



LIBRARY NOTES

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Welcome to *Library Notes*, a monthly publication of the Needham Free Public Library. *Library Notes* describes both the monthly events at the Library and the ongoing services...

Wingmasters presents North American Birds of Prey

Sat., December 10th

3:00 PM

Birds of prey are also known as raptors, and they are hunting birds characterized by hooked beaks and powerful grabbing feet armed with sharp talons (the word raptor comes from a Latin word that means "to seize"). Raptors can also boast the best eyesight and the sharpest hearing in the animal kingdom. Raptors include eagles, hawks, falcons and owls, and our presentation, which incorporates five live birds, gives an overview of these different categories. This program is designed to explain predation, the birds' place at the top of the food web, their different hunting adaptations and their status in a rapidly changing world. Because many birds of prey are declining in number, this presentation also features one or more of the endangered raptors that we care for, and explains why these species face an uncertain future. The program is for ages 5 and up and is sponsored by The Library Foundation of Needham.



Book Launch: *The Unofficial Mad Men Cookbook: Inside the Kitchens, Bars, and Restaurants of Mad Men* by Needham Authors Judy Gelman and Peter Zheutlin

Sun., December 11th

2:00 PM

Ever wish you could mix an Old Fashioned just the way Don Draper likes it? Or prepare Oysters Rockefeller and a martini the way they did fifty years ago at one of Roger Sterling's favorite haunts, The Grand Central Oyster Bar? Ever wonder how Joan Harris manages to prepare a perfect crown roast in her tiny apartment kitchen? Or about the connection between Jackie Kennedy's 1962 White House tour and Betty Draper's Valentine's Day room



service order? Needham authors Judy Gelman and Peter Zheutlin have teamed up to write *The Unofficial Mad Men Cookbook: Inside the Kitchens, Bars, and Restaurants of Mad Men*. It provides more than 70 recipes for food and drink from Mad Men-era New York, set within the historical and cultural context of the 1960s. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Library and will feature some of the recipes from the book for you to sample.

New Years Needham 2012 @ the Library Saturday, December 31st

10:00 AM	Pumpnickel Puppets - Sir George and the Dragon
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12:30 PM	Storyteller Katie Latimer
1:30 PM	Storyteller Katie Latimer
2:30 PM	Magician Chris Bolter
3:15 PM	Magician Chris Bolter
4:00 PM	Magician Chris Bolter



For further information about upcoming events, go to www.needhamma.gov/library.

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

Children's Programs in December

Drop-in Storytime for ages 5 and under



Wed., December 7, 14, 21, 28 10:00 AM

Sat., December 10 11:00 AM

Stories, music, movement and more.

Story times are drop-in—no registration required. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Music, Movement and Me with Sara Epstein**

Tues., December 6th 10:30 AM

Tues., December 20th 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**



Fri., December 9th 11:00 AM

Tues., December 13th 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.

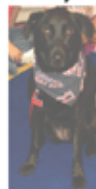
Sing-Along with Ed Morgan

Fri., December 9th 3:00 PM



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

Lucy the R.E.A.D. Dog: for ages 3 and up**



Thurs., December 8th 10:00 AM

Join Lucy, a black lab, and Pat Howes for a great program that encourages children to read! **Registration required. Begins one week prior to program. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.*

Toddler Movies



Thurs., December 1, 29 11:00 AM

Due to popular response, we will continue to show Toddler Movies—films based on story-books—in the Community Room.

Children's Craft Programs in December

Drop-In "Crafts of the Month" for ages 2+



Thurs., December 1st 4:00 PM

Mon., December 5th 10:30 AM



Drop-In "Super Hero" Crafts for ages 2+

Thurs., December 8th 4:00 PM



Drop-In "Gift" Crafts for ages 2+

Mon., December 12th 10:30 AM

Thurs., December 15th 4:00 PM



Drop-In "Winter" Crafts for ages 2+

Mon., December 19th 10:30 AM

Thurs., December 22nd 4:00 PM



Drop-In "End of the Year" Crafts for ages 2+

Thurs., December 29th 4:00 PM

Drop-In Craft Programs usually last for approximately 45 minutes, depending upon your child(ren). Four crafts related to the theme will be offered for our creative young patrons. Please arrive during the first half hour of the program.

LEGO Club! Needham Free Public Library's BLOCK PARTY!



Because of space limitations, we will be able to accommodate 24 children total, ages 6+

Tuesday, December 27th 4:30 - 6:00 PM

The club is evolving, but basically, attendees will make something (a vehicle, bridge, etc.), and we will take a photo of the person with his/her creation and send a copy of it to him/her through email.

Lego Demonstration with Nick Tatar—Olin College

Tues, December 6th

3:30 PM

Nick Tatar, Asst. Dean of Students at Olin College, will give a presentation about LEGOs, accompanied by a model of a winter village built of LEGOs. Mr. Tatar, working with Olin Professor Brad Minch, several children and Olin College Students created, a 15,000 LEGO piece model of Needham Town Hall and Commons for Needham's 300th Birthday Celebration. He will speak about resources in building such structures, show examples and answer your questions. This program is open to children ages 5 and up and their caregivers.



Children's Movie: *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, Part 2*—Rated PG-13 - 130 minutes

Fri., December 30th

2:00 PM



In the epic finale, the battle between the good and evil forces of the wizarding world escalates into an all-out war. The stakes have never been higher and no one is safe. But it is Harry who may be called upon to make the ultimate sacrifice as he draws closer to the climactic showdown with Lord Voldemort. It all ends here...

December Book Discussions

NPL Book Group

Tuesday, December 13th

1:00 PM

Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet by Jamie Ford

Fifth-grade scholarship students and best friends Henry and Keiko are the only Asians in their Seattle elementary school in 1942. Henry is Chinese, Keiko is Japanese, and Pearl Harbor has made all Asians—even those who are American born—targets for abuse. Because Henry's nationalistic father has a deep-seated hatred for Japan, Henry keeps his friendship with and eventual love for Keiko a secret. When Keiko's family is sent to an internment camp in Idaho, Henry vows to wait for her. Forty years later, Henry comes upon an old hotel where the belongings of dozens of displaced Japanese families have turned up in the basement, and his love for Keiko is reborn. In his first novel, award-winning short-story writer Ford expertly nails the sweet innocence of first love, the cruelty of racism, the blindness of patriotism, the astonishing unknowns between parents and their children, and the sadness and satisfaction at the end of a life well lived. The result is a vivid picture of a confusing and critical time in American history.



NPL Evening Book Group

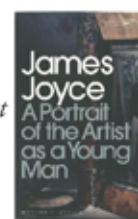
Wednesday, December 21st

7:00 PM

A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man by James Joyce

James Joyce's *Portrait of the Artist* is one of the most significant literary works of the twentieth century, and one of the most innovative. Its originality shocked contemporary readers on its publication in 1916. They found its treatment of the minutiae of daily life indecorous and its central character unappealing. Was it art or was it filth?

The novel charts the intellectual, moral, and sexual development of Stephen Dedalus: from his childhood and adolescence, to the brink of adulthood and independence; and, finally, his awakening as an artist. Growing up in a Catholic family in Dublin in the final years of the nineteenth century, Stephen's consciousness is forged by Irish history and politics, by Catholicism and culture, language and art. Stephen's story mirrors that of Joyce himself, and the novel is both startlingly realistic and brilliantly crafted, not to mention that it is one of the founding texts of Modernism and the precursor of the acclaimed *Ulysses*.



DID YOU KNOW...



That a second self check machine is now available in the Childrens Room? Located at the Children's Reference Desk, with directions posted next to the screen, it's easy and fun to use (child friendly too!). The self-check computers have been installed to help cut down on the long check-out lines—so if you're not a fan of waiting in line, give it a try!

This Month in the
Friends' Gallery

Needham Art
Association

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...

Author Ken Farbstein: Getting Your Best Health Care: Real-World Stories for Patient Empowerment

Thurs., January 5th

7:30 PM

An illuminating guidebook for all patients - and those who serve as their advocates - *Getting Your Best Health Care* parses the complex system of care in America. Through practical examples and real-life strategies, it steers us toward a more collegial, more efficient, more patient-focused - and undeniably safer - relationship with the system and professionals within it. Ken Farbstein leads Patient AdvoCare, advising patient advocates and patients on staying safe and healthy while receiving healthcare. He served two elected terms as the President of Health Care for All's Consumer Health Quality Council. He also writes the Patient Safety Blog at <http://www.PatientSafetyBlog.com>, with more than 800 stories to empower patients and their families.



McIver Series 2012

Author Felicity Long - Great Escapes: New England

Sun., January 8th

2:00 PM



Felicity Long, the author of *Great Escapes: New England* will speak about her experiences as a travel writer and about her book. *Great Escapes: New England* has over 25 day trips and weekend getaways throughout New England.

There's a lot to see and do in New England all within an easy drive. Whether you crave mountains or beaches, the best seafood or the best museums, solitude or boisterous fun, you'll find just the right trip. There will be books for sale and signing after the program. Join us for this second in a series of four programs in this year's McIver Lecture Series. **This Program is sponsored by the Trustees of the Needham Free Public Library.**



Ricardo Frota - Ecology of Sound

Sat., January 14th

10:30 AM



Ricardo brings an exciting and dramatic 45 minute performance that inspires children and parents to absorb the rhythms, sounds, and feelings of the Brazilian rainforest. Through his engaging and dynamic style, Ricardo entertains and educates while playing multi-cultural songs from indigenous peoples around the world. He incorporates African, South American, Native American, and

Brazilian music into an interactive experience for people of all ages. His performances highlight the use of traditional rhythm instruments as well as instruments made of recycled and natural-found objects. **This Program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.**

Children's Movie: Mr. Popper's Penguins — Rated PG - 94 minutes

Fri., January 20th

3:30 PM



Based on the 1938 book of the same name by Richard and Florence Atwater, *Mr. Popper's Penguins* is a comedy about how the surprise appearance of a penguin at a New York businessman's door turns his life completely upside down, while simultaneously teaching him an important lesson about the value of family. Far from the small-town painter featured in the book, the film's Mr. Popper is a real estate developer who lives in an exclusive apartment on Park Avenue, has his sights set on becoming a partner in his firm, and is an every-other-weekend father to his two children. A ruthless developer with no time for anything but business, Mr. Popper resolves to deal with his father's parting gift of a penguin by getting rid of the annoying bird as quickly as possible. That proves much more difficult than expected, even with the help of his ultra-efficient assistant Pippi, who speaks primarily in p's, and Mr. Popper soon winds up with six penguins. Even more unexpected is how markedly those penguins begin to affect the relationship between Mr. Popper and his children and how that change affects the rest of Mr. Popper's life.

Wellesley Books' Betty Sudarsky: Finding Fiction Worth Your While

Sun., January 22nd

2:00 PM

Please join us on this wintery afternoon as Betty Sudarsky tells us about the latest in the Fiction Field (as well as some of her own favorites).

Betty Sudarsky has spent her life among books. As an alumna of Houghton Mifflin, McGraw Hill, the Book of the Month Club, and Newtonville Books, she's been in the publishing world for 30 years. In the last decade, Betty has developed a specialty in book clubs. You'll often find her speaking about the history of book clubs and helping people begin, manage, maintain and rejuvenate reading groups. **This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.**



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