



LIBRARY NOTES

NEWSLETTER OF THE NEEDHAM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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NASA Solar System Ambassador Piyush Khopkar—Mission to Mars

Tues., July 9th

4:00 PM



NASA Solar System Ambassador Piyush Khopkar will present Mission to Mars for children ages 6 and up. Children will learn about encounters with Mars and explore a 3D Mars globe as well as models of existing Mars rovers. Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library in support of the 2019 Summer Reading Program A Universe of Stories.

The Stargazer's Apprentice with Mike Francis

Sat., July 13th

2:30 PM

The Stargazer's Apprentice with Mike Francis is a comical, musical, astronomical review about the wonders of the universe. Mike blends songs, stories, puppetry and interactive demonstrations about the Sun, our solar system and the nature of stars. For ages 4 and up. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library in support of the 2019 Summer Reading Program A Universe of Stories.*



Sparky's Puppets presents Stories from Outer Space for ages 2 and up

Wed., July 24th

11:00 AM



Tales of sun, moon and stars, and a visit from three colorful space aliens who land on earth looking for mischief. This show is great for 2 year olds and up. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library in support of the 2019 Summer Reading Program A Universe of Stories.*



Sign Up for the First Annual Summer Reading Program for Adults (ages 18+) and play Book Bingo for fun prizes. Sign-up is at the Reference Desk on the Second floor.

Summer Movies at the Library

Tues, July 16th



Apollo 11

Unrated - 1 hour, 30 minutes

Tues., July 23rd



First Man

Rated PG-13 - 2 hours, 22 minutes

Tues, August 27th



The Martian

Rated PG-13 - 2 hours, 37 minutes

All Movies start at 7:00 PM and will be in the Community Room.

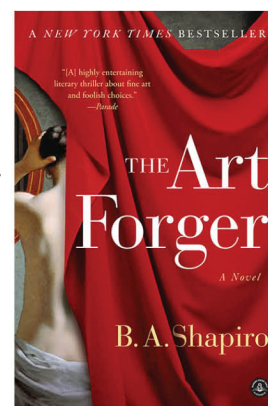
One Book One Community Read coming October 2019

This years' choice is:

The Art Forger

by B. A. Shapiro

On March 18, 1990, 13 works of art now worth more than \$500 million were stolen from the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston. It remains the largest unsolved art heist in history, and struggling young artist Claire Roth is about to discover that there's more to this crime than meets the eye.



Author B. A. Shapiro will be coming to speak on Sunday, October 6, 2019, at 2:00 PM in the Community Room. On Tuesday, October 22 at 7:00 PM, the library will show the documentary film, *Stolen*. *Stolen* is a full exploration of the Gardner theft, and the fascinating, disparate characters involved: from the 19th century Grand dame Isabella Gardner to a private detective obsessed with finding the art to a terrorist organization with a penchant for stealing Vermeers. Other activities include a Paint Night for Adults, an Escape Room weekend for Young Adults, and other events still in the works. Once again, the library will host book discussion groups, on Thursday, October 17th at 7:30 PM and on Sunday, October 20th at 5:00 PM with more to be announced. Books will be made available at the library to read over the summer in July, courtesy of the *Reuben Hoar Library of Littleton* and the *Friends of the Needham Public Library*. Books may also be borrowed through *Inter-Library Loan* and ebooks will be available on *Overdrive/Libby*.

Support for this program is provided by the Trustees of the Needham Free Public Library, Friends of the Needham Public Library, and the Library Foundation of Needham.

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

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

Terrific Toddlers for ages 1-2 years

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

Tues., August 6, 20, 27 10:00 AM

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

Babies & Books for up to one year

Tues., July 2, 16, 23, 30 11:00 AM

Tues., August 6, 20, 27 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 10, 17, 24 10:00 AM

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

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

Pre-School Palooza for ages 3-6 years

Mon., July 1, 8, 22, 29 10:00 AM

Mon., August 5, 12, 26 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.

Make Music with Stacey Peasley: for ages 2-5



Mon., July 15 10:00 AM

Wed., July 31 10:00 AM

Wed., August 14 10:00 AM

Mon., August 19 10:00 AM

Join Stacey Peasley for a fun-filled half hour of music and song for children and their caregivers.

Sing-Along with Ed Morgan



Fri., July 12 3:00 PM

Thurs., July 18 10:30 AM

Fri., August 9 3:00 PM

Thurs., August 15 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 9 (ages 2-5) 10:00 AM

Tues., July 9 (ages 2 and under) 11:00 AM

Tues., August 13 (ages 2-5) 10:00 AM

Tues., August 13 (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!

LEGO Time! for ages 5+

Wed., July 10

4:00-5:00 PM



Tinker Tot Workshops for Ages 2 years and up

Wed., July 17 10:30 AM

Thurs., August 1 10:30 AM

Thurs., August 22 10:30 AM

Newton Family Access brings Funstruction to the Needham Library. Children ages 2 to 8 can practice their creative problem-solving and engineering skills while using their imaginations to build 3-D sculptures out of familiar materials.

Moon Landing Party Workshop

Sat., July 20 10:00-11:30 AM

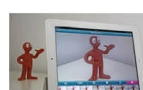
Celebrate the 50th anniversary of the moon landing with challenges, myths, and discoveries about the earth's only natural satellite.



Create a crater; search for the rabbit on the moon; learn how it got there. All ages are welcome.

Make Your Own Sci-Fi Movie Workshop**

Tues., July 23 4:00 PM



Make your own science fiction movie.

Come to the Needham Library Children's STEAM Center and learn how to create a stop-motion video. Bring inanimate objects to life on an iPad screen. For ages 8 and up. **Space is limited and registration is required!**

Build a Star Wars Droid Workshop**

Thurs., August 1 4:00 PM

Build a Star Wars Droid and bring it to life using LittleBits electronic blocks in the Needham Free Public Library Children's STEAM Center. Use easy block-based coding to communicate with your Droid and send it on missions. For ages 8 and up. **Space is limited and registration is required!**



Decorate Star Wars Cookies

Sat., August 17 10:00 AM



Chomp down on Chewbacca, devour Darth Vader, nibble 3CP0. Decorate and then eat Star Wars cookies on Saturday, August 17th, at 10:00 am at the Needham Library Children's Department. All materials provided. For all ages!

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

Springfield Science Museum—STARLAB: The Night Sky Planetarium Show**

Mon., July 15th (ages 4-7) 4:00 PM

Mon., July 15th (ages 8 and up) 5:00 PM



The Springfield Science Museum will visit with their inflatable planetarium. Children can crawl inside for an informative and entertaining show all about the constellations and stars visible in our night sky. ****Each show limited to 25 children. Registration is required.**

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Scientetellers present Aliens: Escape from Planet Earth! for ages 4 and up

Wed., July 31st

4:30 PM

Two children find a family from another planet stranded on Earth after their space ship crashes during a meteor shower. A crazy space scientist also wants a good look at the aliens! **Scientetellers** combines telling this exciting story with executing science experiments on turning a liquid into solid “worms” through a chemical reaction, launching a potato into the air using Boyle’s law, making a flying rocket using two common household chemicals, and transferring energy between matter to create a “rainstorm.” *Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library in support of the 2019 Summer Reading Program A Universe of Stories.*



Blast Off With Books! Magic Show with Magician Mike Bent

Wed., August 7

4:30 PM



Using hilarious comedy, amazing magic, crazy puppets, music, sound effects and riveting storytelling, this space-themed show will help even reluctant readers build positive associations with books, and inspire kids to read all summer long. Young readers will have a blast magically re-creating the moon landing, they’ll be transported when silly aliens invade and take over Mike’s show! And they’ll love the kids vs. adults Rocket Race Game Show!

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July 2019 in the Friends’ Gallery

Jay Ramakrishnan

JOURNEYS: INSIDE AND OUT

Michael’s Cosmic Juggling Show

Mon., August 12

4:00 PM

Join Michael as he defies gravity by swinging Chinese meteors, juggles the rings of Saturn, and takes everyone on a journey out of this world with his amazing Flying Saucers!

Michael’s Cosmic Juggling Show is a 45 minute up-close and intimate, fun program for children and families. The show will encourage kids to learn about space exploration as part of the *A Universe of Stories Summer Reading Program* while sharing the fun and amazing world of juggling arts.



Alien Balloon Hats & Balloon Twisting

Mon., August 12

4:45 PM



Professional balloon artist Edward Dugan will create “Out of This World” space balloon hats, animals and other assorted twists. His giveaways launch laughter, frivolity, and just plain fun.

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A Universe of Stories Movie Festival

July 19

Muppets from Space

Rated G - 1 hour 28 minutes



July 26

Home

Rated PG - 1 hour 31 minutes



August 2

Space Buddies

Rated G - 1 hour 24 minutes



August 16

Buzz Lightyear of Star Command

Unrated - 1 hour 11 minutes



August 23

The Last Mimzy

Rated PG - 1 hour 41 minutes



August 30

Treasure Planet

Rated PG - 1 hour 31 minutes



All Movies start at 2:00 PM and will be in the Community Room.

August 2019 in the Friends’ Gallery

Dedham Art Association

Upcoming Summer Teen/'Tween Events...

Make Your Own Bottle Rocket!

Sun., July 14th

2:00 – 3:00 PM



From the safety of Memorial Field (diagonally across the street from the Library) we'll be making and launching our own homemade bottle rockets using and comparing different propulsion methods! (Program will run until supplies run out.) Raindate scheduled for the following

Sunday (July 21st, from 2 - 3pm).

Interactive Space Jam Movie Viewing!***

Wed., July 17th

6:00 – 9:00 PM

Similar to the other interactive movies that have been done at the Needham Free Public Library, this one will not disappoint! Interactive kits will be provided to all registered participants. Trivia and food will also be provided! ****Registration is required for this fun evening activity, but with**

no limit of participants. Registration will open June 26th and close July 14th so as to make sure there are enough supplies.



Everything Craft Day!

Sat., July 20th

3:00 – 4:00 PM



Help us as we get everything out of the closet to make room for new crafts! We'll be crafting for an hour, then giving away some craft materials to those who are looking to craft at home over the summer.

DIY Galaxy in a Cup!

Wed., July 24th

3:00 – 4:00 PM

Using a coffee mug, ping pong ball, and some paint, get creative and make your own spilled Galaxy in a Cup! **Registration recommended so Erin can purchase enough supplies for all attendees.**



Galaxy Tie Die!!

Mon., July 29th

3:00 – 4:00 PM



Bring your own darkly colored cotton things (Tee Shirts, Tote Bag, Socks, etc.) or use some of ours using a reverse Tie-Dye method of light colors on Black surfaces! Please note that this program will run as long as supplies last, so get there as soon as you can to not miss out on the fun!



Teen/'Tween Movie: *E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial* (Rated PG, 2 hours, 1 minute)

Tues., August 6th

3:00 – 5:00 PM

After a gentle alien becomes stranded on Earth, the being is discovered and befriended by a young boy named Elliott. Bringing the extra-terrestrial into his suburban California house, Elliott introduces E.T., as the alien is dubbed, to his brother and his little sister, Gertie, and the children decide to keep its existence a secret. Soon, however, E.T. falls ill, resulting in government intervention and a dire situation for both Elliott and the alien.



Teen/'Tween Movie: *Guardians of the Galaxy* (Rated PG-13, 2 hours, 5 minute)

Tues., August 13th

3:00 – 5:00 PM



Brash space adventurer Peter Quill finds himself the quarry of relentless bounty hunters after he steals an orb coveted by Ronan, a powerful villain. To evade Ronan, Quill is forced into an uneasy truce with four disparate misfits: gun-toting Rocket Raccoon, treelike-humanoid Groot, enigmatic Gamora, and vengeance-driven Drax the Destroyer. But when he discovers the orb's true power and the cosmic threat it poses, Quill must rally his ragtag group to save the universe.

End of Summer Reading Wrap-Up Party for 'Tweens and Teens!

Sat., August 17th

1:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Drop in anytime throughout the afternoon to join us for a movie viewing of *Guardians of the Galaxy, Volume 2* (PG-13, 2 hours, 16 minutes), as well as activities and prize drawings for Summer Reading Grand Prizes!! Similar to last summer, snacks and drinks will be provided to attendees. Young Adult Summer Reading Program Participants do not need to be present for the drawings to still be eligible for prizes.



JOIN THE SUMMER DUNGEONS & DRAGONS CLUB! (for Ages 11 - 14)

Meeting Location:

Needham Free Public Library
Young Adult Room

Registration:

Not Required, though helpful, all drop-ins welcome - sign-ups at the Reference Desk

Meeting Dates:

Thursday 6/27 Thursday 8/8
Tuesday 7/2 Tuesday 8/20
Tuesday 7/16 Thursday 9/5
Thursday 7/25

Meeting Time:

7:00 – 8:45 PM (every session)

Do I have to attend ALL of the meetings? Not required, but more fun
Questions? Contact Young Adult Librarian, Erin at erinsvett@nflib.net

Upcoming Book Discussions

NPL Book Group

Tuesday, September 10th

Pachinko by Min Jin Lee

Pachinko follows one Korean family through the generations, beginning in early 1900s Korea with Sunja, the prized daughter of a poor yet proud family, whose unplanned pregnancy threatens to shame them all. Deserted by her lover, Sunja is saved when a young tubercular minister offers to marry and bring her to Japan. So begins a sweeping saga of an exceptional family in exile from its homeland and caught in the indifferent arc of history. Through desperate struggles and hard-won triumphs, its members are bound together by deep roots as they face enduring questions of faith, family, and identity. *October 8, 2019—The Saturday Evening Girls Club by Jane Healey*

1:00 PM



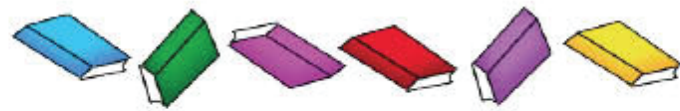
NPL Evening Book Club

Wednesday, September 18th

The Shadow of the Wind
by Carlos Ruiz Zafón

Barcelona, 1945: A city slowly heals in the aftermath of the Spanish Civil War, and Daniel, an antiquarian book dealer's son who mourns the loss of his mother, finds solace in a mysterious book entitled *The Shadow of the Wind*, by one Julián Carax. But when he sets out to find the author's other works, he makes a shocking discovery: someone has been systematically destroying every copy of every book Carax has written. In fact, Daniel may have the last of Carax's books in existence. Soon Daniel's seemingly innocent quest opens a door into one of Barcelona's darkest secrets—an epic story of murder, madness, and doomed love. *October 16, 2019—The Honest Truth about Dishonesty by Dan Ariely*

7:00 PM



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NEEDHAM COMIC BOOK CLUB!!

Date: Thursday, September 12, 2019

Time: 7:15 PM

Location: Needham Free Public Library,
Young Adult Room, 2nd Floor

Reading: "The Unbeatable Squirrel Girl" by Ryan North

Doreen Green, known as Squirrel Girl, is a human superhero with the proportional strength and speed of a squirrel, as well as the ability to speak with squirrels, like her sidekick, Tippy-Toe. As this story begins, Squirrel Girl has left her home in the Avengers mansion to start college as a computer science major. What kind of mischief will Squirrel Girl get up to at Empire State University? Join as we discuss the first volume of *The Unbeatable Squirrel Girl* by Ryan North as a group.

Copies of this month's title will be available at the Adult Reference desk on the Second Floor (beginning in August).
For more info contact Erin Bassett at ebassett@npllib.net



BOOK VENTURERS

Saturday,
July 27

3:00pm-4:00pm



IT'S A MURDER MYSTERY ON THE MOON IN THIS HUMOROUS AND SUSPENSEFUL SPACE ADVENTURE

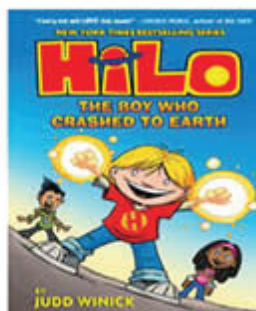
Like his fellow bananabots—otherwise known as Moonies—living on Moon Base Alpha, twelve-year-old Dashell Gibson is famous for being one of the first humans to live on the moon. And he's bored out of his mind. Then Moon Base Alpha's top scientist turns up dead. Dash senses there's foul play afoot, but no one believes him. But Dr. Holtz was on the verge of an important new discovery. Dash finds out, and it's a secret that could change everything for the Moonies—a secret someone just might kill to keep.

This is part of the monthly meeting for Bookventurers, a book club for 3rd-5th grade children! There will be a new book selection each month. Registration is requested. Books will be available for borrowing behind the Children's Desk.

BOOK VENTURERS

Saturday,
August 10

3:00pm-4:00pm



BIG NATE MEETS DOG MAN
IN THIS HILO-RIOUS GRAPHIC NOVEL

HiLo and Dog are totally ordinary kids. But HiLo (HI-LO) has just fallen out of the sky and doesn't know where he came from, or what he's doing on Earth. (He was going to school in only one underwear in a 32D size!) ... But HiLo, what if this wasn't the only thing to fall to our planet? Can HiLo SURVIVE a day at school? Find out in HILO, a laugh-out-loud, real, story of friendship, adventure! (And the ridiculously mutant book about it.)

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Diversity and Discussion Book Club

Cosponsored by the Trustees of the Needham Free Public Library,
Needham Diversity Initiative & Needham Human Rights Committee

Things That Make White People Uncomfortable
by Michael Bennett

Thurs., September 12th

7:30 PM

An outspoken activist athlete practically dares readers to think of professional football and its players in the same way again after finishing this book.

Michael Bennett is a Super Bowl Champion, a three-time Pro Bowl defensive end, a fearless activist, a feminist, a grassroots philanthropist, an organizer, and a change maker. He's also one of the most scathingly humorous athletes on the planet, and he wants to make you uncomfortable. Bennett adds his unmistakable voice to discussions of racism and police violence, Black athletes and their relationship to powerful institutions like the NCAA and the NFL, the role of protest in history, and the responsibilities of athletes as role models to speak out against injustice. Following in the footsteps of activist-athletes from Muhammad Ali to Colin Kaepernick, Bennett demonstrates his outspoken leadership both on and off the field. Written with award-winning sportswriter and author Dave Zirin, *Things that Make White People Uncomfortable* is a sports book for our turbulent times, a memoir, and a manifesto as hilarious and engaging as it is illuminating. *October 16, 2019—57 Bus: A True Story of Two Teenagers and the Crime That Changed Their Lives by Dashka Slater*



Upcoming Events...

Bob Begin—The Rescue Of The Squalus

Thurs., September 5th 7:30 PM

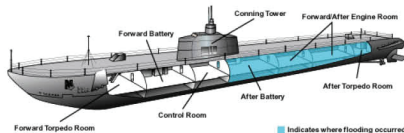


On the morning of May 23, 1939, the new submarine Squalus, was preparing for a test dive off the coast of Portsmouth, New Hampshire. She was conducting final test dives prior to joining America's Navy as the newest addition to the fleet. Aboard her were 56 Navy personnel—five officers, 51 enlisted men—and three civilians. Her Captain, Oliver Naquin expected this to be a routine dive with the Squalus returning to Portsmouth within a few hours. At 8:30 a.m. the order "Rig For Dive" was given, and the Squalus slipped below the surface. Within moments, what should have been a routine event turned into an out-of-control event as the boat started to sink rapidly by the stern. She would settle on the bottom, 243' below the surface with several compartments flooded and only 33 known survivors. With no power, heat, communications, a limited supply of breathable air, and the realization among the men, that as of 1939, there had never been a successful rescue of men from a stranded submarine hope of rescue, their situation was desperate. In spite of this, discipline was in place, and somehow, hope of rescue was strong.

Upon hearing that Squalus was missing, a huge rescue attempt was launched. The Navy would summon all available resources to the scene. Among them was a dedicated submariner: "Swede" Momsen. He, more than any other individual, would be the key factor in the rescue. He had devoted his Navy career to devising techniques allowing men to escape safely from depths by using a breathing apparatus which would become known as the Momsen Lung. He also was one of the developers of the rescue bell that allowed men to be retrieved from depths considered impossible.

The story of how the Squalus was found, the extensive number of dives prior to the rescue of the crew, the safe retrieval of 33 men, and her ultimate salvage from the bottom reflect courage, dedication, and lessons learned which would enable numerous future rescues.

This was a widely followed news event which took place in "our own backyard" and warrants retelling. *Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.*



Barry Pell—Micronesia, Melanesia and Polynesia: Unraveling the Mysteries of the South Pacific

Thurs., September 19th 7:30 PM

The South Pacific has been celebrated in literature, art, and music. Yet, the island countries that dot the Pacific Ocean are



mysterious unknowns to most Americans. Barry Pell has traveled throughout both the south and north Pacific countries and territories. In this program, he will explain the distinctions between the regions of Micronesia, Melanesia and Polynesia in terms of their geography, history, culture and people. The program will be accompanied by Mr. Pell's photography in the islands. Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

DID YOU KNOW...



Cell phone low on battery life? With help from the library, never run out of power again. The Needham Free Public Library would like to announce the addition of a brand new Charging Station to the library's collection of charging cables available at the Reference desk. The station is located on the Library's second floor by the Reference Desk, near the Highland Ave entrance. There are 8 individual slots for use by 8 different patrons. Each slot is equipped with 3 different cables able to charge to tablets, smart phones, Apple and Android devices (cables included are the lightning cable, micro-USB and USB-C).

The station is able to charge 2% of battery life every minute, and keeps devices safe by locking them in the compartment by using an individualized PIN of the user's choice. Devices can then be retrieved by entering the same chosen PIN when ready to stop charging, or by seeing a Reference Librarian for assistance. This station was purchased with funds donated by the *Library Foundation of Needham.*

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

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