



LIBRARY NOTES

NEWSLETTER OF THE NEEDHAM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

APRIL 2019

Nobel Prize Winner Al Gore's Climate Slide Show— Presented by Bob Loebelenz

Mon., April 1st

7:30 PM



Climate change is a global phenomenon. You don't have to look far to see the results. Hotter temperatures, stronger storms, rising seas, and so much more, threatening the health of our families and the future we pass on to generations to come. The good news is clear majorities of Americans and people around the world are ready to leave fossil fuels behind and create a sustainable future together. Come see the slideshow that started the Climate Change movement, presented by Dover Resident Bob Loebelenz.

Cold War America with Dr. Gary Hylander

Tues., April 16th

7:30 PM

With the end of World War II, the Soviet Union shifted from wartime ally to Cold War adversary. Join in examining the reasons for this abrupt shift.



An Iron Curtain descended across Eastern Europe, while a Bamboo Curtain sealed off the people of China. A Red Scare swept across America. "Better dead than Red" became the watchword of the times. McCarthyism, HUAC, the Rosenberg trial, Sputnik and much more dominated the nation's headlines. This is the third of five lectures in this series, sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

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

Contact the Library at 781-455-7559

Author Ben Railton—*We the People: The 500 Year Battle Over Who Is American*

Tues., April 23rd

7:30 PM



*"We the People." The Constitution begins with those deceptively simple words, but how do Americans define that "We"? In *We the People*, Ben Railton argues that throughout our history two competing yet interconnected concepts have battled to define our national identity and community: exclusionary and inclusive visions of who gets to be an American. From the earliest moments of European contact with indigenous peoples, through the Revolutionary period's debates on African American slavery, 19th century conflicts over Indian Removal, Mexican landowners, and Chinese immigrants, 20th century controversies around Filipino Americans and Japanese internment, and 21st century fears of Muslim Americans, time and again this defining battle has shaped our society and culture. Carefully exploring and critically examining those histories, and the key stories and figures they feature, is vital to understanding America—and to making sense of the Trump era, when the battle over who is an American can be found in every significant debate and moment. Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.*

Author Kathleen Rowe—*Exploring the Charles River*

Sun., April 28th

2:00 PM



Exploring the Charles River is the perfect guide to fun areas for exploration with friends and family along Boston's famous body of water, using the river's course as a pathway, showcasing scenic bridges, walkways, and hidden delights along the Charles in an easy-to-carry paperback that also describes Boston's rich history. Author Kathleen Rowe, former English teacher and dedicated environmentalist, will take you on a journey along this famous waterway, narrating her slide presentation of the many scenic and historic sites she has photographed and will invite you to share your own experiences along the Charles. Books will be available for purchase and autographing at the end of the presentation. Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.



For further information about upcoming events, go to www.needhamma.gov/library or call 781-455-7559.

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 2, 16, 23, 30 10:00 AM
 Stories mixed with songs, rhymes, fingerplays, rhythm and sensory activities.
-  **Babies & Books for up to one year**
Tues., April 2, 16, 23, 30 11:00 AM
 Babies and their adult caregivers explore the rhythms and patterns of speech with songs, lap games and a story or two.
-  **Child's Play Storytime for ages 0-2 years**
Wed., April 10, 17, 24 10:00 AM
 Songs, rhymes, lap games, books and more in this interactive program.
-  **Pre-School Palooza for ages 3-6 years**
Mon., April 1, 8, 29 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.

Learn & Play Group for ages 2-5

Fri., April 5 10:30 - 11:15 AM



A drop-in playgroup for caregivers and children, providing STEAM activities, literacy and social play for ages 2-5 years. *Provided by Family Access of Newton.*

Chinese Storytime for ages 5 and under

Sat., April 6 10:00 AM



This is a drop-in program for ages 5 and under and is led by a group of Chinese-speaking mothers. The program consists of 45 minutes of reading, followed by a simple craft.

Read to Tucker!

Mon., April 8 4:00-5:30 PM



Tucker is an adorable shepherd/hound mix who especially loves kids and loves to have kids read to him. Children in 1st-5th Grade are invited to register at the Children's Desk for a 15 minute time-slot to read to Tucker. **Registration Required.*

Yoga for Children ages 5-9



Sat., April 27 10:30 AM

Children's Programs in April

Make Music with Stacey Peasley: for ages 2-5



Wed., April 3 10:00 AM

Mon., April 22 10:00 AM

Join Stacey Peasley for a fun-filled half hour of music and song for children and their caregivers.

Sing-Along with Ed Morgan



Fri., April 12 3:00 PM

Thurs., April 18 10:30 AM

For children 2 years and up accompanied by an adult. Drop-in program—please arrive on time.

Music with Sarah for ages 5 and under



Tues., Apr. 9 (ages 2-5) 10:00 AM

Tues., Apr. 9 (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!

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

Raising A Reader for ages 0-3*

Fri., April 26 10:30 - 11:15 AM



Raising A Reader's mission is to engage caregivers in a routine of book sharing with their children to foster healthy brain development, healthy relationships, a love of reading, and the literacy skills critical for school success. Participants will enjoy a storytime together. Adults will learn some early literacy practices they can use at home with their child. Families check out a red bag of paperback books to read at home together and exchange it for a new bag of books each week. **Registration is required for this eight week session, running from April 26 - June 14. Provided by Family Access of Newton.*

Read to Panda for Grades 1-5*

Sat., April 27th 2:30 PM

Children in grades 1st-5th can sign up at the Children's Desk for 15 minute time slots with Panda the Australian Shepherd. **Registration is required. Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.*



Children's Movie: *Mary Poppins Returns* (Rated PG, 131 minutes)

Tues., April 16th

2:00 PM

After *Mary Poppins* departed London, Jane and Michael Banks grew up into loving and responsible adults. When Michael becomes a single father of three children after the death of his wife, Mary Poppins revisits the Cherry Tree Lane home again to try to help Michael and his family cope and move beyond their grief. Time passes quickly for most normal mortals. Mary Poppins has never been normal. Although it's now the 1930s, she looks exactly the same. Her message to Michael, Annabel, John, George and Ellen, the family's housekeeper, about enjoying life and loved ones is also still the same. Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.



Magician Robert Clarke—The Lucky Show

Wed., April 17th

2:30 PM

Boston magician-juggler Robert Clarke has the uncanny ability to capture both the young and the old with his fun-filled family show. Always high energy and fast paced, kids of all ages will go crazy for him and, he'll get everyone clapping and cheering as this show is interactive and high energy. Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.



Creation Station Hours

Mon. - Wed.	5:30 - 8:30 PM
Thursday	3:30 - 6:00 PM
Friday	3:30 - 5:00 PM
Saturday	9:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Sunday	1:00 - 6:30 PM

Early Release Days 1:00 - 8:30 PM

An Assortment of Animals, A Children's Poetry Anthology—By The Writers' Loft Authors & Illustrators

Thurs., April 18th

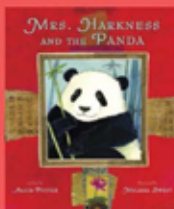
2:00 PM



Poets and illustrators of the book *An Assortment of Animals* will read from their anthology in celebration of *National Poetry Month*. This program expresses the joys of poetry and love of animals for children ages 5 and up. From anteater to vulture, limerick to free verse, and water color to digital drawing, this program explores a diverse variety of animals, poetry, and illustration techniques.

Family Book Club** For K-2nd Graders & Parents

Saturday, April 6th 2:30-3:30 pm



**Registration Requested

Needham Free Public Library Children's Department,
781-455-7559, ext. 204

Exploring your world, one mission at a time

Come Explore With Plum

Plum is an adorable purple alien from the planet Blorb—and the star of the PBS Kids series PLUM LANDING. She wants YOU to help her explore nature in Needham so she can report back to her planet! Participating families can even earn Amazon gift cards to further explore your world!

Join us for lots of fun, hands-on activities, games, and more ... and learn about your world!

April 13th 10am
In the Story Room
Ages 6+

**Registration Required



Needham Free Public Library, 1139 Highland Avenue, Needham, MA 781-455-7559, EXT. 204

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Teens and 'Tweens Programs in April

Poetry Craft and Coloring for 'Tween/ Teens and Up

Thurs., April 4th

3:30-4:30 PM



'Tweens and Teens are invited to an hour of Poetry Crafting and Coloring fun using Magazines, Damaged and Discarded Books, and your imagination to create a piece of poetry art of your own.

Spend the time with friends, enjoy some snacks, and color or craft. As always, materials, snacks, and enjoyment provided!

Coloring sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham and Crafts by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.



YA Palooza—A Young Adult and Middle Grade Author Panel at the Needham Free Public Library

Sat., April 6th

2:00 PM



The Needham Free Public Library is presenting a special program of three Young Adult and Middle Grade authors who will discuss their writing and sign books

for audience members. Authors Erin Dionne, Jeff Hirsch, and Gregory Scott Katsoulis will appear together on a panel to share information about their work and their writing processes. Audience members are welcome to



bring questions and participate in the talk. A limited number of copies of their novels will be available for purchase at the end of the event, courtesy of Wellesley Books.

Light refreshments will also be served. *This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Free Public Library.*



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Teen/'Tween Interactive Movie: *The Princess Bride* (Rated PG, 1 hour, 35 minutes)*

Thurs., April 18th

6:00 PM



A fairy tale adventure about a beautiful young woman and her one true love. He must find her after a long separation and save her. They must battle the evils of the mythical kingdom of Florin to be reunited with each other. Snacks and drinks will be

available for attendees. ***Registration is required for this program.** To register, call 781-455-7559 x2. Please ask for Erin (Reference) for more information about this exciting event.

Teen/'Tween Movie: *Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald* (PG-13, 2 hours, 13 minutes)

Fri., April 19th

2:30 PM

At the end of the first film, the powerful Dark wizard Gellert Grindelwald was captured by MACUSA (Magical Congress of the United States of America), with the help of Newt Scamander. But, making good on his threat, Grindelwald escaped custody and has set about gathering followers, most unsuspecting of his true agenda: to raise pure-blood wizards up to rule over all non-magical beings. In an effort to thwart Grindelwald's plans, Albus Dumbledore enlists his former student Newt Scamander, who agrees to help, unaware of the dangers that lie ahead. Lines are drawn as love and loyalty are tested, even among the truest friends and family, in an increasingly divided wizarding world. *Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.*



Game Day for 'Tweens and up

Thurs., April 25th

3:00-4:30 PM



Teens and 'Tweens are welcome to join the fun in the Needham Free Public Library's Community Room for a monthly Gaming Hour Program! There will be games and puzzles of all sorts, including a few to get you moving on the Xbox One.

If there is a game that you have and want to bring with you, feel free. No registration is needed for this monthly event. *If you have questions, contact Erin at the Adult Reference Desk (781-455-7559 x2). Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.*



April Book Discussions

NPL Book Group

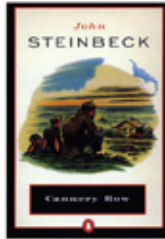
Tuesday, April 9th

Cannery Row

by John Steinbeck

Steinbeck's tough yet charming portrait of people on the margins of society, dependent on one another for both physical and emotional survival. Unburdened by the material necessities of the more fortunate, the denizens of Cannery Row discover rewards unknown in more traditional society. Henry the painter sorts through junk lots for pieces of wood to incorporate into the boat he is building, while the girls from Dora Flood's bordello venture out now and then to enjoy a bit of sunshine. Lee Chong stocks his grocery with almost anything a man could want, and Doc, a young marine biologist who ministers to sick puppies and unhappy souls, unexpectedly finds true love. Cannery Row is just a few blocks long, but the story it harbors is suffused with warmth, understanding, and a great fund of human values. First published in 1945, *Cannery Row* focuses on the acceptance of life as it is—both the exuberance of community and the loneliness of the individual. *May 14, 2019—*City of Thieves* by David Benioff*

1:00 PM



NPL Evening Book Club

Wednesday, April 17th

The Cuckoo's Calling

by Robert Galbraith

After losing his leg to a land mine in Afghanistan, Cormoran Strike is barely scraping by as a private investigator. Strike is down to one client, and creditors are calling. He has also just broken up with his longtime girlfriend and is living in his office. Then John Bristow walks through his door with an amazing story: His sister, the legendary supermodel Lula Landry, known to her friends as the Cuckoo, famously fell to her death a few months earlier. The police ruled it a suicide, but John refuses to believe that. The case plunges Strike into the world of multimillionaire beauties, rock-star boyfriends, and desperate designers, and it introduces him to every variety of pleasure, enticement, seduction, and delusion known to man. You may think you know detectives, but you've never met one quite like Strike. You may think you know about the wealthy and famous, but you've never seen them under an investigation like this. *May 15, 2019—*Help Choose Next Year's Titles**

7:00 PM



Diversity and Discussion Book Club

Cosponsored by the Trustees of the Needham Free Public Library and the Needham Human Rights Committee

Thurs., May 9th

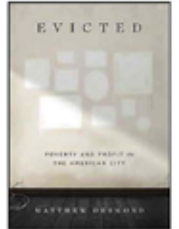
Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City

by Matthew Desmond

Even in the most desolate areas of American cities, evictions used to be rare. But today, most poor renting families are spending more than half of their income on housing, and eviction has become ordinary, especially for single mothers. In vivid, intimate prose, Desmond provides a ground-level view of one of the most urgent issues facing America today. As we see families forced into shelters, squalid apartments, or more dangerous neighborhoods, we bear witness to the human cost of America's vast inequality—and to people's determination and intelligence in the face of hardship. Based on years of embedded fieldwork and painstakingly gathered data, this masterful book transforms our understanding of extreme poverty and economic exploitation while providing fresh ideas for solving a devastating, uniquely American problem. Its unforgettable scenes of hope and loss remind us of the centrality of home, without which nothing else is possible.

Diversity and Discussion will resume in Fall 2019

7:00 PM



Comic Book Book Club

Thurs., April 11th

Jimmy Corrigan: The Smartest Kid on Earth

by Chris Ware

This month's selection to read and discuss is *Jimmy Corrigan: The Smartest Kid on Earth* by Chris Ware. The book is a pleasantly-decorated view at a lonely and emotionally-impaired 'everyman,' who is provided, at age 36, the opportunity to meet his father for the first time. This story is an improvisatory romance that alternates between 1890's Chicago and 1980's Michigan. Told in a different style, this book envelopes the reader in emotion. Books have been set aside at the Adult Reference Desk for checking out. Grab a copy **today**, before the meeting! Contact Erin at 781-455-7559 x2 with any questions. This book club is for high school students and adults interested in Comics and Graphic Novels. *May 9, 2019—*French Milk* by Lucy Knisley*

7:00 PM



This Month in the Friends' Gallery

Needham Open Studios



Upcoming Events...

Bob Begin—*The Loss Of The USS Indianapolis*

Tues., May 14th

7:30 PM



By the summer of 1945, the heavy cruiser Indianapolis had participated in most of the major engagements against Japan in the Pacific. American forces were closing in on the Japanese homeland and people were starting to think the war might be over soon. In July, she would be assigned a Top Secret mission: to deliver the atomic bomb to Tinian Island for use against Japan. This mission would be completed and the Indianapolis would be routed to the Philippines to prepare for the invasion of Japan. Traveling alone through minimal risk territory, she would be torpedoed by a Japanese submarine. Of her crew, three hundred men were lost in the sinking but approximately 900 men went into the water. Five days later, some 317 would be saved in a massive rescue operation. The men in the water faced numerous threats: exhaustion, dehydration, hypothermia, dementia, and a more primal danger...sharks. This tragedy could have been much less severe were it not for a series of blunders by numerous levels of command by the Navy. The Navy did not even realize she was missing for several days. News of her loss was held until papers announced "Peace! The War Is Over." America demanded an answer. Somebody had to take the blame. It would be her Captain who would be unfairly court-martialed. This is a hard story but warrants retelling. *Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.*

Cold War America with Dr. Gary Hylander

Tues., May 21st

7:30 PM

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Children's Movie: *Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse* (Rated PG, 117 minutes)

Fri., May 24th

3:15 PM



New Spider-Man Miles Morales must walk the balance between his personal high school and family life and his life as a superhero. While being Spider-Man, he becomes familiar with the Spider-Verse, where there are endless variations on Spider-Man. One of the Spider-Man variations living inside the Spider-Verse is Spider-Man, Peter Parker, who guides Miles in his journey as the new Spider-Man and introduces him to the multitude of other Spider-Men, including Spider-Man Noir and Spider-Ham. All of the various Spider-Men will have to band together when villains threaten the safety of the Spider-Verse and the world itself. *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>.

All applications, as well as an example of your artwork or exhibit (photos, disk, website, etc.), should be turned in to Gay Ellen Dennett at the Reference Desk. Applications will be reviewed by the Art Committee and notification will be sent following its next meeting.