



# LIBRARY NOTES

NEWSLETTER OF THE NEEDHAM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

## JUNE 2017

### friends' summer booksale



Saturday, June 3rd  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Sunday, June 4th  
1:00 - 4:00 PM

**Sunday is Bargain Day: all items are half-price and a brown bag is \$8.00.**

### Friends Annual Meeting & Author Kevin Comtois—Sin to Swing: The Evolution of Jazz in America

Wed., June 7th

7:00 PM

*This presentation will review the history and musical culture of New Orleans, the birth of a new music called Jazz, the many colorful creators of this music, and its evolution to Swing and Big Band music. Using recorded music, film clips and still images, the presentation will examine how the politics and social conditions of late 19th Century New Orleans were integral in the creation of a whole new musical culture, and how that culture spread throughout the United States. An emphasis will be placed on the people who created Jazz, how that music spread rapidly throughout the United States, the conditions that led young people of the 30s and 40s to embrace it, and its patriotic use for a war-weary nation. Preceded by the Annual Meeting, this event is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Library.*



### Joy of Coloring For Adults

Thurs., June 8th

2:00-4:00 PM



JOY OF COLORING  
AT THE NEEDHAM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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### Library Hours:

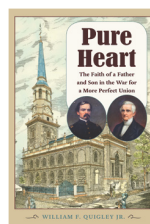
Mon. - Thurs.	9:00 am - 9:00 pm
Fridays	9:00 am - 5:30 pm
Saturdays	9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sundays	1:00 pm - 7:00 pm

**\* EXTENDED HOURS ON SUNDAY \***

### William F. Quigley—Pure Heart: The Faith of a Father and Son in the War for a More Perfect Union (Civil War in the North)

Mon., June 12th

7:30 PM



*In the summer of 1862, as Union morale ebbed low with home front division over war costs, coming emancipation, and demoralizing battlefield losses, 24-year-old William White Dorr enlisted as a lieutenant in the 121st Pennsylvania Volunteers, a new Union regiment organizing in Philadelphia. His father, the Reverend Benjamin Dorr, Rector of Christ Church, Philadelphia, strived to prevent divisions in his congregation from sundering that Episcopal church historically tied to the nation's founding. Clearly and engagingly written, **Pure Heart** is unique in its narrative synthesis of home front political divisions and frontline infantry experiences. The emotional heart of the story lies in Reverend Dorr's relationship with his soldier son, poignantly revealed in a recently discovered collection of his son's wartime letters. William F. Quigley Jr. presents a narrative that remarkably encapsulates much of the North's experience of the war. The book will be available for purchase and autographing following the presentation. **This event is sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.***



### All Rise: A History of the Supreme Court with Dr. Gary Hylander

Tues., June 20th

7:30 PM



Almost every problem in American history has found its way to the Supreme Court. The Court always makes news and, on occasion, it makes big news. Come and learn how the Court, over the years, has interpreted the broadly worded language of the Constitution to protect and promote the "blessings of liberty," "due process" and "equal protection of the laws" for all Americans. **This is the final lecture in this series, and is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.**

### Magician Matias Letelier—The Magic of Imagination

Mon., June 26th


4:30 PM





*This show offers a unique blend of motivational magic, clean comedy, positive and encouraging messages, high energy, and (most importantly) lots of audience participation that will show the audience the importance of using the imagination to achieve goals and make dreams come true. This is the Kick-off event for this summer's **Build a Better World Summer Reading Program** and is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.*


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


## Children's Story Times in June

 **Terrific Toddlers for ages 1-2 years**  
**Tues., June 6** 10:00 AM  
 Stories mixed with songs, rhymes, fingerplays, rhythm and sensory activities.


 **Babies & Books Up to One Year**  
**Tues., June 6, 20, 27** 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., June 7, 14, 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., June 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.

 **Ready, Set...Move with Cici Hunt: for ages 3-5\*\***  
**Wed., June 7** 11:00 AM  
**Mon., June 19** 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., June 9** 3:00 PM  
**Thurs., June 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., June 13 (ages 2-5)** 10:00 AM  
**Tues., June 13 (ages 2 and under)** 11:00 AM  
**Fri., June 23 (ages 2-5)** 10:00 AM  
**Fri., June 23 (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.

**LEGO Time! Needham Free Public Library's BLOCK PARTY! for ages 5+**

**Tues., June 13** 4:00-5:00 PM



## Children's Programs in June

 **Summer Crafts for ages 2+ years**  
**Thurs., June 8** 10:30-11:30 AM

 **Bouncing Balls Craft for ages 6+ years**  
**Thurs., June 22** 4:00-4:45 PM

 **Yoga for Children ages 5-9 years**  
**Sat., June 24** 10:30 AM

## BUILD A BETTER NFPL WORLD 2017 SUMMER READING PROGRAM

**Who Can Build:** Everyone! Children from birth to those entering 6th Grade in the fall. Children who read or are read to. Minutes spent reading or listening are recorded in a log.

**Construction Starts:** Break ground by registering May 1st through August 1st and begin recording minutes. Log sixteen hours by August 9 to complete the program and be eligible to win grand prizes. Each child who completes the program will receive a special *Boston Bruins Reading Certificate*.

### Online Challenge!

Register and record your reading online at: <https://wandoreader.com/needham/children-s-2017-summer-readers/users/sessions/new>. Travel through history to architectural wonders, from Stonehenge to a space station. Earn points to change your avatar.

### Prizes!

Children will receive a free book, and a free pass to the *USS Constitution Museum* when they register for the Summer Reading Program.

Children will receive a toy prize when they have read four hours, eight hours, twelve hours and sixteen hours. Every child who logs sixteen hours will receive a free book, a toy prize, a general admission ticket to a *PawSox* game and will be eligible to win Grand Prizes.

Children who read more than sixteen hours for the summer will receive a free kids meal at *Chipotle's* and have their names entered to win a Grand Prize through a random drawing. Those reading the most will be entered into a drawing for Bruins' swag.



## June STEAM Programs

### STEAM Station Orientation for Parents

Thurs., June 1st

7:00 PM



Parents of children in Grades 1-6 are invited to a tour of the library's STEAM Powered Creation Station: a Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math maker space for school-aged children. Parents will learn what materials are available, how to use the space with their child and will have an opportunity to create and experiment. This event will occur inside the Children's Craft Room.

### Early Childhood Science Enrichment for Children ages 3-5\*\*

Fri., June 16th

11:00 AM

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11:30 AM

This Month's Topic: Terrariums

Steve Lechner of *The SCIENCE WORKS!*

introduces children to the wonders of Science,

Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)

using hands-on activities, puppets, a bit of magic and lots

of fun. \*\*Registration is required. \*\* Sponsored by the

Library Foundation of Needham.



### Simple Machines Workshop for ages 7 and Up \*\*

Tues., June 27th

4:30-5:15 PM



*The Simple Machines Workshop, with Author/Illustrator David Hyde Costello, involves an introduction to the four simple machines: lever, pulley, wheel and axle. Participants will have the chance physically to manipulate the models in order to experience mechanical advantage (for example, the difference between a single pulley and a double pulley system.)*

\*\*Registration required. Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library, in support of this summer's BUILD A BETTER WORLD Summer Reading Program.

## Teen Programs in June

### Tween/Teen Crafternoon—Tie Dye Party

Mon., June 12th

4:00-5:00 PM

Looking to ring in summer with some bright colors? Come join our tie dye party in the Community Room [on the 1st Floor]. Rain or shine we will have some form of tie dying going on. We'll be providing some materials to tie dye, but feel free to bring your own. Rainbow themed snacks and enjoyment provided!



This Month in the Friends' Gallery

Nelson Hammer  
Art for the Birds

## June Book Discussions

### NPL Book Group

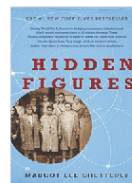
Tuesday, June 13th

*Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race*

by Margot Lee Shetterly

*Before John Glenn orbited Earth or Neil Armstrong walked on the Moon, a group of dedicated female mathematicians known as "human computers" used pencils, slide rules, and adding machines to calculate the numbers that would launch rockets, and astronauts, into space. Among these problem-solvers were a group of exceptionally talented African American women, some of the brightest minds of their generation. Starting in World War II and moving through to the Cold War, the Civil Rights Movement, and the Space Race, *Hidden Figures* follows the interwoven accounts of Dorothy Vaughan, Mary Jackson, Katherine Johnson and Christine Darden, four African American women who participated in some of NASA's greatest successes. It chronicles their careers over nearly three decades: they faced challenges, forged alliances and used their intellect to change their own lives, and their country's future. \*September 12, 2017— *One Summer: America, 1927* by Bill Bryson\**

1:00 PM



### NPL Evening Book Club

Wednesday, June 21st

*The Last Hurrah*

by Edwin O'Connor

*"We're living in a sensitive age, Cuke, and I'm not altogether sure you're fully attuned to it." So says Irish-American politician Frank Skeffington—a cynical, corrupt 1950s mayor, and also an old-school gentleman who looks after the constituents of his New England city and enjoys their unwavering loyalty in return. But in our age of dynasties, mercurial social sensitivities, and politicians making love to the camera, Skeffington might as well be talking to us. Not quite a roman à clef of notorious Boston mayor James Michael Curley, *The Last Hurrah* tells the story of Skeffington's final campaign as witnessed through the eyes of his nephew, who learns a great deal about politics as he follows his uncle to fundraisers, wakes, and into smoke-filled rooms, ultimately coming—almost against his will—to admire the man.*

\*September 20, 2017— *Deep South: Four Seasons on Back Roads* by Paul Theroux\*

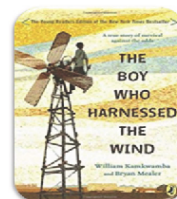
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The Needham Public Library Book Discussion

## Harness the Wind

Saturday, June 10th | 3:15-4:15 PM



✓ Read the book

✓ Enjoy yummy snacks!

✓ Discuss it with friends

✓ Make Your Own Pinwheels



## Upcoming Events...

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## BUILD A BETTER NFPL WORLD 2017 SUMMER READING PROGRAM EVENTS

### Events for Preschoolers

July 10th-Aug 14th	11:15 AM
<i>Math 4 ME</i>	
July 19th	11:30 AM
<i>Sparky's Puppets</i>	
July 21th, Aug 11th	10:30 AM
<i>Preschool Crafts</i>	

### Performers! For Children Ages 4 and up

July 24th	4:30 PM
<i>Builders of Tomorrow with Timothy Van Egmond—Stories and Songs</i>	
July 31st	4:30 PM
<i>Build a Better World Magic Show with Debbie O'Carroll</i>	
Aug 7th	4:30 PM
<i>Touch a Truck—Construction Vehicles in Memorial Park</i>	
Aug 14th	4:30 PM
<i>End of Summer Party with Mr. DJ</i>	

### Grand Kickoff for the Bruins When You Read You Score Summer Reading Program Visit with Blades and some of the Boston Bruins!!!



Fri., July 7th

3:00 PM

Blades will be kicking off his Summer Reading library visits right here at the Needham Free Public Library! Blades and the some of the Bruins will read a story about Blades. Children will be able to have their photo taken with Blades, play games with the players, and enjoy other fun activities. *Sponsored by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.*

### Build a Better World Workshops

July 11th	4:30 PM
Engineering Enigma with the <i>Science Bug</i>	
July 22th	2:30 PM
Build a Better Rube Goldberg Machine with <i>Jay Mankita</i>	
July 29th & Aug 6th	2:30 PM
Fairytale Engineering with <i>Let's Build</i>	
Aug 1st	4:00 PM
Skype with a <i>NASA Engineer</i>	
Aug 5th	2:30 PM
Build a Better Minecraft World with <i>Einstein's Workshop</i>	

**\*\*Registration Required\*\***

### Build a Better World Summer Reading Film Series

June 30	Wreck It Ralph (PG, 108 min.)
July 21	Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs (PG, 90 min.)
August 4	Meet the Robinsons (G, 95 min.)
August 25	Big Hero 6 (PG, 102 min.)
Movie Start Time: 3:00 PM — Community Room	

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