



# LIBRARY NOTES

NEWSLETTER OF THE NEEDHAM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

JANUARY 2019

## Film Director & Needham Native Daniel Hedges Documentary—*Hoops Africa: Ubuntu Matters* (44 min)

Sun., January 6th

2:00 PM

*Hoops Africa: Ubuntu Matters* is a collection of stories that celebrates the past, present, and future of basketball in Africa, spotlighting the sport's impact on society and its development on the continent. From the dreams of a young Zimbabwian player to honoring the NBA legends who paved the way before him, this film journeys through the growth of the game in Africa. Centering on basketball nonprofit *Hoops 4 Hope* in South Africa and Zimbabwe, this documentary uncovers the role the African philosophy of Ubuntu played in the Boston Celtics' 2008 NBA Championship season and also documents the historic 2015 NBA Africa Game. Featuring *Hakeem Olajuwon, Dikembe Mutombo, Adam Silver, Luol Deng, Luc Mbah a Moute, Chris Paul, Doc Rivers, Paul Pierce*, and many more NBA greats, this documentary shows us all why #UbuntuMatters.



Filmmaker and Needham native *Daniel Hedges* will lead a discussion about his documentary, *Hoops Africa: Ubuntu Matters*, following a showing of the film. *Sponsored by 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

## Cold War America with Dr. Gary Hylander

Tues., January 15th

7:30 PM

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## Children's Movie: *The House with a Clock in its Walls* (PG, 105 minutes)

Fri., January 18th

3:30 PM



*Lewis is a young boy who goes to live with his uncle Jonathan after the death of his parents. It doesn't take him long to realize that Jonathan is no ordinary man. He's a warlock, and inside his house is a horrifying magical object. Created by an evil wizard, this clock is designed to keep counting down until the final tick ushers in the apocalypse. The only way to stop this doomsday from occurring is to find the clock, which is hidden inside the house. Will Lewis and his uncle be able to find it in time to stop disaster? Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.*

## FRIENDS' WINTER BOOKSALE



Friday, January 25th

12:30 - 4:00 PM

Saturday, January 26th

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Sunday, January 27th

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](http://www.needhamma.gov/library) or call 781-455-7559.

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

## Children's Story Times in January

### Terrific Toddlers for ages 1-2 years

Tues., January 15, 22, 29 10:00 AM

Stories mixed with songs, rhymes, fingerplays, rhythm and sensory activities.

### Babies & Books for up to one year

Tues., January 15, 22, 29 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., January 9, 16, 23, 30 10:00 AM

Songs, rhymes, lap games, books and more in this interactive program.

### Pre-School Palooza for ages 3-6 years

Mon., January 7, 28 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.

## Children's Programs in January

### Make Music with Stacey Peasley: for ages 2-5



Wed., January 2 10:00 AM

Mon., January 14 11:00 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., January 11 3:00 PM

Thurs., January 17 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. 8 (ages 2-5) 10:00 AM

Tues., Jan. 8 (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.

### Chinese Storytime for ages 5 and under

Sat., January 5 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., January 9 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.**

### Pre-school Crafts for ages 2+ years



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

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

### Knitting with Friends for grades 3-9

**\*\*Registration Required**

Mon., January 14 - March 18 4:00-5:00 PM



Come and learn the basics of knitting and make a simple scarf. The library will provide knitting needles and yarn. No previous experience is necessary. This is a series that will run through March 18th and attendees are expected to be at all sessions. No Session on January 21st. **\*\*Space is limited. Registration required and is for all 8 sessions.**

### FAMILY ACTIVITY MORNING

Sat., January 19 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.

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

Wed., January 16 4:00-5:00 PM



### Snowman Science for Ages 6+

Wed., January 23 3:30 PM



# January STEAM Programs

## 3D Video Game Workshop for Ages 10+ \*\*

Mon., January 7th 4:00 PM



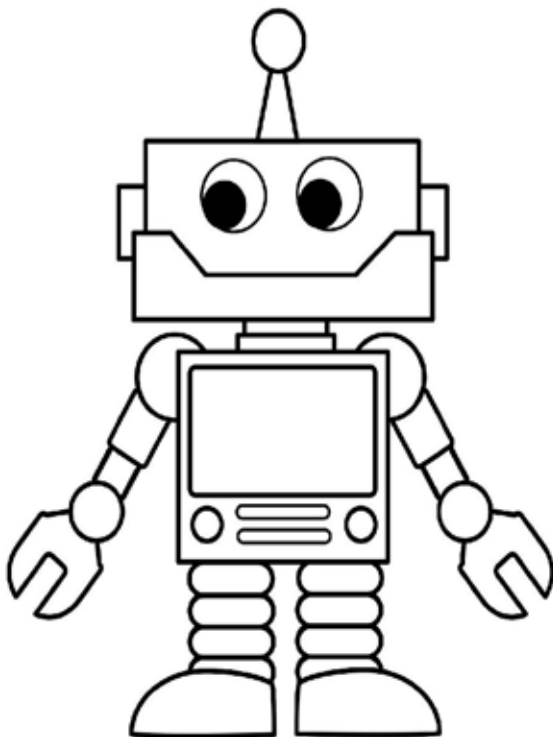
In this free workshop, children will create their own simple games using Unity, a leading platform in 3D game design. Kids start by learning to move around in a virtual 3D environment, then move on to designing a 3D world for their stories and programming character control. Games can be shared with friends & family for at-home beta-testing! **\*\*Registration is required—limited to 12 participants.** Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

## Weird Science Workshop for Ages 5 and Up \*\*

Tues., January 8th 4:00 PM



Activities will include making a balloon caterpillar by putting skewers through balloons without popping them, creating elephant toothpaste, and exploring soda and candy explosions. Don't miss this fun science program with lots of hands on activities. **\*\*Registration is required—limited to 20 participants.** Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.



## Creation Station Hours

Mon. - Tues. 5:30 - 8:30 PM

Wednesday 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

## Girls Who Code Club for Grades 5 & Up \*\*

Thursdays: Jan. 3–Apr. 11 6:30-8:00 PM



Calling all girls grades 5 and up! Bring your own computer and we 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.**

## Toy Maker's Workshop for Ages 6+ \*\*

Tues., January 15, 29 4:00-5:00 PM



Children ages 6 and up may use library supplies and materials to create simple toys to take home. Projects might include toy tops, board games, items made from recyclables, foam, paper, cardboard and more. A specific project will be provided each session, along with materials for children to create toys from their own imaginations. There will be medals awarded at the end of January for the most creative new toy idea. **\*\*Registration is required. Space is limited and attendees are expected to attend all sessions.**

## Learn & Play Group for ages 2-5

1st and 3rd Fridays, 10:30 - 11:15 AM

January 4, 2019—April 5, 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.*

Thanks to the Friends of the Needham Public Library for providing financial assistance in the production of this Newsletter.

## Teens and 'Tweens Programs in January

### Crafternoon for 'Tweens and up: Spool Knitting

Thurs., January 10th

3:30-5:00 PM

Looking to stay warm this winter, but don't want to spend any money on scarves? Why not come and make your own? 'Tweens and Teens



are invited to join us in the Young Adult Room for an hour to French Knit Scarves (aka loom knitting)—no knitting experience required. All materials, drinks, and snacks provided. *If you have questions, contact Erin at the Adult Reference Desk (781-455-7559 x2). Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.*

### High School Study Night

Thurs., January 17th

4:00-8:00 PM



In collaboration with the Needham Senior High School, the Needham Free Public Library will be offering a study space in the Library's Community Room

for Needham students studying for the SAT exams. Drop in and leave as you please. There will be tables manned by teachers and friends to help out. Pizza, snacks, and drinks will be provided as well. *Questions may be directed to Erin at the Reference Desk: 781-455-7559 x2.*

### Game Day for 'Tweens and up

Thurs., January 31st

3:00-5:00 PM



Teens and 'Tweens are welcome to join the fun in the Needham Free Public Library's Community Room for a monthly Gaming Hour Program! There will be games and puzzles of

all sorts, including a few to get you moving on the Xbox One. If there is a game that you have and want to bring with you, feel free. No registration is needed for this monthly event. *If you have*

*questions, contact Erin at the Adult Reference Desk (781-455-7559 x2). Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.*



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## Upcoming Event

### Harry Potter Escape Room

Coming the Weekend of the 16th and 17th of February!

Didn't get a chance to enjoy the Zombie-Themed Escape Room that the library ran back at the beginning of October?



WELL! Young Adult Librarian Erin will be dressing up our Community Room space to make you feel as if you are locked in a Hogwarts Professor's Office...and you need to solve all of the parts to the puzzles to escape the room! Sign-ups will begin in the middle of January so stay tuned for more details for this exciting weekend full of Harry Potter Fun!!

## Upcoming Database

Grow  
your  
brain.

lynda.com  
Online Training Library



Welcome everyone to 2019!

New Years is often seen as a time for self-improvement, refocusing on goals, and granting good luck or wealth in the days to come.

To help Needham residents learn something new this year, the library is adding Lynda.com to

the list of online offerings found at [www.needhamma.gov/library](http://www.needhamma.gov/library).

Lynda.com has been a frequent request from library patrons. Thanks to the generosity of the *Library Foundation of Needham*, Lynda.com has become part of the offerings available to Needham residents. Learn the most in-demand business, tech, and creative skills from industry experts, such as Arianna Huffington and Sheryl Sandberg. More than 6,000 courses are available with over 200,000 videos on subjects from leadership and management to photography and mobile development. On average, 20 new courses are added weekly. Lynda.com is partnered with Linked-In to provide targeted courses designed to develop and discover skills based on Linked-In profile information. The handy mobile application allows users to learn anywhere, anytime, even when offline.

If your goal is to start building skills for the job market or for personal creative enterprises, then Lynda.com is for you.





## January Book Discussions

### NPL Book Group

Tuesday, January 8th

1:00 PM

### NPL Evening Book Club

Wednesday, January 16th

7:00 PM

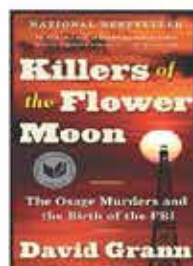
### *Killers of the Flower Moon*

by David Grann

In the 1920s, the richest people per capita in the world were members of the Osage Nation in Oklahoma. After oil was discovered beneath their land, the Osage rode in chauffeured automobiles, built mansions, and sent their children to study in Europe. Then, one by one, the Osage began to be killed off. The family of an Osage woman, Mollie Burkhart, became a prime target. One of her relatives was shot. Another was poisoned. And it was just the beginning, as more and more Osage were dying under mysterious circumstances, and many of those who dared to investigate the killings were themselves murdered. As the death toll rose, the newly created FBI took up the case, and the young director, J. Edgar Hoover, turned to a former Texas Ranger named Tom White to try to unravel the mystery. White put together an undercover team, including a Native American agent who infiltrated the region, and together with the Osage began to expose one of the most chilling conspiracies in American history.

Afternoon Book Group: February 12, 2019—*The Snow Child* by Eowyn Ivey\*

Evening Book Club: February 20, 2019—*Magpie Murders* by Anthony Horowitz\*



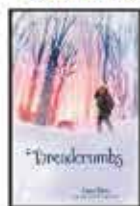
### 6th-8th Grade Bookclub\*\*

Saturday, January 19th

2:00 PM

### *Breadcrumbs* by Anne Ursu

Hazel and Jack are best friends until an accident with a magical mirror and a run-in with a villainous queen finds Hazel on her own, entering an enchanted wood in the hopes of saving Jack's life. Contact Erin with any questions, 781-455-7559 x2. \*\*Registration is required. Sign-up sheet located at the Adult Reference Desk.



### Diversity and Discussion Book Club

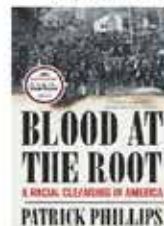
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Thurs., January 10th

7:30 PM

### *Blood at the Root* by Patrick Phillips

Forsyth County, Georgia, at the turn of the twentieth century was home to a large African American community that included ministers and teachers, farmers and field hands, tradesmen, servants, and children. Many black residents were poor sharecroppers, but others owned their own farms and the land on which they'd founded the county's thriving black churches. But then in September of 1912, three young black laborers were accused of raping and murdering a white girl. One man was dragged from a jail cell and lynched on the town square, two teenagers were hung after a one-day trial, and soon bands of white "night riders" launched a coordinated campaign of arson and terror, driving all 1,098 black citizens out of the county. In the wake of the expulsions, whites harvested the crops and took over the livestock of their former neighbors, and quietly laid claim to "abandoned" land. The charred ruins of homes and churches disappeared into the weeds, until the people and places of black Forsyth were forgotten. National Book Award finalist Patrick Phillips tells Forsyth's tragic story in vivid detail and traces its long history of racial violence all the way back to antebellum Georgia. Recalling his own childhood in the 1970s and '80s, Phillips sheds light on the communal crimes of his hometown and the violent means by which locals kept Forsyth "all white" well into the 1990s. \*March 14, 2019—*Refugee* by Alan Gratz\*



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

Saturday, January 12th 2:30-3:30 pm



### Bookventurers Book Club for Grades 3-5\*\*

Sat., January 19

3:00 - 4:00 PM

This month's title is *Annie B., Made for TV* by Amy Dixon. \*\*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!



This Month in the Friends' Gallery

Randa Khuri



## Upcoming Events...

### Needham Author Hannah Orenstein— *Playing with Matches*

Sun. February 10th

2:00 PM

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*. Book will be available for purchase. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.*

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

Thurs., February 21st

3:30 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. *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.*

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### LEGO Blockman Dan Steininger

Wed., February 20th

11:00 AM



Dan Steininger worked for the LEGO Company as a Master Builder for over 23 years, building and designing life-sized LEGO models. Join him for an entertaining presentation about his career as a Master Builder, a children's group building activity, and a question and answer session about LEGO building! *Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.*

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