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A Young Person’s Concert With the Wellesley Symphony Orchestra
Sat., March 11th  11:00 AM
Musicians from the Wellesley Symphony Orchestra will introduce you and your children to the insides of an orchestra. See and hear: strings, winds, brass and percussion! Listen to a string quartet and learn about the instruments. Learn about melody, counter-melody, and other concepts that make music interesting. This family-friendly introduction to music is free and open to all ages. Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.

Author/Artist Ruth Sanderson
Sat., March 11  2:00 PM
Author/Artist Ruth Sanderson will talk about her latest project, an illustrated edition of George Macdonald’s The Golden Key. The illustrations from the book will be on display this March in the Friends Gallery. Books will be available for purchase following the event. Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.

2017 McIver Lecture Series
Health and Wellness
Natalie Shelton-May, of Helping Hands: Monkey Helpers for the Disabled
Sun., March 12th  2:00 PM
Join Natalie Shelton-May, a Placement Trainer and Manager at Helping Hands, to learn about Helping Hands’ Capuchin monkeys: how they are trained, the tasks they perform, the benefits of the human/service-monkey bond, and how these small creatures make a big difference in people’s lives. Helping Hands is a unique nonprofit that raises and trains capuchin monkeys to provide daily, in-home assistance to people living with spinal cord injury or other mobility impairment. The 2017 McIver Lecture Series is sponsored by the Trustees of the Needham Free Public Library.

iPads for the Absolute Beginner**
Did you get an iPad for the holidays and have no clue how to use it? Do you want to learn how to download and use apps? Learn that and much more at the library’s 4-lesson iPad class that will help you become comfortable using your iPad everyday. **Registration begins February 27th. Registration is required and limited to 6 participants. Please sign up at Adult Reference. Must bring own iPad.**

Level 1: Thurs., March 16th  3:45 PM
Level 2: Thurs., March 23rd  3:45 PM
Level 3: Thurs., March 30th  3:45 PM
Level 4: Thurs., April 6th  3:45 PM

Two Old Friends
Sun., March 19th  2:30 PM
Two Old Friends, Jim Prendergast and Emery Hutchins, are musicians who play and sing a unique combination of Celtic and American country music, and in their performances seek to show the connection between the two genres. Emery is a well known performer of a variety of different styles of acoustic music, ranging from traditional Irish tunes to vintage American country music songs. Jim worked for thirty years in the recording studios and orchestra pits of Nashville TN. Jim now resides in NH and is an active participant in New England’s thriving Celtic/Folk music scene. Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham 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 *

For further information about upcoming events, go to www.needhamma.gov/library.
What’s happening this month in the Children’s Room...

Children’s Story Times in March

Terrific Toddlers for ages 1-2 years
- Tues., March 7, 21, 28 10:00 AM
  Stories mixed with songs, rhymes, fingerplays, rhythm and sensory activities.

Babies & Books Up to One Year
- Tues., March 7, 21, 28 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., March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 10:00 AM
  Songs, rhymes, lap games, books and more in this interactive program.

Pre-School Palooza for ages 3-6 years
- Mon., March 6, 13, 27 10:00 AM
  An interactive themed storyline with picture books, music and movement, followed by a craft (45 min.). Children who are ready, may attend independently. Caregivers are also welcome.

Storytimes from Around the World

Spanish Storytime for ages 2+
- Fri., March 3 10:30 AM
  This is a Drop-in program for preschoolers and is led by a teacher from the Pine Village School.

Chinese Storytime for ages 5 and under
- Sat., March 4 9:30 AM
  This is a Drop-in program for ages 5 and under and is led by a group of Chinese-speaking mothers. The program consists of 45 minutes of reading, followed by a simple craft.

PJ Storytime
- Thurs., March 23rd 7:00 PM
  Join us for an evening storytime for ages 2-5.

Children’s Programs in March

Ready, Set...Move with Cici Hunt: for ages 3-5**
- Wed., March 1 11:00 AM
- Mon., March 20 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., March 10 3:00 PM
- Thurs., March 16 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., March 14 (ages 2-5) 10:00 AM
- Tues., March 14 (ages 2 and under) 11:00 AM
- Fri., March 24 (ages 2-5) 10:00 AM
- Fri., March 24 (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.

Spring Crafts for ages 2+ years
- Thurs., March 9 10:30-11:30 AM

LEGO Time! Needham Free Public Library’s BLOCK PARTY! for ages 5+
- Tues., March 14 4:00-5:00 PM

FAMILY ACTIVITY MORNING
- Sat., March 18 10:00-11:30 AM
  Families are invited to the Children’s Room where together they can explore an arts/crafts project, work on a construction assignment and play games that enhance literacy, logic or math skills. All ages are welcome. This will be an ongoing event on the third Saturday of every month from 10-11:30 AM.

Yoga for Children ages 5-9
- Sat., March 25 10:30 AM

Dr. Seuss’ Birthday Read Across America Day—Thursday, March 2nd
  Stop by the Children’s Department all day for some Seussical activities, bags, and stickers!
Massachusetts Horticultural Society Plantmobile Visit for ages 6-9
**Registration Required**
Tues., March 28th 4:00 PM
Program: Flower to Seed
The Mass. Horticultural Society Plantmobile will bring flowers and seeds to dissect, and students will learn the different parts of plants and flowers, and their functions. All participants will plant a seed that they can take home and nurture. This Session is limited to 25 participants, ages 6-9 years old. **Registration is Required.** This event is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

Children's Movie: Disney's Moana PG—103 min
Fri., March 31st 3:30 PM
Moana, a young teenage girl from Oceania, has a sense for navigation and an adventurous mind. She sets out on a journey in search of a mythical island with the hope and intent of saving her people. Moana is eventually accompanied on her quest by Maui, her hero, who also happens to be a demi-god. Together, the two take on an epic adventure, filled with endless action, in search of the unknown. Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.

Early Childhood Science Enrichment for Children ages 3-5**
Fri., March 17th 11:00 AM
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This Month's Topic: Rock Collecting
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.

Teen Programs in March

Teen Crafternoon—Friendship Bracelet Fun
Mon., March 6th 4:00 PM
Enjoy a crafternoon making Friendship Bracelets out of string and/or beads. The Library will supply patterns and all materials. Snacks will be provided as well; you just need to provide the enjoyment!

Pokémon League
Saturdays 10:00 AM–12:00 PM
Come and meet people who are interested in the Pokémon Card Game. Exchange cards and build up your decks! This will occur in the Young Adult Room on the second floor, and is sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.

March STEM+ Programs

Robotics Workshop for 3rd-6th Graders**
Wed., March 1, 8, 22, 29 4:00-5:00 PM
Nick Tartar from OLIN College will offer a series of 4 workshops on robotics. Children ages 8 & 9 will learn programming and complete challenges using Dot and Dash robots. Children ages 10 and up will build and program a LEGO Mindstorm EV3 robot. **Registration is required and is limited. To register, call or visit the Children's Desk.**

Wind Wonders for ages 6+
Thurs., March 23rd 4:00 PM
Children ages 6 and up are invited to stop by and create a variety of flying objects.

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This Month in the Friends' Gallery

Ruth Sanderson
Scratchboard Illustrations from George MacDonald’s The Golden Key
March Book Discussions

NPL Book Group
Tuesday, March 14th 1:00 PM
Delicious!
by Ruth Reichl
When Billie Breslin abandons college to work as assistant to the editor of Delicious! magazine, she’s immediately known for her superhuman palate: she can taste any dish and list its ingredients and suggest the flavors it needs. She’s known for another trait, too: Billie does not cook. When Delicious! is unceremoniously folded by its parent publisher, Billie is the sole employee kept on to honor the magazine’s guarantee: “Your money back if the recipe doesn’t work.” Between phone calls from wacky subscribers, alone in the yawning old mansion headquarters, Billie discovers a hidden room and a cache of quirky cataloged letters from a young girl to Delicious! writer James Beard during WWII. In the search for each letter and the young letter writer herself, Billie finds a purpose and a heroine, and gathers the courage to face the past she’s running from. *April 11, 2017 — Clara and Mr. Tiffany by Susan Vreeland*

NPL Evening Book Club
Wednesday, March 15th 7:00 PM
A Man Called Ove
by Fredrik Backman
Meet Ove. He’s a curmudgeon—the kind of man who points at people he dislikes as if they were burglars caught outside his bedroom window. He has staunch principles, strict routines, and a short fuse. People call him “the bitter neighbor from hell.” But must Ove be bitter just because he doesn’t walk around with a smile plastered to his face all the time? Behind the cranky exterior there is a story and a sadness. So when one November morning a chatty young couple with two chatty young daughters move in next door and accidentally flatten Ove’s mailbox, it is the lead-in to a comical and heartwarming tale of unkempt cats, unexpected friendship, and the ancient art of backing up a U-Haul. All of which will change one cranky old man and a local residents’ association to their very foundations. *April 26, 2017 — Aimless Love by Billy Collins*

Bookventurer’s Club for Grades 3-5
Sat., March 11th 3:15-4:30 PM
Q&A and Discussion with Illustrator
Ruth Sanderson
Saturday, March 11
3:15-4:15 PM
*As is part of the Springfield student book club program. A book kit for the title guide will be provided. There is a non-refundable refund for each month, books are available for checkout at the check-out desk. Registration is required.

Artist Displays Needed
Calling all Artists and Collectors...The Needham Free Public Library Needs You!
The Art Committee of the NFPL has vacancies for displays in the Friends of the Needham Public Library Gallery and the display case, located at the end of the gallery.
All applications, as well as an example of your artwork or exhibit (photos, disk, website, etc.), should be turned in to Gay Ellen Dennett at the Reference Desk. Applications will be reviewed by the Art Committee and notification will be sent following its next meeting.

Needham’s Art in Bloom
Sat., March 4th 9 AM–5 PM
Sun., March 5th 1 PM–6 PM
For the ninth straight year, the Library will be featuring the arrangements of the members of the Beth Shalom Garden Club, Kalmia Garden Club, and the Needham Garden Club, complementing the artistic efforts of the students of Needham Senior High School.

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Upcoming Events...

The Evolution of Gender

Tues., March 28th 7:00-9:00 PM
Location: Eliot School Performance Center

Presented by the Needham Diversity Initiative and Co-Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library, this evening of discovery and conversation will examine the understanding of gender and how it has evolved over time. A Needham Free Public Forum Event—Exploring Diversity to Inspire Unity.

Amazing Animal Ambassadors: Unusual Live Animals for age 4 and up

Wed., April 19th 11:00 AM

Live animal shows that are designed for any age and are sure to amaze! A unique variety of animals such as a Koalaburra, Ferret Fox, Deu and African Clawed Frog, and even insects from around the globe, create an experience unlike any other. Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

PUBLISHED! My 30-year Journey to Overnight Success

Author Erica Ferencik—River at Night

Tues., April 11th 7:30 PM

This book is an entertaining, informative ride on Erica’s personal publishing/writing roller-coaster, filled with practical, positive advice for every (often) painful lesson she’s learned. Anyone who has written a novel and tried to get it published, or even toyed with the idea of writing and publishing a book, should find this a fun and inspirational evening. Erica’s book, River at Night will be available for purchase following her presentation. This event is sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.

Children’s Movie: Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (PG-13, 133 min)

Fri., April 21st 2:00 PM

Seventy years prior to Harry Potter’s class reading an important textbook about the magical world, there existed a secret society of witches and wizards in New York City. An embattled wizard must flee to the city from London, where he has been expelled from Hogwarts. However, he still has some very important people on his side. Some won’t how it is that headmaster Albus Dumbledore still supports him. Against the backdrop of the city, this man discovers how difficult it can be to survive as a magical person in a world of non-magicians. Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.

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The Role of the Honeybee In Our Environment & A Honey Tasting with Kenneth Warchol

Sun., April 30th 2:00 PM

Join Kenneth Warchol for this narrated visual presentation. You will travel right inside a beehive to better understand the mysterious social insect and the role it plays in humanity’s survival on Earth. Learn about the challenges honeybees face in our environment and find out how we can help this insect that is essential to our own survival. Ken will bring samples of a variety of honey for everyone to taste. Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.

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