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 Baltazar 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.

Pumpernickel Puppets presents Saint George and the Dragon
Tues., December 26th  10:00 AM
Join an adventurous princess as she journeys to Mystery Mountain to visit the Great Green Dragon. Along the way you’ll meet Zelda the babysitter, a silly bat, Sir George and his clumsy dog, and of course the lovable dragon. Will Sir George slay the dragon? Not to worry, everything ends happily in this fun show. Pumpernickel Puppet shows are presented with a cast of colorful puppet characters, audience participation, live voices and sound effects and fast-paced scripts that not only entertain, but stimulate children’s imagination and creativity. A demonstration period follows every performance giving the audience some insight into what happens behind the scenes. For ages 3 and up, accompanied by an adult. Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

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 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.

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!

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.

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!

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

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.

**STEAM:**

**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 unplugged and plugged 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 9th
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

NPL 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
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 underlining 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 Friends of the Needham Public Library.

Friends’ Winter Book Sale  
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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