



LIBRARY NOTES

NEWSLETTER OF THE NEEDHAM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

JULY-AUGUST 2018

Libraries Rock! Summer Film Series

July 6

Lemonade Mouth

Rated G - 1 hour 43 minutes



July 20

Sing

Rated PG - 1 hour 54 minutes



August 3

High School Musical

Rated PG - 1 hour 38 minutes



August 24

Enchanted

Rated PG - 1 hour 47 minutes



All Movies start at 3:00 PM and will be in the Community Room.

Kahana Hula: Moana & Me—Legends of Maui the Demi-God

Mon., July 9th

4:00 PM



The character of Maui, portrayed in the popular Disney film, *Moana*, is an actual legendary demi-god of the Pacific Islands. Students learn more about the origins of the legend of Maui and Polynesian culture. Tiare will teach a dance to one of the songs from *Moana*, in addition to dances from New Zealand and Tahiti, based on stories of wayfaring. Bring your keiki (children) for a "Moana & Me" experience of Polynesian dance, music and storytelling! Come "Logo Te Pate" (Listen To The Drums) with us! For ages 4 and up. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library in support of the 2018 Summer Reading Libraries Rock! Program.*

Jungle Jim: 80's Rock and Roll Balloon Show

Wed., July 18th

4:30 PM

Jungle Jim's tubular balloon magic show combined with comedy, improv and rad elements from 1980s classics makes this one righteous show you won't want to miss! For ages 4 and up. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library in support of the 2018 Summer Reading Libraries Rock! Program.*



Hands on Drumming Drum Circle with Craig Norton

Sat., July 28th

2:30 PM



Want to add some fun, participatory musical merriment to your summer event? At *Hands on Drumming* community drum circle, learn different rhythms and have fun pounding out a beat! No experience necessary and all ages are welcome! *Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library in support of the 2018 Summer Reading Libraries Rock! Program.*

Rosalita's Puppets: *RUMPLETOADSTOOL*

Tues., July 31st

11:00 AM

Experience the unique charm of marionettes made by professional actor-puppeteer Charlotte Anne Dore. In *Rumpletoadstool*, Rosalita has a drum, not a spinning wheel, that turns straw to gold. This show is great for 2 year olds and up. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library in support of the 2018 Summer Reading Libraries Rock! Program.*



Allen Boyer: WWII Air Commander General

George Churchill Kenney

Wed., August 22nd

7:30 PM



*Boston-bred George Kenney won the air war in New Guinea and the Philippines. Kenney grew up in Brookline and studied at MIT. In World War I, he was a fighter pilot in France, and stayed on in the Army Air Corps; in World War II, he was the air commander for General Douglas MacArthur. Kenney had to fight the Japanese on a shoestring, with planes that no one else wanted—but he stopped the Japanese, and then started the Allied drive back to the Philippines. Douglas MacArthur said that "George is my buccaneer." MacArthur got the compliment right: Kenney liked sinking enemy ships and raiding enemy fortresses and telling stories of his airmen's derring-do. When he wrote his memoirs, he marked himself as one of the most quotable of generals. Kenney's arguments led to the creation of the independent U.S. Air Force. He was also a world-class public relations man born wrong—someone who could put a special spin on any story. Allen Boyer is also the author of *Rocky Boyer's War*, a WWII history based on a diary kept by his father. *Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.**

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

Children's Story Times in July & August

Terrific Toddlers for ages 1-2 years

Tues., July 3, 17, 24, 31 10:00 AM

Tues., August 7, 21, 28 10:00 AM

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

Babies & Books for up to one year

Tues., July 3, 17, 24, 31 11:00 AM

Tues., August 7, 21, 28 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., July 11, 18, 25 10:00 AM

Wed., August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 10:00 AM

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

Pre-School Palooza for ages 3-6 years

Mon., July 2, 16, 23, 30 10:00 AM

Mon., August 6, 13, 27 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 July & August

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

Mon., July 9 11:00 AM

Join Cici Hunt in this fun-filled music and movement class for children and their caretakers. ****Registration is required, beginning two weeks prior to the start of the program.****

Sing-Along with Ed Morgan

Fri., July 13 3:00 PM

Thurs., July 19 10:30 AM

Fri., August 10 3:00 PM

Thurs., August 16 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., July 10 (ages 2-5) 10:00 AM

Tues., July 10 (ages 2 and under) 11:00 AM

Tues., August 14 (ages 2-5) 10:00 AM

Tues., August 14 (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!

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

FAMILY ACTIVITY MORNING

Sat., July 21 10:00-11:30 AM

Sat., August 18 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! for ages 5+

Tues., July 10 4:00-5:00 PM

Wed., August 15 4:00-5:00 PM



Family Playgroup for Families with Children

Ages 18 months-4 years**

Fri., July 13, 20 10:30 AM



Join us for family fun, for children of all abilities—with stories, music and movement for all. Using a set structure, each week will begin with playing and exploring interesting items related to that week's topic, proceeding then to lights off, clean up song, welcome song, music and movement activities. A Parachute Game will be played by all, with calm down activities, a story, and a goodbye song to finish this hour long session. ****Running from June 8—July 20 (no sessions on June 15 & July 6), registration is required, with a commitment to attending all sessions. Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library, in partnership with Riverside Community Care.**



Ukulele Workshop for Children with Julie Stepanek ****Registration Required****

Sat., August 4

2:30-4:30 PM



Join us and strum along with singer, songwriter, and musician Julie Stepanek for a ukulele workshop accessible to enthusiasts and dabblers alike. Bring your own instrument or borrow one of Julie's (sign up required). The program will include a ukulele tune-up, a short lesson, and a strum-along. For ages 8 and up. **Registration Required.** Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library in support of the 2018 Summer Reading Libraries Rock! Program.

Brett Outchunis—*Finding Your Groove: Creative Movement through Hip-Hop*

Tues., August 7

4:00 PM

Finding Your Groove is an hour-long, strongly interactive performance that starts kids on their way to "finding their own groove," literally! The show focuses on creative movement through hip-hop and also gets kids thinking about doing things simply for the fun of it rather than letting "coolness" get in the way. For ages 9 and up. Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library in support of the 2018 Summer Reading Libraries Rock! Program.



Summer Reading Finale: *Didgeridoo Down Under (DDU) Show* for ages 4 and up

Mon., August 13

4:00 PM



DDU is a high-energy, Australia-themed show that combines music, culture, puppetry, comedy, character building, storytelling and audience participation. The didgeridoo, usually a hollow tree trunk, has been played by Aboriginal Australians for at least 1,500 years, and is known for its otherworldly sound. But *DDU* is much more than music. It's interactive, educational, motivational and super fun—perfect for kids and families. **Stay after the show for the End of the Summer Reading Party.** Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library in support of the 2018 Summer Reading Libraries Rock! Program.

Craft Programs in July & August

Drop in Musical Craft for Ages 2+



Thurs., July 12

10:30 AM

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

Make Your Own Pet Punk Rock! for ages 6+



Wed., July 25

3:30 PM

Be the sculptor! Make your own Punk Rock.

Make Your Own Musical Instrument for ages 6+



Wed., August 1

3:30 PM

Make your own musical instrument to take home!

Drop in Musical Craft for Ages 2+



Thurs., August 2

10:30 AM

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

Summer STEAM Programs

Let's Makey Makey Some Music for Children 8 years old and up**

Mon., July 16

3:30 PM



Learn how to make music with Makey Makey, using everyday objects. No previous experience is necessary. ****Space is limited and registration is required.**

Sonic Pi Workshop for Children 8 years old and up**

Thurs., August 9

4:00 PM



Sonic Pi

Learn to make music with Sonic Pi software on a Raspberry Pi Computer. No previous experience is necessary. ****Space is limited and registration is required.**



Creation Station Hours

Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 AM - 8:30 PM

Friday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Sunday 1:00 - 4:30 PM

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Upcoming Book Discussions

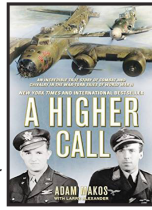
NPL Book Group

Tuesday, September 11th

A Higher Call: An Incredible True Story of Combat and Chivalry in the War-Torn Skies of World War II

by Adam Makos

1:00 PM



December, 1943: A badly damaged American bomber struggles to fly over wartime Germany. At the controls is twenty-one-year-old Second Lieutenant Charlie Brown. Half his crew lay wounded or dead on this, their first mission. Suddenly, a Messerschmitt fighter pulls up on the bomber's tail. The pilot is German ace Franz Stigler—and he can destroy the young American crew with the squeeze of a trigger...

What happened next would defy imagination and later be called "the most incredible encounter between enemies in World War II."

The U.S. 8th Air Force would later classify what happened between them as "top secret." It was an act that Franz could never mention for fear of facing a firing squad. It was the encounter that would haunt both Charlie and Franz for forty years until, as old men, they would search the world for each other, a last mission that could change their lives forever. *October 9, 2018—Cold Sassy Tree by Olive Ann Burns*

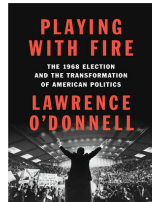
NPL Evening Book Club

Wednesday, September 19th

Playing with Fire: The 1968 Election and the Transformation of American Politics

by Lawrence O'Donnell

7:00 PM



From the host of MSNBC's *The Last Word* with Lawrence O'Donnell, an important and enthralling new account of the presidential election that changed everything, the race that created American politics as we know it today. The 1968 U.S. Presidential election was the young Lawrence O'Donnell's political awakening, and in the decades since it has remained one of his abiding fascinations. For years he has deployed one of America's shrewdest political minds to understanding its dynamics, not just because it is fascinating in itself, but because in it is contained the essence of what makes America different, and how we got to where we are now. *Playing With Fire* represents O'Donnell's master class in American electioneering, embedded in the epic human drama of a system, and a country, coming apart at the seams in real time. *October 17, 2018—It Can't Happen Here by Sinclair Lewis*

This Summer in the Friends' Gallery

From the Commonwealth Museum:

Louis Agassiz Fuertes Bird Exhibit

Bookventurers Book Club for Grades 3-5**

Sat., July 14th

3:15 - 4:30 PM

This month please Choose a Book with a Musical Theme to bring and share with the rest of the group. 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.



Sat., August 11th

3:15 - 4:30 PM



This month's book is *The Talent Show* by Dan Gutman. 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.

Family Book Club for K-2nd graders

Sat., July 21

3:15 - 4:15 PM



Gus & Me: The Story of My Grandad and My First Guitar by Keith Richards, illustrated by Theodora Richards and *Libba: The Magnificent Musical life of Elizabeth Cotten* by Laura Viers, illustrated by Tatyana Fazlalizadeh.



Read these two picture book biographies. Learn about their musical contributions, listen to some music, and make your own rubber band guitar! Snack included! Books available at the Children's Desk. Please attend and participate with your child.

Sat., August 11

3:15 - 4:15 PM

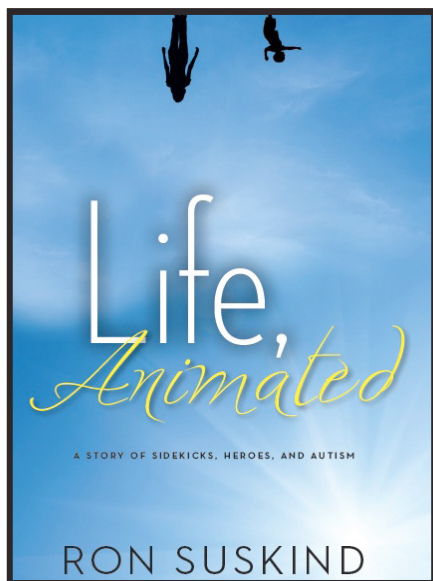


Ella Fitzgerald: Tale of a Vocal Virtuosa by Andrea Davis Pinkney, illustrated by Brian Pinkney and *Esquivel!: Space-Age Sound Artist* by Susan Wood, illustrated by Duncan Tonatiuh.



Read these two picture book biographies. Learn about their musical contributions, listen to their music, and make your own shakers and crazy instruments! Snack included! Books available at the Children's Desk. This book club meets every few weeks and examines a new topic related to this summer's Libraries Rock! Summer Reading Program. Registration is requested. Please attend and participate with your child. *Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.*

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One Book, One Community Read

After the success of last year's **One Book, One Community Read**, the Trustees of the Needham Free Public Library, as part of their Diversity Initiative, are pleased to announce this year's title: *Life, Animated: A Story of Sidekicks, Heroes, and Autism* by local author Ron Suskind.

Imagine being trapped inside a Disney movie and having to learn about life mostly from animated characters dancing across a screen of color. "A fantasy? A nightmare?" This is the real-life story of Owen Suskind, the son of the Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Ron Suskind and his wife, Cornelia. An autistic boy who couldn't speak for years, Owen memorized dozens of Disney movies, turned them into a language to express love and loss, kinship and brotherhood. The family was forced to become animated characters, communicating with him in Disney dialogue and song until they all emerge, together, revealing how, in darkness, we all literally need stories to survive.

The library will once again provide copies of the book for you to take (and return for the next person). They will be located on the book case opposite the Circulation Desk. The library will host a series of Book Discussions in September 2018, along with other programs relating to this year's topic. *Our sponsors this year are the Trustees of the Needham Free Public Library, the Friends of the Needham Public Library, and the Library Foundation of Needham.*

Keynote Speaker: Laura Kessel

Wed., September 5th 7:30 PM



Laura Kessel, M.S., CCC-SLP, ATP, is a speech-language pathologist and an augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) specialist. She is currently the AAC Specialist for the Public

Schools of Brookline, MA, serving students ages 3-22, as well as an AAC/AT Consultant for AT for Education. Ms. Kessel will delve into what it means to use symbols to communicate (including language), and how we all assign meanings to different symbols in our lives. She will also discuss how Owen happened to assign meaning to Disney characters and phrases. She will also talk a little bit about AAC and how a lot of individuals on the spectrum and with other needs use symbols to communicate, etc., as well as some of the intervention strategies that are used with this disorder. *Part of the One Book, One Community Read, this program is sponsored by the Trustees of the Needham Free Public Library, with financial support from the Library Foundation of Needham.*

Book Discussion Schedule

Thurs., September 6th 7:30 PM

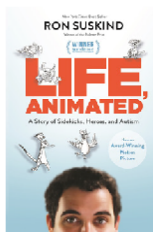
Sun., September 9th 2:00 PM

Tues., September 18th 7:30 PM

The *Diversity and Discussion Book Club* will also be discussing the **One Book, One Community** choice at its Thurs., September 13th meeting at 7:30 PM.

Documentary Film: *Life, Animated* (Rated PG, 93 minutes)

Sun., September 16th 2:00 PM



*Owen Suskind was a boy of considerable promise, until he developed autism at the age of 3. As Owen withdrew into his silent state, his parents almost lost hope that he find some way to interact with his world in some meaningful way. However, that way was found through animated films, especially those of the Walt Disney Company, which provided Owen a way to understand the world through its stories to the point of creating his own. This film covers the life of Owen and how he manages to become as functional as possible with the help of Disney and his family to the point of having his own life. However, Owen soon learns as well that there is more to real life than what Disney can illustrate in animation even as his family prepares itself for an uncertain future with him. Based on this year's **One Book, One Community Read**, this film is sponsored by the Trustees of the Needham Free 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 - 5:00 pm

Contact the Library at 781-455-7559

Upcoming Teen/Tween Events...

CD Mandala Crafternoon

Thurs., July 12th 3:30 – 5:00 PM

Come turn something old into something new and beautiful! Used old scratched discs will be turned into wonderful mandala window hangings with some puff paint and sharpie markers!



Drumming with Dave!**

Mon., July 16th 4:00–5:00 PM



Join our drum circle workshop with Dave Curry and learn what drumming is all about. This program is for ages 10-18, prior drum experience not needed. ****Registration IS required for this program,** and will be limited to the first 20 participants, so sign up quickly! (There will be a wait list if needed)

Rock Painting/Kindness Rocks Project

Fri., July 27th 3:00-4:00 PM

Rock Painting/Kindness Rocks project. Come paint a rock for the library rock garden outside!



Concrete Garden Stones Crafternoon

Sun., July 29th 2:00-3:00 PM



Similar to the Kindness Rocks program, participants will be painting and decorating Concrete Garden Stones that were modeled from leaves for your gardens at home. Parents are welcome to join—this program is for ages 9 and up.

Painting with Ms. Cate!**

Sun., August 12th 2:00-4:00 PM

Paint a work of rock-awesome art led by local artist and instructor Catherine Hayes. ****Registration IS required for this program,** and will be limited to the first 20 participants signed up. Program is for ages 9-18 with varying degrees of artistic ability.



Combination All Day Percy Jackson Birthday Party and End of Summer Reading Wrap-up Party for Tweens and Teens

Sat., August 18th 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Celebrate the great Percy Jackson's birthday with a party! Drop in anytime throughout the day to join us for movies and activities and find out who won Summer Reading Prizes!!



Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief will be shown in the morning (10:30 AM), and *Percy Jackson: The Sea of Monsters* will be shown in the afternoon (1:30 PM) with a pizza party to split things up in the middle and the Grand Prize drawing around 3:30 PM. Join for all or part of the fun. Young Adult Summer Reading Program Participants do not need to be present for the drawings to still be eligible for prizes.



Upcoming Events...

Bob Begin: The Coconut Grove Fire

Tues., September 11th 7:00 PM



In November of 1942, America was fully involved in the struggle poised by the 2nd World War. The news on all fronts was depressing...and in Boston, the city was full of service men and women in uniform. Trains, buses, all forms of public transportation were crowded with people coming and going. People in Boston, as elsewhere, wanted a break: a few hours of fun, dancing, a drink or two...anywhere to escape the war. And there were places where one could go to celebrate an anniversary, a wedding, a reunion, or dreaded goodbye prior to shipping out. The Coconut Grove was just the place. On the night of Nov. 28, 1942, over 1,000 people were at the Coconut Grove, where a fire would break out and turn a night of celebration into one of horror and sadness. 492 would die with hundreds more severely wounded. This fire would be one of the worst in America's history. It would also be the catalyst for a complete overhaul of fire fighting and fire prevention standards. Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

Four Score and Seven—Civil War America with Dr. Gary Hylander

Thurs., September 20th 7:30 PM

The Civil War, also referred to as the War Between the States, began on the morning of April 12, 1861 when Confederate gunners opened fire on Fort Sumter, a Union Fort in Charleston Harbor. Major Anderson surrendered the Fort without a single casualty. It was a bloodless opening to the bloodiest war in American history. This fall, Dr. Hylander will discuss the generalship and strategy of the war; Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, and Lincoln's thoughts on Reconstruction and the events surrounding his assassination. Also to be considered will be the constitutionality of succession and whether or not the Confederate South had any real chance for victory. This is the first of four lectures, and is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.



For further information about upcoming events, go to www.needhamma.gov/library or call 781-455-7559.