



# LIBRARY NOTES

December 2015

## FRIENDS' HOLIDAY BOOKSALE



**Saturday, December 5th**  
**9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

## Circus Minimus—The One-Man Circus in-a-Suitcase

**Tues., December 15th 4:00 PM**



*This show has been performed over 500 times around the globe, for family theater audiences and school assemblies alike. From Kevin O'Keefe's suitcase an entire circus emerges: tent, band, lights, the boisterous ringmaster Steve Fitzpatrick, the officious Mervin Merkle, the incredible Bumbilini Family, the Magician to the Stars Clyde Zerbi-ni, and Keefer—an innocent trying to run away and join the circus. However, the most important performers emerge from the audience. Each performance becomes a dialogue between the characters and the audience—a light-hearted collaboration. This event is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham and is for all ages.*

## Dr. Gary Hylander—America in the Gilded Age

**Tues., December 15th 7:30 PM**

The phrase "gilded age" was coined by Mark Twain to describe the years following the Civil War. Reconstruction came to an end and recently emancipated black Americans found themselves living in a Jim Crow South. The frontier disappeared and transcontinental railroads crisscrossed the land. Captains of Industry made great fortunes in oil, steel and coal, while waves of immigrants flooded into America's cities, toiling long hours in sweatshops, steel mills and factories. At the close of the century, differences with Spain resulted in "that splendid little war," a war that propelled the United States to a world power and gave the nation its first celebrity president, Theodore Roosevelt. **This is the last of a four lecture series and is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.**



## Children's Movie: Minions (Rated PG, 91 min.)

**Fri., December 18th 3:30 PM**



*The story of Minions begins at the dawn of time. Starting as single-celled yellow organisms, Minions evolve through the ages, perpetually serving the most despicable of masters. Continuously unsuccessful at keeping these masters—from T. rex to Napoleon—the Minions find themselves without someone to serve and fall into a deep depression. But one Minion named Kevin has a plan, and he—alongside teenage rebel Stuart and lovable little Bob—ventures out into the world to find a new evil boss for his brethren to follow. The trio embarks upon a thrilling journey that ultimately leads them to their next potential master, Scarlet Overkill, the world's first-ever female super-villain. They travel from frigid Antarctica to 1960s New York City, ending in 'mod' London, where they must face their biggest challenge to date: saving all of Minionkind...from annihilation. This program is sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.*

## New Years' Needham Events @ the Library

### Magic of The Steelgraves



**Magic of The Steelgraves** will dazzle you! New England magicians/illusionists Markus & Angelique Steelgrave blend amazing magic with lively audience participation, hilarious comedy, juggling, unique illusions and lots of surprises! Please join us for this family-friendly event. **Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library, in support of New Years Needham.**

**Two Performances—10:00 AM and 11:15 AM**

### Karen K and the Jitterbugs

One of the most buzzed about bands for families and kids on the East Coast, **Karen K & the Jitterbugs** will have kids up and dancing to Karen's catchy, upbeat, genre-swirling songs, while leaving adults asking for more.







**Performance at 1:30 PM**

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 Story Times in December

-  **Terrific Toddlers for ages 1-2 years**  
**Tues., December 1, 15, 22** 10:00 AM  
 Stories mixed with songs, rhymes, fingerplays, rhythm and sensory activities.
-  **Babies & Books for Pre-walkers Under One**  
**Tues., December 1, 15, 22** 11:00 AM  
 Babies and their adult caregivers enjoy songs, lap games, baby sign language, rhythm and sensory activities, with a story or two.
-  **Drop-In Child's Play for ages 0-2 years**  
**Wed., December 2, 9, 16, 23, 30** 10:00 AM  
 Songs, rhymes, lap games, books and more in this interactive program.
-  **Pre-School Palooza for ages 3-4 years**  
**Mon., December 7, 14** 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.

### Spanish Preschool Storyhour

**Fri., December 18** 10:30 AM

This is a Drop-in program for preschoolers and is led by a teacher from the Pine Village School.



### Drop-In Preschool Spanish in Motion for children 2-5 years old

**Fri., December 4** 10:30 AM

Children accompanied by their caregivers will learn Spanish through fun games and songs. Spanish-speaking children who would like to attend a library program in their first language are encouraged to attend as well as children who would like to learn Spanish as a second language.

### Spanish in Motion after School Program for grades 1-4 **\*Registration Required\***

**Tues., December 1** 4:00 PM

Children learn Spanish through movement and fun educational activities, concluding with a related craft project to take home. Spanish-speaking children who would like to attend a library program in their first language are encouraged to attend as well as children who would like to learn Spanish as a second language. **\*Registration is required, starting one week before event.**

## Children's Programs in December

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



**Wed., December 2** 11:00 AM

**Mon., December 21** 11:00 AM

Join Cici Hunt in this fun-filled music and movement class for children and their caretakers. **\*\*Registration is required, beginning one week prior to the start of the program. One session per month only please.**



### Sing-Along with Ed Morgan

**Fri., December 11** 3:00 PM

**Thurs., December 17** 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



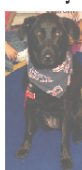
**Tues., December 8** 10:30 AM

**Tues., December 29** 10:30 AM

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 3-6\*\*



**Fri., December 11** 10:30 AM

Storytime with Lucy the R.E.A.D. Dog.

**\*\*Registration required, starting one week before event. Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.**

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



**Tues., December 8** 4:00 - 5:00 PM

## FAMILY ACTIVITY MORNING

**Sat. December 19th** 10-11:30 AM



Families are invited to the Children's Room where together they can explore an arts/crafts project, work on a construction assignment and play games that enhance literacy, logic or math skills. All ages are welcome. This will be an ongoing event on the third Saturday of every month from 10-11:30 AM.



## Gingerbread People Decorating

Mon., December 28th 10:30 AM

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There will be Gingerbread People and decorating materials available in the Craft Room beginning at 10:30 AM and 2:30 PM. The room will be open to decorators for an hour and a half each time or until the cookies run out.



## Crafts for ages 2-6 years

Thurs., December 3 10:30 - 11:30 AM

## Crafts for Ages 6+

Thurs., December 3 4:00 - 5:00 PM

## Fun Flicks for 2-5 year olds



Thurs., December 10 11:00 AM

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

## Pokémon League

Saturdays 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM



Come and meet people who are interested in the Pokémon Card Game. Exchange cards and build up your decks! This will occur in the Young Adult Room on the second floor, and is sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.

## For The Love of Food: A Cookbook Club for Foodies

Mon., January 4

7:00 PM

Enjoy a new nighttime cook book club with books and food as a central focus.

**This Month's Topic:** Knife skills instruction by Todd Heberlein of Volante Farms.

Please bring a cutting board and a chef knife that you use at home. Each person should bring in an onion, a carrot, some parsley, and a bell pepper for training purposes.

\*Next Meeting: March 28, 2016\*



This Month in the Friends' Gallery

## Needham Art Association

In the Display Cabinet

## Needham Historical Society

## December Book Discussions

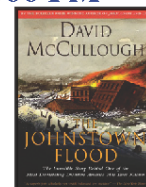
### NPL Book Group

Tuesday, December 8th

1:00 PM

### *The Johnstown Flood* by David McCullough

*At the end of the nineteenth century, Johnstown, Pennsylvania, was a booming coal-and-steel town filled with hardworking families striving for a piece of the nation's burgeoning industrial prosperity. In the mountains above Johnstown, an old earth dam had been hastily rebuilt to create a lake for an exclusive summer resort patronized by the tycoons of that same industrial prosperity, among them Andrew Carnegie, Henry Clay Frick, and Andrew Mellon. Despite repeated warnings of possible danger, nothing was done about the dam. Then came May 31, 1889, when the dam burst, sending a wall of water thundering down the mountain, smashing through Johnstown, and killing more than 2,000 people. It was a tragedy that became a national scandal. Graced by David McCullough's remarkable gift for writing richly textured, sympathetic social history, *The Johnstown Flood* is an absorbing, classic portrait of life in nineteenth-century America, of overweening confidence, of energy, and of tragedy. It also offers a powerful historical lesson for our century and all times: the danger of assuming that because people are in positions of responsibility they are necessarily behaving responsibly.* \*January 12, 2016 Book—*Wild* by Cheryl Strayed\*



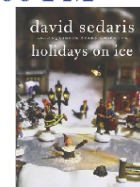
### NPL Evening Book Group

Wednesday, December 16th

7:00 PM

### *Holidays on Ice* by David Sedaris

*David Sedaris's beloved holiday collection is new again with six more pieces, including a never before published story. Along with such favorites as the diaries of a Macy's elf and the annals of two very competitive families, are Sedaris's tales of tardy trick-or-treaters ("Us and Them"); the difficulties of explaining the Easter Bunny to the French ("Jesus Shaves"); what to do when you've been locked out in a snowstorm ("Let It Snow"); the puzzling Christmas traditions of other nations ("Six to Eight Black Men"); what Halloween at the medical examiner's looks like ("The Monster Mash"); and a barnyard secret Santa scheme gone awry ("Cow and Turkey"). No matter what your favorite holiday, you won't want to miss celebrating it with the author who has been called "one of the funniest writers alive."* \*January 20, 2016—*Let's Pretend this Never Happened* by Jenny Lawson\*



## 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 - 5:00 pm

## Upcoming Events...

### 2016 McIver Series

Tomorrow's Technology Today: 21st Century Medical Innovation with Dr. Jeffrey M. Karp

Sun., January 10th

2:00 PM



Join Dr. Jeffrey M. Karp as he explores multiple next-generation, bio-inspired technologies that he is currently translating into medical products to improve the life of suffering patients. Topics to be presented include

such things as minimally invasive sealing of tissues and wounds, as well as engineered stem cell therapy treatment of diseases such as multiple sclerosis and prostate cancer to name just a few.

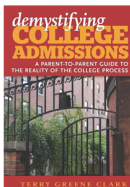
Dr. Karp is the Director of The Laboratory for Accelerated Medical Innovation and an Associate Professor of Medicine at Brigham and Women's Hospital Harvard Medical School. This is the first of three programs sponsored by the Trustees of the Needham Free Public Library in honor of former library director Vivian D. McIver.

Terry Greene Clark: *demystifying COLLEGE ADMISSIONS: A Parent-To-Parent Guide to the Reality of the College Process*

Tues., January 12th

7:30 PM

While many books provide parents with information about college admissions, few anticipate their questions and provide honest answers to the reality of the process based upon research AND the personal experience of launching 3 very distinct and unique teenagers in the last five years. *demystifying COLLEGE ADMISSIONS* will offer parents a simple guide, practical advice and real world experience, bringing together all the information you need to know about the college matriculation process, from freshman year in high school to acceptance into college. This program is sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.



Presidential Elections with Dr. Gary Hylander

Tues., January 19th

7:30 PM

Lecture One: "Hail To The Chief"—The Creation Of The American Presidency



The Constitutional Convention of 1787 was in the words of Connecticut Governor Samuel Huntington a "new event" in human history. In the midst of this "new event," nothing was newer than the creation of the office of the President and the Electoral College. Unanimously elected the nation's first president,

Washington was well aware of his unique position: "I walk," he wrote, "on untrodden ground."

With this year being a presidential election year, please join us as we review five of the most critical presidential elections in American History. This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

Frozen's Elsa Story Time and Photo Op

Sat., January 23rd

10:30 AM

Elsa from Disney's *Frozen* will read stories, lead a participatory dance party/singalong, and be available for photo opportunities at the end of the event. This Event is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.



A History of the Oscars with Frank Mandosa

Sun., January 24th

2:00 PM



Join us for a fun-filled afternoon of trivia questions based on current and previous nominees and winners of the Academy Awards, with some history of the award itself, and clips of memorable Oscar moments. There will also be a free raffle occurring throughout the presentation for small-scale movie-themed prizes so hold on to your ticket (available at the presentation). This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.

NATURE TALKS: The Locavore Lives Here—Needham's Farmhouse Restaurant

Thurs., January 14th

7:00 PM



Join Dora Tavel-Sanchez, co-owner of Needham's The Farmhouse Restaurant, as she offers insight into their ever-changing menu, with emphasis on fresh and locally available produce, meats, wines, and cheeses. Samples of some of her creations will be available after her talk. This event is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham and the Friends of the Needham Public Library.

## 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, 2016 - Library Closed



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