



LIBRARY NOTES

June 2012

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Welcome to *Library Notes*, a monthly publication of the Needham Free Public Library. *Library Notes* describes both the monthly events at the Library and the ongoing services...

Author James D. Livingston, PhD. - *Rising Force: The Magic of Magnetic Levitation*
Thurs., June 7th

7:30 PM

From Harry Potter to David Copperfield, there is magic in conquering gravity. The book's uplifting coverage includes flying frogs, levitated sumo wrestlers, magnetic bearings in blood pumps, uranium centrifuges, wind turbines, maglev surgery inside a living pig, and the latest news of high-speed maglev trains.



Jim Livingston studied engineering physics at Cornell University, and received a Ph.D. in Applied Physics from Harvard University in 1956. After retiring from General Electric after a lengthy career as a research physicist, he taught for 20 years in the Department of Materials Science and Engineering at MIT before retiring again. Although a physicist by profession, he has long had a strong interest in American history, and today much of his time is focused on writing (and reading) in history and in science. Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library, this program will be preceded by the Friends' Annual Meeting at 7:00 PM.

Employment Workshop: The Interview

Thurs., June 14th

7:30 PM



This will be an interactive and informal question and answer session, using role-playing of typical interview questions followed by a discussion of how best to answer them. The seminar will also include ways to avoid most common interview mistakes. Gary Gekow is a Senior Employment Specialist with 21 years of recruiting experience in the Boston staffing industry. He works closely with client companies in many industries and job seekers in various specialties. This program is sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.

Vanessa Trien and the Jumping Monkeys

Sat., June 23rd

3:00 PM

Boston-Based singer-songwriter and children's performer Vanessa Trien launches this summer's Dream Big, READ! summer reading program. Trien, has become a local rock star

among the young and young at heart.

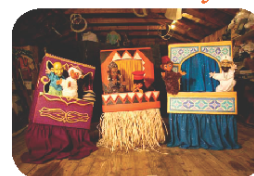
The "Nessa Groupies" sing and dance in the aisles at her packed shows with her lively band the Jumping Monkeys, and can't get enough of her two award-winning children's CDs 'Carnival Day' and 'Hot Air Balloon.' **The Summer 2012 Dream Big, READ!** program series is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.



PuppeTree Presents CAPS FOR SALE

Thurs., June 28th

7:00 PM



This simple folk tale of a hat seller whose inventory of hats is lost to mischievous monkeys while he is napping is told around the world in every culture that has monkeys.

PuppeTree has pulled out all the stops to tell this exciting story through the eyes of 7 different cultures, using an engaging variety of puppetry styles to celebrate diversity. Performing with a background of really upbeat world music, the puppeteers are always in full view, as they revolve on a painter's scaffolding during the performance, sharing their puppet wizardry with the audience. *This show is just plain FUN!*

Vermont PuppeTree's production of CAPS FOR SALE is based on the classic book by Esphyr Slobodkina, performed with permission from HarperCollins Publishing.

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Friends Summer Book Sale



Saturday, June 2nd
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Sunday, June 3rd 1:00 - 4:00 PM

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

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

Children's Programs in June

Drop-in Storytimes for ages 5 and under



Wed., June 6, 13, 20	10:00 AM
Mon., June 18	10:30 AM
Tues., June 26	10:30 AM

Stories, music, movement and more. Storytimes are drop-in—no registration required. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Music, Movement and Me with Sara Epstein**



Tues., June 5	10:30 AM
Mon., June 11	10:30 AM

An interactive music and movement program for adults and children under 4. **Registration is required, one session per month only please.

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



Fri., June 1	11:00 AM
Tues., June 12	11:00 AM

Join Cici Hunt in this fun-filled music and movement class for children and their caretakers.

**Registration is required, one session per month only please.

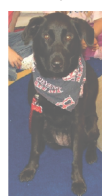
Sing-Along with Ed Morgan



Fri., June 8	3:00 PM
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For children 2 years and up accompanied by an adult. This is a drop-in program—please arrive on time.

Lucy the R.E.A.D. Dog: for ages 3 and up**



Thurs., June 7	10:00 AM
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Join Lucy, a black lab, and Pat Howes for a great program that encourages children to read! **Registration required. Begins one week prior to program. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.*

Toddler Movies



Thurs., June 7, 14, 21, 28	11:00 AM
Thurs., July 19, 26	
Thurs., August 2, 9, 16, 23	

Short films based on popular storybooks—shown in the Community Room.



Children's Craft Programs in June

Drop-In "Crafts of the Month" for ages 2-6



Mon., June 4	10:30 AM
Thurs., June 7	4:00 PM



Drop-In "Alphabet" Crafts for ages 2-6 — This Month "JKL"

Thurs., June 14	4:00 PM
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Drop-In "Summer" Crafts for ages 2-6

Tues., June 19	10:30 AM
Thurs., June 21	4:00 PM

Drop-In "Dream BIG" Crafts for ages 2-6



Mon., June 25	10:30 AM
Thurs., June 28	4:00 PM

Drop-In Craft Programs usually last for approximately 45 minutes, depending upon your child(ren). Three crafts related to the theme will be offered for our creative young patrons. Please arrive during the first half hour of the program.

Bring your camera and meet your favorite storybook friend Clifford the Big Red Dog!



Wed., June 27 @ 10:00 AM & 4:00 PM
Stories will be read with the children followed by a photo opportunity with Clifford!

2012 Summer Reading Clubs

Dream BIG—READ!



Dream BIG—the sky's the limit when you participate in the Needham Free Public Library's Summer Reading Club. The program is FREE and FUN! Through the Collaborative Library Summer Reading Program, we are joining with libraries throughout the U.S. to "Dream Big—READ!" The Needham Free Public Library's program will run from June 11 through August 25, 2012. The last day to register is July 21, 2012. We will have two clubs—*Read to Me* (ages 3-6) and *Independent Readers* (grades K-6). You can sign-up at the Children's Library or register and maintain your reading log online: <http://readsinma.org/needham>. The online program

will also begin on June 11.

Both *Read to Me* and *Independent Reader* participants will receive a small prize for every two hours recorded on their reading log. This Year, Lizzy's Ice Cream has contributed certificates for a free ice cream cone as one of the prizes. We hope that children will read at least 16 hours to complete the program.

Children's Movie: *The Adventures of Tintin*—



Rated PG 107 minutes

Fri., June 22nd

2:00 PM

The Adventures of Tintin follows the exciting exploits of a young reporter, his dog, a sea captain with a drinking problem, and a couple of bumbling Interpol detectives as they travel from Europe to the Sahara and Morocco in pursuit of a pickpocket, model-ship collectors, and long-lost treasure.

Summer 2012 Film Festival - 2:00 PM start time

July 20th The Secret World of Arrietty

(Rated G - 90 Minutes)

August 3rd The Phantom Tollbooth

(Rated G - 90 Minutes)

August 24th The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe

(Rated PG - 126 Minutes)

August 31st We Bought a Zoo

(Rated PG - 126 Minutes)

June Book Discussions

NPL Book Group

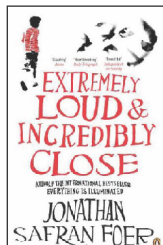
Tuesday, June 12th

1:00 PM

Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close

by Jonathan Safran Foer

Oskar Schell is not your average nine-year-old. A budding inventor, he spends his time imagining wonderful creations. He also collects random photographs for his scrapbook and sends letters to scientists. When his father dies in the World Trade Center collapse, Oskar shifts his boundless energy to a quest for answers. He finds a key hidden in his father's things that doesn't fit any lock in their New York City apartment; its container is labeled "Black." Using flawless kid logic, Oskar sets out to speak to everyone in New York City with the last name of Black.



**This Month in the Friends'
Gallery**

**Mary Alice Donaldson
Photography**

NPL Evening Book Group

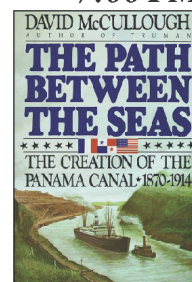
Wednesday, June 20th

The Path Between the Seas: The Creation of the Panama Canal 1870-1914

by David McCullough

Filled with vivid details and incidents, The Path Between the Seas is not only a fact-filled account of an unprecedented engineering feat, but also the story of the people who were caught up in it—some to win fame and fortune, others to have their reputations and even their lives destroyed. For many it was the adventure of a lifetime, an adventure whose like will never be seen again. Out of it came a revolution, the birth of a new nation, the conquest of yellow fever, and the expansion of American power.

7:00 PM



DID YOU KNOW...

The Reference Department is pleased to announce the addition of two new databases.



Consumer Reports is long recognized as the standard for ratings of consumer products. This database, now full text, appears on the Needham Public

Library's database page located at:

<http://library.minlib.net/search> under **Databases**. After clicking on the link, enter your Needham library card number. It is available both at home and in the library to Needham residents. It was added as a complement to the Boston Consumer Checkbook database which rates services and businesses in the Greater Boston Area.

The Boston Globe Digital Microfilm

Don't have a \$10,000 microfilm machine at home? Now you can have full access to the Boston Globe digitized full-page images from newspapers on microfilm. Convenient controls allow you to browse individual issues, or go to specific pages within specific issues. This database starts with the year 2008 and is a page by page copy of the newspaper. This form of the newspaper runs about a month behind the current issues so it is not a replacement for the current daily Globe.

Library Hours:

<i>Mon. - Thurs.</i>	<i>9:00am - 9:00pm</i>
<i>Fridays</i>	<i>9:00am - 5:30pm</i>
<i>Saturdays</i>	<i>9:00am - 5:00pm</i>
<i>Sundays</i>	<i>1:00pm - 5:00pm</i>

Upcoming Events...

Keith Michael Johnson's Bubbleology: The Secret World of Bubbles

Tuesday, July 31st

3:00 PM



You've never seen bubbles like this before...As big as a rainbow colored bathtub wobbling 10-feet off the ground with a liquid-skin thinner than the wavelength of light. Bubbles will bounce, divide and sometimes even swallow you whole if you give them the chance. Even ordinary bubbles are extraordinary. The Secret World of Bubbles is packed with state-of-the-art bubble sculpture: kinetic and ephemeral, miniscule and mammoth. The bubbles' mission is to snare your attention and make you wonder, "How is that possible?" The Summer 2012 *Dream Big, READ!* program series is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.

Dan Grady's Marvelous Marionettes Medley

Tuesday, August 7th

3:00 PM

A fast-paced string puppet production choreographed to lively music. Dan has designed and crafted all the marionettes that are utilized in this wonderful production. Every routine is choreographed to or backed by lively wholesome music. The Summer 2012 *Dream Big, READ!* program series is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.



Stephen Lechner - The Cabinet of Scientific Curiosities

Wednesday, August 22nd

3:00 PM



*In introducing us to his unusual "Cabinet of Curiosities," (which mysteriously appeared on his doorstep one day with a note: "Please look after this cabinet, it is filled with all the dreams and inventions I have been working on since I was a baby") Stephen Lechner starts us on a magical, mystical journey. As he begins to open the doors in the cabinet, each one reveals an object or experiment that imparts a science lesson. "Mysteries" in the box include such items as the Mysterious Bouncing Ball, the Laughing Cup, the Color-Changing Mystery, the Magical-Appearing Snow, the Dancing Monkeys, the Traveling Sand Bugs, the Anti-Gravity Spray, and more. With a lot of audience participation and funny business, as each mystery is revealed, this program is a perfect way to end our summer reading clubs. The Summer 2012 *Dream Big, READ!* program series is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.*

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UPCOMING LIBRARY CLOSURE FOR FLOOR REPLACEMENT



Saturday, June 30 - Monday, July 9

The Needham Free Public Library will close for floor renovations beginning Saturday, June 30th, through Monday, July 9th. During this time, the cork flooring on both the first and second floor will be removed and replaced with Marmoleum. As no one will be able to access the building while this occurs, the following procedures are being put into place:

- There will be no Public Access to the Library, including the Book Drops, during this time period. Both the Book and Audiovisual Return Drops will be locked, as no Library Staff Member will be able to come into the building to empty the bins. You may either hold on to your library materials for return when the Library reopens, or you may, if you wish, return them to one of the surrounding Minuteman Library Network libraries. **DO NOT LEAVE BOOKS OUTSIDE – THE LIBRARY WILL NOT TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR LEFT ITEMS.**
- There will be no fines accrued on materials during the closure time period.
- You may either freeze your holds, or designate a different Minuteman library as your pick-up location a few weeks before the library closes, so that you will be able to maintain your placement on the various listings for your holds. Either Circulation or Reference will be glad to assist you in performing this task.

Any Questions? Please ask Circulation or Reference for assistance.

WHAT DOES NEEDHAM READ?!



The Library Foundation of Needham is calling all Needham readers to participate in a survey that will identify the town's favorite books. The results will be distributed at the foundation's *Black, White & Read All Over Gala*, slated for Sept. 14 at the Needham Sheraton Hotel. Gala proceeds will help build an endowment to benefit the Needham Free Public Library.

The one-page survey, which asks 10 easy questions, is available at the library circulation desk. You can also take it online -- and learn more about the gala -- by going to the Foundation's web site, lfnonline.org. Please return your survey by June 30.