Caravan Puppets Presents: Ready, Set...Show!  
for ages 3+  
Thurs., July 7th  
10:30 AM  
Multicultural and original stories to celebrate the 2016 summer reading theme “Health, Fitness and Sports.”

The Fox in the Vineyard – The greedy fox learns that you have to keep in shape to leap a vineyard fence!

Tortoise And The Hare – In Caravan’s version, the Tortoise and Hare race around a shopping mall. The Hare is overconfident, but the Tortoise still wins.

Washing Up! – An original tale which turns the simple act of washing ones hands into an epic microscopic puppet adventure!

This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Library, in support of the On Your Mark, Get Set...Read! Summer Reading Program.

ToBe Fit–The Juggling Nutrition Magician Show  
Mon., July 25th  
4:30 PM  
ToBe Fit–The Juggling Nutrition Magician is a rollicking show that inspires kids to take charge of growing up healthy, happy, active and fit! Featuring amazing feats of juggling, circus arts, music, magic, and audience participation, ToBe Fit helps kids make good eating and active living great fun. This healthful balancing act is a favorite among kids and families for its ability to engage, inspire, and motivate children to develop healthy habits to last a healthy lifetime. And, after the show, kids are amazed to learn how to juggle. ToBe Fit helps kids and families discover that “whatever you want to do or to be, you can learn how from books at your local library!” This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Library, in support of the On Your Mark, Get Set...Read! Summer Reading Program.

Joy of Coloring For Adults  
Tues., July 12th  
2:00-4:00 PM  
Tues., July 12th  
7:00-9:00 PM  
Tues., August 9th  
2:00-4:00 PM  
Tues., August 9th  
7:00-9:00 PM  
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! Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

For The Love of Food: A Cookbook Club for Foodies **Registration Required**  
Mon., July 18th  
7:00 PM  
Cooking and Gardening with Herbs–A Slide Show and Cooking Demonstration with Liz Barbour.

A slide presentation will be followed by a cooking demonstration and sampling of three delicious recipes featuring fresh herbs. Liz will introduce you to healthy recipes using herb combinations that you can purchase and grow in your own garden. Add in Liz’s easy cooking technique tips and you are on your way to creating great meals you can prepare at home.

**Registration for this event is required. Please sign up at Adult Reference. Next Meeting: September 19, 2016**

Boston Hoop Troop  
Sat., August 6th  
2:00 PM  
This is a lovingly crafted, high energy, fun-filled workshop for kids, tweens, and teens! Beginning with a short performance by the Hoop Troop, it is followed by instruction to get everyone up and hooping! This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Library, in support of the On Your Mark, Get Set...Read! Summer Reading Program.

Steve Songs in Concert  
Mon., August 8th  
4:30 PM  
Stop by and say hello and bring your dancing feet to enjoy some tunes with your favorite music guy from PBS Kids. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Library, in support of the On Your Mark, Get Set...Read! Summer Reading Program.

For further information about upcoming events, go to www.needhamma.gov/library.
Children's Programs in July/August

Terrific Toddlers for ages 1-2 years
- Tues., July 26
- Tues., August 2, 23, 30
10:00 AM
Stories mixed with songs, rhymes, fingerplays, rhythm and sensory activities.

Babies & Books for Pre-walkers Birth to 11 months
- Tues., July 26
- Tues., August 2, 23, 30
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 6, 13, 20, 27
- Wed., August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
10:00 AM
Songs, rhymes, lap games, books and more in this interactive program.

Pre-School Palooza for ages 3-5 years
- Mon., July 11, 18, 25
- Mon., August 1, 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

Music with Sarah for ages 3-5
- Tues., July 12 (ages 2-5)
- Tues., July 12 (ages 2 and under)
- Fri., July 22 (ages 2-5)
- Fri., July 22 (ages 2 and under)
- Tues., August 16 (ages 2-5)
- Tues., August 16 (ages 2 and under)
- Fri., August 26 (ages 2-5)
- Fri., August 26 (ages 2 and under)
10:00 AM
Join Sarah Gardner and bring your little ones to play instruments, sing & dance along. Become part of our little library band!

Spanish Preschool Storyhour
- Fri., July 8
- Fri., August 5
10:30 AM
This is a Drop-in program for preschoolers and is led by a teacher from the Pine Village School.

Summer Crafts for ages 2+ years
- Thurs., July 28
- Thurs., August 25
10:30 - 11:30 AM

Ready, Set...Move with Cici Hunt: for ages 3-5
- Wed., July 6
- Fri., July 15
- Wed., August 3
- Mon., August 15
11:00 AM
Join Cici Hunt in this fun-filled music and movement class for children and their caretakers.

Sing-Along with Ed Morgan
- Fri., July 8
- Thurs., July 21
- Fri., August 12
- Thurs., August 18
3:00 PM
10:30 AM
For children 2 years and up accompanied by an adult. This is a drop-in program—please arrive on time.

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

On Your Mark, Get Set...Read!
Summer Film Festival

- Fri., July 1
Everyone’s Hero
(Rated G, 90 Min)
- Fri., July 15
Cloud Nine
(Rated G, 87 Min)
- Fri., July 29
Air Bud
(Rated G, 68 Min)
- Fri., August 5
Space Jam
(Rated PG, 90 Min)
- Fri., August 26
Turbo
(Rated PG, 96 Min)

Start Time at 3:00 PM, in the Community Room.
Yoga for Kids
Sat., July 9, 16, 23, 30 10:30 AM
For children ages 5-10 years old, this will be taught by Yoga Instructor Samantha Riley.

French Fun for 4-7 Year Olds
Thurs., July 14, 28 4:30 PM
Thurs., August 4, 25 4:30 PM
This is a Drop-in program for kids 4-7 years, conducted in French.

Beth Isreal Deaconess Family Health Fair
Wed., July 13 4:30 PM
Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital will provide a Family Health Fair at the library for families with children of all ages. Children will be able to visit various stations to learn about allergies, hand washing, and healthy habits through participatory activities.

Baby Olympics
Tues., July 19 10:30 AM
With the real Olympic games happening later this summer, join us for our version of the Baby Olympics where you can medal in such events as best laugh, best (and fastest) racing crawler, etc.

Water Safety for 2-5 Year Olds
Thurs., August 11 10:00 AM
Water Safety with Goldfish Swim School & Bubbles the Mascot.

Learn Baby Massage for 8 weeks to pre-walkers
Tues., August 9 9:30 AM
Joy Olzewski, owner of Pedia Touch, will offer parents and caregivers a free class on infant massage for children 8 weeks to pre-walkers. In this hands-on session, adults will bring their young children and learn how to administer massage to the child. Internationally certified in Infant Massage, Joy is a Licensed Massage Therapist with extensive training in Pediatric Massage Therapy.

Bookventurers Book Club for Grades 3-5**
Sat., July 9 3:15 - 4:15 PM
Skype with Victoria Jamieson
Join us for the fifth monthly meeting of Bookventurers, a book club for 3rd-5th grade children! There will be a new book selection each month. 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! • Enjoy book themed snacks!

Bookventurers Book Club for Grades 3-5**
Sat., August 13 3:15 - 4:15 PM
Skype with Cassie Beasley
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Meet Bruins Mascot Blades
Mon., August 15 4:30 PM
The Boston Bruins teamed up with libraries across the Commonwealth to encourage kids and teens to keep reading over the summer. As such, Needham Free Public Library is pleased to welcome Boston Bruins Mascot Blades the Bear, who will be joining young readers in a story time and a special craft activity in the Community Room. There will also be photo opportunities available with Blades, but please note that all attendees will be required to fill out and sign a photo waiver, regardless of whether or not they have their picture taken. This program is part of the On Your Mark, Get Set...Read! Summer Reading Program, supported by the Mass. Board of Library Commissioners and the Boston Bruins.
World Class Frisbee Show with Todd Brodeur
Tues., August 16th 4:30 PM
In this inspiring, high energy 30-45 minute program, Todd captivates students by demonstrating basic tricks, catches and combinations. He shows a number of many rare and unique Frisbees along with stories and messages that he shares. The program also includes a brief science lesson on the aerodynamics of Frisbees and a bit of history about tossing circular objects. This is the final event of the summer and is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Library, in support of the On Your Mark, Get Set...Read! Summer Reading Program.

The World Class Frisbee Show will be followed by the presentation of 6 bikes with helmets and bike lights to one boy and one girl in Grades 1, 2 and 3. These bikes have been donated by The Knights of Pythias. Children must be present to win the bikes.

Every child who has completed the Summer Reading Program will receive a free book, a toy prize and a free ticket to their choice of a Pawtucket Pawsox or Brockton Rox baseball game.

Derby girls from Boston Roller Derby will be on hand to help children pick out their Roller Derby names, demonstrate skating skills, help children learn about the sport and present one child with an autographed copy of Roller Girl by Victoria Jamieson.

Giant Games for Tweens Ages 10-12 Years
Mon., July 11th 4:30 PM
Games are big when the library presents Giant Games. Tweens can play gigantic, over-sized versions of Scrabble, Jenga, Checkers, Connect Four and Twister. This event will occur in the Community Room, as part of the On Your Mark, Get Set...Read! Summer Reading Program.

Foodie Fun for Tweens Ages 10-12 Years
Wed., July 27th 4:30 PM
Tweens will be able to make all types of delicious no-cook recipes to eat on the spot, or to take home to enjoy. This event will occur in the Community Room, as part of the On Your Mark, Get Set...Read! Summer Reading Program.

Working with Wire for Tweens Ages 10-12 Years
Wed., August 3rd 4:30 PM
Tweens are welcome to come make sports figures out of wire, wrapped in fabric and colored with sports team emblems, as well as cute bicycle pins made of wire and buttons. This event will occur in the Community Room, as part of the On Your Mark, Get Set...Read! Summer Reading Program.

This Summer in the Friends’ Gallery
Nancy Drew & Hardy Boys Cover Paintings
From the Collection of Jim McNamara

Tween Programs in July/August

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.

Library Hours:
Mon. - Thurs. 9:00am - 9:00pm
Fridays 9:00am - 5:30pm
Saturdays 9:00am - 5:00pm
Upcoming Book Discussions

NPL Book Group
Tuesday, July 19th
A Man Called Ove
by Fredrik Backman

At 59, Ove is a grumble Gus of the first degree. Rules are made to be followed, signs are meant to be obeyed, and don't even get him started about computers and mobile phones. In truth, Ove has been this way his whole life, but he's gotten worse in the last four years since his wife, Sonia, died, taking with her all the color in a world Ove sees as black-and-white. Ove has decided life without Sonia is not worth living and plans to join her in the next world. But a young couple and their two children (a third is on the way) move in next door, his oldest friend and most feared enemy is about to be forcibly removed to a nursing home, and a street-scared cat intimates itself into his life. Suddenly, Ove's suicide plans get delayed as he helps solve neighborhoodly crises large and small.

1:00 PM

NPL Spanish Language Book Club
Wednesday, July 27th
Like Water for Chocolate (Como agua para chocolate)
by Laura Esquivel

The youngest daughter of a well-born rancher, Tita has always known her destiny: to remain single and care for her aging mother. When she falls in love, her mother quickly scathes the liaison and tyrannically dictates that Tita's sister Rosaura must marry the luckless suitor, Pedro, in her place. But Tita has one weapon left—her cooking. Esquivel mischievously appropriates the techniques of magical realism to make Tita's contact with food sensual, instinctual and often explosive. Forced to make the cake for her sister's wedding, Tita pours her emotions into the task; each guest who samples a piece bursts into tears. Tita's unrequited love for Pedro survives the Mexican Revolution, the births of Rosaura and Pedro's children, even a proposal of marriage from an eligible doctor. In a poignant conclusion, Tita manages to break the bonds of tradition, if not for herself, then for future generations.* September 15, 2016—Malena is a name of a tango (Malena es un nombre de tango) by Almudena Grande*

7:00 PM

NPL Book Group
Tuesday, August 16th
Alexander Hamilton
by Ron Chernow

In the first full-length biography of Alexander Hamilton in decades, Ron Chernow tells the riveting story of a man who overcame all odds to shape, inspire, and scandalize the newborn America. According to historian Joseph Ellis, Alexander Hamilton is “a robust full-length portrait, in my view the best ever written, of the most brilliant, charismatic and dangerous founder of them all.”

1:00 PM

NPL Evening Book Group
Wednesday, September 21st
Americanah
by Chimamanda Ngozi Adiche

Ifemelu and Obinze are young and in love when they depart military-rulled Nigeria for the West. Beautiful, self-assured Ifemelu heads for America, where despite her academic success, she is forced to grapple with what it means to be black for the first time. Quiet, thoughtful Obinze had hoped to join her, but with post-9/11 America closed to him, he instead plunges into a dangerous, undocumented life in London. Fifteen years later, they reunite in a newly democratic Nigeria, and reignite their passion—for each other and for their homeland.

Americanah by Chimamanda Ngozi Adiche

7:00 PM

We Should All Be Feminists
by Chimamanda Ngozi Adiche

In this personal, eloquently-argued essay—adapted from her much-admired TEDx talk of the same name—Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, award-winning author of Americanah, offers readers a unique definition of feminism for the twenty-first century, one rooted in inclusion and awareness. Drawing extensively on her own experiences and her deep understanding of the often masked realities of sexual politics, here is one remarkable author’s exploration of what it means to be a woman now—and an of-the-moment rallying cry for why we should all be feminists. *October 19, 2016—Thirteen Ways of Looking by Colum McCann*

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Memoirs of the DeBenedictis Twins Lyn and Jan
Sun., November 6th
2:00 PM
Needham’s own DeBenedictis Twins will talk about their new book, a memoir about their family, friends and entertainment shows throughout the years. This book will be available for purchase and autographing at the conclusion of their talk. This event is sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.

For The Love of Food: A Cookbook Club for Foodies
Mon., September 19th
7:00 PM
Enjoy a new nighttime cook book club with books and food as a central focus.
*Next Meeting: November 7, 2016*

The Roaring Twenties: Ford, Flappers and Fitzgerald with Dr. Gary Hylander
Tues., September 20th
7:30 PM
In the 1920’s, the sound of radios and phonographs filled the air. Motion pictures offered new vistas for millions of moviegoers. Prosperity was everywhere. Americans began their love affair with the automobile. Women “bobbed” their hair, danced the Charleston and voted for the first time. “Keep Cool With Coolidge” was the slogan of the times. Join us for this fascinating lecture series as we take a detailed look at this exciting period in time. This is the first of four lectures, and is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

Author Kelly Kerney—Hard Red Spring
Sun., September 25th
3:00 PM
An ambitious and unforgettable epic novel that spans a hundred years of Guatemala’s tumultuous history as experienced by four American women who are linked by the mysterious disappearance of a little girl. Kelly Kerney’s novel tells a powerful story that draws on the history of Guatemala and the legacy of American intervention to vividly evoke The Land of Eternal Spring in all its promise and all its devastating failures. This is a place where a volcano erupts and the government sends a band to drown out the sound of destruction; where a government decree reverses the direction of one-way streets; a president decides that Pat Robertson and Jesus will save the country; and where a UN commission is needed to determine the truth. A heartrending and masterfully written look at a country in perpetual turmoil, Hard Red Spring brilliantly reveals how the brutal realities of history play out in the lives of individuals and reveals Guatemala in a manner reminiscent of the groundbreaking memoir I, Rigoberta Menchu. The book will be available for sale and autographing courtesy of Wellesley Books. This event is sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.

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