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# LIBRARY NOTES

July/August 2015

## Bryson Lang—The Cure for the Common Show for Ages 4 and up

Tues., July 7th

4:00 PM

Bryson Lang has been working professionally as a comedy-juggler for 19 years, and has combined technical juggling skills, creative physical manipulation and original comedy into a unique and unforgettable act. Come see inventive and clever routines that mix comedy, audience participation, ball spinning, ball bouncing, well-crafted timing, huge spinning bouncing rings, giant Beach Balls, improv, glo-in-the-dark objects and always a few surprises. See why Bryson is, "The Cure for the Common Show!" **This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library, in support of this summer's Every Hero Has A Story Summer Reading Club.**



## Singer Bill Shontz for ages 4 and up

Tues., July 28th

4:00 PM



For years Bill was one half of the internationally acclaimed duo "RosenShontz." He has toured all over the United States and internationally. His gifted musicianship and his zany sense of humor never fail to draw in the audience in. Young people LOVE his shows. Family audiences never forget the experience. Bill says: "Practically every day I have people tell me how much my music and recordings have meant to them, and it touches me deeply each time I hear it, to know what a gift it is for me to be able to make such a difference in people's lives." **This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library, in support of this summer's Every Hero Has A Story Summer Reading Club.**

## Nature Talks: Mushroom Identification Lecture: A Fun Foray Into Foraging (Ages 10 and up)

Tues., July 7th

7:00 PM



Russ Cohen, professional environmentalist, author, and wild foods enthusiast, will teach basic tips on mushroom identification.

## Nature Talks: Local Guided Mushroom Foraging with Russ Cohen (Ages 10 and up)

Thurs., July 9th

5:00 PM

Enjoy a local walk with wild foods enthusiast Russ Cohen, with a focus on finding and identifying mushrooms in the field.



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## Hampstead Stage Company Presents Hercules and the Heroes: Greek Mythology for Kids! For Ages 6 & Up

Tues., August 4th

4:00 PM

*Hercules and the Heroes tells the tale of Hercules, and how he overcomes the odds and completes his Herculean tasks. It also tells the story of Jason and the golden fleece. This show has mask work, storytelling from another culture, sword fights, and includes the important positive message of standing up to challenge and following through. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library, in support of this summer's Every Hero Has A Story Summer Reading Club.*



## Eric Fulton—Create a Comic Book—Live! For ages 4 and up

Mon., August 10th

4:00 PM







*Help host Eric Fulford design a brand-new comic book right before your eyes! This live performance combines on-the-spot illustration with fast-paced comedy and storytelling, with plenty of audience involvement. The show features tips for coming up with your own comic book as well as chances for the audience to get up on stage and help make the story come to life! This is a perfect show for the aspiring artist, as well as anyone who just enjoys a good story and a laugh or two. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library, in support of this summer's Every Hero Has A Story Summer Reading Club.*

For further information about upcoming events, go to [www.needhamma.gov/library](http://www.needhamma.gov/library).

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

## Children's Programs in July/August

-  **Terrific Toddlers for ages 1-2 years**  
 Tues., July 7, 21, 28 10:00 AM  
 Tues., August 4, 18, 25 10:00 AM  
 Stories mixed with songs, rhymes, fingerplays, rhythm and sensory activities.
-  **Babies & Books for Pre-walkers Birth to 11 months**  
 Tues., July 7, 21, 28 11:00 AM  
 Tues., August 4, 18, 25 11:00 AM  
 Babies and their adult caregivers enjoy songs, lap games, baby sign language, rhythm and sensory activities, with a story or two (20 min.).
-  **Drop-In Child's Play for ages 0-2 years**  
 Wed., July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 10:00 AM  
 Wed., August 5, 12, 19, 26 10:00 AM  
 Songs, rhymes, lap games, books and more in this interactive program.
-  **Pre-School Palooza for ages 3-4 years**  
 Mon., July 6, 27 11:00 AM  
 Mon., August 3, 17, 24, 31 11:00 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.

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



Tues., July 14 10:30 AM  
 Join Cici Hunt in this fun-filled music and movement class for children and their caretakers.

\*\*Registration is required.

Sing-Along with Ed Morgan



Fri., July 10 3:00 PM  
 Thurs., July 16 10:30 AM  
 Fri., August 14 3:00 PM  
 Thurs., August 20 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

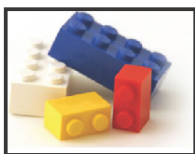


Tues., August 11 10:30 AM  
 Join Sarah Gardner and bring your little ones to play instruments, sing & dance along. Become part of our little library band!

Funding for Music Enrichment Programs provided by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.

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

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



Thursday, July 23 4:00 - 5:00 PM  
 Tuesday, August 11 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Sign-up for program begins one week before the event. You can sign up by phone or in person.

Start UFund Reading with Buzz Lightyear!



Mon., July 13th 10:30 AM  
 Join Buzz Lightyear for this fun-filled Story Time and Photo Opportunity—To Infinity and Beyond! Please bring your own camera.

Needham Police Visit

Mon., July 20th 10:30 AM

Find out what it is like to be a police officer—and check out what a cruiser is like!



Needham Fire Department Visit



Fri., July 31st 10:00 AM  
 Learn all about being a firefighter in Needham.

Both of these programs are for children 4+ and are in support of this summer's Every Hero Has A Story Summer Reading Club.

### Fun Flicks



Thurs., July 9, 23 11:00 AM  
 Thurs., August 6 11:00 AM  
 Short films based on popular storybooks—shown in the Community Room.

## Children's Craft Programs in July/August

### Superhero Crafts for Ages 2 yrs & up



Thursday, July 2 4:00 PM  
Thursday, July 30 4:00 PM

### Superhero Crafts for Ages 6 yrs & up



Thursday, July 16 4:00 PM  
Thursday, August 13 4:00 PM

## Summer 2015 Super Heroes Film Festival

June 26

**ASTRO BOY**  
Rated PG - 100 min.



July 17

**SKY HIGH**  
Rated PG - 100 min.



July 24

**GREEN LANTERN:  
EMERALD NIGHTS**  
Rated PG - 84 min.



July 31

**SUPER BUDDIES**  
Rated G - 81 min.



August 6

**ZOOM: ACADEMY  
FOR SUPERHEROES**  
Rated PG - 83 min.



August 7

**CAPTAIN AMERICA:  
THE FIRST AVENGER**  
Rated PG - 124 min.



**Movies start at 2:00 PM.**

### School-Orientation For First Timers—For Children Entering School or Pre-school



Fri., August 28th 10:30 AM

Join us for this fun, fact-filled storytime, as we learn all about going to school for the very first time.



## EVENTS FOR TWEENS AGES 10-12 YEARS



Hey tweens! Enjoy snacks and craft activities designed just for you!

**Tuesdays at 4:00 pm on July 14 and 21**

**Wednesdays at 4:00 on July 29 and August 5**

Make superhero duct tape wallets or bracelets, comic book magnets, superhero origami and decorate superhero cookies!

### TEEN PROGRAM: Drawing Superheroes For Ages 12 and Up With Debra Banna\*\*

Mon., August 3 3:00 PM

Learn the basics of body types, poses, costumes, and the making of heroes & villains to create your own characters. \*\*Registration is required, and begins one week prior to this event at the Adult Reference Desk. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.



### Pokémon League

Saturdays 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM



Come and meet people who are interested in the Pokémon Card Game. Exchange cards and build up your decks! This will occur in the Young Adult Room on the second floor, and is sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.

This Summer in the Friends' Gallery

**Jo Cataldo**

### Library Hours:

Mon. - Thurs.

9:00am - 9:00pm

Fridays

9:00am - 5:30pm

Saturdays

9:00am - 5:00pm



# Upcoming Events...

## September Book Discussions

### NPL Book Group

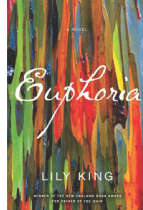
Tuesday, September 8th

#### *Euphoria* by Lily King

English anthropologist Andrew Bankson has been alone in the field for several years, studying the Kiona river tribe in 1930s New Guinea. Haunted by the memory of his brothers' deaths and increasingly frustrated and isolated by his research, Bankson is on the verge of suicide. Then he encounters the famous and controversial American anthropologist Nell Stone and her wry and mercurial Australian husband, Fen, who have just fled the blood-thirsty Mumbanyo. In spite of Nell's poor health, Nell and Fen are hungry for a new discovery. When Bankson finds them a new tribe nearby, the artistic, female-dominated Tam, he ignites an intellectual and romantic firestorm between the three of them that burns out of anyone's control.

\*October 13, 2015 Book: *The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History* by Elizabeth Kolbert\*

1:00 PM



### NPL Evening Book Group

Wednesday, September 16th

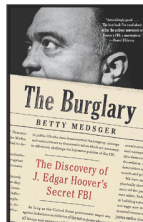
#### *The Burglary*

by Betty Medsger

In late 1970, a mild-mannered Haverford College physics professor privately asked a few people this question: "What do you think of burglarizing an FBI office?" In remarkable detail and with astonishing depth of research, Betty Medsger reveals the never-before-told full story of the history-changing break-in at the Media, Pennsylvania, FBI offices. Through their exploits, a group of unlikely activists exposed the shocking truth that J. Edgar Hoover was operating a shadow Bureau engaged in illegal surveillance and harassment of the American people.

*The Burglary* brings the activists, who have kept their secret for forty-three years, into the public eye for the first time—including, new to this edition, the recent discovery of the eighth and final member of the team. The burglars' story of personal sacrifice and civil disobedience is a vital episode in the American whistle-blower tradition that includes the Pentagon Papers, Watergate's Deep Throat, and, most recently, Edward Snowden and the NSA. \*October 21, 2015—*Cascade* by Maryanne O'Hara\*

7:00 PM



### Dr. Gary Hylander—America in the Gilded Age

Tues., September 15th

7:30 PM

The phrase "gilded age" was coined by Mark Twain to describe the years following the Civil War. Reconstruction came to an end and recently emancipated black Americans found themselves living in a Jim Crow South. The frontier disappeared and transcontinental railroads crisscrossed the land. Captains of Industry made great fortunes in oil, steel and coal, while waves of immigrants flooded into America's cities, toiling long hours in sweatshops, steel mills and factories. At the close of the century, differences with Spain resulted in "that splendid little war," a war that propelled the United States to a world power and gave the nation its first celebrity president, Theodore Roosevelt. This is the first of a four lecture series and is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.



### Nature Talks: Raising Backyard Chickens

Sat., September 12th

7:00 PM



Many have dreamed about owning a small backyard flock and some are just curious about this terrific family pet. Here is your chance to find out everything you need to know about raising chickens. This one hour program, complete with photo slide show and visiting chicken, will answer popular questions about coop planning, chicken biology and raising chicks to be healthy egg layers. This event is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham and the Friends of the Needham Public Library.

### Mary's Puppets with Personality!

Tues., September 22nd

2:00 PM

*MISS MARY'S PUPPETS with Personality!* is an interactive puppet show whose goal is to entertain, educate, inspire and enrich the lives of others through the power and fun of puppets. Each of her shows is filled with laughter, "entertaining" teaching tools and impromptu puppet banter. This show is for preschoolers, accompanied by an adult and is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.



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