Who’s Watching You?
Sun., April 24th 3:00 PM
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! “Eyes on Owls—Owls of the World—Who’s Watching You?” will introduce you to the owls of New England and beyond. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.

Saturday, April 30, 2016
Featured Events:
10:00 AM Nappy’s Puppets: Father Goose Tales
Shadow Puppet Show featuring Puppeteer Jim Napolitano
12:00 PM Ensemble Aubade: Chamber Music from 1916
Peter H. Bloom, Flute; Francis Grimes, Viola; Mary Jane Rupert, Harp
2:00 PM Alejandro’s Olde Tyme Magik Show
Starring Magician Andrew Pinard

There will be ongoing activities throughout the day, and light refreshments served. Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Free Public Library and the Library Foundation of Needham.

Celebrate April with...

NATIONAL POETRY MONTH
&
NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK
APRIL 10-16, 2016

Library Book
I got it from the library. It’s mine for two whole weeks. It’s tucked inside my bookbag but I keep sneaking peeks at it to check that it’s still there. I cannot wait to get it home to crawl up in my chair with mom. She’ll let me open it. I’ll turn pages when it’s time. Her voice will fill our little room each word a tiny story chime until we feel so far away and silver starlight fills the sky. Only then will we come home—my mother, book, and I.

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For further information about upcoming events, go to www.needhamma.gov/library.
What’s happening this month in the Children’s Room...

Bookventurers Book Club for Grades 3-5**
Sat., April 9  3:15 - 4:15 PM
This is the second meeting of our new book club for children in Grades 3-5! This month’s book is *Locomotion* by Jaqueline Woodson. **Registration is required, one month in advance; in person or call 781-455-7559, ext. 204.
- Read the book
- Discuss it with other kids
- Participate in book themed activities
- Make new friends!
- Enjoy book themed snacks!

Acrobat Li Liu
Wed., April 20th  11:00 AM
The performance will include hand balancing, plate spinning, trick cycling, foot juggling, ribbon dancing and Chinese water bowl manipulation. Li will also touch upon various aspects of Chinese language, geography and culture while sharing her work and travel experiences with the audience. This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

Preschool Science with Steve Lechner for Ages 2+
Thurs., April 14th  10:30 AM
Caregivers with pre-school children ages 2-5 are invited to Pre-School Science with Steve Lechner of *The Science Works*. Steve will provide a creative and innovative inquiry-based science experience about color and rainbows utilizing hands-on experiments, story, activities, a bit of magic and just plain fun. Steve will introduce children to the wonders of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM).

Printmaking with Adrienne Lederman for ages 10-12**
Thurs., April 21st  1:30 PM
Join Needham artist Adrienne Lederman in this workshop, as you will create an image on foam and then transfer it multiple times onto paper. Using this process, you will create a unique and distinctive picture. For ages 10-12 years, with Registration Required.

Readers Theater for Grades 4 and up**
Tues., April 19th  2:30 PM
Come enjoy working with others to create a performance of Anansi and the Moss-Covered Rock and Shel Silverstein Poems. **Registration in required for this program.

Children’s Movie: The Good Dinosaur
(Rated PG, 101 Minutes)
Fri., April 22nd  2:00 PM
Even a young dinosaur can find himself a misfit until he meets a new friend who understands him. In a fantastical world where dinosaurs didn’t go extinct and instead became farmers, an outcast Apatosaurus gets separated from his family and befriends a human boy who also feels alone and misunderstood. Setting out on a quest to find home, the dinosaur and boy find friendship, adventure and their own unique strengths that show them how important they are to their families and communities. This program is sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.
Children’s Story Times in April

Terriific Toddlers for ages 1-2 years
Tues., April 5, 12, 19, 26  10:00 AM
Stories mixed with songs, rhymes, fingerplays, rhythm and sensory activities.

Babies & Books for Pre-walkers Under One
Tues., April 5, 12, 19, 26  11:00 AM
Babies and their adult caregivers enjoy songs, lap games, baby sign language, rhythm and sensory activities, with a story or two.

Drop-In Child’s Play for ages 0-2 years
Wed., April 6, 13, 20, 27  10:00 AM
Songs, rhymes, lap games, books and more in this interactive program.

Pre-School Palooza for ages 3-4 years
Mon., April 4, 11, 25  10:00 AM
An interactive themed storytime with picture books, music and movement, followed by a craft (45 min.). Children who are ready, may attend independently. Caregivers are also welcome.

Children’s Programs in April

Spanish Preschool Storyhour
Fri., April 1  10:30 AM
This is a Drop-in program for preschoolers and is led by a teacher from the Pine Village School.

Little Bookworms for Grades K-1
Sat., April 9  10:30 AM
Children in Kindergarten and Grade 1 are invited to come read with members of Needham High School’s Room to Read Club.

LEGO Time! Needham Free Public Library’s BLOCK PARTY!
Tues., April 12  4:00 - 5:00 PM

FAMILY ACTIVITY MORNING
Sat., April 16  10:00-11:30 AM
Families are invited to the Children’s Room where together they can explore an arts/crafts project, work on a construction assignment and play games that enhance literacy, logic or math skills. All ages are welcome. This will be an ongoing event on the third Saturday of every month from 10-11:30 AM.

Storytime in Chinese for ages 5 and under
Sat., April 23  9:30 AM
This is a Drop-in program for ages 5 and under and is led by a group of Chinese mothers. The program consists of 45 minutes of reading followed by a simple craft.

Mothers and May Crafts for ages 2-6 years
Thurs., April 28  10:30 - 11:30 AM
Mothers and May Crafts for Ages 6+
Thurs., April 28  4:00 - 5:00 PM

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

Children’s Music Programs in April

Ready, Set...Move with Cici Hunt: for ages 3-5**
Wed., April 6  11:00 AM
Mon., April 25  11:00 AM
Join Cici Hunt in this fun-filled music and movement class for children and their caretakers. **Registration is required, beginning one week prior to the start of the program. One session per month only please.

Sing-Along with Ed Morgan
Fri., April 8  3:00 PM
Thurs., April 21  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 5 and under
Tues., April 12 (ages 2-5)  10:00 AM
Tues., April 12 (ages 2 and under)  11:00 AM
Fri., April 22 (ages 2-5)  10:00 AM
Fri., April 22 (ages 2 and under)  11:00 AM
Join Sarah Gardner and bring your little ones to play instruments, sing & dance along. Become part of the little library band!
Teen Programs in April

Teen Crafternoon—Pony Bead Keychains!
Mon., April 4 4:00 PM
Take an hour out of your busy afternoon for some pony bead entertainment. Make a penguin, lizard, smiley face, or other critter of your choice into a keychain. Join for the crafts, free snacks, and socializing with friends!

Pokémon League
Saturdays 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Come and meet people who are interested in the Pokémon Card Game. Exchange cards and build up your decks! This will occur in the Young Adult Room on the second floor, and is sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.

April Book Discussions

NPL Book Group
Tuesday, April 12th 1:00 PM
Everything I Never Told You by Celeste Ng
As the daughter of a college professor and his stay-at-home wife in a small Ohio town in the 1970s, Lydia Lee is already unwittingly part of the greater societal changes going on all around her. But Lydia suffers from pressure that has nothing to do with turning out and turning on. Her father is an American born of first-generation Chinese immigrants, and his ethnicity, and hers, make them conspicuous in any setting. Her mother is white, and their interracial marriage raises eyebrows and some intrusive charges of miscegenation. More troubling, however, is her mother’s frustration at having given up medical school for motherhood, and how she blindly and selfishly insists that Lydia follow her road not taken. The cracks in Lydia’s perfect-daughter foundation grow slowly but erupt suddenly and tragically, and her death threatens to destroy her parents and deeply scar her siblings.
*May 10, 2016 Book—Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania by Erik Larson*

NPL Spanish Language Book Club
Tuesday, April 12th 7:00 PM
Mi Pais Inventado (My Invented Country) by Isabel Allende
Isabel Allende evokes the magnificent landscapes of her country, a charming, idiosyncratic Chilean people with a violent history and an indomitable spirit; and the politics, religion, myth, and magic of her homeland that she carries with her even today. The book circles around two life-changing moments. The assassination of her uncle Salvador Allende Gossens on September 11, 1973, sent her into exile and transformed her into a literary writer. And the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, on her adopted homeland, the United States, brought forth an overdue acknowledgment that Allende had indeed lived. My Invented Country, mimicking the workings of memory, itself ranges back and forth across that distance between past and present lives. It speaks compellingly to immigrants and to all of us who try to retain a coherent inner life in a world full of contradictions.

NPL Evening Book Club
Wednesday, April 27th 7:00 PM
The Kitchen House by Kathleen Grissom
In 1790, Lavinia, a seven-year-old Irish orphan with no memory of her past, arrives on a tobacco plantation where she is put to work as an indentured servant with the kitchen house slaves. Though she becomes deeply bonded to her new family, Lavinia is also slowly accepted into the world of the big house, where the master is absent and the mistress battles opium addiction. As time passes she finds herself perilously straddling two very different worlds and when loyalties are brought into question, dangerous truths are laid bare and lives are at risk. The Kitchen House is a tragic story of page-turning suspense, exploring the meaning of family, where love and loyalty prevail.
*May 18, 2016—Help Choose Next Year’s Titles*

This Month in the Friends’ Gallery

Needham Open Studios
April 1 - April 24
Needham: A world of varied mediums
April 25 - May 8

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...

For The Love of Food:
A Cookbook Club for Foodies
Mon., May 2nd
Needham's Clelia Egan, author of *118 Recipes from Clelia's Cucina Italiana* is the featured speaker. *Next Meeting: July 18, 2016*

Presidential Elections with Dr. Gary Hylander
Tues., May 17th 7:30 PM
Election year, 1968, was one of the most tumultuous election years in American history. A “new Nixon” promised to end the Vietnam War, restore order to the nation’s cities and campuses and to nominate Supreme Court Justices who did not coddle criminals. *I represent*, he said, *the nation’s “silent majority,” people who stay married, pay their taxes and support their government*. In this important presidential election year, please join Dr. Hylander in reviewing five critical presidential elections. *This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.*

Children’s Movie: Wiener Dog Internationals
(Rated G, 93 Minutes)
Fri., May 27th 2:00 PM
The Jack Family is at it again, as they enter the International World of Wiener Dog Racing. The kids sneak away to enter Shelly in the Internationals, and find themselves caught in a devious plot by Mrs. Merryweather that may change wiener dog races forever! Can little Shelly, the champion dog from the US, really take on the World? This program is sponsored by the *Needham Free Public Library.*

Artist Displays Needed
Calling all Artists and Collectors...The Needham Free Public Library Needs You!
The Art Committee of the NFPL has vacancies at this time for displays in the Friends of the Needham Public Library Gallery and the display case, located at the end of the gallery. The three necessary application forms are available at the Reference Desk and for download at [http://www.needhamma.gov/index.aspx?NID=3168](http://www.needhamma.gov/index.aspx?NID=3168). All applications, as well as an example of your artwork or exhibit (photos, disk, website, etc.), should be turned in to Gay Ellen Demetr at the Reference Desk. Applications will be reviewed by the Art Committee and notification will be sent following its next meeting.

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friends’ summer booksale
Saturday, June 4th
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Sunday, June 5th
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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