



LIBRARY NOTES

NEWSLETTER OF THE NEEDHAM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

DECEMBER 2018

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Special Half Price Sale Everything in the Friends' Bookshop and Adjacent Areas



Saturday, December 1st
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Four Score and Seven—Civil War America with Dr. Gary Hylander

Tues., December 11th

7:30 PM

The Civil War, also referred to as the War Between the States, began on the morning of April 12, 1861, when Confederate gunners opened fire on Fort Sumter, a Union Fort in Charleston Harbor. Major Anderson surrendered the Fort without a single casualty. It was a bloodless opening to the bloodiest war in American history. This fall, Dr. Hylander will discuss the generalship and strategy of the war, Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, Lincoln's thoughts on Reconstruction and the events surrounding his assassination. Also to be considered will be the constitutionality of succession and whether or not the Confederate South had any real chance for victory. This is the fourth and final lecture in this series, sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.



Nappy's Puppets—Jack and the Beanstalk

Wed., December 26th

10:30 AM



Though English in origin, Jack has become a true American folk hero. This presentation of *Jack and the Beanstalk* focuses on Jack and his many adventures: from Jack B. Nimble, Jack Horner, Big Jack and Little Jack to the popular Jack and the Beanstalk. Told using Shadow Puppets, the stories are based on the Appalachian folk tales collected by Richard Chase. For ages 2 and up. *This event is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.*

Children's Movie: *Disney's Christopher Robin* (Rated PG, 104 minutes)

Fri., December 28th

2:00 PM

Christopher Robin was once a little boy whose best friend was a bear named Winnie the Pooh. Now, he is a working class adult with a family to support, and life has become a grind for him. At a particularly despairing moment, he is surprised to find himself face to face with his old friend Pooh. Together, they embark upon a journey to find Pooh's missing friends and to recapture the joy that Christopher Robin left behind in childhood. In the process of undertaking this adventure, he will learn how to spread that sense of wonder to his own children. Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.



NEW YEARS' NEEDHAM @ THE NEEDHAM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY MONDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2018

Vanessa Trien and the
Jumping Monkeys

10 - 10:40 AM

11 - 11:40 AM



Vanessa Trien and the Jumping Monkeys joins this year's New Years Needham celebration for an interactive, lively family song and dance party, the perfect way to ring in the New Year!

Vanessa's original songs and audience-participatory approach to her shows, mixed with infectious folk-pop-world sounds by some of Boston's best musicians and her warmth and humor on stage are a recipe for a perfect musical morning out with the family.

Storyteller Diane Edgecomb

12:30 - 1:10 PM

1:30 - 2:20 PM



Once Upon A Wintertime—Warm your hearts and your imaginations with tales from long ago. These stories of wintertime magic and fun are drawn from many cultures ranging from the lyrical Grimm's tale of Snow White and Rose Red to tales of folksy New England escapades.

Magic by George!

2:45 - 3:30 PM

4:00 - 4:45 PM



George's magic will capture your imagination and his humor will have the kids laughing out loud. Come see why George has been voted "Boston's Favorite Family Entertainer" two years in a row by The Boston Parents' Paper!

Events are Free of Charge and sponsored by Trustees of the Needham Free 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, 2019 - Library Closed

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., December 4, 18 10:00 AM

Stories mixed with songs, rhymes, fingerplays, rhythm and sensory activities.

Babies & Books for up to one year

Tues., December 4, 18 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., December 12, 19 10:00 AM

Songs, rhymes, lap games, books and more in this interactive program.

Pre-School Palooza for ages 3-6 years

Mon., December 3, 10 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

Make Music with Stacey Peasley: for ages 2-5



Wed., December 5 10:00 AM

Mon., December 17 10:00 AM

Join Stacey Peasley for a fun-filled half hour of music and song for children and their caregivers.

Sing-Along with Ed Morgan



Fri., December 14 3:00 PM

Thurs., December 20 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. 11 (ages 2-5) 10:00 AM

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

Join Sarah Gardner and bring your little ones to play instruments, sing & dance along. Become part of the little library band!

Funding for Music Enrichment Programs provided by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.

Chinese Storytime for ages 5 and under

Sat., December 1 10:00 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.

Pre-school Crafts for ages 2+ years



Thurs., December 6 10:30-11:30 AM
Drop-in for age appropriate Make-N-Take Crafts!

FAMILY ACTIVITY MORNING

Sat., December 15 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.

Read to Tucker!**

Mon., December 10 4:00-5:30 PM



Tucker is an adorable shepherd/hound mix who especially loves kids and loves to have kids read to him. Children in 1st-5th Grade are invited to register at the Children's Desk for a 15 minute time-slot to read to Tucker. ****Registration Required.**

Yoga for Children ages 5-9



Sat., December 22 10:30 AM

Winter/STEAM Crafts for Ages 6+



Wed., December 19 3:30 PM

Come and make Winter decorations and Snow Slime—for ages 6+



December STEAM Programs

Hour of Code Week—December 3-7

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.



Coding with Little Bits For Ages 8+
Mon., December 3 4:00 PM



Explore and Play with Code-a-pillars for Ages 1+
Tues., December 4 10:00 AM



Robot Code - Ages 5+
Wed., December 5 4:00 PM

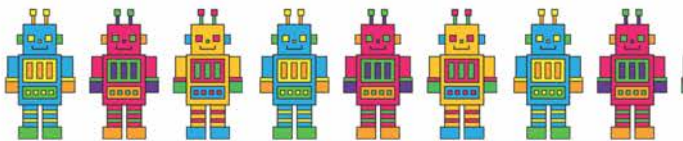


Girls Who Code**
Thurs., December 6 6:30 PM

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



Scratch Coding Activities - Ages 6+
Fri., December 7 4:00 PM



Minecraft Workshop for Grades 3-6**

Mon., December 17 4:00 - 6:00 PM



Grab a pickaxe and join your fellow Minecrafters for a class in design challenges. Empow Studios instructors will teach the fundamentals of electrical engineering using Redstone, a special kind of element that mimics electricity almost perfectly. Concepts in programming, architecture, and pixel art will be covered, all while using teamwork and social skills. It's the perfect blend of fun, learning, and creativity. All students must play in "Creative Mode," and must follow our rules of respect. Internet access is required. ****For Grades 3-6, registration is required. Space is limited. Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.**



Creation Station Hours

Mon. - Tues. 5:30 - 8:30 PM

Wednesday 5:30 - 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

Girls Who Code Club for Grades 5 & Up**

Thursdays: Oct. 4–Apr. 11 6:30-8:00 PM

Calling all girls grades 5 and up! Bring your own computer and we 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. There will be no session on December 27.**

Toy Maker's Workshop for Ages 6+**

Every other Tuesday, Dec. 4–Jan. 29 4:00-5:00 PM



Children ages 6 and up can use our supplies and materials to create simple toys they can take home. Projects might include toy tops, board games, items made from recyclables, foam, paper, cardboard and more. A specific project will be provided each session, along with materials for children to create toys from their own imaginations. There will be medals awarded at the end of January for the most creative new toy idea.

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

Learn & Play Group for ages 2-5

1st and 3rd Fridays, 10:30 - 11:15 AM

November 2, 2018—April 5, 2019



A Drop-in playgroup for caregivers and children, providing STEAM activities, literacy and social play for ages 2-5 years. *Provided by Family Access of Newton.*

Thanks to the Friends of the Needham Public Library for providing financial assistance in the production of this Newsletter.

Teens and 'Tweens Programs in December

Painting with Ms. Cate!**

Sun., December 16th 2:00 PM



Paint a winter wonderland masterpiece led by local artist Catherine Hayes. ****Registration is required for this program, and will be limited to the first 15 participants signed up.**

This program is for ages 9-15 with varying degrees of artistic ability. Please arrive promptly as every minute counts for this fun painting adventure. **Contact Erin at the Adult Reference desk with questions, 781-455-7559 x2.**

High School Study Night

Thurs., December 13th 4:00-8:00 PM



In collaboration with the Needham Senior High School, the Needham Free Public Library will be offering a study space in the Library's Community Room

for Needham students studying for the AP exam. Drop in and leave as you please. There will be tables manned by teachers and friends to help out. Pizza, snacks, and drinks will be provided as well. **Any questions may be directed to Erin at the Reference Desk: 781-455-7559 x2.**

Teen/'Tween Interactive Movie: *The Princess Bride* (Rated PG, 1 hour, 35 minutes)**

Tues., December 18th 5:00-7:30 PM



A fairy tale adventure about a beautiful young woman and her one true love. He must find her after a long separation and save her.

They must battle the evils of the mythical kingdom of Florin to be reunited with each other.

****Registration is required for this program** To register call 781-455-7559 x2. Please ask for Erin (Reference) for more information about this exciting event.**

6th-8th Grade Bookclub**

Sat., December 22nd

2:00 PM

B.Y.O.B.M.

(Bring Your Own Book Month)



This month, please bring your favorite book to discuss. There will be drinks and snacks for the participants. Contact Erin with any questions, 781-455-7559 x2. ****Registration is required. Sign-up sheet located at the Adult Reference Desk.**

Game Day for 'Tweens and up

Thurs., December 20th

3:00-5:00 PM



Teens and 'Tweens are welcome to join the fun in the Needham Free Public Library's Community Room for a monthly Gaming Hour Program! This month, double the fun for two

hours! There will be games and puzzles of all sorts, including a few to get you moving on the Xbox One. If there is a game that you have and want to bring with you, feel free. No registration is needed

for this monthly event. **If you have questions, contact Erin at the Adult Reference Desk (781-455-7559 x2). Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.**



Teen/'Tween Double Feature Movies: *Ant-Man* (Rated PG-13, 1 hour, 57 minutes) and *Ant-Man and the Wasp* (Rated PG-13, 1 hour, 58 minutes)

Wed., December 26th

3:00-8:30 PM



Ant-Man: The next installment in Marvel's cinematic universe focused on the Avengers; *Ant Man* features a size-changing scientist using his technological advances to become a superhero. When a petty crook named Scott Lang gets his hands on a formula that enables him to shrink down to an insect's size, Hank Pym, the original Ant Man and inventor of the formula, comes along to mentor Scott in taking over the role. With the help of his new powers and Hank's positive influence, Scott may just be able to turn his life around for the better as a crimefighter and defender of the world.



Ant-Man and the Wasp: Set after the events of *Captain America: Civil War*, *Ant-Man and the Wasp* functions as an origin story. Dr. Hank Pym, the original Ant-Man, sends Scott Lang on a mission to run down information about Pym's earliest exploits. Most importantly, Pym wants to know whether his original superhero partner, The Wasp, is still alive. At the same time, Lang, the current Ant-Man, has to make the life balance between being a superhero and a dad work. (Movie will start at 6:00 PM)

***Registration is required for this program** To register call 781-455-7559 x2. Please ask for Erin (Reference) for more information about this exciting twin movie event.**



December Book Discussions

NPL Book Group

Tuesday, December 11th

Just Mercy

by Bryan Stevenson

Bryan Stevenson was a young lawyer when he founded the Equal Justice Initiative, a legal practice dedicated to defending those most desperate and in need: the poor, the wrongly condemned, and women and children trapped in the furthest reaches of our criminal justice system. One of his first cases was that of Walter McMillian, a young man who was sentenced to die for a notorious murder he insisted he didn't commit. The case drew Bryan into a tangle of conspiracy, political machination, and legal brinksmanship—and transformed his understanding of mercy and justice forever.

Just Mercy is at once an unforgettable account of an idealistic, gifted young lawyer's coming of age, a moving window into the lives of those he has defended, and an inspiring argument for compassion in the pursuit of true justice. *January 8, 2019—*Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann*

1:00 PM



NPL Evening Book Club

Wednesday, December 19th

The Kingdom of Speech

by Tom Wolfe

Tom Wolfe, whose legend began in journalism, takes us on an eye-opening journey that is sure to arouse widespread debate. *The Kingdom of Speech* is a captivating, paradigm-shifting argument that speech—not evolution—is responsible for humanity's complex societies and achievements. From Alfred Russel Wallace, the Englishman who beat Darwin to the theory of natural selection but later renounced it, and through the controversial work of modern-day anthropologist Daniel Everett, who defies the current wisdom that language is hard-wired in humans, Wolfe examines the solemn, long-faced, laugh-out-loud zig-zags of Darwinism, old and neo, and finds it irrelevant here in the *Kingdom of Speech*. *January 16, 2019—*Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann*

7:00 PM



Family Book Club** For K-2nd Graders & Parents

Saturday, December 15th 2:30-3:30 pm



**Registration Requested

Needham Free Public Library Children's Department,
781-455-7559, ext.204

Diversity and Discussion Book Club

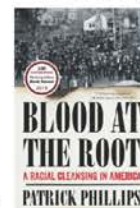
Cosponsored by the Trustees of the Needham Free Public Library and the Needham Human Rights Committee

Thurs., January 10th

7:30 PM

Blood at the Root by Patrick Phillips

Forsyth County, Georgia, at the turn of the twentieth century was home to a large African American community that included ministers and teachers, farmers and field hands, tradesmen, servants, and children. Many black residents were poor sharecroppers, but others owned their own farms and the land on which they'd founded the county's thriving black churches. But then in September of 1912, three young black laborers were accused of raping and murdering a white girl. One man was dragged from a jail cell and lynched on the town square, two teenagers were hung after a one-day trial, and soon bands of white "night riders" launched a coordinated campaign of arson and terror, driving all 1,098 black citizens out of the county. In the wake of the expulsions, whites harvested the crops and took over the livestock of their former neighbors, and quietly laid claim to "abandoned" land. The charred ruins of homes and churches disappeared into the weeds, until the people and places of black Forsyth were forgotten. National Book Award finalist Patrick Phillips tells Forsyth's tragic story in vivid detail and traces its long history of racial violence all the way back to antebellum Georgia. Recalling his own childhood in the 1970s and '80s, Phillips sheds light on the communal crimes of his hometown and the violent means by which locals kept Forsyth "all white" well into the 1990s. *March 14, 2019—*Refugee* by Alan Gratz*



Bookventurers Book Club for Grades 3-5**

Sat., December 22nd 3:00 - 4:00 PM



This month's title is *One Mixed-Up Night* by Catherine Newman. **Registration is requested, in person or call 781-455-7559, ext. 204. • Read the book • Discuss it with other kids • Participate in book themed activities •

Make new friends!

This Month in the Friends' Gallery

Needham Art Association

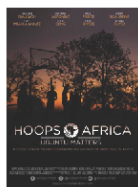
Upcoming Events...

Documentarian Daniel Hedges
Documentary Film—*Hoops Africa: Ubuntu Matters* (44 min)

Sun., January 6th

2:00 PM

Filmmaker and Needham native Daniel Hedges discusses his documentary, *Hoops Africa: Ubuntu Matters*, a collection of stories that celebrates the past, present and future of basketball in Africa. The video, which appeared on the NBA Channel, spotlights the sport's impact on society and its development on the continent. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.*



Party Elements Science Program for Ages 5 and Up **

Tues., January 8th

4:00 PM



Activities will include making a balloon caterpillar by putting skewers through balloons without popping them, creating elephant toothpaste, and exploring soda and candy explosions. Don't miss this fun science program with lots of hands on activities. ****Registration is required—limited to 20 participants.** *Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.*

3D Video Game Design for Ages 10+ **

Mon., January 7th

4:00 PM



In this free workshop, children will create their own simple games using Unity, a leading platform in 3D game design. Kids start by learning to move around in a virtual 3D environment, then move on to designing a 3D world for their stories and programming character control. Games can be shared with friends & family for at-home beta-testing! ****Registration is required—Limited to 12 participants.** *Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.*

Children's Movie: *The House with a Clock in its Walls* (PG - 105 minutes)

Fri., January 18th

3:30 PM

Lewis is a young boy who goes to live with his uncle Jonathan after the death of his parents. It doesn't take him long to realize that Jonathan is no ordinary man. He's a warlock, and inside his house is a horrifying magical object. Created by an evil wizard, this clock is designed to keep counting down until the final tick ushers in the apocalypse. The only way to stop this doomsday from occurring is to find the clock, which is hidden inside the house. Will Lewis and his uncle be able to find it in time to stop disaster? *Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.*



FRIENDS' WINTER BOOKSALE



Friday, January 25th
12:30 - 4:00 PM

Saturday, January 26th
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Sunday, January 27th
1:00 - 4:00 PM

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

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

Contact the Library at 781-455-7559



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