



# LIBRARY NOTES

NEWSLETTER OF THE NEEDHAM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

DECEMBER 2017

## JFK @ 100 with Dr. Gary Hylander

Tues., December 12th 7:30 PM



This year marks the centennial anniversary of the birth of John F. Kennedy. Dr. Hylander will be discussing the life, politics and legacy of JFK, covering such topics as Civil Rights, Khrushchev and Cuba, the Vietnam War, and much more. *This is the fourth and final lecture in this series, and is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.*

## Children's Movie: *Despicable Me 3* (Rated PG, 96 minutes)

Fri., December 15th 3:30 PM

*Despicable Me 3 continues the story of Gru, Lucy, their adorable daughters—Margo, Edith and Agnes—and the Minions. After he is fired from the Anti-Villain League for failing to take down Balthazar Bratt, the latest bad guy to threaten humanity, Gru finds himself in the midst of a major identity crisis. But when a mysterious stranger shows up to inform Gru that he has a long-lost twin brother—a brother who desperately wishes to follow in his twin's despicable footsteps—one former super-villain will rediscover just how good it feels to be bad. Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.*



## NEW YEARS' NEEDHAM @ THE NEEDHAM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2017

Debbie and Friends 10 - 10:40 AM  
11 - 11:40 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 - 1:10 PM  
1:30 - 2:20 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 2:45 - 3:30 PM  
4:00 - 4:45 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


For further information about upcoming events, go to [www.needhamma.gov/library](http://www.needhamma.gov/library) or call 781-455-7559.


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

## Children's Story Times in December

 **Terrific Toddlers for ages 1-2 years**  
**Tues., Dec. 5, 19** 10:00 AM  
 Stories mixed with songs, rhymes, fingerplays, rhythm and sensory activities.

 **Babies & Books Up to One Year**  
**Tues., Dec. 5, 19** 11:00 AM  
 Babies and their adult caregivers explore the rhythms and patterns of speech with songs, lap games and a story or two.

 **Drop-In Child's Play for ages 0-2 years**  
**Wed., Dec. 6, 13, 20, 27** 10:00 AM  
 Songs, rhymes, lap games, books and more in this interactive program.

 **Pre-School Palooza for ages 3-6 years**  
**Mon., Dec. 4, 11** 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

**Chinese Storytime for ages 5 and under**  
**Sat., Dec. 2** 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.

## **LEGO Time! Needham Free Public Library's BLOCK PARTY! for ages 5+**

**Wed., Dec. 13** 4:00-5:00 PM 

## FAMILY ACTIVITY MORNING

**Sat., Dec. 16** 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.

## Children's Programs in December

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



**Wed., Dec. 6** 11:00 AM

**Mon., Dec. 18** 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.\*\***

## Sing-Along with Ed Morgan



**Fri., Dec. 8** 3:00 PM

**Thurs., Dec. 21** 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. 12 (ages 2-5)** 10:00 AM

**Tues., Dec. 12 (ages 2 and under)** 11:00 AM

**Fri., Dec. 22 (ages 2-5)** 10:00 AM

**Fri., Dec. 22 (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.

## Yoga for Children ages 2-4\*\*



**Sun., Dec. 3** 1:30 - 2:30 PM

**\*\*Registration Required.**

## Winter Crafts for ages 2+ years



**Thurs., Dec. 14** 10:30-11:30 AM

Drop-in for age appropriate Make-N-Take Crafts!

## Winter Crafts for ages 6+ years



**Wed., Dec. 20** 3:30-4:30 PM

Drop-in for age appropriate Make-N-Take Crafts!

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## Teens and 'Tweens Programs in December

### Joy of Coloring For 'Tweens and up

**Thurs., December 7th 3:00-5:00 PM**



Coloring and crafting enthusiasts are welcome to color and craft! 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! If you don't feel like coloring but still want to be crafty, we can find you something to create. *Coloring sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham and Crafts by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.*

### 'Tween/Teen Holiday Crafts Crafternoon

**Thurs., December 21st 4:00 PM**



'Tweens and Teens are invited to an Hour of Holiday Crafts and a bit of Holiday Cheer. There will be ornaments to fill or paint, in addition to being able to make your own Winter Window Clings with Puff Paint, and paper snowflake garlands. Spend an hour with friends, enjoy some snacks, holiday music, and craft. As always, materials, snacks, and enjoyment provided! *Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.*

### 'Tweens and Teens Interactive Movie:

*Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* (Rated PG, 2 hrs., 32 minutes)\*\*

**Tues., December 26th 6:00-10:00 PM**



*This is the tale of Harry Potter, an ordinary 11-year-old boy who learns that he is actually a wizard and has been invited to attend the Hogwarts School for Witchcraft and Wizardry. Harry is snatched away from his mundane existence by Hagrid, the grounds keeper for Hogwarts, and quickly thrown into a world completely foreign to both him and the viewer. Famous for an incident that happened at his birth, Harry makes friends easily at his new school. He soon finds, however, that the wizarding world is far more dangerous for him than he would have imagined, and he quickly learns that not all wizards are ones to be trusted.*

After the success of **Hobbit Day**, the library will once again host an interactive movie experience, this time showing *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*, with a Trivia contest, Prizes and all sorts of food and fun, with an intermission in the middle. You're welcome to come dressed as your favorite Hogwarts character!

**\*\*Registration is Required for this event. \*\*** You can register by calling 781-455-7559, option 2. Please ask for Erin (Adult Reference) with questions and for more information about this exciting event.

### Game Day for 'Tweens and up

**Wed., December 27th**

**3:00 PM**

Come for an hour of Gaming Fun! There will be games and puzzles of all sorts, but if there is a game that you have and want to bring with you, feel free. No registration is needed for this monthly event. Come for the comradery with your fellow gamers. *Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.*



### 'Tween/Teen Movie—*Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets* (Rated PG, 166 min.)

**Thurs., December 28th**

**2:00 PM**



*Forced to spend his summer holidays with his muggle relations, Harry Potter gets a real shock when he gets a surprise visitor: Dobby the house-elf, who warns Harry Potter against returning to Hogwarts, for terrible things are going to happen. Harry decides to ignore Dobby's warning and continues with his pre-arranged schedule. But at Hogwarts, strange and terrible things are indeed happening: Harry is suddenly hearing mysterious voices from inside the walls, muggle-born students are being attacked, and a message scrawled on the wall in blood puts everyone on his/her guard—"The Chamber Of Secrets Has Been Opened. Enemies Of The Heir, Beware." *Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.**

## December STEAM Programs

### Girls Who Code Club for Grades 5 and up September 2017 through April 2018

**Thurs., December 7, 14, 21**

**6:00 - 8:00 PM**



Calling all girls grades 5 and up! Bring your own computer and the library will provide the rest. Join the club and the fun. Learn to code, and collaborate on joint projects.

Registration is required. Space is limited and attendees are expected to attend all sessions.



### Creation Station Hours

**Mon. - Thurs. 3:30 - 8:30 PM**

**Friday 3:30 - 5:00 PM**

**Saturday 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM**

**Sunday 1:00 - 6:30 PM**

**Early Release Days 1:00 - 8:30 PM**



## National Hour of Code Week—December 4-8, 2017

The Children's Department of the Needham Free Public Library will offer coding activities in the library STEAM Center. A different coding activity will be featured for each day of the week.

### Code Breakers Club\*\* Mon., December 4 4:00 PM

Participants in the club will learn how to code in a supportive, collaborative and game-based environment. There will be plugged and unplugged activities. No previous experience is necessary. Children ages 6 to 9 are invited to attend. Children are encouraged to bring their own laptop or tablet. This is a series that will run through March and attendees are expected to be at each session. **Space is limited and registration is required\*\*.**

### Ozobots Tues., December 5 4:00 PM



Children 6 and up can drop-in to explore and play with Ozobots.

### Dot and Dash Wed., December 6 4:00 PM



Children ages 8 and up can program the library robots, Dot and Dash.

### Girls Who Code\*\* Thurs., December 7 6:00 PM



Girls, 5th grade and up, who have previously **registered\*\*** for Girls Who Code will continue with their collaborative project.

### Code and Go Mouse Activities Fri., December 8 4:00 PM



No previous experience is necessary. Children ages 4 and up are invited to attend.

## December Book Discussions

**Dewey the Library Cat: A True Story**  
by Vicki Myron

**Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**3:15-4:15 PM**

- Read the true story of a rescued cat who inspired his library community
- Discuss the story with friends
- Get into the spirit of giving and make cat toys for a local shelter
- And of course, enjoy yummy winter treats

\*This is part of the monthly meeting for Bookventures, a book club for 3rd-5th grade children! There will be a new book selection each month. Registration is requested. Books will be available for borrowing, behind the Children's Desk.\*

## NPL Book Group

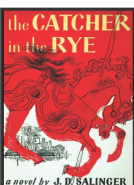
Tuesday, December 12th

*The Catcher in the Rye*

by J. D. Salinger

Holden Caulfield hates phonies, and there are plenty of them at his Pennsylvania prep school. When he finds out he's going to be expelled because of his poor grades, he decides to leave school a few

1:00 PM



days earlier than expected. But rather than going home to his judgmental parents, Holden calls his little sister, Phoebe, who is the one person to whom he still feels connected. Holden boards the train to New York and ends up in a seedy hotel, spending the next three days wandering around the city trying to figure out his life, his family, and his friendships. As he talks with everyone from nuns to prostitutes, his pivotal, sometimes gritty encounters leave Holden wondering if there is anyone in the world (besides Phoebe) who isn't a phony... **\*January 9, 2018—Before the Fall by Noah Hawley\***

## NPL Evening Book Club

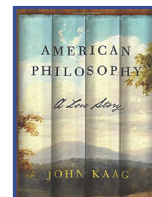
Wednesday, December 20th

*American Philosophy*

by John Kaag

John Kaag is a dispirited young philosopher at sea in his marriage and his career when he stumbles upon West Wind, a ruin of an estate in the hinterlands of New Hampshire that belonged to the eminent Harvard philosopher William Ernest Hocking. The books Kaag discovers in the Hocking library are crawling with insects and full of mold. But he resolves to restore them, as he immediately recognizes their importance. Not only does the library at West Wind contain handwritten notes from Whitman and inscriptions from Frost, but there are startlingly rare first editions of Hobbes, Descartes, and Kant. As Kaag begins to catalog and read through these priceless volumes, he embarks on a thrilling journey that leads him to the life-affirming tenets of American philosophy—self-reliance, pragmatism, and transcendence—and to a brilliant young Kantian who joins him in the restoration of the Hocking books. **\*January 17, 2018—The Firebrand and the First Lady by Patricia Bell-Scott\***

7:00 PM



## December Holiday Closings

December 24 - Library Closed

December 25 - Library Closed

December 31 - Library Closes at 5:00 PM

January 1, 2018 - Library Closed



This Month in the Friends' Gallery

**Needham Art Association**

**and Pots by Basha**

Happy Holidays





## Upcoming Events...

### 2018 McIver Lecture Series Sports and Society

#### Northeastern Athletic Director Peter Roby— Sports in Today's Culture

Sun., January 7th 2:00 PM



Peter Roby is eminently qualified to speak on this subject. He was named Northeastern's ninth athletic director on June 21, 2007 and will be retiring this Spring. Roby was formerly: the men's basketball head coach at Harvard University, a marketing vice president at Reebok and a director of Northeastern's Center for Sport in Society. He brings broad experience and a unique perspective to his position. *This is the first of four lectures and is sponsored by the Trustees of the Needham Free Public Library.*

### Mobile Mini Golf at the Library

Tues., January 23rd 3:30 - 7:00 PM

So what if it's cold outside! Relive memories of warmer days with a favorite summer pastime—indoors. Joe Buckley of Mobile Mini Golf will have a professional indoor mini golf course set up inside the library's Community Room. Golf clubs of every size, score pads and golf balls will be provided. People of all ages from toddlers to senior citizens are welcome to come in and play. *Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.*



### Fashions in Fiction with Kandie Carle

Sun., January 21st 2:00 PM

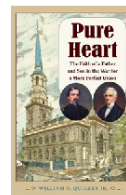
#### Clothing speaks volumes in Jane Austen's Regency Novels

*A delightful show-and-tell on the clothing of Regency England as reflected in Jane Austen's fiction, which will include dressing 'Elizabeth Bennet' & 'Mr. Darcy,' and readings from Miss Austen's letters and novels. While dressed in authentic Regency attire, Ms. Carle will give a detailed overview of the clothing of the Regency Era, (early 1800s) for both gentlemen and ladies. Then Ms. Carle shares excerpts from Austen's personal letters as well as passages from some of the novels, highlighting Miss Austen's use of clothing and fashion to define character & class, enhance story line, and develop plot points. Teens through adults will enjoy discovering just how important fashion was 200 years ago! Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.*



### William F. Quigley—*Pure Heart: The Faith of a Father and Son in the War for a More Perfect Union (Civil War in the North)*

Thurs., January 25th 7:30 PM



*In the summer of 1862, as Union morale ebbed low with home front division over war costs, coming emancipation, and demoralizing battlefield losses, 24-year-old William White Dorr enlisted as a lieutenant in the 121st Pennsylvania Volunteers, a new Union regiment organizing in Philadelphia. His father, the Reverend Benjamin Dorr, Rector of Christ Church, Philadelphia, strived to prevent divisions in his congregation from sundering that Episcopal church historically tied to the nation's founding. Clearly and engagingly written, **Pure Heart** is unique in its narrative synthesis of home front political divisions and frontline infantry experiences. The emotional heart of the story lies in Reverend Dorr's relationship with his soldier son, poignantly revealed in a recently discovered collection of his son's wartime letters. William F. Quigley Jr. presents a narrative that remarkably encapsulates much of the North's experience of the war. The book will be available for purchase and autographing following the presentation. *This event is sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.**

### FRIENDS' WINTER BOOKSALE



Saturday, February 3rd

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Sunday, February 4th

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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