One Book
One Community

Summer 2017 Community Read Program
At age 14, Diane Guerrero returned home from school to discover her parents were being detained and deported back to Columbia. Read this heartbreaking story of one woman’s extraordinary resilience in the face of the nightmarish struggles of undocumented residents in this country.... (see page 2 of this newsletter for further information).

Grand Kickoff for the Bruins When You Read You Score Summer Reading Program
Fri., July 7th 3:00 PM
The Boston Bruins will be kicking off Summer Reading program visits right here at the Needham Free Public Library! The players will be reading stories, playing games and engaging in other fun activities with the kids.
**For ages 4 and up - Registration required. The first 25 registrants who check in on the day of the event will receive a special gift. Sponsored by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners and the Boston Bruins.**

Sparky’s Puppets: Build a Better World for ages 2 and up
Wed., July 19th 11:30 AM
Enter the Construction Zone! Watch the “Three Little Pigs” work on their houses. See magic wishes build a cottage, a mansion and a castle! Come see favorite children’s stories with colorful hand puppets, lively humor and plenty of audience participation. Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Library.

Joy of Coloring For Adults
Thurs., July 13th 2:00-4:00 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.

Builders of Tomorrow: A Summer Reading Celebration With Timothy Van Egmond
Mon., July 24th 4:30 PM
Featuring Stories & Songs of Hope & Affirmation from around the world accompanied by mountain dulcimer, limberjack, conga drum and guitar. For ages 4 and up. For over 30 years, Tim has been delighting and captivating audiences all over the country, weaving together tales, tunes, and songs. Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Library.

The Build A Better World Magic Show with Debbie O’Carroll
Mon., July 31st 4:30 PM
Share the enchantment of London Bridge, the Eiffel Tower, the Great Wall of China, the Stone Circles of Ghana, the Taj Mahal, Blarney Castle, and the Hagia Sophia. Stage magic, zany participatory comedy, lively audience involvement—certain to engage even the youngest child. Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham 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 - 5:00 pm |

*NEW HOURS ON SUNDAY*
One Book One Community Program

The Needham Free Public Library is partnering with several other community organizations to sponsor a One Book One Community Program this summer. The chosen book is *In the Country We Love: My Family Divided* by Diane Guerrero.

Hardcover and e-book copies of the book are available at the library. There is a limited number of uncatalogued paperback copies available for borrowing, swapping, and getting sandy on the beach. The book is suitable for high school students, as well as adults.

*In the Country We Love* is Diane Guerrero’s memoir of her experience of returning home from school in Boston one day at age 14 and learning that her undocumented parents had been detained and deported. Guerrero is an actress on the hit television show *Orange is the New Black*.

“In September, the library and co-sponsors will present discussion groups and a lecture to wrap up the program,” said library Director Ann MacFate. “These programs will provide a forum for people to come together and discuss the ideas in the book.”

The One Book One Community Program is part of a new diversity initiative titled the Needham Free Public Forum whose motto is “Exploring diversity to inspire unity.” The initiative was organized by library trustees and staff in response to citizen input offered as part of the library’s most recent long-range planning process.

“The community wanted the library to celebrate diversity and serve as a beacon of inclusiveness,” said Margaret Pantridge, a library trustee and member of the Long-Range Planning Committee. “We also heard that we should reach out and work with community groups, even if it means holding events outside the library.”

Rick Hardy, another trustee who is working on the initiative, said that library representatives met this winter with several local organizations to discuss potential collaborations. “The idea is that, by working together, the library and its partners can involve each other’s networks of Needhamites in their activities,” he added. “We all want to encourage people to read, think, and talk about what it means to be a diverse society in the 21st century.”

Previous diversity initiative activities have been *The Evolution of Gender* workshop in March, co-organized by the Needham Diversity Initiative and cosponsored by the Needham Free Public Library and the *Understanding ISIS and Combating the Threat* lecture in May, organized by the Needham Human Rights Committee and co-sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.

Co-sponsors for the One Book One Community Program this summer are the Friends of the Needham Public Library, the Immigration Justice Task Force, the Library Foundation of Needham, the Needham Clergy Association, the Needham Community Council ESL Program, the Needham Diversity Initiative, the Needham League of Women Voters, and the Needham Human Rights Committee. For more information, please contact the Library at 781-455-7559, option 2.
NPL Book Group
Tuesday, September 12th
1:00 PM

One Summer: America, 1927
by Bill Bryson

On May 21, 1927, when Charles Lindbergh set off to be the first man to cross the Atlantic alone in an airplane, he profoundly changed the culture and commerce of America and its image abroad. Add to that Babe Ruth’s efforts to break the home-run record be set, Henry Ford’s retooling of the Model T into the Model A, the execution of accused anarchists Sacco and Vanzetti, and Al Jolson appearing in the first talkie, and 1927 became the pivot point when the U.S. began to dominate the world in virtually everything—military, culture, commerce, and technology. Bryson’s inimitable wit and exuberance are on full display in this wide-ranging look at the major events in an exciting summer in America. *October 10, 2017—Offshore by Penelope Fitzgerald*

NPL Evening Book Club
Wednesday, September 20th
7:00 PM

Deep South: Four Seasons on Back Roads
by Paul Theroux

Paul Theroux has spent the past fifty years roaming the globe, describing his encounters with remote people and far-flung places in ten best-selling travel books. Now, for the first time, he explores a part of America—the Deep South. Setting out on a winding road trip, Theroux discovers a region of architectural and artistic wonders, incomparable music, mouth-watering cuisine—and also some of the worst schools, medical care, housing, and unemployment rates in the nation. Yet, no matter where he goes, Theroux meets the unsung heroes of the South, the people who, despite it all, never left, and also those who found their way home and devoted their lives to rebuilding a place without which they could never live. *October 18, 2017—Lab Girl by Hope Jahren*

Book Discussions for In the Country We Love:
My Family Divided by Diane Guerrero

Monday, August 28th
7:30 PM
Led by Litzy Gastelum and Kim Marie Nichols of the Needham Diversity Initiative.

Thursday, September 14th
7:30 PM
Led by Library Trustee Lois Bacon and Simone Scott-Walker of the Friends of the Needham Public Library.

Sunday, September 24th
2:00 PM
Led by Stan Hitron, Board Treasurer—Library Foundation of Needham.


Please feel free to attend any of these book discussions—no advance sign-up needed.

This Month in the Friends’ Gallery

Paula Pitman Brown
Suburban Landscapes

*Thanks to the Friends of the Needham Public Library for providing financial assistance in the production of this Newsletter.*
What’s happening this month in the Children’s Room...

Children’s Story Times in July/August

**Babies & Books Up to One Year**
- Tues., July 18 11:00 AM
- Tues., August 1, 15, 22, 29 11:00 AM
Babies and their adult caregivers enjoy songs, lap games, baby sign language, rhythm and sensory activities, with a story or two.

**Drop-In Child’s Play for ages 0-2 years**
- Wed., July 5, 12, 19, 26 10:00 AM
- Wed., August 2, 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., July 3, 10, 24, 31 10:00 AM
- Mon., August 7, 14, 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.

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

Ready, Set...Move with Cici Hunt: for ages 3-5**
- Wed., July 5 11:00 AM
- Mon., July 17 11:00 AM
- Wed., August 2 11:00 AM
- Mon., August 21 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 14 3:00 PM
- Thurs., July 20 3:00 PM
- Fri., August 11 3:00 PM
- Thurs., August 17 3:00 PM
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., July 11 (ages 2-5) 10:00 AM
- Tues., July 11 (ages 2 and under) 11:00 AM
- Tues., July 25 (ages 2-5) 10:00 AM
- Tues., July 25 (ages 2 and under) 11:00 AM
- Tues., August 8 (ages 2-5) 10:00 AM
- Tues., August 8 (ages 2 and under) 11:00 AM
- Fri., August 25 (ages 2-5) 10:00 AM
- Fri., August 25 (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!

Children’s Programs in July/August

**Storytimes from Around the World**
Chinese Storytime for ages 5 and under
- Sat., July 1 9:30 AM
- Sat., August 5 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+**
- Tues., July 18 4:00-5:00 PM

**Yoga for Children ages 6-10 years**
- Sat., July 22 10:00 AM
Children are invited to relax and stretch out with professional yoga instructor Samantha Riley.

**Marshmallow Construction Challenge for ages 6+ years**
- Thurs., July 27 4:00-4:45 PM

**Art from Nature Craft for ages 6+ years**
- Thurs., August 24 4:00-4:45 PM
Come and make art and craft projects using objects from Nature.

**Build a Better World Summer Film Festival**
- Fri., June 30 Wreck-It Ralph
  (Rated PG - 108 Min)
- Fri., July 21 Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs
  (Rated PG, 90 Min)
- Fri., August 4 Meet the Robinsons
  (Rated G, 95 Min)
- Fri., August 25 Big Hero 6
  (Rated PG, 106 Min)
Start Time at 3:00 PM, in the Community Room.
Events for Preschoolers

Math 4 ME for ages 4-5**
Mondays: July 10th-Aug 14th  11:15 AM
Led by instructors from the Russian Math School in Newton, preschoolers will engage in activities that will help them develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills they will need to excel in school and life. **Registration Required.

Preschool Crafts for ages 2+
Fri., July 21th  10:30 AM
Fri., August 11th  10:00 AM

Touch a Truck—Construction Vehicles in Memorial Park
Mon., Aug 7th  3:30 PM
Families with children of all ages are invited to experience big trucks up close. Children will be able to sit in the driver’s seat, honk the horn or turn on the siren. A fire truck, a police car and various construction vehicles will be parked in the Memorial Park parking lot for children to explore.

Build a Better World Workshops

**Registration Required for all Workshops**

Engineering Enigma with the Science Bug
Tues., July 11th  4:30 PM
The RI PBS television show, “The Science Bug,” will present an Engineering Enigma workshop for children ages 8 and older. Participants will learn how a team of electrical engineers works together to make chips for computers, TV’s and cameras. Children will then participate in an engineering activity involving the design process.

Build a Better Rube Goldberg Machine with Jay Mankita
Sat., July 22th  2:30 PM
A Rube Goldberg machine is a way of making a simple task, like knocking over a domino, complicated. Children ages 8 and older can create their own Rube Goldberg machine with Jay Mankita. Bring imagination and inventiveness; all other materials will be provided.

Fairytail Engineering with Let’s Build
Sat., July 29th: Help Rapunzel get out of her tower  2:30 PM
Sun., August 6th: Help the 3 Little Pigs build a Wolf-proof home  2:30 PM
Liz Lee from Let’s Build will help children use engineering to solve dilemmas that fairytale characters are always getting themselves into. Children will work on creating an invention to rescue Rapunzel from her tower. In another session, they will design a better house for the 3 little pigs.

Skype with a NASA Engineer
Tues., Aug 1st  4:00 PM
The library will host a live web chat with a NASA engineer who is working on the Orion Spacecraft, the Space Launch System, and the Spaceport of the future at Kennedy Space Center. The virtual chat will last up to one hour and includes a 20-minute presentation about NASA’s plans for Mars and the Deep Space Exploration System. Children ages 8 and older will have the opportunity to ask questions.

Build a Better Minecraft World with Einstein’s Workshop
Sat., Aug 5th  2:30 PM
Children ages 8 and older can learn how to use code to Build a Better Minecraft World with Einstein’s Workshop in this two-hour hands-on event.

End of Summer Party with Mr. DJ
Mon., Aug 14th  4:30 PM
Celebrate the end of Summer Reading with a Dance Party featuring Mr. DJ. There will be a live video where children will be able to see themselves dancing, along with games, contests, trivia and special prizes just for the party.

Events Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.
**Upcoming Events...**

**Tween Programs in July/August**

**Tween Tech Take Apart**
Sun., July 9th  
2:30 - 3:30 PM
Come make something new from something old and have fun doing it. Take apart an old clock, Keurig Coffee machine, Calculator, or something else and make something new like a piece of jewelry or decorate a picture frame. All Materials and tools needed will be provided, but feel free to bring your own. Snacks and drinks provided too!

**Building A Better World with a Town Engineer**
Wed., July 26th  
4:00 - 5:00 PM
Come hear one of our very own town engineers, Anthony L. Del Gaizo, talk and tell us a bit about what he does for the town and how he got involved with engineering. You don’t want to miss the surprise activity involved! Snacks, drinks and all other materials provided.

**Birdhouse Bananza**
Sat., August 12th  
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Follow along and build a birdhouse from a kit supplied by the Home Depot! All kits generously supplied by the Home Depot. All materials and tools provided (snacks and drinks included).

**The Needham Free Public Library is proud to present, in conjunction with Signum University,**

**HOBBIT IMMERSION CAMP**

**Who Is the Program For?**
- For adventurous persons aged 10-13 who wish to explore the world of Middle Earth and its inhabitants
- For Pollard students who wish to make a dent in their summer reading list and read with friends
- For brave souls who will face dangers including trolls, goblins, wolves, enchanted rivers, spiders, and dragons
- For learned folk who enjoy languages and the music of poetry

**When Is the Program?**
- Camp Days at the Library – four sessions:
  - Tues., July 11th: 2:00-3:30 PM in the Community Room
  - Thurs., July 13th: 2:00-3:30 PM in the Storytime Room
  - Tues., July 18th: 2:00-3:30 PM in the Community Room
  - Sat., July 22nd: 11:00-12:30 PM in the Community Room

**How Do I Get Started?**
- Have a parent register you online at [http://bit.ly/2tjG0eP](http://bit.ly/2tjG0eP)
- Pick up a copy of *The Hobbit* at the Childrens and Adult Reference Desks

**How Do I Participate?**
- Read the book (copies available behind the Reference Desks)
- Keep track of your reading in a Hobbit Journal (see the handout available at the library for suggestions on what to put in your journal)
- Attend all (or most) camp days at the library
- Watch the daily online chapter lectures (optional)

**Library Camp Chapter Schedule**
- Tuesday, July 11th – chapters 1-4
- Thursday, July 13th – chapters 5-8
- Tuesday, July 18th – chapters 9-14
- Saturday, July 22nd – chapters 15-19

---

**JFK @ 100 with Dr. Gary Hylander**

Tues., September 19th  
7:30 PM
This year marks the centennial anniversary of the birth of John F. Kennedy. Join us as we discuss the life, politics and legacy of JFK. Topics to be covered include: civil rights, Khrushchev and Cuba, the Vietnam War and much more. This is the first of a four lecture series, sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

---

For further information about upcoming events, go to www.needhamma.gov/library.