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# LIBRARY NOTES

March 2014

## 2014 McIVER LECTURE SERIES

### THE FUTURE OF THE FOURTH ESTATE

#### International Reporting with Northeastern University Professor Nicholas Daniloff

Sunday, March 23rd 2:00 PM

With a background of many years of international reporting, NU Professor Nicholas Daniloff will talk about his experiences in reporting from foreign locations. He will share his thoughts about the decline of the number of foreign correspondents with their "feet on the ground" in world locations, and express concern over the average citizens' increasing ignorance about world news. This is the last in a series of three lectures discussing the present and future of gathering and disseminating the news. **This series is sponsored by the Trustees of the Needham Free Public Library.**



## World War I—A Series of Lectures by Dr. Gary Hylander

Monday, March 3rd 7:30 PM

Tuesday, March 18th 7:30 PM

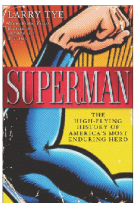
Monday, March 31st 7:30 PM

Popular speaker and lecturer Dr. Gary Hylander returns with the a series of four lectures on World War I, in this 100th anniversary year commemorating this cataclysmic event. **This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.**



## Author Larry Tye: *Superman: The High-Flying History of America's Most Enduring Hero*

Sunday, March 16th 2:00 PM



*Superman* is the first full-fledged biography not just of the Man of Steel, but of the visionary writers and artists, publishers and performers, who kept aloft the red-and-blue-clad icon through seven decades and counting. Larry Tye shows us how Superman—like few other mythical characters before or since—has evolved in a way that offers a Rorschach test of his changing times and our highest aspirations. **This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.**

## *Created Equal: America's Civil Rights Struggle* — Film Screenings and Scholar-Led Discussion

Film Showing: *The Freedom Riders* (2 hours)

Saturday, March 22nd 11:00 AM

Film Showing: *The Loving Story* (90 minutes)

Saturday, March 22nd 2:00 PM



## Discussion: Fighting for Marriage Rights in the US

Thursday, March 27th 7:00 PM

Dr. Catherine Paden, *Associate Professor, Chair, and Faculty Assistant to the Dean on Diversity Initiatives at Simmons College* will lead a community interactive discussion that will examine how current issues surrounding marriage may have deep historical roots.

## Panel Discussion: Becoming an Ally: Activating One's Sphere of Influence

Sunday, March 30th 2:00 PM

Manuel Fernandez, *Founding Head of Cambridge Street Upper School*, will lead a panel discussion which includes the director of METCO, educators and members of the Needham community. His concerns and ideas will focus on: *Becoming an Ally: Activating One's Sphere of Influence*.

While watching the films in advance is recommended, the discussions stand alone, independent of the films.

*Created Equal: America's Civil Rights Struggle*, is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Humanities that uses the power of documentary films to encourage scholar-led, community discussions of America's civil rights history. The *Created Equal* film set is made possible through a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, as part of its Bridging Cultures initiative, in partnership with the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History.

For further information about upcoming events, go to [www.needhamma.gov/library](http://www.needhamma.gov/library).

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

## Children's Programs in March

### Drop-in Storytimes for ages 5 and under



Wed., March 5, 12, 19, 26	10:00 AM
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Fri., March 7	10:30 AM
Tues., March 11	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., March 4	10:30 AM
Fri., March 21	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\*\*



Tues., March 18	11:00 AM
Tues., March 25	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., March 14	3:00 PM
Thurs., March 20	10:30 AM

For children 2 years and up accompanied by an adult. This is a drop-in program—please arrive on time.

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



### "Fun Flicks" Movies for ages 2-5

Thurs., March 13, 27 11:00 AM  
Short films based on popular storybooks—shown in the Community Room.

### March Coloring Time for all ages.

Thurs., March 6 10:30-11:15 am  
Come and color March Special Days coloring sheets.



## Children's Craft Programs in March

### Drop-In "Dr. Seuss Day" Crafts for ages 2-6



Mon., March 3 4:00 PM



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

Mon., March 10 4:00 PM



Drop-In "Caldecott" Crafts for ages 2-6

Mon., March 17 4:00 PM

### Drop-In "Spring" Crafts for ages 2-6



Mon., March 24 4:00 PM

Fri., March 28 10:30 AM

All Drop-In Craft Programs feature two crafts and a coloring page that are related to the theme. There will be 25 of each craft, so be sure to come early for first choice.

### Growing Readers: Story/Crafts for Ages 4-6

Wed., March 5 1:00 PM

Wed., March 19 1:00 PM



Join us for this combination storytime and craft session.

### LEGO Time! Needham Free Public Library's BLOCK PARTY!

Due to space limitations, the program is limited to 24 children, ages 6+.



Tuesday, March 18

4:30 - 5:30 PM

Sign-up for program begins one week before the event. You can sign up by phone or in person.

## Ben Rudnick & Friends

**Saturday, March 29th 3:15PM**

Ben Rudnick & Friends play the hippest family music around. With countless awards to their credit, including FIVE Parent's Choice awards, their adventurous, high-energy blend of happy, upbeat acoustic music is guaranteed to entertain the entire family. Blending musical styles from country to bluegrass, rock to second-line New Orleans, their original songs and fun takes on familiar tunes will make you sing, make you dance and make you happy. Join the fun!

This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.



## Children's Movie:

**Disney's Frozen—Rated PG, 102 minutes  
Fri., March 28th 3:30 PM**



*Fearless optimist Princess Anna teams up with Kristoff in an epic journey, encountering Everest-like conditions, and a hilarious snowman named Olaf in a race to find Anna's sister Queen Elsa, whose icy powers have trapped the kingdom of Arendelle in eternal winter.*

## March Book Discussions

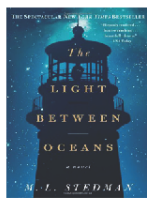
**NPL Book Group  
Tuesday, March 11th**

**1:00 PM**

### *The Light Between Oceans*

by M.L. Stedman

Tom Sherbourne is a lighthouse keeper on Janus Rock, a tiny island a half day's boat journey from the coast of Western Australia. When a baby washes up in a rowboat, he and his young wife Isabel decide to raise the child as their own. The baby seems like a gift from God, and the couple's reasoning for keeping her seduces the reader into entering the waters of treacherous morality even as Tom—whose moral code withstood the horrors of World War I—begins to waver. M. L. Stedman's vivid characters and gorgeous descriptions of the solitude of Janus Rock and of the unpredictable Australian frontier create a perfect backdrop for the tale of longing, loss, and the overwhelming love for a child that is *The Light Between Oceans*. \* April 8, 2014 Book: *Where'd You Go, Bernadette* by Maria Semple. \*



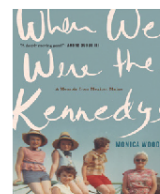
**Needham's Art in Bloom  
March 8 & 9, 2014**



**NPL Evening Book Group  
Wednesday, March 19th**

**7:00 PM**

### *When We Were The Kennedys: A Memoir From Mexico, Maine* by Monica Wood



*Mexico, Maine, 1963: The Wood family is much like its close, Catholic, immigrant neighbors, all dependent on the fathers' wages from the Oxford Paper Company. But when Dad suddenly dies on his way to work, Mum and the four deeply connected Wood girls are set adrift. When We Were the Kennedys is the story of how a family, a town, and then a nation mourns and finds the strength to move on.* \* April 16, 2014 Book: *The Orphan Master's Son* by Adam Johnson \*

## Teaching Tech Tips for Adults

Looking for help with your phone or your laptop?

### How about your iPad or Kindle?



The Needham Free Public Library and local high school students are offering their expertise with iPads, tablets, and cell phones to the adults of Needham. Enrolling is easy—all you need to do is:

- Sign up for an individual time slot at the Reference Desk
- Fill out the flyer, available at the library concerning your technological needs and questions.
- Arrive at the library with your device and device passwords, on your scheduled date and time.

Have further questions? Call 781-455-7559, option 2 or stop by the Adult Reference Desk.

## This Month in the Friends' Gallery

### Barney Levitt

*Life Stills: A Moment in Time*

## Library Hours:

**Mon. - Thurs.**

**9:00am - 9:00pm**

**Fridays**

**9:00am - 5:30pm**

**Saturdays**

**9:00am - 5:00pm**

**Sundays**

**1:00pm - 5:00pm**

# Upcoming Events...

## Created Equal: America's Civil Rights Struggle — Film Screenings and Scholar-Led Discussion

Film Showing: *Slavery by Another Name* (90 min.)

Thursday, April 10th 7:00PM

Discussion: *Slavery by Another Name: Then and Now* led by Leslie C. Smart

Saturday, April 12th 2:00 PM

*Slavery by Another Name: Even as slavery ended after the Civil War, new forms of forced labor kept thousands of African Americans in bondage. Based on the 2008 Pulitzer Prize-winning book of the same title by Douglas Blackmon. Produced and directed by Sam Pollard. Catherine Allen, executive producer for Twin Cities Public Television. Douglas Blackmon, co-executive producer.*



The *Slavery by Another Name: Then and Now* discussion will be led by Leslie C Smart, facilitator of a Framingham University Cultural Proficiency graduate course and the METCO coordinator for the Needham Middle Schools.

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## World War I—A Series of Lectures by Dr. Gary Hylander

Tuesday, April 15th 7:30 PM



Popular speaker and lecturer Dr. Gary Hylander returns with the fourth and final lecture on World War I, in this 100th anniversary year commemorating this cataclysmic event. This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.



## Looney Tunes Cartoon Festival

Friday, April 25 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

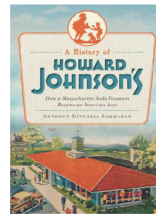
All Looney, All Day!!

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## Author Anthony M. Sammarco—*The History of Howard Johnson's: How a Soda Fountain Became an American Icon*

Sunday, April 13th

2:00 PM



Howard Johnson created an orange-roofed empire of ice cream stands and restaurants that stretched from Maine to Florida and all the way to the West Coast. Popularly known as the "Father of the Franchise Industry," Johnson delivered good food and prices that brought appreciative customers back for more. The attractive white Colonial Revival restaurants, with eye-catching porcelain tile roofs, illuminated cupolas and sea blue shutters, were described in *Reader's Digest* in 1949 as the epitome of "eating places that look like New England town meeting houses dressed up for Sunday." Boston historian and author Anthony M. Sammarco recounts how Howard Johnson introduced twenty-eight flavors of ice cream, the "Tendersweet" clam strips, grilled frankforts and a menu of delicious and traditional foods that families eagerly enjoyed when they traveled. Books will be available for purchase and autographing. **This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.**

## Swords Through The Ages—A Lecture, Discussion and Demonstration of Swordsmanship

Tuesday, April 22nd

3:30 PM

Come to an amazing sword presentation by Jeff Goodhind and Jeff Lord from the Association for Renaissance and Medieval Swordsmanship. They'll demonstrate the art of Western European swordsmanship over the centuries. If you dare, try your hand at (blunt) sword combat! This program is for ages 12 and up.



## Crabgrass Puppets—The Pirate, The Princess and the Pea

Saturday, April 26th

10:30 AM



A pirate's life isn't all "yo-ho-ho and a bottle of grog," ya know. It's hard work searchin' for treasure, what with avoidin' the sea monsters, keepin' the crabs from eatin' your nose, and fallin' overboard just in time to meet a giant octopus. But it's worth it when ya haul in that treasure chest . . . but the treasure in this chest happens to be a princess . . . a princess who doesn't even believe you're a pirate! And how do you prove you're a real pirate? Arrgh. Well, ya start with a whole lot o' mattresses! **This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.**