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# LIBRARY NOTES

December 2014

## FRIENDS' HOLIDAY BOOKSALE



Saturday, December 6th

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

## Creature Teachers: Animals of the World

Sat., December 13

10:30 AM

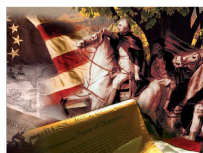
Come take a trip around the world and find out where our animals come from. This program explores the diverse habitats of our planet and the animals that live within them. See why some animals are well suited for certain areas and why some are not. *The Creature Teachers* is a family-owned business specializing in environmental and animal education. Their goal is to fascinate their audiences with the wonders and diversity of the animals that share our planet. This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.



## Dr. Gary Hylander: Becoming America, 1776-1800

Tues., December 16th

7:30 PM



Join us as we discuss the events, personalities and politics that led to the drafting of the Declaration of Independence and the outbreak of the American Revolution. "A standing miracle" is how Washington would forever describe the colonial victory over Britain in 1783. The Constitutional Convention and the presidencies and politics of the Washington and Adams administrations will also be discussed as America struggled to assert itself as the world's first nation dedicated to the "life, liberty and pursuit of happiness" of its citizens. The final of a four lecture series, it is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

## Yoga for Teens and Tweens with Samantha Riley

Wed., December 17th

4:30 PM

If you are 9 to 12 years old, then this class is for you! Come and spend an hour learning the ancient practice of yoga.

Come learn postures that can relieve stress and anxiety and give you flexibility that can help with sports. In addition, yoga helps build strong muscles and bones, improves posture, and assists with coordination and balance. These are just a few of the benefits that everyone can experience. In all, yoga promotes unification of body and mind. Please wear comfortable clothing to class and bring a water bottle and mat. **Space is limited to the first 20 teen/tweens—Registration begins Wed., December 10th at the Adult Reference Desk. Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.**



## Children's Movie: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (Rated PG-13, 101 min.)

Thurs., December 18

3:30 PM



*After being transformed by a mysterious green ooze, four mutant turtles are raised and taught by their sensei, Master Splinter, a mutant rat. Splinter names the turtles after Renaissance painters—Leonardo, Raphael, Michelangelo, and Donatello. As the turtles grow toward adulthood, Splinter teaches them the arts of ninjutsu. The turtles use their skills to transform into a crime fighting team. Although they have lived reclusive lives lurking in the sewers of New York City, the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles must now join forces with a plucky young reporter, April O'Neil, to stop a crime wave and defeat the evil Foot Clan. Their battles with this mysterious criminal group lead to a confrontation with the most dangerous enemy of all—the Shredder. This program is sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.*

This Month in the Friends' Gallery


Needham Art  
Association

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

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


## Children's Programs in December

### Drop-in Storytimes for ages 5 and under

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|  | Wed., December 3, 10, 17, 31 | 10:00 AM |
|  | Wed., December 3, 10, 17, 31 | 11:00 AM |
|  | Thurs., December 4           | 10:30 AM |
|  | Fri., December 19            | 10:30 AM |


Stories, music, movement and more. **Storytimes are drop-in—no registration required. All children must be accompanied by an adult.**

### Ready, Set...Move with Cici Hunt: for ages 3-5\*\*

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|  | Mon., December 8  | 10:30 AM |
|  | Mon., December 22 | 10:30 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

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|  | Fri., December 12   | 3:00 PM  |
|   | Thurs., December 18 | 10:30 AM |

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

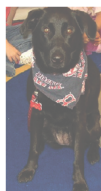
### Music with Sarah for ages 3-5

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|  | Tues., December 16 | 10:30 AM |
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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.**


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

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|  | Thurs., December 11 | 10:00 AM |
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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.*

**HAPPY  
HOLIDAYS**

## Children's Craft Programs in December

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|  | Drop-In "End of the Year" Crafts for all ages |
|   | Mon., December 1 4:00 PM                      |
|   | Tues., December 2 10:30 AM                    |

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|  | Drop-In "Gift" Crafts for ages 2-6 |
|   | Mon., December 15 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.



### Fun Flicks

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| Thurs., December 11 | 11:00 AM |
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Short films based on popular storybooks—shown in the Community Room.

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



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

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| Tuesday, December 30 | 4:30 - 5:30 PM |
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Sign-up for program begins one week before the event. You can sign up by phone or in person.

### Library Hours:

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| Mon. - Thurs. | 9:00am - 9:00pm |
| Fridays       | 9:00am - 5:30pm |
| Saturdays     | 9:00am - 5:00pm |
| Sundays       | 1:00pm - 5:00pm |

## December Book Discussions

### NPL Book Group

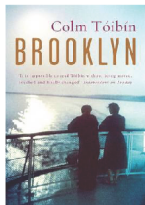
Tuesday, December 9th

1:00 PM

#### *Brooklyn*

by Colm Toibin

*This latest from Colm Toibin begins in the southwestern Ireland town of Enniscorthy during the early 1950s, where dutiful daughter, dotting sister, and aspiring bookkeeper Eilis Lacey lives with her mother and older sister, Rose. Her brothers have long since left Ireland to seek work in England, and Eilis herself soon departs for Brooklyn, NY. Once there, she attempts to master living and working in a strange land and to quell an acute and threatening loneliness. Initially friendless and of few means, Eilis gradually embraces new freedoms. She excels in work and school, falls in love, and begins to imagine a life in America. When tragedy strikes in Enniscorthy, however, Eilis returns to discover the hopes and aspirations once beyond her grasp are now hers for the taking. \*January 13, 2015—*The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold in the 1936 Berlin Olympics* by Daniel James Brown.\**



### NPL Evening Book Group

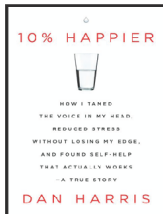
Wednesday, December 17th

7:00 PM

#### *10% Happier: How I Tamed the Voice in my Head, etc.*

by Dan Harris

*Nightline anchor Dan Harris embarks on an unexpected, hilarious, and deeply skeptical odyssey through the strange worlds of spirituality and self-help, and discovers a way to get happier that is truly achievable. After having a nationally televised panic attack on Good Morning America, Dan Harris knew he had to make some changes. A lifelong nonbeliever, he found himself on a bizarre adventure, involving a disgraced pastor, a mysterious self-help guru, and a gaggle of brain scientists. 10% Happier takes readers on a ride from the outer reaches of neuroscience to the inner sanctum of network news to the bizarre fringes of America's spiritual scene, and leaves them with a takeaway that could actually change their lives.*



*\*January 21, 2015—*All Quiet on the Western Front* by Erich Maria Remarque\**

## December Holiday Closings

December 24 - Library Closes at 1:00 PM

December 25 - Library Closed

December 31 - Library Closes at 5:30 PM

January 1, 2015 - Library Closed

## 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 in the display cases located on either 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.



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# Upcoming Events...

## 2015 McIver Lecture Series—Whither the Weather?

### Extreme Weather: Why?

Sun., January 11th 2:00 PM



Eleanor Talbot, a forecaster with the National Weather Service in Taunton, Mass., describes memorable extreme weather incidents of recent years and looks at the causes. Not every extreme tornado, hurricane and drought is the result of man-made influences and global warming—but a disturbing number are. Eleanor will also present a preparedness primer for the rising tide of climate change. This event is sponsored by the Trustees of the Needham Free Public Library.

## Dr. Gary Hylander—America And World War II

Tues., January 20th

7:30 PM

During the 1930's, American policymakers were more concerned with Depression-level unemployment in the nation than the deepening clouds of war in Europe and Asia. American public opinion was in no mood for another war "to make the world safe for democracy." But after December 7, 1941, "A date," thundered FDR, "which will live in infamy," the United States for the first time in its history faced war on two fronts. And America's enemies were triumphant everywhere. This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.



## Author Mitzi Weinman—It's About Time! Transforming Chaos into Calm, A to Z

Tues., January 13th 7:30 PM

*You have the same twenty-four hour day as everyone else. The challenge is making the most of that time—being able to accomplish your goals while also making time for yourself and those you love. In order to do this, you must first accept that you cannot manage time; you can adjust and be flexible. Written in an A-to-Z format with the busy reader in mind, this guidebook seeks to help you reduce stress and boost productivity. Join us as Mitzi Weinman discusses her new book. Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.*



## Delvena Theatre Company Presents Meet Julia Child!

Sun., January 25th

2:00 PM



*Meet Julia Child—the beloved French Chef! This live performance features Lynne Moulton as Julia Child doing what she did best. Learn more about her life: from her privileged childhood in California—when she had no interest in food, except for eating what the family's private chef prepared—to becoming one of the culinary legends of all time. The audience will have the opportunity to view Julia on the set of **The French Chef** television show, an amusing and fun experience! After the performance, the cast will open up for discussion regarding Julia Child. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.*

## Singer/ Storyteller/ Cartoonist Keith Munslow

Sat., January 24th 10:30 AM



*An award-winning performer who combines rock solid funky piano playing, soulful singing, hilarious stories, and lightning fast cartooning, Keith Munslow has entertained thousands of children and families at schools, festivals, family concerts, and libraries throughout New England—and beyond. Keith's recordings for children have earned him several Parents' Choice Awards, and can be heard on numerous children's radio programs across America, including "Kid's Place Live," on Sirius XM Satellite Radio. This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.*

## FRIENDS' WINTER BOOKSALE



Saturday, January 31st  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Sunday, February 1st  
1:00 - 4:00 PM

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

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