



LIBRARY NOTES

NEWSLETTER OF THE NEEDHAM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

JANUARY 2018

2018 McIver Lecture Series—Sports and Society

Northeastern Athletic Director Peter Roby—Sports in Today's Culture

Sun., January 7th

2:00 PM



Peter Roby is eminently qualified to speak on this subject. He was named Northeastern's ninth athletic director on June 21, 2007, and will be retiring this Spring. Roby was formerly: the men's basketball head coach at Harvard University, a marketing vice president at Reebok and a director of Northeastern's Center for Sport in Society. He brings broad experience and a unique perspective to his position. *This is the first of four lectures and is sponsored by the Trustees of the Needham Free Public Library.*

JFK @ 100 with Dr. Gary Hylander

Tues., January 9th

7:30 PM



This year marks the centennial anniversary of the birth of John F. Kennedy. Dr. Hylander will be discussing the life, politics and legacy of JFK, covering such topics as Civil Rights, Khrushchev and Cuba, the Vietnam War, and much more. *This is the fourth and final lecture in this series, rescheduled from November 30th, and is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.*

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

Tues., January 16th

7:30 PM

The Progressive Era roughly stretches from 1890 to 1920. The hiss of steam, the rustle of greenbacks and the shriek of factory whistles filled the air. Captains of Industry amassed enormous fortunes in steel, railroads and oil. By the turn of the century, America had also emerged as an imperial power as well. To manage these enormous changes, President Theodore Roosevelt and the Progressives believed that government honestly administered, guided by experts and enspirited by the ideals of the social gospel, could bring order, prosperity and security to all Americans. *This is the first of five lectures in this series, and is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.*



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Fashions in Fiction with Kandie Carle

Clothing speaks volumes in Jane Austen's Regency Novels

Sun., January 21st

2:00 PM

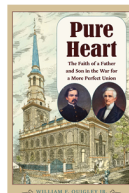
A delightful show-and-tell on the clothing of Regency England as reflected in Jane Austen's fiction, which will include dressing 'Elizabeth Bennet' & 'Mr. Darcy,' and readings from Miss Austen's letters and novels. While dressed in authentic Regency attire, Ms. Carle will give a detailed overview of the clothing of the Regency Era, (early 1800s) for both gentlemen and ladies. Then Ms. Carle shares excerpts from Austen's personal letters as well as passages from some of the novels, highlighting Miss Austen's use of clothing and fashion to define character & class, enhance story line, and develop plot points. Teens through adults will enjoy discovering just how important fashion was 200 years ago! Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.



William F. Quigley—*Pure Heart: The Faith of a Father and Son in the War for a More Perfect Union (Civil War in the North)*

Thurs., January 25th

7:30 PM



*In the summer of 1862, as Union morale ebbed low with home front division over war costs, coming emancipation, and demoralizing battlefield losses, 24-year-old William White Dorr enlisted as a lieutenant in the 121st Pennsylvania Volunteers, a new Union regiment organizing in Philadelphia. His father, the Reverend Benjamin Dorr, Rector of Christ Church, Philadelphia, strived to prevent divisions in his congregation from sundering that Episcopal church historically tied to the nation's founding. Clearly and engagingly written, **Pure Heart** is unique in its narrative synthesis of home front political divisions and frontline infantry experiences. The emotional heart of the story lies in Reverend Dorr's relationship with his soldier son, poignantly revealed in a recently discovered collection of his son's wartime letters. William F. Quigley Jr. presents a narrative that remarkably encapsulates much of the North's experience of the war. The book will be available for purchase and autographing following the presentation. *This event is sponsored by the Needham Free 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


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

Children's Story Times in January

 **Terrific Toddlers for ages 1-2 years**
Tues., Jan. 2, 16, 23, 30 10:00 AM
 Stories mixed with songs, rhymes, fingerplays, rhythm and sensory activities.

 **Babies & Books Up to One Year**
Tues., Jan. 2, 16, 23, 30 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., Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 10:00 AM
 Songs, rhymes, lap games, books and more in this interactive program.

 **Pre-School Palooza for ages 3-6 years**
Mon., Jan. 8, 22, 29 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.



Storytimes from Around the World



Chinese Storytime for ages 5 and under

Sat., Jan. 6 9:30 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.

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



Wed., Jan. 17 4:00-5:00 PM

FAMILY ACTIVITY MORNING

Sat., Jan. 20 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.

Children's Programs in January

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



Wed., Jan. 3 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., Jan. 12 3:00 PM

Thurs., Jan. 18 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., Jan. 9 (ages 2-5) 10:00 AM

Tues., Jan. 9 (ages 2 and under) 11:00 AM

Fri., Jan. 26 (ages 2-5) 10:00 AM

Fri., Jan. 26 (ages 2 and under) 11:00 AM

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.

Winter Crafts for ages 2+ years



Thurs., Jan. 11 10:30-11:30 AM

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

Snowy Sculptures from Snowy Playdough for ages 6+ years

Wed., Jan. 24 3:30-4:30 PM



Participants will use snow dough to create wintry art work. Kids can add found objects, such as buttons, twigs and other items to enhance their work and to take home.

Yoga for Children ages 5-9



Sat., Jan. 27th 10:30 AM

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January Programs

Mobile Mini Golf at the Library

Tues., January 23rd

3:30 - 7:00 PM

So what if it's cold outside! Relive memories of warmer days with a favorite summer pastime—indoors. Joe Buckley of Mobile Mini Golf will have a professional indoor mini golf course set up inside the library's Community Room. Golf clubs of every size, score pads and golf balls will be provided. People of all ages from toddlers to senior citizens are welcome to come in and play. *Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.*



Children's Movie: *The Nut Job 2: Nutty by Nature* (Rated PG, 91 minutes)

Fri., January 26th

3:30 PM

Surly and his cohorts are faced with the most daunting battle of their entire lives—they must stop the mayor of Oakton City in his tracks. Although he is determined to do anything it takes in order to create the strange amusement park of his dreams, Surly and friends are equally determined to make sure that his vision never comes to fruition. Working together, these friends want to prove that anything is possible with teamwork. The question is whether or not they will be able to achieve their lofty goal in time. Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.



Teens and 'Tweens Programs in January

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

Thurs., January 4th 3:00-4:30 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. Please ask for Erin (by calling 781-455-7559, option 2) with questions and for more information. Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.



Joy of Coloring For 'Tweens and up

Thurs., January 11th 3:30-5:00 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. *Coloring sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham and Crafts by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.*

'Tween/Teen Winter Wall Hanging Crafternoon

Thurs., January 18th 4:00 PM



'Tweens and Teens are invited to create Winter Wall Hangings for a bit of winter fun. There will be wood, paper, string, and other materials. 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 x2). Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.

Game Day for 'Tweens and up

Thurs., January 25th 3:00 PM

Come for an hour of Gaming Fun! There will be games and puzzles of all sorts. If there is a game that you have and want to bring with you, feel free. No registration is needed for this monthly event. Come for the comradery with your fellow gamers. *Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.*



January STEAM Programs

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

Thurs., January 4, 11, 18, 25 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.

Art Makers for Ages 5 and up

Tues., January 9th 4:00 PM



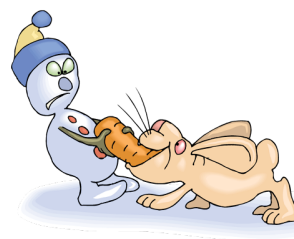
Local artist Nicole Donson will lead a drop-in art and craft activity in the library's STEAM Center, utilizing inspiration from the book *Mouse Paint* by Ellen Stoll Walsh. After reading the book aloud, children will create a collage of colorful mice chasing after a piece of cheese.

Tues., January 16th 4:00 PM

With inspiration from the book *Monsters Love Colors* by Mike Austin, local artist Nicole Donson will lead a drop-in art and craft activity in the library's STEAM Center.



After reading the book aloud, children will create a mixed media painting of monsters using tempera paints, markers, crayons, colored construction paper, watercolor paints and tissue paper.



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

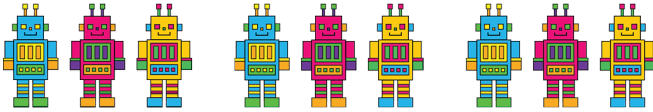
Early Release Days 1:00 - 8:30 PM

Code Breakers Club**

Mon., January 8, 22

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.*



Movie Makers Stop-Motion Animation Workshop for Children ages 8+**

Wed., January 31st

4:00 PM



Using a Minecraft kit, found objects and other library equipment, kids will create stop-motion animation movies in groups. The movies will be made available to participants after the program and the movies will be featured on the library Facebook Page. **Space is limited. **Registration is required.** *Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.*

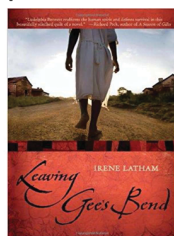
This Month in the Friends' Gallery

Naomi Wilsey *Facets*

January Book Discussions

Skype Q&A with Irene Latham

Saturday, January 13th | 3:15-4:15 PM



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.

NPL Book Group

Tuesday, January 9th

Before the Fall

by Noah Hawley

On a foggy summer night, eleven people—ten privileged, one down-on-his-luck painter—depart Martha's Vineyard on a private jet headed for New York. Sixteen minutes later, the unthinkable happens: the plane plunges into the ocean. The only survivors are the painter Scott Burroughs and a four-year-old boy, who is now the last remaining member of an immensely wealthy and powerful media mogul's family.

*Was it by chance that so many influential people perished? Or was something more sinister at work? A storm of media attention brings Scott fame that quickly morphs into notoriety and accusations, and he scrambles to salvage truth from the wreckage. Amid trauma and chaos, the fragile relationship between Scott and the young boy grows and glows at the heart of this stunning novel, raising questions of fate, morality, and the inextricable ties that bind us together. *February 13, 2018—*A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles**

1:00 PM



NPL Evening Book Club

Wednesday, January 17th

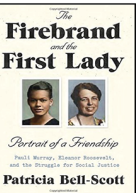
The Firebrand and the First Lady

by Patricia Bell-Scott

The Firebrand and the First Lady is the riveting history, two decades in the making, of how a brilliant writer-turned-activist and the first lady of the United States forged an enduring friendship that helped to alter the course of race and racism in America.

*In 1938, the twenty-eight-year-old Pauli Murray wrote a letter to the President and First Lady, Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt, protesting racial segregation in the South. Eleanor wrote back. So began a friendship that would last for a quarter of a century, as Pauli became a lawyer, principal strategist in the fight to protect Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act and a co-founder of the National Organization of Women, and Eleanor became a diplomat and first chair of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights. *February 21, 2018—*Lincoln in the Bardo* by George Saunders**

7:00 PM



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Upcoming Events...

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.

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.



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.

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 Dynasty 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.*

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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.*

Teen/'Tween Movie: *Cool Running* (Rated PG, 99 minutes)

Thurs., February 22nd

6:00 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. There will be trivia questions and fun Olympic facts at the conclusion of the film. *Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.*



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