



# LIBRARY NOTES

NEWSLETTER OF THE NEEDHAM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

APRIL 2017

## PUBLISHED! My 30-year Journey to Overnight Success

Author Erica Ferencik—*The River at Night*  
Tues., April 11th 7:30 PM



This talk is an entertaining, informative ride on Erica's personal publishing/writing roller-coaster, filled with practical, positive advice for every (often) painful lesson she's learned. Anyone who has written a novel and tried to get it

published, or even toyed with the idea of writing and publishing a book, should find this a fun and inspirational evening. Erica's book, *The River at Night*, will be available for purchase following her presentation. This event is sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.



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

## Amazing Animal Ambassadors: Unusual Live Animals for ages 4 and up

Wed., April 19th

11:00 AM

Live animal shows that are designed for any age and are sure to amaze! A unique variety of animals such as Kookaburra, Fennec Fox, Degu and African Clawed Frogs, and even insects from around the globe, create an experience unlike any other. Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.



## Children's Movie: Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (PG-13, 133 min)

Fri., April 21st

2:00 PM



Seventy years prior to Harry Potter's class reading an important textbook about the magical world, there existed a secret society of witches and wizards in New York City. An embattled wizard must flee to the city from London, where he has been expelled from Hogwarts. However, he still has some very important people on his side. Some wonder how it is that headmaster Albus Dumbledore still supports him. Against the backdrop of the city, this man discovers how difficult it can be to survive as a magical person in a world of non-magicians. Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.

## The Role of the Honeybee In Our Environment & A Honey Tasting with Kenneth Warchol

Sun., April 30th

3:00 PM

Join Kenneth Warchol for this narrated visual presentation. You will travel right inside a beehive to better understand the mysterious social insect and the role that it plays in humanity's survival on Earth. Learn about the challenges honeybees face in our environment and find out how we can help this insect that is essential to our own survival. Ken will bring samples of a variety of honeys for everyone to taste. Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.



## 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 - 7:00 pm


**\* EXTENDED HOURS ON SUNDAY \***


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


## Children's Story Times in April


 **Terrific Toddlers for ages 1-2 years**  
**Tues., April 4, 18, 25** 10:00 AM  
 Stories mixed with songs, rhymes, fingerplays, rhythm and sensory activities.


 **Babies & Books Up to One Year**  
**Tues., April 4, 18, 25** 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 5, 12, 19, 26** 10:00 AM  
 Songs, rhymes, lap games, books and more in this interactive program.

 **Pre-School Palooza for ages 3-6 years**  
**Mon., April 3, 10, 24** 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.

**Ready, Set...Move with Cici Hunt: for ages 3-5\*\***  
 **Wed., April 5** 11:00 AM  
 Join Cici Hunt in this fun-filled music and movement class for children and their caretakers. **\*\*Registration is required, beginning two weeks prior to the start of the program.\*\***

**Sing-Along with Ed Morgan**  
 **Fri., April 14** 3:00 PM  
**Thurs., April 20** 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 11 (ages 2-5)** 10:00 AM  
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**Fri., April 28 (ages 2-5)** 10:00 AM  
**Fri., April 28 (ages 2 and under)** 11:00 AM  
 Join Sarah Gardner and bring your little ones to play instruments, sing & dance along. Become part of our little library band!

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


**LEGO Time! Needham Free Public Library's BLOCK PARTY! for ages 5+**


**Tues., April 11** 4:00-5:00 PM




## Children's Programs in April

### FAMILY ACTIVITY MORNING

**Sat., April 15** 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.

 **Crazy Colors Craft for ages 6+ years**  
**Thurs., April 20** 4:00-4:45 PM

 **Spring Crafts for ages 2+ years**  
**Thurs., April 27** 10:30-11:30 AM

**Yoga for Children ages 5-9**  
 **Sat., April 29** 10:30 AM


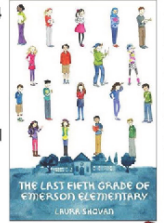

**Author/Illustrator Sue Farrington—*What I Love About You* for ages 2-5 \*\*Registration Required—Limit 25\*\***  
**Thurs., April 13th** 10:00 AM  
 Sue Farrington, the author of *What I Love About You*, will be reading from her book, and will conduct an art project with children ages 2-5 years in the Children's Craft Room. **Registration is required, and limited to 25.** Sponsored by the *Needham Free Public Library*, in celebration of *National Library Week*.



Skype with **Laura Shovan**

**Bookventurers #14**  
**Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**3:15-4:15 PM**

Read the book and ask about the stories, voices, and poems. Try your own hand at penning a poem on something you care about. And also enjoy the snacks.

## April Programs

### Early Childhood Science Enrichment for Children ages 3-5\*\*

Wed., April 12th 11:00 AM

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This Month's Topic: Flying Things

Steve Lechner of *The SCIENCE WORKS!*

introduces children to the wonders of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)

using hands-on activities, puppets, a bit of magic and lots of fun. \*\*Registration is required. \*\* Sponsored by the

*Library Foundation of Needham.*

### Sonic Pi Workshop for Grades 4-6—Build a Synthesizer, Make Computer Music and Rock On!

\*\* Registration Required—Limit 16\*\*

Tues., April 4 4:00 PM

Children in grades 4-6 are invited to learn computer coding and electrical engineering with Raspberry Pi. Raspberry Pi is a tiny, credit card sized computer connected to a monitor, keyboard and mouse. This miniature computer can be used to do many things that can be done with a desktop PC, such as word processing, playing games, playing back high-definition video and making MIDI music. Sonic Pi is a programming environment that allows this powerful little computer to create sound and music. This 2 hour workshop is led by Dan Berman of the RI Computer Museum. Raspberry Pi units will be set up in the STEAM Powered Creation Station. Children are invited to drop in after school and on weekends to continue exploring Raspberry Pi. Part of a year long series of STEM programs, sponsored by a federal LSTA grant.



## Teen Programs in April

### Teen Crafternoon—String Art

Mon., April 3rd 4:00 PM



Looking to add a bit of color to your bedroom? Come join us as we make some string art creations. All it takes is a board, pins, and some string and your imagination. As always, materials, snacks, and enjoyment provided!

### 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

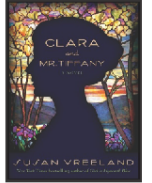
Tuesday, April 11th

*Clara and Mr. Tiffany*

by Susan Vreeland

*It's 1893, and, at the Chicago World's Fair, Louis Comfort Tiffany makes his debut with a luminous exhibition of innovative stained-glass windows that he hopes will earn him a place on the international artistic stage. But behind the scenes in his New York studio is the freethinking Clara Driscoll, head of his women's division, who conceives of and designs nearly all of the iconic leaded-glass lamps for which Tiffany will long be remembered. Never publicly acknowledged, Clara struggles with her desire for artistic recognition and the seemingly insurmountable challenges that she faces as a professional woman. She also yearns for love and companionship, and is devoted in different ways to five men, including Tiffany, who enforces a strict policy: He does not employ married women. Ultimately, Clara must decide what makes her happiest—the professional world of her hands or the personal world of her heart. \*May 9, 2017— *The Girl on the Train* by Paula Hawkins\**

1:00 PM



### NPL Evening Book Club

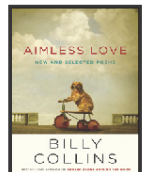
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*Aimless Love*

by Billy Collins

*From the two-term Poet Laureate of the United States Billy Collins comes his first volume of new and selected poems in twelve years. Aimless Love combines fifty new poems with generous selections from his four most recent books—Nine Horses, The Trouble with Poetry, Ballistics, and Horoscopes for the Dead. Collins's unmistakable voice, which brings together plain speech with imaginative surprise, is clearly heard on every page, reminding us how he has managed to enrich the tapestry of contemporary poetry and greatly expand its audience. By turns playful, ironic, and serious, Collins's poetry captures the nuances of everyday life, while leading the reader into zones of inspired wonder. In the poet's own words, he hopes that his poems "begin in Kansas and end in Oz." Touching on the themes of love, loss, joy, and poetry itself, these poems showcase the best work of this "poet of plenitude, irony, and Augustan grace." \*May 17, 2017— *Help Choose Next Year's Titles\***

7:00 PM



This Month in the Friends' Gallery

## Open Studios





## Upcoming Events...

### Waterfall Productions Presents Memoirs of an Arabian Princess from Zanzibar

Sun., May 7th

2:00 PM



Born Salamah bint Said, Princess of Zanzibar, in 1844, Emily Reute grew up in a harem with scores of siblings. The royal family maintained its fabulous wealth and luxury with a robust traffic in ivory, spices and human bondage. The Princess would venture beyond the palace, into the city and plantations where European traders, missionaries, and colonists exercised a growing influence. There she met Rudolph Reute, a German trader, with whom she eloped to Germany. The Princess also converted to Christianity and took the name Emily. While living in Germany, she attained the perspective to form a comparison of the lives of women in Muslim society with those of their European contemporaries. Originally published in 1886, *Waterfall Productions*, has adapted this remarkable autobiography for a theatrical presentation, where the audience will meet Princess Salamah and learn about her life in both Zanzibar and Germany as a royal, daughter, outcast, wife, widow, and mother.

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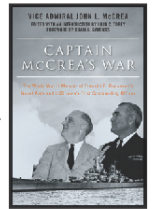


### Author Julia C. Tobey—*Captain McCrea's War*

Wed., May 24th

7:30 PM

After the United States entered the WWII, Capt. John L. McCrea served as a naval aide to President Franklin D. Roosevelt. He supplied material for the president's fireside chats, helped arrange the Casablanca Conference, and worked with such prominent leaders as Winston Churchill, Ambassador Joseph P. Kennedy, and General Douglas MacArthur. Despite his important work for the president, McCrea yearned for active service. Persuading FDR to release him from Washington, he was given command of the USS Iowa, the country's newest and largest battleship. The ship fought in the Pacific as part of the Fast Carrier Task Force during the last two years of the war. *Captain McCrea's War* ends in April 1945, when McCrea was summoned back to Washington after President Roosevelt's death. Over the years, many urged him to write a book, and before his passing he finally recorded his reminiscences. *Captain McCrea's War* captures his amazing tales from the World War II years.



Julia C. Tobey worked as an editor, writer, and researcher



before earning a law degree. Vice Admiral John L. McCrea was her stepfather. After retiring from her law practice, she edited McCrea's reminiscences to create this memoir. Tobey lives in New York City.

The book will be available for purchase following the event, courtesy of Wellesley Books. This program is sponsored by the *Needham Free Public Library*.

### Children's Movie : Sing (Rated PG, 110 min)

Fri., May 26th

3:15 PM



Set in a world like ours but entirely inhabited by animals, *Sing* stars Buster Moon, a dapper Koala who presides over a once-grand theatre that has fallen on hard times. Now facing the crumbling of his life's ambition, he has one final chance to restore his fading jewel to its former glory by producing the world's greatest singing competition. Five lead contestants emerge: A mouse who croons as smoothly as he cons, a timid teenage elephant with an enormous case of stage fright, an overtaxed mother run ragged tending a litter of 25 piglets, a young gangster gorilla looking to break free of his family's felonies, and a punk-rock porcupine struggling to shed her arrogant boyfriend and go solo. All the contestants arrive under Buster's marquee, believing that the competition will be their shot to change the course of their life.

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