



NEEDHAM
FREE PUBLIC
LIBRARY

LIBRARY NOTES

December 2013

Friends' Holiday Book Sale



Saturday, December 7th
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Dr. Gary Hylander—Masters of Industry: Henry Ford

Tues., December 10th

7:30 PM

Discover how Henry Ford, through means of mass production, the assembly line, and enormous economies of scale, was able to produce one Model T for every minute of the workday.



Gary Hylander, adjunct professor at Framingham State University and Stonehill College, will talk about the life of this American industrialist and philanthropist. This is the last in a series of four lectures on the Masters of American Industry. *This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.*

Curious Creatures Animal Show

Sat., December 14th

10:30 AM



Alligators, frogs, lizards, arachnids, turtles or tortoises, rabbits...these are just some of the animals you might see at this program. And on any given day you might behold snakes, chinchillas, flying squirrels, skunks, hedgehogs, geckos, bearded dragons and many more! Come and learn about these animals and, if appropriate, you may even get to touch and hold them! This show is a great fit for children of all ages—preschool to College level, as well as the young at heart. *This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.*

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

Children's Movie:

Despicable Me 2 — Rated PG, 98 minutes

Thurs., December 12th 3:30 PM



Sticky doesn't begin to describe Gru's new life: the ex-supervillain has given up his villainous ways and he and Dr. Nefario have settled into the legitimate business of making jellies and jams with the help of his army of minions. Parenting is no less sticky, and the fact that Gru will go to any length to ensure the happiness of his adopted girls, Agnes, Edith, and Margo, is evident by the elaborate birthday party he's throwing for Agnes that includes a live unicorn and a princess named Gruzinkerbelle. Anti-Villain League operative Lucy Wild kidnaps Gru after the party, using an arsenal of spy gadgetry that would make James Bond jealous, and the agency solicits his help in apprehending a criminal who's made an entire secret lab disappear from the Arctic Circle and stolen a dangerous transmutation formula. The lure of excitement tempts Gru, and he and Lucy set up an undercover operation in a bakery in Paradise Mall, the minions start cranking out cupcakes, and Gru and Lucy begin investigating their fellow business owners. Meanwhile, Agnes pines for a mother, Margo finds her first boyfriend, Dr. Nefario takes a more exciting job, a slew of minions go missing, and Gru staunchly refuses to enter the dating scene. Little does Gru know that his whole life is about to change once again...

New Year's Craft Workshop for Teens!

Mon., December 30th

2:30 - 4:00 PM

Teens in Grades 6 and up are invited to decorate cupcakes, make pom-pom ceiling ornaments and time capsules, or use an array of free craft supplies to create their own holiday décor and party fashions. All supplies will be provided by the Library and refreshments will be served. No need to register for this program. Teens can just stop by the Library's Community Room—and bring a friend! *This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Library.*



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

Children's Programs in December

Drop-in Storytimes for ages 5 and under

Wed., December 4, 11, 18 10:00 AM

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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 3 10:30 AM

Mon., December 16 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**

Mon., December 2 11:00 AM

Tues., December 10 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 13 3:00 PM

Fri., December 20 10:30 AM



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

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

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

Thurs., December 5 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.*



"Fun Flicks" Movies for ages 2-5

Thurs., December 12 11:00 AM

Short films based on popular storybooks—shown in the Community Room.



Children's Craft Programs in December



Drop-In "Crafts of the Month" for ages 2-6
Mon., December 2 4:00 PM

Drop-In "Home Sweet Home" Crafts for ages 2-6



Fri., December 6 10:30 AM

Mon., December 9 4:00 PM

Drop-In "Gift" Crafts for ages 2-6



Tues., December 17 4:00 PM

Thurs., December 19 10:30 AM

Drop-In "End of the Year" Crafts for all ages



Mon., December 30 4:00 PM

All Drop-In Craft Programs feature two crafts and a coloring page that are related to the theme. There will be 25 of each craft, so be sure to come early for first choice.

Growing Readers: Story/Crafts for Ages 4-6

Wed., December 4 12:45 PM

Wed., December 18 12:45 PM



Join us for this combination storytime and craft session.

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



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

Tuesday, December 10 4:30 - 5:30 PM

Sign-up for program begins one week before the event. You can sign up by phone or in person.

Drop-In Family Play Time — Games and More!



Thurs., December 26th 10:30 AM



December Book Discussions

NPL Book Group
Tuesday, December 10th

The Art Forger by B.A. Shapiro

Almost twenty-five years after the infamous art heist at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum—still the largest unsolved art theft in history—one of the stolen Degas paintings is delivered to the Boston studio of a young artist. Claire Roth has entered into a Faustian bargain with a powerful gallery owner by agreeing to forge the Degas in exchange for a one-woman show in his renowned gallery. But as she begins her work, she starts to suspect that this long-missing masterpiece—the very one that had been hanging at the Gardner for one hundred years—may itself be a forgery. *The Art Forger* is a thrilling novel about seeing—and not seeing—the secrets that lie beneath the canvas.

1:00 PM



*January 14, 2014 Book: *The Whistling Season* by Ivan Doig*

NPL Evening Book Group
Wednesday, December 18th

Gideon's Trumpet by Anthony Lewis

Clarence Earl Gideon's successful Supreme Court case upset earlier rulings about the right of a criminal defendant to legal counsel. Mr. Lewis, with the skill of a journalist and the power of a storyteller, has traced this case from the arrival of Gideon's handwritten petition at the desk of the Clerk of the Court. His description of procedures, and his explication of the way new interpretations of law evolve, humanize the Supreme Court without lessening its majesty. The author follows the preparation of the brief by the attorneys who argued the decisions and discusses the implications of this case to those states where many prisoners will be able to appeal their sentences on similar grounds.

7:00 PM



*January 15, 2014 Book: *The Pink Lady: The Many Lives of Helen Gabagen Douglas* by Sally Denton*

HAPPY HOLIDAYS



- Small Businesses: Find sales leads and mailing lists to grow their business
- Entrepreneurs: Find similar businesses along with competitors
- Students: Research businesses by industry or segment and company size
- Government Agencies: Employment statistics, mapping, and traffic modeling
- People Searching: Locate friends and relatives
- Guidance Counselors: helping students learn about various careers and how to find jobs
- Fundraising: Find income and home value in any neighborhood



Created Equal: America's Civil Rights Struggle — Film Screenings and Scholar- Led Discussion at Needham Free Public Library

The Needham Free Public Library is one of 473 institutions across the country awarded a set of four films chronicling the history of the civil rights movement. The powerful documentaries, *The Abolitionists*, *Slavery by Another Name*, *Freedom Riders*, and *The Loving Story*, include dramatic scenes of incidents in the 150-year effort to achieve equal rights for all.

Created Equal: America's Civil Rights Struggle, is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Humanities that uses the power of documentary films to encourage scholar-led, community discussions of America's civil rights history. **Created Equal** programs bring communities together to revisit our shared history and help bridge deep racial and cultural divides in American civic life. Visit www.neh.gov/created-equal for more information. Needham Free Public Library will be hosting these events during the winter of 2014. Please see the library's website for more specific information in early 2014.

The **Created Equal** film set is made possible through a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, as part of its Bridging Cultures initiative, in partnership with the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History.

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...

2014 McIVER LECTURE SERIES

THE FUTURE OF THE FOURTH ESTATE

The Current State of News Reporting —

Asst. Professor Dan Kennedy, Northeastern University

Sunday, January 12th

2:00 PM



Dan Kennedy is an assistant professor of journalism at Northeastern University in Boston and a nationally known media commentator who writes for the *Nieman Journalism Lab*, *The Huffington Post* and other publications. He is a panelist on “Beat the Press,” an award-winning weekly media roundtable on WGBH-TV (Channel 2). A former media columnist for *The Guardian* and *The Boston Phoenix*, he is a past winner of the National Press Club’s Arthur Rowse Award for Press Criticism. His most recent book, “*The Wired City: Reimagining Journalism and Civic Life in the Post-Newspaper Age*” (University of Massachusetts Press, 2013), tells the story of the New Haven Independent, a nonprofit community website at the leading edge of reinventing local journalism. His blog, *Media Nation*, is online at dankennedy.net. The first in a series of three lectures, discussing the present and future of gathering and dissemination of the news. This program is sponsored by the Trustees of the Needham Free Public Library.

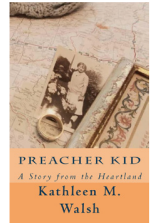
Are You Ready to Find Your Family Story?

Kathleen M. Walsh — *Preacher Kid: A Story from the Heartland*

Sunday, January 26th

2:00 PM

Learn how accessible your genealogy is in today’s information sharing age. Hear how Needham resident and author, Kathy Walsh, discovered her far-flung roots through the library’s research database service and other online search tools. With minimal travel, she pieced together her heritage and turned her discoveries into a self-published book. Explore the world of Ancestry.com, get introduced to our local National Archives branch, and hear how she self-published her book, *Preacher Kid: A Story from the Heartland*, on a shoestring budget. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Library.



Children’s Movie:

Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters — Rated PG, 106 minutes

Fri., January 24th 3:30 PM

The magical, mythical adventures of teenager Percy Jackson—son of the Greek god Poseidon—continue in this heroic, action-packed thrill ride! Out to prove he’s not just a “one-quest wonder,” Percy and his demigod friends embark on an epic, cross-country journey into the treacherous Sea of Monsters, where they battle terrifying creatures, an army of zombies, and the ultimate evil. With time running out, Percy must find and bring home the fabled Golden Fleece, which has the power to save his world...and save us all!



FRIENDS’ WINTER BOOK SALE



Saturday, February 1st

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Sunday, February 2nd

1:00 - 4:00 PM

Sunday is Bargain Day:
all items are half-price
and a brown bag is \$8.00.

This Month in the Friends’ Gallery

Randa Khuri
A Taste of Life

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