Joy of Coloring For Adults
Thurs., December 8  2:00-4:00 PM
Thurs., December 8  7:00-9:00 PM
The Library will supply all you need (pencils, markers, coloring sheets, as well as a few snacks). Come for the coloring and conversation with your fellow coloring enthusiasts! Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

The Roaring Twenties: Ford, Flappers and Fitzgerald with Dr. Gary Hylander
Tues., December 13th  7:30 PM
In the 1920’s, the sound of radios and phonographs filled the air. Motion pictures offered new vistas for millions of moviegoers. Prosperity was everywhere. Americans began their love affair with the automobile. Women “bobbed” their hair, danced the Charleston and voted for the first time. “Keep Cool With Coolidge” was the slogan of the times. Come to this fascinating lecture series, for a detailed look at this exciting period in time. This is the last of the four lecture series and is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

FRIENDS’ HOLIDAY BOOKSALE
Saturday, December 3rd  9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Motion Man Jody Scalise: Mime, Juggling, Bubbles, and Comedy for Ages 4 and Up
Tues., December 13th  4:00 PM
Take a Mechanical Man, precision Pantomime, lyrical movement, hysterical characterizations, a Chagall, Giant Bubbles, Toilet Plungers, Step Ladders, Gibberish, a Ukulele, Spinning Plates, 8 Foot Streamers, a Parasol, a Floating Hat, Things that Float over the Audience, a man squeezing through a picture frame, giant bubbles and Inspirational Improvisation, put them in a blender and… Come see this unique presentation, for ages 4 and up. Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

New Year’s Needham @
THE NEEDHAM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY
DECEMBER 31, 2016
Debbie and Friends  9:30 - 10:10 AM
10:30 - 11:10 AM
Children’s entertainer Debbie Cavalier of Debbie and Friends uses original songs to tell stories that children know and love. Her family concert performances include lots of singing and dancing for children and parents alike.

Storyteller Shawn Middleton  12:30 - 1:00 PM
1:30 - 2:00 PM
With his unique style of storytelling, Shawn Middleton brings stories to life with finger puppets, sound effects, voice dramatization, pauses, rhythm, sign language, mime and hip hop dance. Audiences don’t just listen—they sing, clap, dance, chant and roar with laughter.

Magic by George  3:00 - 3:45 PM
4:15 - 5:00 PM
Magic by George’s fun-filled show keeps audiences on the edge of their seats, with exciting magic, lots of audience participation and amusing family humor. For young and old alike. Everyone is sure to have a fun and amazing time!

Events are sponsored by Trustees of the Needham Free Public Library.

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 - 7:00 pm

*EXTENDED HOURS ON SUNDAY*

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

December Holiday Closings
December 24 - Library Closes at 1:00 PM
December 25 - Library Closed
December 26 - Library Closed
December 31 - Library Closes at 5:00 PM
January 1, 2017 - Library Closed
January 2, 2017 - Library Closed
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 6, 20    10:00 AM
Stories mixed with songs, rhymes, fingerplays, rhythm and sensory activities.

Babies & Books Up to One Year
Tues., December 6, 20    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 7, 14, 21, 28    10:00 AM
Songs, rhymes, lap games, books and more in this interactive program.

Pre-School Palooza for ages 3-6 years
Mon., December 5, 12    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.

Storytimes from Around the World
Arabic Storytime for ages 4-7
Thurs., December 1    3:30 PM
This is a Drop-in program for kids 4-7 years, conducted in Arabic, and led by native speaker Nayla Raffol.

Spanish Storytime for Preschoolers
Fri., December 2    10:30 AM
This is a Drop-in program for preschoolers and is led by a teacher from the Pine Village School.

Chinese Storytime for ages 5 and under
Sat., December 10    9:30 AM
This is a Drop-in program for ages 5 and under and is led by a group of Chinese-speaking mothers. The program consists of 45 minutes of reading, followed by a simple craft.

French Storytime for ages 4-7
Wed., December 14    3:30 PM
This is a Drop-in program for kids 4-7 years, conducted in French.

Slavic Storytime for ages 2+
Wed., December 14    11:00 AM
This is a Drop-in program for ages 2+ in Slavic led by Barbara Kochanika.

Children’s Programs in December

Ready, Set...Move with Cici Hunt: for ages 3-5**
Wed., December 7    11:00 AM
Mon., December 19    11:00 AM
Join Cici Hunt in this fun-filled music and movement class for children and their caretakers. **Registration is required, beginning two weeks prior to the start of the program. One session per month only please.

Sing-Along with Ed Morgan
Fri., December 9    3:00 PM
Thurs., December 15    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 5 and under
Tues., Dec. 13 (ages 2-5)    10:00 AM
Tues., Dec. 13 (ages 2 and under)    11:00 AM
Tues. Dec. 27 (ages 2-5)    10:00 AM
Tues. Dec. 27 (ages 2 and under)    11:00 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.

FAMILY ACTIVITY MORNING
Sat., December 17    10:00-11:30 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.

Holiday Crafts for ages 2+ years
Thurs., December 22    10:30 - 11:30 AM

LEGO Time! Needham Free Public Library’s BLOCK PARTY!
Thurs., December 29    4:00 - 5:00 PM

Cinnamon Creations for ages 6+
Thurs., December 8    4:00 PM
New STEAM Station and Year Long STEM Programs to be Offered by the Children’s Department of the Needham Free Public Library Starting This December 2016

The Needham Free Public Library has been awarded a Library Services Technology Act (LSTA) Grant for $7,500 from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC).

The Children’s Department plans on using these funds to create a new STEAM Powered Creation Station inside the Children’s Craft Room. STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math and is an important component of education in the Needham Public Schools. The new STEAM center in the public library will help support the educational needs of Needham’s elementary school students. The Creation Station will provide children with a space to explore their intellectual curiosity, tinker, play and learn in an open-ended environment. In developing this center Children’s Supervisor Paula Dugan has consulted with community partners Joan Tower, Director of Media and Digital Learning at Needham Public Schools, Elise Morgan Director of the Needham Science Center and Nick Tartar, Associate Dean of Student Affairs at OLIN College of Engineering.

The center has been designed to help children explore robotics, computer coding, engineering and electricity. It will include many items: Dot and Dash robots children can program; a Lego EV3 robotics kit; Raspberry Pi computer kits; LittleBits, Circuit Scribe and Squishy Circuits for exploring electricity; and e-sewing. Several Makey, Makey kits, a 3D Doodler and a digital microscope will also be available for children to use. The digital microscope will be connected to a laptop and a color printer so children will be able to print and create digital art work out of microscopic images. In addition to the science materials, traditional art and craft supplies will also be at children’s disposal, so they may combine and create in any manner their curiosity and imaginations may take them.

Several demonstrations, performances and workshops are planned throughout the year to help inspire young scientists and inventors. These will include programs presented by Sciencetellers and Mad Science, in addition to expert-led workshops lasting several weeks where children will learn to master challenges in robotics, engineering and computer coding.

The new Creation Station will be open to students after school during afternoons and evenings on week days and during all hours on weekends when the library is open. The Creation Station is planned to open sometime during the month of December 2016.

The Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) is the only federal program exclusively for libraries. It is administered on the federal level by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and in the Commonwealth by the MBLC.
SCIENCETELLERS: Race Against Time
Thurs., December 15th  4:00 PM
Join us on a fast-paced adventure about two kids who find themselves racing against the clock! Before time runs out, throw on your labcoat and buckle in — you are about to experience the science of power and energy through several explosive, hands-on experiments that will have you laughing, learning and having fun! We will make things float, bounce, soar and transform right before your eyes, all while exploring the concepts of surface tension, air pressure, chemical reactions, the law of inertia, scientific variables and more!
This is the Kick-off event launching the new STEAM Center in the Children’s Department and a year long series of STEM programs, sponsored by a federal LSTA grant.

ROBOTICS WORKSHOP
For children in grades 3-6 and led by Nick Tartar from Olin College
Tues., December 6  4:00 PM
Tues., December 20  4:00 PM
Learn basic programming of Dot and Dash robots for grades 3-4 and Lego Mindstorm Robots for grades 5-6.
Registration required: please register for only one session. This program will be held in the Needham Library Creation Station located in the Craft Room.

Early Childhood Science Enrichment for Children ages 3-5*
Fri., December 16  11:00 AM
Fri., December 16  11:30 AM
Steve Lechner of The SCIENCE WORKS! introduces children to the wonders of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) using hands-on activities, puppets, a bit of magic and lots of fun. **Registration is required.**
Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.
Children’s Movie: The Secret Life of Pets
(Rated PG, 87 min.)
Fri., December 16th 3:30 PM
The Secret Life of Pets finally answers the question: what do your pets do when you’re not home? When their owners leave for the day, pets from the building gossip with their friends, satisfy their sweet tooth, and throw outrageous parties. But when a pampered terrier and his unwary new “roommate” from the pound get lost in the urban jungle of New York City, they must put aside their differences to survive the epic journey back home. This movie is sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.

Teen Programs in December

Teen Crafternoon - Gift Boxes Galore
Mon., December 5th 4:00 PM
Want to get crafty with your friends? Looking for an interesting way to give presents this year? Tweens and Teens are invited to join us in the Young Adult Room for an hour in the afternoon to decorate gift boxes for the upcoming holidays. As always, materials, snacks, and enjoyment provided!

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.

Tween/Teen evening of fun - Cookie & Cupcake Decorating
Thurs., December 15 7:00 - 8:30 PM
Twicens and Teens are invited to join us in the Community Room for an evening of Creativity and Deliciousness. Feel free to come down to the library just to chill out with friends and enjoy some treats or join the decorating fun. All we ask is that you have a good time. All materials provided by the Needham Free Public Library. Any questions, just ask the Young Adult Librarian Erin!

December Book Discussions

NPL Book Group
Tuesday, December 13th 1:00 PM
The Martian by Andy Weir
Six days ago, astronaut Mark Watney became one of the first people to walk on Mars. Now, he’s sure he’ll be the first person to die there. After a dust storm nearly kills him and forces his crew to evacuate while thinking him dead, Mark finds himself stranded and completely alone with no way to even signal Earth that he’s alive—and even if he could get word out, his supplies would be gone long before a rescue could arrive. Chances are, though, he won’t have time to starve to death. The damaged machinery, unforgiving environment, or plain-old “human error” are much more likely to kill him first. But Mark isn’t ready to give up yet. Drawing on his engineering, his engineering skills—and a relentless, dogged refusal to quit—he steadfastly confronts one seemingly insurmountable obstacle after another. Will his resourcefulness be enough to overcome the impossible odds against him? *January 10, 2017 — The Little Paris Bookshop by Nina George*

NPL Evening Book Club
Wednesday, December 14th 7:00 PM
The Storied Life of A. J. Fikry by Gabrielle Zevin
In this sweet, uplifting homage to bookstores, Gabrielle Zevin perfectly captures the joy of connecting people and books. A. J. Fikry, the cantankerous owner of Island Books, is despondent after losing his beloved wife and witnessing the ever-declining number of sales at his small, quirky bookstore. In short order, he loses all patience with the new Knightly Press sales rep, his prized rare edition of Tamerlane is stolen, and someone leaves a baby at his store. That baby immediately steals A. J.’s heart and unleashes a dramatic transformation. Suddenly, the picture-book section is overflowing with new titles, and the bookstore becomes home to a burgeoning number of book clubs. With business on the uptick and love in his heart, A. J. finds himself becoming an essential new part of his longtime community, going so far as to even woo the aforementioned sales rep (who loves drinking Queequeg cocktails at the Pequot Restaurant). *January 18, 2017 — The Lifeboat by Charlotte Rogan*

Bookventurers Book Club for Grades 3-5
Sat., December 10th 3:15 - 4:30 PM
Bring your favorite holiday book, poem or story to share.

This Month in the Friends’ Gallery

Needham Art Association
Upcoming Events...

Rated PG - 102 minutes
Fri., January 6th
3:30 PM
Disney’s Pete’s Dragon is a remake of the 1977 film of the same name. In this version the main character, a huge green dragon named Elliot, lives in a forest in the Pacific Northwest and befriends a young boy named Pete. Pete was orphaned at four years old and came to live in the forest with Elliot. The movie starts with the discovery of this young boy in the forest by a forest ranger who heard stories about the dragon in the woods. Pete befriends the forest ranger’s daughter as he adjusts to civilization outside the forest. This movie is sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.

Tea Travels through India & Sri Lanka with Danielle Beaudette, owner of The Cozy Tea Cart
Sun., January 22nd
2:00 PM
Join TCTC owner Danielle Beaudette as she discusses her travel experiences in the tropical tea lands of Sri Lanka and India. In this presentation, you will learn about the tea leaf from harvest to production, as well as the amazing people who cultivate the leaf. Included are Danielle’s personal experiences with the growers and people of these countries, as well as picturesque views of their landscape. Throughout the presentation you will have the opportunity to sip teas harvested directly from these tea estates. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.

All Rise: A History of the Supreme Court with Dr. Gary Hylander
Tues., January 17th
7:30 PM
Almost every problem in American history has found its way to the Supreme Court. The Court always makes news and on occasion it makes big news. Come and learn how the Court over the years has interpreted the broadly worded language of the Constitution to protect and promote the “blessings of liberty,” “due process” and “equal protection of the laws” for all Americans. This is the first of five lectures and is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

Bob Begin: Mutiny on the Bounty
Tues., January 31st
7:30 PM
The story of the Mutiny On The Bounty, probably the most famous account of any mutiny in history, continues to interest us. On one hand, it is a tale of men rising against a tyrannical, abusive Captain who drove his men to commit a crime which carried the death penalty to all who would attempt it. It is also a study in depicting the chasm in social status between officers and common seamen. Another aspect of this tale deals with Captain Bligh’s extraordinary leadership skills resulting in the safe delivery of his men in an open boat for a distance in excess of 4,000 miles. Lastly there are the mutineers themselves—where they went and what happened to them. Upon his return to England, Bligh would be lionized as his deeds became public. Later, he would suffer a tarnished reputation following efforts by influential friends of some of the guilty who would use the media and courts to assign blame to him. Join Bob as he explores with us the various aspects of this infamous event in history. This event is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

Behind the Mask Puppetry Presents:
The Monkey King Reeks Havoc in Heaven
Fri., January 20th
3:30 PM
A Chinese folk epic told through storytelling, masks, shadow puppetry, original music and martial arts! Behind the Mask Theatre brings Monkey King to life, a bouserous and unlikely hero in search of immortality, who causes havoc in Heaven and on Earth. This show is suitable for all ages, and is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

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FRIENDS’ WINTER BOOK SALE
Saturday, January 28th
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Sunday, January 29th
1:00 - 4:00 PM