



LIBRARY NOTES

NEWSLETTER OF THE NEEDHAM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

FEBRUARY 2018

IMMIGRATION JUSTICE FILM SERIES

The Visitor (Rated PG-13, 104 minutes)

Thurs., February 8th

7:00 PM

*In a world of six billion people, it only takes one to change your life. A college professor becomes embroiled in the lives of a young immigrant couple living in New York City and stumbles into an unexpected romance as a result. As these strangers struggle to deal with their individual lives in a changed world, their shared humanity is revealed in awkward, humorous and dramatic ways. Directed by Tom McCarthy and released in 2008, *The Visitor* has been the recipient of a number of awards, including: The Independent Spirit Award for Best Director, The Satellite Award for Best Actor-Motion Picture, and the Satellite Award for Best Original Screenplay. The movie will be followed by a short, 30 minute discussion.*



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2018 McIver Lecture Series— The Beanpot Connection

Professor J. Joseph Burns: The History of Boston's College

Sun., February 11th

2:00 PM



Continuing the theme of the "Beanpot Connection," Dr. J. Joseph Burns, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Academic Affairs at Boston College, will talk about the 155 year history of Boston College and its development from a commuter school for the city's Irish immigrant population to a highly selective residential university with international acclaim. *This is the second of four lectures and is sponsored by the Trustees of the Needham Free Public Library in memory of former director Vivian D. McIver.*



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

The Progressive Era: The Promise of America with Dr. Gary Hylander

Tues., February 20th

7:30 PM

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Lisa Y. Fan—Traditional Chinese Dance

Tues., February 20th

2:30 PM



Celebrate Chinese New Year! Lisa Fan will perform authentic Chinese dances including ancient dances of the Tang and Han Dynasties and dances of the Dai, Yi, Xinjiang Uyghurs as well as ribbon, fan and umbrella dances. Along with the graceful movements, enjoy the special beauty of the traditional costumes. This performance is suitable for families with children ages 4 and up. *Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.*

Children's Movie: *Wonder* (Rated PG, 113 minutes)

Fri., February 23rd

2:00 PM

Based on the New York Times bestseller,

Wonder tells the inspiring and heartwarming story of August Pullman. Born with facial differences that, up until now, have prevented him from going to a mainstream school, Auggie becomes the most unlikely of heroes when he enters the local fifth grade. As his family, his new classmates, and the larger community all struggle to find their compassion and acceptance, Auggie's extraordinary journey will unite them all and prove you can't blend in when you were born to stand out. *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.

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

Children's Story Times in February

-  **Terrific Toddlers for ages 1-2 years**
Tues., Feb. 6, 20, 27 10:00 AM
 Stories mixed with songs, rhymes, fingerplays, rhythm and sensory activities.
-  **Babies & Books Up to One Year**
Tues., Feb. 6, 20, 27 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., Feb. 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., Feb. 5, 12, 26 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.

BRING YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY DAY ACTIVITIES Saturday, February 3, 2018

10:00 AM – Chinese Storytime for ages 5 and under

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.



11:00 AM – Make a Fort at the Library



Bring your own blankets and a flashlight, the library will supply books and s'mores, bingo and a prize.

3:00 PM – Land of Stories Party

Book-related activities, games, trivia and more. Grades 3+



Children's Programs in February

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



Wed., Feb. 7 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., Feb. 9 3:00 PM

Thurs., Feb. 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., Feb. 13 (ages 2-5) 10:00 AM

Tues., Feb. 13 (ages 2 and under) 11:00 AM

Fri., Feb. 23 (ages 2-5) 10:00 AM

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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.

Valentine Crafts for ages 2+ years



Thurs., Feb. 8 10:30-11:30 AM

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

Valentine's Day Celebration



Wed., Feb. 14 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Come to the Craft Room for Hot Cocoa, Candy, and a Craft Activity suitable for all ages and celebrate Valentine's Day.

Yoga for Children ages 5-9



Sat., Feb. 24

10:30 AM

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



Wed., Feb. 28

4:00-5:00 PM

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

February STEAM Programs

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

Thurs., February 1, 8, 15, 22 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.

Code Breakers Club**

Mon., February 5, 26

4:00 PM

Code Breakers is a coding club for children ages 6 to 9. It meets every other Monday at 4:00 pm through March. Children will learn logical thinking skills and engage in plugged and unplugged coding activities.

Children are encouraged to bring their own laptop or tablet. Space is limited. ****Registration is required.**

Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.



Mad Science Presents Air and Ice

Thurs., February 22nd

11:00 AM



Mad Science's high energy demonstrations are fun, spectacular and sure to leave children with memories that last well beyond the grand finale. Children will be dazzled and entertained as they interact with our Mad Scientist. The show will also include foggy dry ice and demonstrations of how science is used to float beach balls in the air. And, with suggestions from the audience, the Mad Scientist will unlock the mystery of how to get "Egg-bert" back into his house. Ever see scissors sizzle and shiver? Ever taken a bubble shower? This show is for children ages 5 and up. *Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.*

ART MAKERS: Monet's Waterlilies for ages 8+

Tues., February 27

4:00 PM

Join local artist Nicole Donson from *Nicole's Art Spot* for this Art Maker Session.

Learn about Monet's Waterlilies, paint a pond and add 3-D waterlilies! This drop-in class will be held in the Children's Department STEAM Center.



Play with S.T.E.A.M. for ages 3-5

Fri., Feb. 2, 9, 16

10:30-11:30AM



A playgroup with a S.T.E.A.M. centered circle time activity. Explore Science, Art and Math through a variety of hands-on activities and experiments.

Children ages 3-5 are welcome, but must be accompanied by an adult. *Run by the non-profit Communities United, Inc., through a Coordinated Family and Community Engagement Grant from the Mass. Dept. of EEC.*



Creation Station Hours

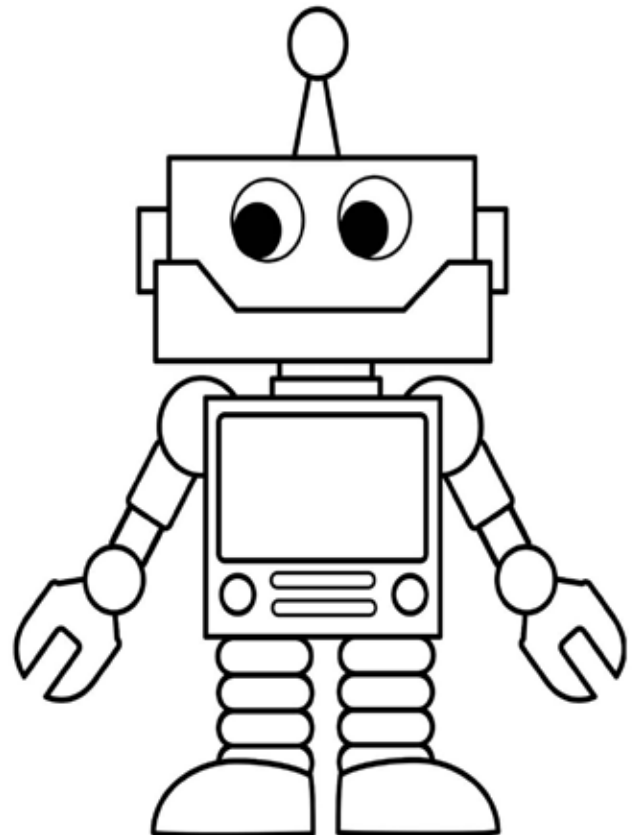
Mon.-Thurs. 3:30 - 8:30 PM

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



Teens and 'Tweens Programs in February

'Tweens and Teens Movie: *Kimi no na wa = Your Name* (Rated PG, 106 minutes)

Tues., February 6th

3:30-5:15 PM

The lives of Mitsuha and Taki couldn't be more different. As the daughter of a small-town politician, she dreams of escaping her mundane, mountainous surroundings and living in the big city. Taki lives in Tokyo and helps to bring extra income to his family by working as a part-time employee at an Italian restaurant. Oddly enough, Taki has been having very vivid dreams that he's living in a mountainside town in a girl's body. For some strange reason, these two souls have crossed in the most unexpected ways and neither has any idea how to control it. Rescheduled from last month. Please ask for Erin (by calling 781-455-7559, option 2) with questions and for more information. *Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.*



Throwback Thursday Teen/'Tween Movie: *Cool Runnings* (Rated PG, 99 minutes)**

Thurs., February 22nd

5:30 PM

Based on a true story, this is the comedic saga of four Jamaican athletes going to extremes to compete as bobsled racers at the Winter Olympics. With few resources and virtually no clue about winter sports, it's an uphill course for this troupe from the tropics who are sliding on thin ice as they go for the gold in Calgary, Canada. Refusing to let anything stand in their way, these four Jamaicans enlist the help of a down-and-out ex-champion American slider named Irv. It's a bumpy ride but with pride, determination, and dignity, the bobsledders make their impossible dreams come true. In addition to watching the film, there will be pizza and Olympic activities afterward. ****Registration is recommended for this event to get a head count for supplies.** If you have questions, contact Erin at the Adult Reference Desk (781-455-7559, option 2). *Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.*



Joy of Coloring (and Olympics) for Teens/'Tweens and Up

Thurs., February 15th

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, materials will be available. We will have the Olympic broadcast from NBCOlympics.com on the Big screen. *Coloring sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham and Crafts by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.*



Button Art Crafternoon for Teens/'Tweens

Tues., February 27th

4:00 - 5:00 PM



With buttons, canvas, and a bit of imagination, come create a beautiful work of art. Spend an hour with friends, enjoy some snacks, and craft. As always, materials, snacks, and enjoyment provided! Contact Erin at the Adult Reference Desk with questions (781-455-7559, option 2).

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Children's Program in February

Friendship bracelets (and Olympics) for 'Tweens and Up

Fri., February 16th

3:00 - 5:00 PM

The Olympic fun continues! Come make Friendship bracelets with friends while the Olympics are on (or just come watch the Olympics). The Library will supply all you need (string, directions, as well as a few snacks). *Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library. Contact Erin at the Adult Reference Desk if you have any questions (781-455-7559, option 2).*



Saturday, February 24th

2:30-4:00PM



Mos Eisley Cantina Convention

The force is strong at the Needham Free Public Library.

Join us in the Library Community Room

for Star Wars Trivia,

Program R2D2 to deliver

the secret message and

Save the Galaxy,

Eat Wookie Cookies, Drink Yoda Soda, and Walk the Runway as part of the Cantina Costume Contest and more.



Appropriate for Ages 4 and Up

DID YOU KNOW...

NEW DATABASES

Starting in January, the Library now has access to two new online resources from Newsbank. News of local interest happens everywhere, from small towns to big cities across

the United States. America's News provides access to information on people, issues and events in the local area and around the country. This comprehensive resource offers hundreds of millions of current and archived full-text articles from news sources nationwide in a single, fully searchable online database. It includes the electronic editions of more than 3,000 U.S. news sources with new articles added daily. In addition, America's Obituaries & Death Notices collects records from more than 3,900 newspapers nationwide daily, making them available through one fully searchable database. This comprehensive resource features nearly 63 million listings—about 90% of all recent obituaries and death notices published in the United States. Each record is individually indexed, providing bibliographic citation information: the news source's name, date, city, state, edition and page number. These databases are accessible 24/7 online at the library or remotely. Articles can be downloaded, emailed, saved to a personal clipboard or printed. Newsbank can even set up email alerts for articles that are of interest, delivered directly to any email address. Go to <http://www.mln.lib.ma.us/electronic/nee1.htm>, to see this and other online resources.



This Month in the Friends' Gallery

Lynne Damianos

NatureScapes & BuildingScapes



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

February Book Discussions

NPL Book Group

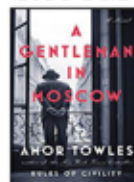
Tuesday, February 13th

A Gentleman in Moscow

by Amor Towles

A Gentleman in Moscow immerses us in another elegantly drawn era with the story of Count Alexander Rostov. When, in 1922, he is deemed an unrepentant aristocrat by a Bolshevik tribunal, the count is sentenced to house arrest in the Metropol, a grand hotel across the street from the Kremlin. Rostov, an indomitable man of erudition and wit, has never worked a day in his life, and must now live in an attic room while some of the most tumultuous decades in Russian history are unfolding outside the hotel's doors. Unexpectedly, his reduced circumstances provide him a doorway into a much larger world of emotional discovery. *March 13, 2018—*The Sandcastle Girls* by Chris Bohjalian*

1:00 PM



NPL Evening Book Club

Wednesday, February 21st

Lincoln in the Bardo

by George Saunders

On February 22, 1862, two days after his death, Willie Lincoln was laid to rest in a marble crypt in a Georgetown cemetery. That very night, shattered by grief, Abraham Lincoln arrives at the cemetery under cover of darkness and visits the crypt, alone, to spend time with his son's body. Set over the course of that one night and populated by ghosts of the recently passed and the long dead, *Lincoln in the Bardo* is a thrilling exploration of death, grief, the powers of good and evil, a novel—in its form and voice—completely unlike anything you have read before. It is also, in the end, an exploration of the deeper meaning and possibilities of life, written as only George Saunders can: with humor, pathos, and grace. *March 21, 2018—*Revolution for Dummies* by Bassem Youssef*

7:00 PM



The Needham Free Public Library's

Bookventurers

A Wrinkle in Time

by Madeleine L'Engle

Saturday, February 10th

3:15-4:15 PM

- Read the story and take a trip through space and time, etc. (?)
- Discuss the story with friends
- Activity?
- And of course, enjoy yummy winter treats



This is part of the monthly meeting for Bookventurers, 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.

Upcoming Events...

IMMIGRATION JUSTICE FILM SERIES

Under the Same Moon (Rated PG-13, 110 min.)

Thurs., March 1st

7:00 PM

Under the Same Moon tells the parallel stories of nine-year-old Carlitos and his mother, Rosario. In the hopes of providing a better life for her son, Rosario works illegally in the United States while her mother cares for Carlitos back in Mexico. Unexpected circumstances drive both Rosario and Carlitos to embark on their own journeys in a desperate attempt to reunite. Along the way, mother and son face challenges and obstacles but never lose hope that they will one day be together again. The movie will be followed by a short, 30 minute discussion. With immigration/refugee justice currently a central part of our national discussion, *Temple Beth Shalom and the Needham Free Public Library* are proud to co-sponsor a film series intended to further community exploration of this important issue. Each film that has been selected will help inspire new ideas and understandings and will serve as a springboard to discussion.



Author Paul A. Christian—*South Boston on Parade*

Thurs., March 15th

7:30 PM

In this most enjoyable and informative work, author Paul Christian traces the *Saint Patrick's Day Parade's* history from 1901 to the present, through hundreds of photographs and historical details. He guides us through the several changes that have occurred over the past century, from a march commemorating George Washington's first military victory, to a procession celebrating Irish heritage and the Patron Saint of Ireland, to a general day of good cheer. "The Evacuation Day/Saint Patrick's Day Parade is an integral part of South Boston," says Robert



Allison, *President of the South Boston Historical Society*,

with this book being "the definitive history of the Evacuation Day/Saint Patrick's Day Parade."



Paul A. Christian, Sr. is the retired former Commissioner and Chief of Department, for the Boston Fire Department. The book will be available for purchase following the presentation. *This program is sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.*

A Young Person's Concert With the Wellesley Symphony Orchestra

Sat., March 3rd

11:00 AM



Musicians from the Wellesley Symphony Orchestra will introduce you and your children to the insides of an orchestra. See and hear: strings, winds, brass and percussion! Listen to a string quartet and learn about the instruments. Learn about melody, counter-melody, and other concepts that make music interesting. This family-friendly introduction to music is free and open to all ages. *Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.*

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Needham's Art in Bloom

Sat., March 10th

9 am – 5 pm

Sun., March 11th

1 pm – 5 pm

Featuring 75+ displays of Needham High School creative student artwork with colorful floral interpretations by Beth Shalom Garden Club members with participants from the Kalmia and Needham Garden Clubs, too. Roche Bros. is generously sponsoring this free event. For more information visit: NeedhamArtinBloom.com.



St. Patrick's Day: Celtic Chocolate Program with Chocolatier Kim Larkin**

Sun., March 25th

2:00 PM



This program highlights the history of chocolate and the Irish pioneers who helped along the way. Chocolatier Kim Larkin will also talk about the history of famous Celtic foods, Celtic lore, and Irish poetry. Samplings of Dublin tea, Irish bread, Blarney cheese, and beautiful celtic art chocolates will finish off this presentation. **Registration is required. Please contact the Reference Desk 781-455-7559 (option 2), starting March 12th. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.**

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