



NEEDHAM
FREE PUBLIC
LIBRARY

LIBRARY NOTES

March 2015

2015 McIver Lecture Series—Whither the Weather?

Thoreau's Tears: Climate Change Comes to Walden

Sun., March 1st

2:00 PM

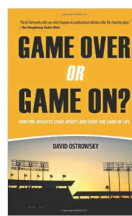


For the last decade, Dr. Richard Primack and his colleagues and students have been using the journals of Henry David Thoreau and the meticulous records kept by other residents of Massachusetts to reconstruct the history of climate change in Massachusetts. In this lecture, Professor Primack discusses how the warming climate is affecting plants, birds and insects in Massachusetts and the northeast. **This event is sponsored by the Trustees of the Needham Free Public Library.**

Author David Ostrowsky—*Game Over Or Game On: How Pro Athletes Leave Sports and Enjoy the Game of Life*

Tues., March 24th

7:30 PM



Author David Ostrowsky provides an account of how various pro athletes from the past several decades have made contributions in the fields of entertainment, business, politics, community service, coaching, management, and broadcasting upon retirement. The stigma of pro athletes struggling financially and emotionally is not always applicable. Ostrowsky focuses on the stories of athletes who have positively leveraged their resources, money, fame, and time in their respective endeavors. The book will be available for purchase and autographing following this event. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.

Nature Talks: David Volante—Getting Ready for Spring

Thurs., March 12th

7:30 PM

This is the inaugural event of a new library program series called *Nature Talks*. Please join us as we learn what needs to be done in late March/early April to prepare a home garden for success in the summer months.

Dave Volante, owner of **Volante Farms** in Needham, will also talk about the types of plants that need to get in the ground as early as possible. **This series is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham and the Friends of the Needham Public Library.**



Arrgh...The Toe Jam Pirate Show

Sat., March 28th

10:30 AM

Arrgh...The Toe Jam Pirate Show is here! Toe Jam's newest theme show! Arrrrgh!

Dance piratey jigs with the Toe Jam crew like, 'The Skull & Crossbones Square Dance,' and a line dance called 'Pirates Arrr Funky,' where the kids become dancing Lobsters & Seagulls & even dancing Sharks! Come in all your pirate gear and climb aboard and we'll have a Piratery Celebration! This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.



Dr. Gary Hylander—America and World War II

Tues., March 17th

7:30 PM

During the 1930's, American policymakers were more concerned with the Depression than with the deepening clouds of war in Europe and Asia. American public opinion was in no mood for another war "to make the world safe for democracy." But after December 7, 1941, "a date," thundered FDR, "which will live in infamy," the United States for the first time in its history faced war on two battlefronts. And as we entered the battle, America's enemies were already triumphant everywhere. **This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.**



2015 McIver Lecture Series—Whither the Weather?

Harvey Leonard: An Unpredictable Life

Sun., March 29th

2:00 PM



The dean of Boston television weathermen, Harvey Leonard of WCVB television, tells the story of his life forecasting and covering New England's famously fickle weather, and his personal observations on our changing climate. **This event is sponsored by the Trustees of the Needham Free Public Library.**

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 March

Drop-in Storytimes for ages 5 and under

Wed., March 4, 11, 18, 25 10:00 AM

Wed., March 4, 11, 18, 25 11:00 AM



Thurs., March 5 10:30 AM

Tues., March 31 10:30 AM

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

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



Mon., March 2 10:30 AM

Mon., March 16 10:30 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 13 3:00 PM

Thurs., March 19 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 3-5

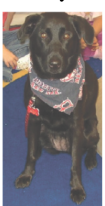


Tues., March 10 10:30 AM

Join Sarah Gardner and bring your little ones to play instruments, sing & dance along. Become part of our little library band! This event will occur in the Community Room.

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

Lucy the R.E.A.D. Dog: for ages 5 and up**



Tues., March 31 4:00 PM

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.*



Fun Flicks for 2-5 year olds

Thurs., March 12, 26 11:00 AM

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

Children's Craft Programs in March



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

Mon., March 2 4:00 PM

Tues., March 3 10:30 AM



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

Mon., March 9 4:00 PM



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

Tues., March 17 10:30 AM



Drop-In "Spring" Crafts for all ages

Mon., March 23 4:00 PM



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

Mon., March 30 4:00 PM

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.

Saturday Seedlings Family Story/Craft for ages 3-7

Sat., March 21 10:30 AM



This program is an offshoot of the Needham Free Public Library's Nature Talks Series, and is designed for families with children who are able to sit and listen to a book. Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library, the Library Foundation of Needham, and the Friends of Needham Public Library.

Young Sprouts Science Explorers:

Nature Talks—SEEDS! for Ages 5-8**

Tues., March 17

4:00 PM

Young Sprouts is something new for "budding" scientists, ages 5-8. Join us as we use hands-on activities to explore nature in our town. This program is an offshoot of the Needham Free Public Library's Nature Talks Series. ****Please sign up beginning one week in advance, by phone or in person.**



Dr. Seuss Celebration for Grades K-3

Tues., March 3 4:00 PM



Join us as we celebrate Dr. Seuss with birthday cake, Read-Alouds and Seuss-themed activities.

Blarney! Irish Storytelling for ages 6 and up

Mon., March 16 4:00 PM



Just in time for St. Patrick's Day! Listen to tales of Banshees, Pucas and more in this oral storytelling performance.

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

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

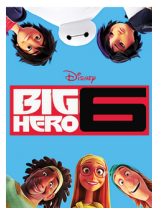


Tuesday, March 24 4:30 - 5:30 PM

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

Children's Movie: *Big Hero 6* (Rated PG, 102 Min)

Fri., March 27 3:30 PM



BIG HERO 6 is an action-packed comedy adventure that introduces Baymax, a lovable, personal companion robot, who forms a special bond with robotics prodigy Hiro Hamada. When a devastating turn of events catapults them into the midst of a dangerous plot unfolding in the streets of

San Fransokyo, Hiro turns to Baymax and his diverse group of friends—adrenaline junky Go Go Tomago, neatnik Wasabi, chemistry whiz Honey Lemon and fanboy Fred—who transform into a band of unlikely heroes. **This event sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.**

This Month in the Friends' Gallery George A. Marks, Jr.

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

March Book Discussions

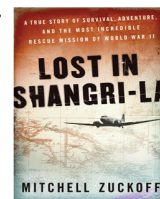
NPL Book Group

Tuesday, March 10th

1:00 PM

Lost in Shangri-La by Mitchell Zuckoff

*Near the end of World War II, a plane carrying 24 members of the United States military, including nine Women's Army Corps (WAC) members, crashed into the New Guinea jungle during a sightseeing excursion. 21 men and women were killed. The three survivors--a beautiful WAC, a young lieutenant who lost his twin brother in the crash, and a severely injured sergeant--were stranded deep in a jungle valley notorious for its cannibalistic tribes. They had no food, little water, and no way to contact their military base. Faced with the potential brutality of the Dani tribe, known throughout the valley for its violence, the trio's lives were dependent on an unprecedented rescue mission--a dedicated group of paratroopers who jumped into the jungle to provide aid and medical care, consequently leaving the survivors and paratroopers alike trapped on the jungle floor. *April 14, 2015—Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline**



NPL Evening Book Group

Wednesday, March 18th

7:00 PM

Orphan Train

by Christine Baker Kline

*A long journey from home and the struggle to find it again form the heart of the intertwined stories that make up this moving novel. Foster teen Molly is performing community-service work for elderly widow Vivian, and as they go through Vivian's cluttered attic, they discover that their lives have much in common. When Vivian was a girl, she was taken to a new life on an orphan train. These trains carried children to adoptive families for 75 years, from the mid-nineteenth century to the start of the Great Depression. Novelist Kline (*Bird in Hand*, 2009) brings Vivian's hardscrabble existence in Depression-era Minnesota to stunning life. Molly's present-day story in Maine seems to pale in comparison, but as we listen to the two characters talk, we find grace and power in both of these seemingly disparate lives. *April 15, 2015—Dancing After Hours: Stories by Andre Dubus**



For The Love of Food:

A Cookbook Club for Foodies

Monday, March 23rd

7:00 PM

Enjoy a new quarterly, Monday night cook book club with books and food as a central focus. Topics include sauces, favorite recipes, cooking techniques, celebrity chefs and more.

Next Meeting: June 22, 2015



Upcoming Events...

Singer/ Storyteller/ Cartoonist Keith Munslow
Fri., April 3rd 10:30 AM



*An award-winning performer who combines rock solid funky piano playing, soulful singing, hilarious stories, and lightning fast cartooning, Keith Munslow has entertained thousands of children and families at schools, festivals, family concerts, and libraries throughout New England—and beyond. Keith will be debuting his new CD at this event. This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham. **RESCHEDULED FROM JANUARY 2015.***

April Movies



Song of the Sea
(Rated PG, 93 Minutes)

Fri., April 3 2:00 PM



Night at the Museum 3: Secret of the Tomb (Rated PG, 97 Minutes)

Fri., April 24 2:00 PM

Dr. Gary Hylander—America and World War II
Tues., April 21st 7:30 PM



During the 1930's, American policymakers were more concerned with the Depression than with the deepening clouds of war in Europe and Asia. American public opinion was in no mood for another war "to make the world safe for democracy." But after December 7, 1941, "a date," thundered FDR, "which will live in infamy," the United States for the first time in its history faced war on two battlefronts. And as we entered the battle, America's enemies were already triumphant everywhere. **This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.**

Nature Talks: Bee-Wise with Kerrie Capraro
Sat., April 25th 10:30 AM

Learn all about the precious honeybee from beekeeper Kerrie Capraro! A one hour presentation on bees and beekeeping, with an opportunity to see and try the tools of the trade as well as the prized honey. **This series is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham and the Friends of the Needham Public Library.**



The Puppet People—The Firebird

Thurs., April 23rd

2:00 PM



*Inspired by the Russian folktale and popular ballet **The Firebird**, watch as the mythical firebird comes to life and Ivan and Princess Yelena team up to break the enchantment placed over their kingdom.*

*This 50 minute magical puppet fantasy features beautifully handcrafted marionettes, lavish costumes, vivid sets, and a large body puppet; masterly accompanied by Stravinsky's musical score from the ballet **The Firebird**. For Grades K-6 and up. **This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.***

First Wicked Weed: Women's Role in Revolutionizing the Colonies

Sun., April 26

2:00 PM

*In December, 1767, the Town Meeting of Harvard, Massachusetts voted to discourage the sale and purchase of items as varied as tea, carriages and ready-made clothing. Material culture had increasingly made women's lives easier; the rejection of it led to Revolution, and most of the rhetoric centered on **TEA**, that wicked weed.*



Dory Codington is a local historian and novelist. As a Freedom Trail and Faneuil Hall Guide, she began to investigate the social changes that were necessary to embrace the higher notion of America's break from Great Britain. Her novel, **Cardinal Points** set during this time period, will be available for purchase and autographing following the presentation. **This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.**

DROP-IN TECH ASSISTANCE OFFERED AT THE LIBRARY



For anyone in need of technology assistance, the library will be offering twice weekly sessions with library volunteer **Raji Subramanyam**. Tasks include setting up email, using programs such as Word or Excel, paying bills on line, or downloading books to an iPad or Kindle. Please bring your own device and questions to the area designated as **TECH QUESTIONS TABLE** on the second floor of the library on **Tuesdays and Thursdays** from **1pm-2:30pm**, beginning **March 3, 2015**. **Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.**

Thanks to the Friends of the Needham Public Library for providing financial assistance in the production of this Newsletter.