Creature Teachers presents The Rainforest
Sat., December 15 3:00 PM
This is Creature Teachers’ signature show, with 8-10 rainforest animals providing the teaching tools of this popular program. Richard Roth of Creature Teachers will discuss all aspects of the rainforests from the layers that make up the forest, their locations around the world, and the dangers that threaten this fragile ecosystem. **This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.**

New Years’ Needham at the Library
Mon., December 31st
Stacey Peasley in Concert 10:30 AM
Stacey Peasley has been entertaining families in the Boston area since 2008. Her talent and love of children has connected with families, and she has gained a loyal following in the MetroWest area!

Storyteller Diane Edgecomb—Once Upon A Wintertime
Performances at 12:30 PM & 1:30 PM
These tales of wintertime magic and fun are drawn from many cultures and range from the lyrical Grimm’s tale of “Snow White and Rose Red” to stories of folky New England escapades.

Magician Christopher Bolter
Performances at 2:30, 3:30 & 4:30 PM
Boston Magician Christopher Bolter has been entertaining and amazing children and families all over New England for the past fifteen years! He is a completely different kind of magician than what you’re familiar with!

Happy Holidays
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 November**

Drop-in Storytimes for ages 5 and under
Wed., December 5, 12, 19, 26 10:00 AM
Stories, music, movement and more. Storytimes are drop-in—no registration required. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Music, Movement and Me with Sara Epstein**
Tues., December 4 10:30 AM
Mon., December 17 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**
Tues., December 11 11:00 AM
Fri., December 21 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 14 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 6 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.

**Children’s Craft Programs in November**

Drop-In “200th Anniversary of Grimms’ Fairy Tales Publication” Crafts for ages 2-6
Thurs., December 6 3:30 PM
Mon., December 10 4:00 PM

Drop-In “Crafts of the Month” for ages 2-6
Tues., December 13 3:30 PM
Mon., December 17 4:00 PM

Drop-In “Gift” Crafts for ages 2-6
Thurs., December 18 10:30 AM
Thurs., December 20 3:30 PM

Drop-In “End of the Year” Crafts for ages 2-6
Thurs., December 27 2:00 PM
Fri., December 28 10:30 AM

All Drop-In Craft Programs feature three crafts related to the theme. We will have 25 of each craft, so be sure to come early in case we run out.

LEGOMark Time! Needham Free Public Library’s BLOCK PARTY!

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

Tuesday, December 4 4:30 - 5:30 PM

Sign-up for program begins one week before the event. You can sign up by phone or in person.
Young Sprouts Science Fun - Ages 5-8**
Mon., December 3  4:00 PM
Young Sprouts is something new for "budding" scientists, ages 5-8. Join us as we use hands-on activities, including at least two STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) ways to explore our world. This month’s program is a "Moon Adventure." *Please sign up beginning one week in advance, by phone or in person.

Game Day for ages 12+
Friday, December 7th  3:00 PM
Join us one Friday a month for an afternoon of board and card games. Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library, with assistance from the NHS Anime Club.

December Book Discussions

NPL Book Group
Tuesday, December 11th  1:00 PM
Rules of Civility
by Amor Towles
Set in New York City in 1938, Rules of Civility tells the story of a watershed year in the life of an uncompromising twenty-five-year-old named Katey Kontent. Armed with little more than a formidable intellect, a bracing wit, and her own brand of cool nerve, Katey embarks on a journey from a Wall Street secretarial pool through the upper echelons of New York society in search of a brighter future. The story opens on New Year’s Eve in a Greenwich Village jazz bar, where Katey and her boardinghouse roommate Eve happen to meet Tinker Grey, a handsome banker with royal blue eyes and a ready smile. This chance encounter and its startling consequences cast Katey off her current course, but end up providing her unexpected access to the rarified offices of Conde Nast and a glittering new social circle. Befriended in turn by a shy, principled multimillionaire, an Upper East Side nez-do-well, and a single-minded widow who is ahead of her times, Katey has the chance to experience first hand the poise secured by wealth and station, but also the aspirations, envy, disloyalty, and desires that reside just below the surface. Even as she waits for circumstances to bring Tinker back into her orbit, she will learn how individual choices become the means by which life crystallizes loss.

NPL Evening Book Group
Wednesday, December 19th  7:00 PM
Retirement on the Line: Age, Work and Value in the American Factory by Caitrin Lynch
In an era when people live longer and want (or need) to work past the traditional retirement age, the Vita Needle Company of Needham, Massachusetts, provides inspiration and important lessons about the value of older workers. In Retirement on the Line, Caitrin Lynch explores what this unusual company’s commitment to an elderly workforce means for the employer, the workers, the community, and society more generally. Benefiting from nearly five years of fieldwork at Vita Needle, Lynch offers an intimate portrait of the people who work there, a nuanced explanation of the company’s hiring practices, and a cogent analysis of how the workers’ experiences can inform our understanding of aging and work in the twenty-first century.

Olin College Professor and Needham Author Caitrin Lynch and employees of the Vita Needle Company of Needham will be joining us this evening for our discussions.

This Month in the Friends’ Gallery

Needham Art Association

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Upcoming Events...

Bob Begin: Something Old, Something New—Pirates!
Thurs., January 3rd 7:30 PM
Bob Begin has presented several well received historical lectures here at the Library over the years with the most recent being John Paul Jones. This time, Bob will be talking about the history of piracy and how it relates to modern day piracy occurring in the Indian/Pacific Oceans. This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

The Other Woman: The World of Fact & Fiction—Author Hank Phillippi Ryan
Sun., January 13th 2:00 PM
A former US Senate staffer and political campaign aide, Hank Phillippi Ryan is the investigative reporter for WHDH-TV 7News, and has won twenty-seven Emmys and ten Edward R. Murrow awards. A bestselling author of four mystery novels, Ryan has won the Agatha, Anthony, and Macavity awards. She's on the national board of directors of Mystery Writers of America and Sisters in Crime. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.

Airborne Jugglers
Sat., January 12th 10:30 AM
The Airborne Jugglers are unforgettable! Their astounding team juggling will amaze your eyes, as upbeat music fills your ears. You’ll erupt into riotous laughter as audience members are plucked from the crowd and become the stars of the show. This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

Dr. Gary Hylander: Salem Witch Trials—1692
Tues., January 22nd 7:30 PM
"An army of devils," warned Reverend Cotton Mather, was on its way to afflict the men and women of the Massachusetts Bay Colony for their sinfulness and wicked ways. New Englanders believed in the “Old Deluder” and the malevolent powers of his “Invisible World.” When rumors of Tituba’s conjuring of spirits in the household of Reverend Parrish surfaced, powerful witchcraft hysteria seized Salem Village and neighboring towns. By the time the Salem witchcraft trials were suspended, 19 of the accused, mostly women, had been hanged for the crime of witchcraft.
Dr. Gary Hylander, adjunct professor at Framingham State University and Stonchill College, will discuss this case, the first in a series of five lectures on famous trials in American history. This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

eBooks @ Your Library: From Overdrive to your Device
Thurs., January 24th 7:30 PM
Just got an e-reader for the holidays and want to know how to download free eBooks from the Library’s Digital Media Catalog? Join us for this 2 hour course and learn how to locate a book in Overdrive, check it out, and load it onto your Kindle/Nook/iPad/Galaxy/etc. Please bring your e-reader device with you. Space is limited, and sign-up will begin one week before the event at the Reference Desk. This program is sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.

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