



NEEDHAM  
FREE PUBLIC  
LIBRARY

# LIBRARY NOTES

February 2015

## FRIENDS' WINTER BOOKSALE



**Saturday, January 31st**  
**9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

**Sunday, February 1st**  
**1:00 - 4:00 PM**

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

## Dr. Gary Hylander—America and World War II

**Tues., February 17th**

**7:30 PM**

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## Mike the Bubble Man

**Sat., February 21st 10:30 AM**



*Mike the Bubble Man brings magic and science to the stage with this interactive 45-minute indoor show about—BUBBLES! Through music, choreography, and comedy, bubbles—in all different shapes and sizes—come alive, sparking imagination and wonder. Exploring science through bubbles creates an entertaining learning environment that introduces shapes, color, and chemistry. A love for bubbles is never outgrown—especially when there's a chance to see the world from inside of one! This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.*

**Children's Movie: Dolpin Tale 2 (Rated PG, 107 minutes)**

**Fri., February 27th**

**3:30 PM**

*Winter is dealing with the death of an older dolphin named Panama. The sudden loss is especially devastating for the dolphin as she continues to heal and thrive in her environment. Everyone at Clearwater Marine Hospital must help the dolphin find an adequate partner that she can live with or face losing her to other locations. Dr. Clay Haskett as well as the team searches for a way to do the impossible again for Winter as federal officials make their own decision. Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.*



## 2015 McIver Lecture Series—Whither the Weather?

**Thoreau's Tears: Climate Change Comes to Walden**

**Sun., March 1st**

**2:00 PM**



For the last decade, Dr. Richard Primack and his colleagues and students have been using the journals of Henry David Thoreau and the meticulous records kept by other residents of Massachusetts to reconstruct the history of climate change in Massachusetts. In this lecture, Professor Primack discusses how the warming climate is affecting plants, birds and insects in Massachusetts and the northeast. **This event is sponsored by the Trustees of the Needham Free Public Library.**



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 Programs in February

### Drop-in Storytimes for ages 5 and under

Wed., February 4, 11, 18, 25 10:00 AM

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Stories, music, movement and more. Storytimes are drop-in—no registration required. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

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



Mon., February 9 10:30 AM

Mon., February 23 10:30 AM

Join Cici Hunt in this fun-filled music and movement class for children and their caretakers. \*\*Registration is required, one session per month only please.

### Sing-Along with Ed Morgan



Fri., February 13 3:00 PM

Thurs., February 19 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

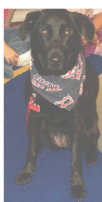


Tues., February 10 10:30 AM

Join Sarah Gardner and bring your little ones to play instruments, sing & dance along. Become part of our little library band! This event will occur in the Community Room.

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

### Lucy the R.E.A.D. Dog: for ages 5 and up\*\*



Wed., February 11 4:00 PM

Join Lucy, a black lab, and Pat Howes for a great program that encourages children to read! \*\*Registration required. Begins one week prior to program. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.*



### Fun Flicks for 2-5 year olds

Thurs., February 5, 26 11:00 AM

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

## Children's Craft Programs in February



### Drop-In "Surprise Groundhog Day" Crafts for ages 2-6

Mon., February 2 4:00 PM



### Drop-In "Crafts of the Month" for ages 2-6

Tues., February 3 10:30 AM



### Drop-In "Valentine's" Crafts for all ages

Mon., February 9 4:00 PM

Thurs., February 12 10:30 AM



### Drop-In "Chinese New Year" Crafts for all ages

Tues., February 17 10:30 AM



### Drop-In "Mo Willems' Characters" Crafts for ages 2-6

Mon., February 23 4:00 PM

All Drop-In Craft Programs feature two crafts and a coloring page that are related to the theme. There will be 25 of each craft, so be sure to come early for first choice.

### Saturday Seedlings Family Story/Craft for ages 3-7

Sat., February 7th 10:30 AM



This program is an offshoot of the Needham Free Public Library's Nature Talks Series, and is designed for families with children who are able to sit and listen to a book. Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library, the Library Foundation of Needham, and the Friends of Needham Public Library.

### Young Sprouts: Nature Talks

#### Backyard Birds of Needham—Ages 5-8\*\*

Tues., February 10 4:00 PM

Young Sprouts is something new for "budding" scientists, ages 5-8. Join us as we use hands-on activities to explore nature in our town. This program is an offshoot of the Needham Free Public Library's Nature Talks Series. **\*\*Please sign up beginning one week in advance, by phone or in person.**



## Valentine Chocolate Party for Ages 6+\*\*

Thurs., February 12 4:00 PM



Join us as we make Valentine gifts such as an "I Love You" beaded key ring, a Valentine refrigerator magnet, assorted Valentine cards, and then wrap them all up in a custom created gift bag. Hot chocolate and chocolate treats will be served.

**\*\*Registration is required. Sign-up will begin on February 2nd. You can sign up by phone or in person.**

## Drop-in Board Games and Refreshments for Ages 4-10

Tues., February 17 4:00 PM



Join us for a fun time as we play board games—for ages 4 -10. Refreshments will be served.

## Toga Party based on Rick Riordan's Books for ages 8-12

Fri., February 20 2:30 PM



The party will be based on the children's novels by Rick Riordan, (eg. *Percy Jackson and the Olympians* and the *Heroes of Olympus* series). Children are encouraged to come wearing

a toga or costumed as their favorite character—human or otherwise. The party will feature blue foods, a trivia contest, activities based on the books and a craft. No registration is required for this free event, just drop-in. This event will take place in the Community Room.

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

Due to space limitations, the program is limited to 24 children, ages 6+.



Tuesday, February 24 4:30 - 5:30 PM

Sign-up for program begins one week before the event. You can sign up by phone or in person.

This Month in the Friends' Gallery

**Adrienne Lederman**

Etchings, Monotypes and Mezzotints

## February Book Discussions

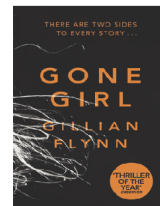
### NPL Book Group

Tuesday, February 10th

1:00 PM

#### *Gone Girl* by Gillian Flynn

*On a warm summer morning in North Carthage, Missouri, it is Nick and Amy Dunne's fifth wedding anniversary. Presents are being wrapped and reservations are being made when Nick's clever and beautiful wife disappears. Husband-of-the-Year Nick isn't doing himself any favors with cringe-worthy daydreams about the slope and shape of his wife's head, but passages from Amy's diary reveal the alpha-girl perfectionist could have put anyone dangerously on edge. Under mounting pressure from the police and the media—as well as Amy's fiercely doting parents—the town golden boy parades an endless series of lies, deceits, and inappropriate behavior. Nick is oddly evasive, and he's definitely bitter—but is he really a killer? \*March 10, 2015—*Lost in Shangri-La* by Mitchell Zuckoff.\**



### NPL Evening Book Group

Wednesday, February 25th

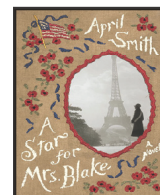
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#### *A Star for Mrs. Blake*

by April Smith

*After losing her son in World War I, small-town librarian Cora Blake is surprised over a decade later to receive a letter from the U.S. government inviting her to go to Europe to visit his grave as part of a "Gold Star Mother" tour. Looking forward to the adventure, Cora also hopes that she and the other mothers will be able to find the closure that has eluded them for so long. A chance encounter with an embittered journalist gives her the opportunity to tell her story to the world and leads her to discover some unexpected truths about the long-term legacy of the war.*

\*March 18, 2015—*Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline\*



### Library Hours:

Mon. - Thurs.

9:00am - 9:00pm

Fridays

9:00am - 5:30pm

Saturdays

9:00am - 5:00pm

Sundays

1:00pm - 5:00pm



# Upcoming Events...

## Needham's Art in Bloom

Sat., March 7th 9am – 5pm

Sun., March 8th 1pm - 4pm



Needham's Art in Bloom will return to the library on Saturday, March 7th and Sunday March 8th. There will be 50+ pieces of art in mixed mediums, by talented Needham High School students

and each piece will be accompanied by a creative, colorful floral interpretation by members of the Beth Shalom, Needham, & Kalmia Garden Clubs. Roche Bros. has generously sponsored this FREE event. For more information visit:

[NeedhamArtinBloom.com](http://NeedhamArtinBloom.com).

## Author David Ostrowsky—*Game Over Or Game On: How Pro Athletes Leave Sports and Enjoy the Game of Life*

Tues., March 24th

7:30 PM



Author David Ostrowsky provides an account of how various pro athletes from the past several decades have made contributions in the fields of entertainment, business, politics, community service, coaching, management, and broadcasting upon retirement. The stigma of pro athletes struggling financially and emotionally is not always applicable. Ostrowsky focuses on the stories of athletes who have leveraged their resources, money, fame, and time for having a positive influence in their respective endeavors. The book will be available for purchase and autographing following this event. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.

## Nature Talks: David Volante—Getting Ready for Spring

Thurs., March 12th

7:30 PM

This is the inaugural event of a new library program series called *Nature Talks*. Please join us as we learn what needs to be done in late March/early April to prepare a home garden for success in the summer months.

Dave Volante, owner of Volante Farms in Needham, will also talk about the types of plants that need to get in the ground as early as possible. This series is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham and the Friends of the Needham Public Library.



## Arrgh...The Toe Jam Pirate Show

Sat., March 28th

10:30 AM

Arrgh...The Toe Jam Pirate Show is here!

Toe Jam's newest theme show! Arrrrgh!

Dance piratey jigs with the Toe Jam crew

like, 'The Skull & Crossbones Square

Dance,' and a line dance called 'Pirates Arrr Funky,' where the kids become dancing Lobsters & Seagulls & even dancing Sharks! Come in all your pirate gear and climb aboard and we'll have a Pirate Celebration! This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.



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Harvey Leonard: An Unpredictable Life

Sun., March 29th

2:00 PM



The dean of Boston television weathermen, Harvey Leonard of WCVB television, tells the story of his life forecasting and covering New England's famously fickle weather, and his personal observations on our changing climate. This event is sponsored by the Trustees of the Needham Free Public Library.

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