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LIBRARY NOTES

January 2015

2015 McIver Lecture Series—Whither the Weather?

Extreme Weather: Why?

Sun., January 11th

2:00 PM



Eleanor Talbot, a forecaster with the National Weather Service in Taunton, Mass., describes memorable extreme weather incidents of recent years and looks at the causes. Not every extreme tornado, hurricane and drought is the result of man-made influences and global warming—but a disturbing number are. Eleanor will also present a preparedness primer for the rising tide of climate change. **This event is sponsored by the Trustees of the Needham Free Public Library.**

Dr. Gary Hylander—America And World War II

Tues., January 20th

7:30 PM



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Author Mitzi Weinman—It's About Time! Transforming Chaos into Calm, A to Z

Tues., January 13th

7:30 PM



*You have the same twenty-four hour day as everyone else. The challenge is making the most of that time—being able to accomplish your goals while also making time for yourself and those you love. In order to do this, you must first accept that you cannot manage time; you can only adjust and be flexible. Written in an A-to-Z format with the busy reader in mind, this guidebook seeks to help you reduce stress and boost productivity. Join us as Mitzi Weinman discusses her new book. **Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.***

Delvena Theatre Company Presents *Meet Julia Child!*

Sun., January 25th

2:30 PM



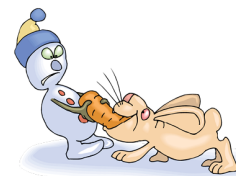
*Meet Julia Child—the beloved French Chef! This live performance features Lynne Moulton as Julia Child doing what she did best. Learn more about her life: from her privileged childhood in California—when she had no interest in food, except for eating what the family's private chef prepared—to becoming one of the culinary legends of all time. The audience will have the opportunity to view Julia on the set of **The French Chef** television show, an amusing and fun experience! After the performance, the cast will open up for discussion regarding *Julia Child*. **This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.***

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.




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

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


Children's Programs in January

Drop-in Storytimes for ages 5 and under

	Wed., January 7, 14, 21	10:00 AM
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	Fri., January 23	10:30 AM
	Thurs., January 29	10:30 AM


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., January 12	10:30 AM
	Mon., January 26	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., January 9	3:00 PM
	Thurs., January 22	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., January 13	10:30 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.

Lucy the R.E.A.D. Dog: for ages 3 and up**

	Tues., January 20	10:00 AM
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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


	Thurs., January 8, 15	11:00 AM
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Short films based on popular storybooks—shown in the Community Room.

Children's Craft Programs in January

	Drop-In "Crafts of the Month" for ages 2-6	
	Mon., January 5	4:00 PM
	Tues., January 6	10:30 AM

	Drop-In "Winter Wonderland" Crafts for ages 2-6	
	Mon., January 12	4:00 PM

	Drop-In "Cozy" Crafts for ages 2-6	
	Mon., January 26	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.

Young Sprouts:

Explore Nature in Needham—Ages 5-8**

Tues., January 13	4:00 PM
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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.**



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



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

Tuesday, January 20	4:30 - 5:30 PM
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Sign-up for program begins one week before the event. You can sign up by phone or in person.



Saturday Seedlings Family Story/Craft

Sat., January 10th

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.



Children's Movie: The Boxtrolls (Rated PG, 96 min.)

Fri, January 23rd

3:30 PM

A young boy named Eggs lives with an unique group of collectors known as Boxtrolls. These special creatures face a cruel enemy called Archibald Snatcher. The pest exterminator is determined to destroy every Boxtroll for his own sinister purposes. Eggs must fight to save everyone he cares for from becoming the next victims and restore the peaceful world that he has grown to love. Along the way he learns the meaning of family as well as the bonds of friendship.



Singer/ Storyteller/ Cartoonist Keith Munslow

Sat., January 24th

10:30 AM



An award-winning performer who combines rock solid funky piano playing, soulful singing, hilarious stories, and lightning fast cartooning, Keith Munslow has entertained thousands of children and families at schools, festivals, family concerts, and libraries throughout New England—and beyond. Keith's recordings for children have earned him several Parents' Choice Awards, and can be heard on numerous children's radio programs across America, including "Kid's Place Live," on Sirius XM Satellite Radio. This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

Library Hours:

Mon. - Thurs.

9:00am - 9:00pm

Fridays

9:00am - 5:30pm

Saturdays

9:00am - 5:00pm

Sundays

1:00pm - 5:00pm

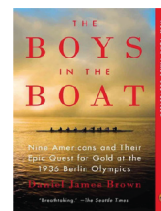
January Book Discussions

NPL Book Group

Tuesday, January 13th

1:00 PM

The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold in the 1936 Berlin Olympics



by Daniel James Brown

In this sweeping saga, Daniel James Brown vividly relates how, in 1936, nine working-class rowers from the University of Washington captured gold at the Berlin Olympics. Mentored not just by their coach but by legendary boat-builder George Pocock, these athletes overcame the hopelessness common during the Great Depression by learning to trust themselves and one another, and by rowing with grace and power. The crew's camaraderie and unmatched precision surpassed expectations, shocking the sporting world. Brown faithfully conveys rowing's stoic persistence, passion, and pain. He captures how and why this team rowed in flawless harmony. The story's depth comes from the memories that rower Joe Rantz shared with Brown shortly before his death as well as from Brown's interviews with crewmates' friends and family. In a brief epilogue, Brown comments on the rowers' post-Olympic accomplishments. *February 10, 2015—*Gone Girl* by Gillian Flynn.*

NPL Evening Book Group

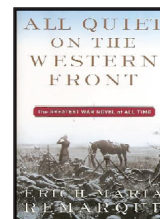
Wednesday, January 21st

7:00 PM

All Quiet on the Western Front

by Erich Maria Remarque

Paul Baumer enlisted with his classmates in the German army of World War I. Youthful, enthusiastic, they become soldiers. But despite what they have learned, they break into pieces under the first bombardment in the trenches. And as horrible war plods on year after year, Paul holds fast to a single vow: to fight against the principles of hate that meaninglessly pits young men of the same generation but different uniforms against each other—if only he can come out of the war alive.



*February 25, 2015—*A Star for Mrs. Blake* by April Smith*

This Month in the Friends' Gallery

Nancy Motley Walton

Upcoming Events...

Dr. Gary Hylander—America And World War II

Tues., February 17th

7:30 PM

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DID YOU KNOW...

The story behind the Doll House in the Children's Room?



Our story begins at the turn of the last century, with a retired Army Sergeant named Andrew J. Casey.

Sgt. Casey served with General Custer's 7th Calvary (he was left behind on guard duty at the fort on the day of the massacre at Little Bighorn) and later fought in the Spanish-American War, before retiring back home to Needham to start a new career as a master carpenter. A bachelor, and doting uncle to his four nieces, he built as a surprise for them a grand wooden dollhouse—designed as a clapboard house, standing almost six feet high. The outside was adorned with shuttered windows (since removed) and a brick chimney. Inside were four rooms—a dining room, a living room and two bedrooms, with more than enough space for an entire family of dolls!

The sisters spent many happy hours furnishing and playing with their wonderful dollhouse. Each room was filled with miniature furniture with the accompanying extras (for example: silverware, dishes, lace linens, and food for the dining room) to make this house a real home for their dolls. And when the sisters outgrew playing with their special dollhouse, it was kept in the attic of the home of the eldest sister, as it had been a gift from their beloved uncle.



In 1977, as written in the will of the Mr. James Henry Powers (husband of the eldest sister), the dollhouse was brought to the Children's Room of the Needham Free Public Library. It required a crane, as well as removing the window in the attic of the house, in order to move this large doll house to the library where it has resided ever since. As part of the 1988 Library Centennial, the doll house was refurbished with new paint, wallpapering, drapery and upholstery. The furnishings, however, remain the same, including some of the pieces that a much loved uncle had made all those years ago for four little girls.

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, sparkling 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 official make their own decision. **Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.***



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