



LIBRARY NOTES

NEWSLETTER OF THE NEEDHAM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

FEBRUARY 2019

Needham Author Hannah Orenstein— *Playing with Matches*

Sun., February 10th

2:00 PM

The Needham Free Public Library presents author and Needham native **Hannah Orenstein**, who will be discussing her new book *Playing with Matches* and the evolution of dating in the age of online matchmaking services. The presentation will be moderated by **Meredith Goldstein**, a reporter for the *Boston Globe* and columnist for the *Love Letters* column on *Boston.com*.



*Sasha Goldberg has a lot going for her: a recent journalism degree from NYU, an apartment with her best friend Caroline, and a relationship that would be amazing if her finance-bro boyfriend Jonathan would ever look up from his BlackBerry. But when her dream career falls through, she uses her family's darkest secret to land a job as a matchmaker for New York City's elite at the dating service Bliss. Despite her inexperience, Sasha throws herself into her new career, trolling for catches on Tinder, coaching her clients through rejection, and dishing out dating advice to people twice her age. Sasha hopes to find her clients The One, like she did. But when Jonathan betrays her, she spirals out of control--and right into the arms of a writer with a charming Southern drawl, who she had previously set up with one of her clients. He's strictly off-limits, but with her relationship on the rocks, all bets are off. Fresh, sweet, and laugh-out-loud funny, *Playing with Matches* is the addictive story about dating in today's swipe-heavy society, and a young woman trying to find her own place in the world.*



Hannah Orenstein is the dating editor at *Elite Daily* and the author of *Playing with Matches* (2018). Previously, she was the assistant features editor at *Seventeen.com*. At 21, she became the youngest matchmaker at a top dating service. She's also written for the *Washington Post*, *Cosmopolitan*, *Marie Claire*, *Refinery29*, *BuzzFeed*, and *Bustle*. Her work has been featured in the *Boston Globe*, the *New York Post*, *Us Weekly*, *USA Today*, *Hello Giggles*, *PopSugar*, and *Spire & Co*.



Meredith Goldstein is an advice columnist and entertainment reporter for the *Boston Globe*. Her *Love Letters* advice column has been featured on *Boston.com* since 2009, and she has written several books including her memoir *Can't Help Myself: Lessons and Confessions From a Modern Advice Columnist* along with her novels *Chemistry Lessons* and *The Singles*. The book will be available for purchase courtesy of *Wellesley Books*.
Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.

Alohomora: Harry Potter Escape Room for Tweens, Teens, and Adults*



Sat., February 16th

ALL DAY!

Sun., February 17th

You've been locked in a professor's classroom at Hogwarts and can't get out! Solve all the clues to unlock the door to freedom in this Harry Potter Themed Escape Room for ages 9 and up. A working knowledge of the wizarding world is helpful, but not necessary to have fun for this adventure. Eighteen short 45 minute sessions throughout the weekend will be provided. **Registration is required.* There are only so many spaces available per session, so sign up quickly! Registration opens on Friday, February 1st, and will remain open until all sessions are filled. Wait list sign-ups will be available for a short period of time after registration closes. There is a maximum of 6 players per group, minimum of 4, so smaller groups or individual sign-ups that book the same time slot will be combined. Walk-in registration permitted if there is space available. Any questions may be directed to Young Adult Librarian Erin Bassett at the Adult Reference Desk.

Cold War America with Dr. Gary Hylander

Thurs., February 28th

7:30 PM

With the end of World War II, the Soviet Union shifted from wartime ally to Cold War adversary. Join in examining the reasons for this abrupt shift. An Iron Curtain descended across Eastern Europe while a Bamboo Curtain sealed off the people of China. A Red Scare swept across America. "Better dead than Red" became the watchword of the times. McCarthyism, HUAC, the Rosenberg trial, Sputnik and much more dominated the nation's headlines. This is the second of five lectures in this series, sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.







**Monday,
February 18th**

The Library will be 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 February

-  **Terrific Toddlers for ages 1-2 years**
Tues., February 5, 19, 26 **10:00 AM**
 Stories mixed with songs, rhymes, fingerplays, rhythm and sensory activities.
-  **Babies & Books for up to one year**
Tues., February 5, 19, 26 **11:00 AM**
 Babies and their adult caregivers explore the rhythms and patterns of speech with songs, lap games and a story or two.
-  **Child's Play Storytime for ages 0-2 years**
Wed., February 13, 27 **10:00 AM**
 Songs, rhymes, lap games, books and more in this interactive program.
-  **Pre-School Palooza for ages 3-6 years**
Mon., February 4, 11, 25 **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.

Learn & Play Group for ages 2-5

1st and 3rd Fridays, 10:30 - 11:15 AM
February 1 & 15, 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.*

Chinese Storytime for ages 5 and under

Sat., February 2 **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.

Read to Tucker!**

Wed., February 6 **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.**

Children's Programs in February

Make Music with Stacey Peasley: for ages 2-5



Wed., February 6 **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., February 8 **3:00 PM**
Thurs., February 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., Feb. 12 (ages 2-5) **10:00 AM**
Tues., Feb. 12 (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.

Valentine Crafts for ages 5+



Wed., February 13 **4:00 - 5:00 PM**
 Craft activity and Candy to Celebrate Valentine's Day

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



Wed., February 20 **12:00 - 1:00 PM**

Yoga for Children ages 5-9



Sat., February 23 **10:30 AM**

Japanese Family Storytime for all Ages

Fri., February 22 **10:00 AM**

Showa Boston Institute for Japanese Language and Culture presents a special Japanese Cultural Family Program



including a storytime in English. Sing, learn, and listen to Japanese stories. Play with Japanese toys, learn origami, and try out Japanese writing and have your name written in Japanese. Appropriate for families with children of all ages.

Children's Programs in February

Take Your Child to the Library Day— Yoga Story Time with Author Joan Woodward

Sat., February 2nd 2:30 PM

Celebrate *Take Your Child to the Library Day* and bring the whole family to hear author and Yogi Joan Woodward read from her book *7 Little Monkeys*, and lead children in yoga-based activities.

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LEGO Blockman Dan Steininger Wed., February 20th 11:00 AM



Dan worked for the LEGO company as a Master Builder for over 23 years, building and designing life-sized LEGO models. Join him for an en-

tertaining presentation about his career as a Master Builder, a children's group building activity, and a question and answer session about LEGO building! Ages 5-12 may be chosen to participate in the building activity, but anyone can come for the presentation. Library Lego club will be held immediately after in the STEAM Center. *Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.*



Creation Station Hours

Mon. - Wed. 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

Be a Published International Artist For Grades 2-5**

Tues, Feb. 26th, Mar. 5 & 12th 4:00-5:00 PM

Skype Session—Mar. 23rd 10:00 AM



Create art inspired by local Needham landmarks to share in a March 23rd Skype session with children from the library in *Needham Market, England*.

The artwork will be scanned into a book that will be available in both the *Needham Free Public Library* and the *Needham Market Library* in England. This is a series and attendees are expected to be at all sessions. The March 23rd Skype session will be held at 10:00 AM in the Community Room and attendance is **MANDATORY**. ***Space is limited and registration is required.* *Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.*

Children's Movie: *Walt Disney's Mary Poppins* (Rated G, 2 hours, 19 minutes)

Fri., February 22nd 2:00 PM

When Jane and Michael, the children of the wealthy and uptight Banks family, are faced with the prospect of a new nanny, they are pleasantly surprised by the arrival of the magical Mary Poppins. Embarking on a series of fantastical adventures with Mary and her Cockney performer friend Bert, the siblings try to pass on some of their nanny's sunny attitude to their preoccupied parents. *Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.*



Teens and 'Tweens Programs in February

Eat Your Feelings Cookie Decorating Program*

Thurs., February 14th 3:30-4:30 PM

Come decorate a cookie, or 3, to look like your favorite Emoji! Smiley faces, faces with sunglasses, faces with tongues sticking out, etc.—just get in the mood to get decorating! **Registration is required for this program, and closes on Tues., Feb 12th at 9 PM.* (No limit on people, but we do need to get a sense of the necessary supplies, so sign up today!) Walk-ins may be permitted. *If you have questions, contact Erin at the Adult Reference Desk (781-455-7559 x2). Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.*



Joy of Coloring for 'Tween/Teens and Up

Wed., February 20th 3:30-5:00 PM

Coloring and crafting enthusiasts are welcome to color and celebrate a belated Valentine's Day and the winter season with an appropriately themed coloring session. The Library will supply all you need (pencils, markers, coloring sheets, as well as some beverages). Come for the coloring and conversation with your fellow coloring enthusiasts!



Teen/'Tween Movie: *The Hate U Give* (Rated PG-13, 2 hours, 13 minutes)

Thurs., February 21st 3:00 PM

Starr Carter is constantly switching between two worlds—the poor, mostly black neighborhood where she lives and the wealthy, mostly white prep school that she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is soon shattered when she witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend at the hands of a police officer. Facing pressure from all sides of the community, Starr must find her voice and decide to stand up for what's right. Snacks and drinks will be available for attendees. *Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.*



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New Database



Streaming Video

The popular on-demand film streaming service **Kanopy** is now available for free at the Needham Free Public Library. Library card holders can access **Kanopy** and sign

up to start streaming films instantly by visiting <https://needhamma.kanopy.com/>. Films can be streamed from any computer, television, mobile device or platform by downloading the Kanopy app for iOS, Android, AppleTV, Chromecast or Roku.

Offering what the *New York Times* calls “a garden of cinematic delights,” **Kanopy** showcases more than 30,000 of the world's best films, including award-winning documentaries, rare and hard-to-find titles, film festival favorites, indie and classic films, and world cinema with collections from Kino Lorber, Music Box Films, Samuel Goldwyn, The Orchard, The Great Courses, PBS and thousands of independent filmmakers.

The **Kanopy** collection includes many film types: indie hits like *Hunt For the Wilderpeople* and *2 Days in Paris*; classic masterpieces like *Aguirre, the Wrath of God* and *Seven Samurai*; and award-winning documentaries like the 2017 Oscar®-nominated *I Am Not Your Negro* and Sundance Film Festival winner *Mother of George*.

Kanopy for Kids provides films for children aged preschool and up. Parents can trust a curated selection of educational and enriching videos on **Kanopy Kids** with developmentally appropriate, age-based ratings from Common Sense Media, as well as additional parental controls to keep kids safe.

This database is provided to Needham residents with the generous support of the Friends of the Needham 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

Contact the Library at 781-455-7559

February Book Discussions

NPL Book Group

Tuesday, February 12th

The Snow Child

by Eowyn Ivey

Alaska, 1920: a brutal place to homestead, and especially tough for recent arrivals Jack and Mabel. Childless, they are drifting apart—he breaking under the weight of the work of the farm; she crumbling from loneliness and despair. In a moment of levity during the season's first snowfall, they build a child out of snow. The next morning the snow child is gone—but they glimpse a young, blonde-haired girl running through the trees. This little girl, who calls herself Faina, seems to be a child of the woods. She hunts with a red fox at her side, skims lightly across the snow, and somehow survives alone in the Alaskan wilderness. As Jack and Mabel struggle to understand this child who could have stepped from the pages of a fairy tale, they come to love her as their own daughter. But in this beautiful, violent place things are rarely as they appear, and what they eventually learn about Faina will transform all of them. *March 12, 2019—*Us Against You* by Fredrik Backman*

1:00 PM



NPL Evening Book Club

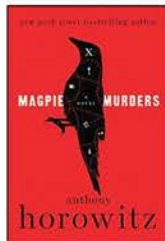
Wednesday, February 20th

Magpie Murders

by Anthony Horowitz

After working with bestselling crime writer Alan Conway for years, editor Susan Ryeland is intimately familiar with his detective, Atticus Pünd, who solves mysteries in sleepy English villages. His traditional formula has proved hugely successful, so successful that Susan must continue to put up with his troubling behavior if she wants to keep her job. Conway's latest tale involves a murder at Pye Hall, with dead bodies and a host of intriguing suspects. But the more Susan reads, the more she's convinced that there is another story hidden in the pages of the manuscript: one of real-life jealousy, greed, ruthless ambition, and murder. *March 20, 2019—*When America First Met China: An Exotic History of Tea, Drugs, and Money in the Age of Sail* by Eric Jay Dolin*

7:00 PM



This Month in the Friends' Gallery

John Lechner

Diversity and Discussion Book Club

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

Thurs., March 14th

Refugee

by Alan Gratz

This timely and powerful novel tells the story of three different children seeking refuge.

Josef is a Jewish boy living in 1930s Nazi Germany. With the threat of concentration camps looming, he and his family board a ship bound for the other side of the world...

Isabel is a Cuban girl in 1994. With riots and unrest plaguing her country, she and her family set out on a raft, hoping to find safety in America...

Mahmoud is a Syrian boy in 2015. With his homeland torn apart by violence and destruction, he and his family begin a long trek toward Europe...

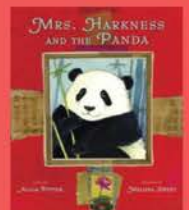
All three kids go on harrowing journeys in search of refuge. All will face unimaginable dangers, from drownings to bombings to betrayals. But there is always the hope of tomorrow. And although Josef, Isabel, and Mahmoud are separated by continents and decades, shocking connections will tie their stories together in the end. *May 14, 2019—*Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City* by Matthew Desmond*

7:30 PM



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

Saturday, February 16th 2:30-3:30 pm



**Registration Requested

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

Bookventurers Book Club for Grades 3-5**

Sat., February 23

3:00 - 4:00 PM

This month's title is *Nevermoor: The Trials of Morrigan Crow* by Jessica Townsend.

****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!



Upcoming Events...

A Young Person's Concert With the Wellesley Symphony Orchestra

Sat., March 2nd

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.*



Needham's Art in Bloom

Sat., March 9th 9 AM – 5 PM

Sun., March 10th 1 PM – 5 PM



Featuring 75+ displays of mixed media artwork by talented Needham High School students combined with colorful floral interpretations by members of the Beth

Shalom, Needham, & Kalmia Garden Clubs. Roche Bros. and Shark/Ninja are generously sponsoring this free event. For more information visit: NeedhamArtinBloom.com.

2019 McIver Lecture Series

Making Noise @ The Library—Branches Steel Drum Band

Sun., March 3rd

2:00 PM



Come and enjoy the best of Caribbean steel drum music at this loud, lively, and fun event featuring five musicians from *Branches Pan Groove Steel Orchestra*.

These young musicians are carrying on the steel drum tradition of many Caribbean Islands thus the name *Branches*. *Branches* was organized over 30 years ago in the Boston area by native Trinidadians who taught their children to play steel drums, which are 50 gallon oil barrels that are tuned and played with mallets. *This is the last of three lectures and is sponsored by the Trustees of the Needham Free Public Library in memory of former director Vivian D. McIver.*

Needham Author Alexander Newman—*Esau: The Bible's Mightiest Villain*

Tues., March 12th

7:30 PM



The book expands upon the biblical story of twin brothers Jacob and Esau with added elements of action and adventure. The brothers are both born with spiritual powers in the ancient land of Canaan, with the former using them to spread holiness and the latter pursuing a life of wickedness. The story follows Esau's exploits as a warrior and a scoundrel, his struggles facing his brother and how he becomes the Bible's mightiest villain. The book will be available for purchase and signing at the conclusion of the event.

Movie: *12 Strong* (Rated R, 130 minutes)

Tues., March 26th

7:00 PM

12 Strong tells the story of the first Special Forces team deployed to Afghanistan after 9/11. Under the leadership of a new captain, the team must work with an Afghan warlord to take down the Taliban. Based on the book *The Last Warlord: The Life and Legend of Dostum* by Brian Williams who will be speaking at the Library March 31st, and was an adviser to the film. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.*



Cold War America with Dr. Gary Hylander

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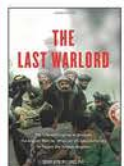
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Author Dr. Brian Glynn Williams—*The Last Warlord: The Life and Legend of Dostum*

Sun., March 31st

2:00 PM



Dr. Brian Glyn Williams, a UMass-Dartmouth professor of Islamic history, discusses his new book, *The Last Warlord: The Life and Legend of Dostum*. The book tells a post-9/11 story of a mysterious Afghan-Mongol warrior who helped the CIA and US Special Forces liberate Afghanistan's holiest shrine from the Taliban. The book will be available for purchase and autographing following this event. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.*

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