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LIBRARY NOTES

July/August 2012

Keith Michael Johnson's Bubbleology: The Secret World of Bubbles

Tuesday, July 31st

3:00 PM



You've never seen bubbles like this before...As big as a rainbow colored bathtub wobbling 10-feet off the ground with a liquid-skin thinner than the wavelength of light. Bubbles will

bounce, divide and sometimes even swallow you whole if you give them the chance. Even ordinary bubbles are extraordinary. The Secret World of Bubbles is packed with state-of-the-art bubble sculpture: kinetic and ephemeral, miniscule and mammoth. The bubbles' mission is to snare your attention and make you wonder, "How is that possible?" The Summer 2012 Dream Big, READ! program series is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.

Dan Grady's Marvelous Marionettes Medley

Tuesday, August 7th

3:00 PM

A fast-paced string puppet production choreographed to lively music. Dan has designed and crafted all the marionettes that are utilized in this wonderful production. Every routine is choreographed to or backed by lively wholesome music. The Summer 2012 Dream Big, READ! program series is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.



Legos Time - Build BIG

Wednesday, August 1st

4:00 PM



Join us for this special LEGO event as we Build BIG in honor of this summer's theme of Dream Big, READ! For ages 6 and up, in the Community Room.

Stephen Lechner -

The Cabinet of Scientific Curiosities

Wednesday, August 22nd

3:00 PM



In introducing us to his unusual "Cabinet of Curiosities," (which mysteriously appeared on his doorstep one day with a note:

"Please look after this cabinet, it is filled with all the dreams and inventions I have been working on since I was a baby"), Stephen Lechner starts us on a magical, mystical journey. As he begins to open the doors in the cabinet, each one reveals an object or experiment that imparts a science lesson. "Mysteries" in the box include such items as the Mysterious Bouncing Ball, the Laughing Cup, the Color-Changing Mystery, the Magical-Appearing Snow, the Dancing Monkeys, the Traveling Sand Bugs, the Anti-Gravity Spray, and more. With a lot of audience participation and funny business as each mystery is revealed, this program is a perfect way to end our summer reading clubs. The Summer 2012 Dream Big, READ! program series is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.

Summer 2012 Film Festival

2:00 PM start time

July 20th

The Secret World of Arrietty

(Rated G - 90 Minutes)

August 3rd

The Phantom Tollbooth

(Rated G - 90 Minutes)

August 24th

The Chronicles of Narnia:
The Lion, The Witch and the
Wardrobe

(Rated PG - 126 Minutes)

August 31st

We Bought a Zoo

(Rated PG - 126 Minutes)



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 July/August

Drop-in Storytimes for ages 5 and under



Wed., July 18, 25 10:00 AM
Tues., July 31 10:30 AM
Wed., August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 10:00 AM

Stories, music, movement and more. Storytimes are drop-in—no registration required. All children must be accompanied by an adult.



Drop-in Campfire Stories for ages 5 and up

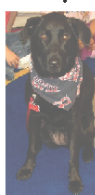
Wed., July 25 6:30 PM

Sing-Along with Ed Morgan



Fri., August 10 3:00 PM
For children 2 years and up accompanied by an adult. This is a drop-in program—please arrive on time.

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



Thurs., August 9 10:00 AM
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.*

Toddler Movies



Thurs., July 19, 26 11:00 AM
Thurs., August 2, 9, 16, 23
Short films based on popular storybooks—shown in the Community Room.

Let the Games Begin! Drop-In Board Games for ages 5 and up



Mon., July 23 4:30 PM
Tues., August 7 4:30 PM

Make a Dream Journal for ages 6 and up**



Mon., August 13 4:30 PM
**Registration is required, beginning one week ahead of time.



Children's Craft Programs in July/August

Drop-In "Summer Olympic Crafts" for ages 2-6



Tues., July 17 10:30 AM
Thurs., July 19 4:00 PM

Drop-In "Dreamland" Crafts for ages 2-6



Tues., July 24 10:30 AM
Thurs., July 26 4:00 PM

Drop-In "Nightowl (and other nocturnal animals)" Crafts for ages 2-6



Mon., July 30 10:30 AM
Thurs., August 2 4:00 PM

Drop-In "Pajamarama Bedtime" Crafts for ages 2-6



Mon., August 6 10:30 AM
Thurs., August 9 4:00 PM

Drop-In "Lights in the Dark" Crafts for ages 2-6



Tues., August 14 10:30 AM
Thurs., August 16 4:00 PM

Drop-In "BIG Tall Tales" Crafts for ages 2-6



Tues., August 21 10:30 AM
Thurs., August 23 4:00 PM

Drop-In "End of Summer" Crafts for ages 2-6



Mon., August 27 10:30 AM
Thurs., August 30 4:00 PM

Drop-In Craft Programs usually last for approximately 30 minutes, depending upon your child(ren). Three crafts related to the theme will be offered for our creative young patrons.

2012 Summer Reading Clubs

Dream Big, READ!



Dream BIG—the sky's the limit when you participate in the Needham Free Public Library's Summer Reading Club. The program is FREE and FUN! Through the Collaborative Library Summer Reading Program, we are joining with libraries throughout the U.S. to "Dream Big, READ!" The Needham Free Public Library's program will run from June 11 through August 25, 2012. The last day to register is

July 21, 2012. We will have two clubs—*Read to Me* (ages 3-6) and *Independent Readers* (grades K-6). You can sign-up at the Children's Library or register and maintain your reading log online: <http://readsinma.org/needham>. The online program will also begin on June 11.

Both *Read to Me* and *Independent Reader* participants will receive a small prize for every two hours recorded on their reading log. This Year, Lizzy's Ice Cream has contributed certificates for a free ice cream cone as one of the prizes. We hope that children will read at least 16 hours to complete the program.

September Book Discussions

NPL Book Group

Tuesday, September 11th

1:00 PM

NPL Evening Book Group

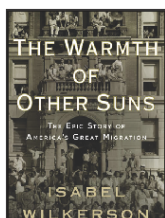
Wednesday, September 19th

7:00 PM

The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration

by Isabel Wilkerson

Ida Mae Brandon Gladney, a sharecropper's wife, left Mississippi for Milwaukee in 1937, after her cousin was falsely accused of stealing a white man's turkeys and was almost beaten to death. In 1945, George Swanson Starling, a citrus picker, fled Florida for Harlem, after learning of the grove owners' plans to give him a "necktie party" (a lynching). Robert Joseph Pershing Foster made his trek from Louisiana to California in 1953, embittered by "the absurdity that he was doing surgery for the United States Army and couldn't operate in his own home town." Anchored to these three stories is Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Wilkerson's magnificent, extensively researched study of the "great migration," the exodus of six million black Southerners out of the terror of Jim Crow to an "uncertain existence" in the North and Midwest. Wilkerson deftly incorporates sociological and historical studies into the novelistic narratives of Gladney, Starling, and Pershing settling in new lands, building anew, and often finding that they have not left racism behind. The drama, poignancy, and romance of a classic immigrant saga pervade this book, hold the reader in its grasp, and resonate long after the reading is done.



DID YOU KNOW...

As of July 1st the library will be adding 3 new databases to its already substantial database list.

MORNINGSTAR provides data on more than 380,000 investment offerings, including stocks, mutual funds, and similar vehicles, along with real-time global market data on more than 8 million equities, indexes, futures, options, commodities, and precious metals, in addition to foreign exchange and Treasury markets. The library was able to purchase this database for 2 simultaneous users only.



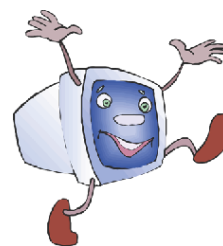
includes Year In Review articles since 1993, historical timeline searches, a dictionary and thesaurus, a world atlas, links to journal and magazine articles, and video clips.



is a comprehensive resource that nurses, students, and instructors trust to deliver quality results because it was designed to match the "Nursing Process". It prepares students for clinical exams, providing homework help, or NCLEX-RN test prep.

Encyclopedia Britannica and the Nursing Resource Center are available courtesy of the Mass. Library System.

To find the library's databases go to <http://library.minlib.net/search> - Look for the Database Link on the lower right side of the page - enter your library card number (no spaces) - scroll down to your selected database (they are in alphabetical order), and click.



Library Hours:

Mon. - Thurs.	9:00am - 9:00pm
Fridays	9:00am - 5:30pm
Saturdays	9:00am - 5:00pm

This Month in the Friends' Gallery

EVELYN BERNAL &
LINDA PORRECA

ECHOS OF NATURE

Upcoming Events...

Johnny the K Show

Saturday, September 8th 10:30 AM



John Kelleher, an award winning children's performer, cleverly and humorously interacts with his audiences with the help of his 12-string guitar and a trunk full of zany hats and disguises. John's genuine enthusiasm and boundless energy, combined with the originality of his show, brims over with the love of children, music and comedy. From calypso, to rock'n roll, to rap, ballad and country, John chooses songs that combine various styles of music with lyrics that stimulate the imagination and promote positive family values. Throughout this fast-paced, fun-filled musical concert, John has everyone on seats edge singing, dancing, and clapping. Even the parents and grandparents feel compelled to take their hats off, let down their hair, and be part of the excitement. Audiences are encouraged to create a silly hat or wear a favorite one to the performance. This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

Friends 40th Annual Fall Book Sale



Saturday, September 29th
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Sunday, September 30th
1:00 - 4:00 PM

Sunday is Bargain Day!!



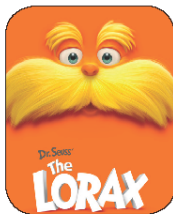
Toddler Movies

Thurs., September 6, 20 11:00 AM
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Children's Movie: Dr. Seuss' The Lorax (Rated PG - 88 Minutes)

Friday, September 21st 3:30 PM

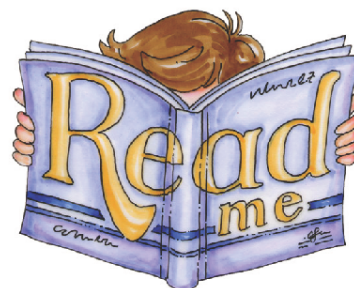
Twelve-year-old Ted will do anything to find a real live Truffula Tree in order to impress the girl of his dreams. As he embarks on his journey, Ted discovers the incredible story of the Lorax, a grumpy but charming creature who speaks for the trees. This program series is sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.



Games Day for ages 12+

Friday, September 7th 3:00 PM

Join us one Friday a month for an afternoon of board and card games. Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library, with assistance from the NHS Anime Club.



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