



LIBRARY NOTES

NEWSLETTER OF THE NEEDHAM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

MARCH 2019

A Young Person's Concert With the Wellesley Symphony Orchestra

Sat., March 2nd

11:00 AM

Musicians from the Wellesley Symphony Orchestra will introduce you and your children to the insides of an orchestra. This year's presentation includes a musical performance by a brass quintet and a demonstration of percussion instruments. This family-friendly introduction to music is free and open to all ages.

Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.



2019 McIver Lecture Series

Making Noise @ The Library—Branches Steel Drum Band

Sun., March 3rd

2:00 PM



Come and enjoy the best of Caribbean steel drum music at this loud, lively, and fun event featuring five musicians from *Branches Pan Groove Steel Orchestra*. These young musicians are carrying on the steel drum tradition of many Caribbean Islands thus the name

Branches. *Branches* was organized over 30 years ago in the Boston area by native Trinidadians who taught their children to play steel drums, which are 50 gallon oil barrels that are tuned and played with mallets. *This is the last of three lectures and is sponsored by the Trustees of the Needham Free Public Library in memory of former director Vivian D. McIver.*

Needham's Art in Bloom

Sat., March 9th 9 AM – 5 PM

Sun., March 10th 1 PM – 5 PM



Featuring 75+ displays of mixed media artwork by talented Needham High School students combined with colorful floral interpretations by members of the Beth Shalom, Needham, & Kalmia

Garden Clubs. Roche Bros. and Shark/Ninja are generously sponsoring this free event. For more information visit: NeedhamArtinBloom.com.

For further information about upcoming events, go to www.needhamma.gov/library or call 781-455-7559.

Needham Author Alexander Newman—*Esau: The Bible's Mightiest Villain*

Tues., March 12th

7:30 PM



The book expands upon the biblical story of twin brothers Jacob and Esau with added elements of action and adventure. The brothers are both born with spiritual powers in the ancient land of Canaan, with the former using them to spread holiness and the latter pursuing a life of wickedness. The story follows Esau's exploits as a warrior and a scoundrel, his struggles facing his brother and how he becomes the Bible's mightiest villain. The book will be available for purchase and signing at the conclusion of the event.

Cold War America with Dr. Gary Hylander

Tues., March 19th

7:30 PM



With the end of World War II, the Soviet Union shifted from wartime ally to Cold War adversary. Join in examining the reasons for this abrupt shift. An Iron Curtain descended across Eastern Europe while a Bamboo Curtain sealed off the people of China. A Red Scare swept across America. "Better dead than Red" became the watchword of the times. McCarthyism, HUAC, the Rosenberg trial, Sputnik and much more dominated the nation's headlines. This is the third of five lectures in this series, sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

Movie: *12 Strong* (Rated R, 130 minutes)

Tues., March 26th

7:00 PM



12 Strong tells the story of the first Special Forces team deployed to Afghanistan after 9/11. Under the leadership of a new captain, the team must work with an Afghan warlord to take down the Taliban. Based on the book *The Last Warlord: The Life and Legend of Dostum* by Brian Glyn Williams who will be speaking at the library March 31st, and was an adviser to the film. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.*

Author Dr. Brian Glyn Williams—*The Last Warlord: The Life and Legend of Dostum*

Sun., March 31st


2:00 PM


Dr. Brian Glyn Williams, a UMass-Dartmouth professor of Islamic history, discusses his new book, *The Last Warlord: The Life and Legend of Dostum*. The book tells a post-9/11 story of a mysterious Afghan-Mongol warrior who helped the CIA and US Special Forces liberate Afghanistan's holiest shrine from the Taliban. The book will be available for purchase and autographing following this event. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public 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 5, 19, 26 **10:00 AM**
 Stories mixed with songs, rhymes, fingerplays, rhythm and sensory activities.

 **Babies & Books for up to one year**
Tues., March 5, 19, 26 **11:00 AM**
 Babies and their adult caregivers explore the rhythms and patterns of speech with songs, lap games and a story or two.

 **Child's Play Storytime for ages 0-2 years**
Wed., March 13, 20, 27 **10:00 AM**
 Songs, rhymes, lap games, books and more in this interactive program.

 **Pre-School Palooza for ages 3-6 years**
Mon., March 4, 11, 25 **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.

Learn & Play Group for ages 2-5

1st and 3rd Fridays, 10:30 - 11:15 AM
March 1 & 15, 2019



A drop-in playgroup for caregivers and children, providing STEAM activities, literacy and social play for ages 2-5 years. *Provided by Family Access of Newton.*

Chinese Storytime for ages 5 and under

Sat., March 2 **10:00 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.

Read to Tucker!**

Wed., March 6 **4:00-5:30 PM**



Tucker is an adorable shepherd/hound mix who especially loves kids and loves to have kids read to him. Children in 1st-5th Grade are invited to register at the Children's Desk for a 15 minute time-slot to read to Tucker. ****Registration Required.**

Children's Programs in March

Make Music with Stacey Peasley: for ages 2-5



Wed., March 6 **10:00 AM**
Mon., March 18 **10:00 AM**

Join Stacey Peasley for a fun-filled half hour of music and song for children and their caregivers.

Sing-Along with Ed Morgan



Thurs., March 21 **10:30 AM**

For children 2 years and up accompanied by an adult. Drop-in program—please arrive on time.

Music with Sarah for ages 5 and under



Tues., Mar. 12 (ages 2-5) **10:00 AM**

Tues., Mar. 12 (ages 2 and under) **11:00 AM**

Join Sarah Gardner and bring your little ones to play instruments, sing & dance along. Become part of the little library band!

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

Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss for ages 5+

Fri., March 1st **3:30 PM**

Join us to celebrate Dr. Seuss's Birthday and Read Across America. Write Dr. Seuss a birthday card, create crafts and enjoy some cake!



Holi Festival of Colors Dance Celebration!

Sat., March 16th **2:30 PM**



Indian Classical dancers, led by Aniketa Sarkar, will perform three different styles of classical dances, Kathak, Bharatnatyam, and Kuchipudi in honor of the holiday. Along with the graceful movements, enjoy the beauty of special traditional costumes. This performance is suitable for families with children, ages 4 and up. *Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.*

Yoga for Children ages 5-9



Sat., March 30 **10:30 AM**

Skype with Needham Market, England and Be a Published International Artist For Grades 2-5**

Tues, March 5 & 12th 4:00-5:00 PM

Skype Session—Mar. 23rd 10:00 AM

Create art inspired by local Needham landmarks to share in a March 23rd Skype session with children from the library in *Needham Market, England*.



The artwork will be scanned into a book that will be available in both the *Needham Free Public Library* and the *Needham Market Library* in England. This is a series and attendees are expected to be at all sessions. The March 23rd Skype session will be held at 10:00 AM in the Community Room and attendance is **MANDATORY**. ****Space is limited and registration is required.** Sponsored by the *Needham Free Public Library*.



Creation Station Hours

Mon. - Wed. 5:30 - 8:30 PM

Friday 3:30 - 5:00 PM

Saturday 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Sunday 1:00 - 6:30 PM

Early Release Days 1:00 - 8:30 PM

Virtual Reality Free Play Game Event for ages 10+**

Tues., March 26th 4:00 PM



Is your child/teen a gamer? Want to experience Virtual Reality? Come chill with some like minded folks at the library Freeplay Game Event!

One Up Games is hosting a freeplay event. Platforms will include some of the following: PlayStation 4, PlayStation Virtual Reality, Xbox One, and Nintendo Switch! ****Registration required. Space is limited.** Sponsored by the *Library Foundation of Needham*.

Family Book Club** For K-2nd Graders & Parents

Saturday, March 9th 2:30-3:30 pm



**Registration Requested

Needham Free Public Library Children's Department,
781-455-7559, ext.204

Bookventurers Book Club for Grades 3-5**

Sat., March 30 3:00 - 4:00 PM

This month's title is *The Trail* by Meika Hashimoto. ****Registration is requested**, in person or call 781-455-7559, ext. 204. • Read the book • Discuss it with other kids • Participate in book themed activities • Make new friends!



Children's Movie: Walt Disney's *Ralph Breaks the Internet* (Rated PG, 112 minutes)

Fri., March 29th 3:15 PM

Ralph and Penelope are faced with a new challenge when they begin the search for a spare part to fix a beloved videogame: how to navigate the internet. When trying to fix Sugar Rush the pair becomes engrossed in the World Wide Web after a router is plugged into the local arcade space, forcing them to find a wheel to replace the router with and get the arcade up and running again. Traversing through this new, technological landscape won't be easy, with the duo coming across new worlds, cultures, and characters that present difficulties along the way. Sponsored by the *Needham Free Public Library*.



Teens and 'Tweens Programs in March

Joy of Coloring/Crafts for 'Tween/Teens and Up

Thurs., March 14th 3:00 - 5:00 PM



Coloring and crafting enthusiasts are welcome to color and craft! The Library will supply all you need (pencils, markers, coloring sheets, as well as a few snacks). Come for the coloring and conversation with your fellow coloring enthusiasts! If you don't feel like coloring but still want to be crafty, we can find you something to create. *Coloring sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham and Crafts by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.*

Game Day for 'Tweens and up

Thurs., March 21st 3:00-4:30 PM



Teens and 'Tweens are welcome to join the fun in the Needham Free Public Library's Community Room for a monthly Gaming Hour Program! There will be games and puzzles of all sorts, including a few to get you moving on the Xbox One. If there is a game that you have and want to bring with you, feel free. No registration is needed for this monthly event. *If you have questions, contact Erin at the Adult Reference Desk (781-455-7559 x2). Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.*



Teen/'Tween Movie: Disney's Wreck-it Ralph (Rated PG, 1 hour, 48 minutes)

Thurs., March 28th

2:30 PM

Arcade-game character Wreck-It Ralph (John C. Reilly) is tired of always being the "bad guy" and losing to his "good guy" opponent, Fix-It Felix (Jack McBrayer). Finally, after decades of seeing all the glory go to Felix, Ralph decides to take matters into his own hands. He sets off on a game-hopping trip to prove that he has what it takes to be a hero. However, while on his quest, Ralph accidentally unleashes a deadly enemy that threatens the entire arcade. Snacks and drinks will be available for attendees. *Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.*



6th-8th Grade Bookclub*

Saturday, March 16th

2:30 PM

Pick a Mystery Book

Pick a book that fits the Mystery Genre! Have a book that you want other people to know about? Read it before hand and come and discuss what you enjoyed (or didn't) about it. Snacks and drinks for participants. **Registration is required. Sign-up sheet located at the Adult Reference Desk. Meeting held in the Young Adult Room.*



Upcoming Event

YA/'Tween Author Panel

Sat., April 6th

Time TBA

Join the Needham Public Library for a Q&A and book signing with a few local young adult and middle grade authors in the afternoon of April 6th, 2019. Aspiring authors, readers, 'tweens, teens and parents looking for the perfect present to give to their teens should stop by to hear from these talented authors. More details to follow!

Artist Displays Needed

Calling all Artists and Collectors...The Needham Free Public Library Needs You!



The Art Committee of the NFPL has vacancies at this time for displays in the Friends of the Needham Public Library Gallery and the display case, located at the end of the gallery.

The three necessary application forms are available at the Reference Desk and for download at <http://www.needhamma.gov/index.aspx?NID=3168>.

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.

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

Contact the Library at 781-455-7559



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March Book Discussions

NPL Book Group

Tuesday, March 12th

Us Against You

by Fredrik Backman

*A small community tucked deep in the forest, Beartown is home to tough, hardworking people who don't expect life to be easy or fair. No matter how difficult times get, they've always been able to take pride in their local ice hockey team. So it's a cruel blow when they hear that Beartown ice hockey might soon be disbanded. What makes it worse is the obvious satisfaction that all the former Beartown players, who now play for a rival team in the neighboring town of Hed, take in that fact. As the tension mounts between the two adversaries, a newcomer arrives who gives Beartown hockey a surprising new coach and a chance at a comeback..** April 9, 2019—Cannery Row by John Steinbeck*

1:00 PM



NPL Evening Book Club

Wednesday, March 20th

When America First Met China: An Exotic History of Tea, Drugs, and Money in the Age of Sail

by Eric Jay Dolin

*Brilliantly illuminating one of the least-understood areas of American history, author Dolin now traces the United State's fraught relationship with China back to its roots: the unforgiving nineteenth-century seas that separated a brash, rising naval power from a battered ancient empire. It is a prescient fable for our time, one that surprisingly continues to shed light on our modern relationship with China. Indeed, the furious trade in furs, opium, and beche-de-mer—a rare sea cucumber delicacy—might have catalyzed America's emerging economy, but it also sparked an ecological and human rights catastrophe of such epic proportions that the reverberations can still be felt today. Peopled with fascinating characters—from the "Financier of the Revolution" Robert Morris to the Chinese emperor Qianlong, who considered foreigners inferior beings—this page-turning saga of pirates and politicians, coolies and concubines becomes a must-read for any fan of Nathaniel Philbrick's *Mayflower* or Mark Kurlansky's *Cod*. ** April 17, 2019—*The Cuckoo's Calling* by Robert Galbraith*

7:00 PM



This Month in the Friends' Gallery

Liz Gribin

Diversity and Discussion Book Club

Cosponsored by the Trustees of the Needham Free Public Library and the Needham Human Rights Committee

Thurs., March 14th

Refugee

by Alan Gratz

This timely and powerful novel tells the story of three different children seeking refuge. Josef is a Jewish boy living in 1930s Nazi Germany. With the threat of concentration camps looming, he and his family board a ship bound for the other side of the world...

Isabel is a Cuban girl in 1994. With riots and unrest plaguing her country, she and her family set out on a raft, hoping to find safety in America...

Mahmoud is a Syrian boy in 2015. With his homeland torn apart by violence and destruction, he and his family begin a long trek toward Europe...

All three kids go on harrowing journeys in search of refuge. All will face unimaginable dangers, from drownings to bombings to betrayals. But there is always the hope of tomorrow. And although Josef, Isabel, and Mahmoud are separated by continents and decades, shocking connections will tie their stories together in the end.

This month's discussion will be led by Special Guest Discussion Leaders: Needham Pollard Middle School Students.

*May 14, 2019—*Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City* by Matthew Desmond*

7:00 PM



Brand New! Comic Book Book Club!

The Adventures of Superhero Girl

Faith Erin Hicks

Thurs., March 14th

Come join the fun as we embark on a new journey together! The Morse Institute Library in Natick has sadly lost its Comic Book Book Club, but fear not! The Needham Free Public Library has graciously taken command of the helm. Come prepared to discuss, "The Adventures of Superhero Girl" by Faith Erin Hicks. Pi Day snacks will be provided too, of course. Books have been set aside at the Adult Reference Desk for checking out. Grab a copy **today**, before the meeting! Contact Erin at 781-455-7559 x2 with any questions. This book club is for high school students and adults interested in Comics and Graphic Novels.

7:00 PM



Upcoming Events...

Nobel Prize winner Al Gore's Climate Slide Show—Presented by Bob Loebelenz

Mon., April 1st 7:30 PM

Climate Change is a Global phenomemon. You don't have to look far to see the results. Hotter temperatures, stronger storms, rising seas, and so much more, threatening the health of our families and the future we pass on to generations to come. The good news is clear majorities of Americans and people around the world are ready to leave fossil fuels behind and create a sustainable future together. Come see the slideshow that started the Climate Change movement, presented by Dover Resident Bob Loebelenz.

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Teen/"Tween Interactive Movie: *The Princess Bride* (Rated PG, 1 hour, 35 minutes)*

Thurs., April 18th 6:00 PM



*A fairy tale adventure about a beautiful young woman and her one true love. He must find her after a long separation and save her. They must battle the evils of the mythical kingdom of Florin to be reunited with each other. Snacks and drinks will be available for attendees. ***Registration is required for this program.*** To register call 781-455-7559 x2. Please ask for Erin (Reference) for more information about this exciting event.*

Author Ben Railton—*We the People: The 500 Year Battle Over Who Is American*

Tues., April 23rd 7:30 PM



*"We the People." The Constitution begins with those deceptively simple words, but how do Americans define that "We"? In *We the People*, Ben Railton argues that throughout our history two competing yet interconnected concepts have battled to define our national identity and community: exclusionary and inclusive visions of who gets to be an American. From the earliest moments of European contact with indigenous peoples, through the Revolutionary period's debates on African American slavery, 19th century conflicts over Indian Removal, Mexican landowners, and Chinese immigrants, 20th century controversies around Filipino Americans and Japanese internment, and 21st century fears of Muslim Americans, time and again this defining battle has shaped our society and culture. Carefully exploring and critically examining those histories, and the key stories and figures they feature, is vital to understanding America—and to making sense of the Trump era, when the battle over who is an American can be found in every significant debate and moment. The book will be available for purchase at the end of the presentation. **Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.***

Author Kathleen Rowe—*Exploring the Charles River*

Sun., April 28th 2:00 PM



*Exploring the Charles River is the perfect guide to fun areas for exploration with friends and family along Boston's famous body of water, using the river's course as a pathway, showcasing scenic bridges, walkways, and hidden delights along the Charles in an easy-to-carry paperback that also describes Boston's rich history. Author Kathleen Rowe, former English teacher and dedicated environmentalist, will take you on a journey along this famous waterway, narrating her slide presentation of the many scenic and historic sites she has photographed and will invite you to share your own experiences along the Charles. Books will be available for purchase and autographing at the end of the presentation. **Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.***

