



LIBRARY NOTES

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Welcome to *Library Notes*, a monthly publication of the Needham Free Public Library. *Library Notes* describes both the monthly events at the Library and the ongoing services...

Employment Workshop: Online Job Search and Resume Submittal

Thurs., May 10th

7:30 PM



Gary Gekow will lead a discussion on how to analyze some of the numerous online search strategies currently available, including job alerts, job boards, job aggregators, and company employment pages.

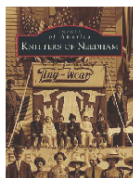
Gary will also show you how best to utilize these web sites for submitting your resume.

Gary Gekow is a Senior Employment Specialist with 21 years of recruiting experience in the Boston staffing industry. He works closely with client companies in many industries and job seekers in various specialties. This program is sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.

Author Chaim M. Rosenberg - *The Knitters of Needham*

Tues., May 15th

7:30 PM



In the 19th century, knitters from the Midlands of England, made poor by the increasing flow of work into factories, brought their craft to America. Many of them settled in Highlandville, a village of Needham. Working out of their homes, they knitted socks, mittens, gloves, underwear, and jackets,

*using hand and foot operated frame machines they brought from England. The more enterprising of them, like William Carter, John Moseley, and Joseph Thorpe, built large mills using steam-powered machinery. The knitters carried the quiet farming town of Needham into the industrial age, attracting hundreds of immigrants to work in their mills. With a strong sense of civic responsibility, the knitters helped build schools, churches, town libraries, parks, and even a cricket field. Early in the 20th century, faced with stiff competition from abroad, the knitters of Needham followed the general trend of the textile industry by consolidating and moving production to the South. Chaim M. Rosenberg has long studied the Massachusetts industrial age and is the author of *The Great Workshop: Boston's Victorian Age* and several other works. The images in *Knitters of Needham* come from the author's private collection as well as from the archives of the Needham Historical Society and the Needham Free Public Library. Books will be available for purchase and*

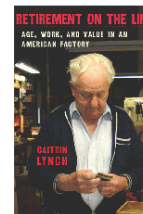
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Olin College Professor Caitrin Lynch - *Retirement on the Line: Age, Work and Value in an American Factory*

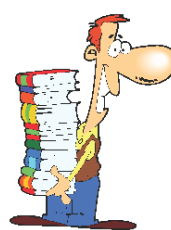
Wed., May 23rd

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*In an era when people live longer and want (or need) to work past the traditional retirement age, the Vita Needle Company of Needham, Massachusetts, provides inspiration and important lessons about the value of older workers. In *Retirement on the Line*, Caitrin Lynch explores what this unusual company's commitment to an elderly workforce means for the employer, the workers, the community, and society more generally. Benefiting from nearly five years of fieldwork at Vita Needle, Lynch offers an intimate portrait of the people who work there, a nuanced explanation of the company's hiring practices, and a cogent analysis of how the workers' experiences can inform our understanding of aging and work in the twenty-first century. Books will be available for purchase and autographing courtesy of Wellesley Books. This program is sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.*



Friends Summer Book Sale



**Saturday, June 2nd
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

**Sunday, June 3rd
1:00 - 4:00 PM**

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 May

Drop-in Storytimes for ages 5 and under



Wed., May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 10:00 AM

Tues., May 15 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., May 8 10:30 AM

Tues., May 22 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., May 1 11:00 AM

Tues., May 29 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.

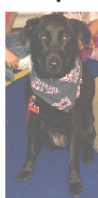
Sing-Along with Ed Morgan



Fri., May 11 3:00 PM

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

Lucy the R.E.A.D. Dog: for ages 3 and up**



Thurs., May 3 10:00 AM

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.*

Nappy's Puppets presents Father Goose's Tales

Sat., May 12th

10:30 AM

Trouble in the nursery.... Mother Goose has taken the day off and Father Goose must do all her chores, including the storytelling! Try as he might, Father Goose just can't get the stories right...

Father Goose's Tales is a modern retelling of nursery rhymes, stories and children's songs that will entertain the whole family.

For thousands of years, man has manipulated puppets for a



variety of reasons: religious, educational, and entertainment. One of the oldest and most wonderful forms of puppetry is shadow puppetry. Jim Napolitano, who has been featured on the award-winning PBS show *Between the Lions* brings his unique presentation to Needham. This event is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

Children's Movie: *The Muppets*—Rated PG

103 minutes

Fri., May 25th

3:30 PM



While on vacation in Los Angeles, Walter, the world's biggest Muppet fan, his brother Gary, and friend Mary uncover the diabolical plot of a greedy oil millionaire to destroy the Muppet Theater. Now, the Muppet-loving trio must reunite Kermit, Miss Piggy, Fozzie Bear and their friends to stage the greatest Muppet telethon ever and save their beloved theater. The gang is back together again in a movie full of irresistible music and family fun.

Children's Craft Programs in May

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



Mon., May 7 10:30 AM

Thurs., May 24 4:00 PM



Drop-In "Mother Goose Day" Crafts for ages 2-6

Thurs., May 3 4:00 PM



Drop-In "Children's Book Week" Crafts for ages 2-6

Thurs., May 10 4:00 PM



Drop-In "Transportation Week" Crafts for ages 2-6

Mon., May 14 10:30 AM

Thurs., May 17 4:00 PM



Drop-In "Be Kind to Animals" Crafts for ages 2-6

Thurs., May 31 4:00 PM

Drop-In Craft Programs usually last for approximately 45 minutes, depending upon your child(ren). Three crafts related to the theme will be offered for our creative young patrons. Please arrive during the first half hour of the program.

May Book Discussions

NPL Book Group

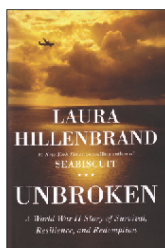
Tuesday, May 8th

Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption

by Laura Hillenbrand

On a May afternoon in 1943, an Army Air Forces bomber crashed into the Pacific Ocean and disappeared, leaving only a spray of debris and a slick of oil, gasoline, and blood. Then, on the ocean surface, a face appeared. It was that of a young lieutenant, the plane's bombardier, who was struggling to a life raft and pulling himself aboard. So began one of the most extraordinary odysseys of the Second World War. The lieutenant's name was Louis Zamperini. In boyhood, he'd been a cunning and incorrigible delinquent, breaking into houses, brawling, and fleeing his home to ride the rails. As a teenager, he had channeled his defiance into running, discovering a prodigious talent that had carried him to the Berlin Olympics and within sight of the four-minute mile. But when war had come, the athlete had become an airman, embarking on a journey that led to his doomed flight, a tiny raft, and a drift into the unknown. Ahead of Zamperini lay thousands of miles of open ocean, leaping sharks, a foundering raft, thirst and starvation, enemy aircraft, and, beyond, a trial even greater. Driven to the limits of endurance, Zamperini would answer desperation with ingenuity; suffering with hope, resolve, and humor; brutality with rebellion. His fate, whether triumph or tragedy, would be suspended on the fraying wire of his will.

1:00 PM



NPL Evening Book Group

Wednesday, May 16th

7:00 PM

Select books for the 2012/2013 year

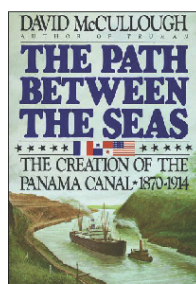
Wednesday, June 20th

7:00 PM

The Path Between the Seas: The Creation of the Panama Canal 1870-1914

by David McCullough

The building of the Panama Canal was one of the most grandiose, dramatic, and sweeping adventures of all time. Spanning nearly half a century, from its beginnings by France in pursuit of glory to its completion by the United States on the eve of World War I, it enlisted men, nations, and money on a scale never before seen. Apart from the great wars, it was the largest, costliest single effort ever mounted anywhere on earth, and it affected the lives of tens of thousands of people throughout the world. Here in all its heartbreak and eventual triumph the epic adventure is brought vividly alive by the



Pulitzer Prize-winning author of such books as *The Johnstown Flood*, *The Great Bridge*, *Truman*, and *John Adams*.

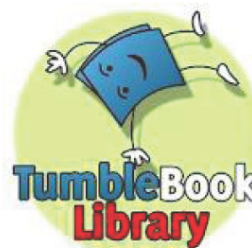
Filled with vivid detail and incident, *The Path Between the Seas* is not only a fact-filled account of an unprecedented engineering feat, but also the story of the people who were caught up in it—some to win fame and fortune, others to have their reputations and even their lives destroyed. For many it was the adventure of a lifetime, an adventure whose like will never be seen again. Out of it came a revolution, the birth of a new nation, the conquest of yellow fever, and the expansion of American power.

DID YOU KNOW...

We now have Blu-Ray Disks that you can borrow for 3 weeks, just like a DVD. This new collection is located at the beginning of the DVD Collection on the First Floor.



The Children's Department of the Needham Free Public Library has purchased a subscription to an exciting database of ebooks for children.



TumbleBook Library is an online collection of animated, talking picture books which teach young children the joys of reading in a format they'll love. Try out this database and enjoy the story-books, read-alongs, puzzles, games and all types of interactive fun for children. This site has great appeal for pre-readers and young students.

This Month in the Friends' Gallery

NHS Boston Globe Scholastic Art Award Winners

Library Hours:

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

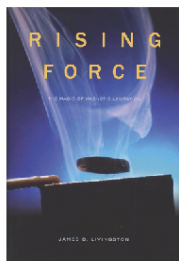
Upcoming Events...

Author James D. Livingston, PhD. - *Rising Force: The Magic of Magnetic Levitation*

Thurs., June 7th

7:30 PM

From Harry Potter to David Copperfield, there is magic in conquering gravity. The book's uplifting coverage includes flying frogs, levitated sumo wrestlers, magnetic bearings in blood pumps, uranium centrifuges, wind turbines, maglev surgery inside a living pig, and the latest news of high-speed maglev trains.



Jim Livingston studied engineering physics at Cornell University, and received a Ph.D. in Applied Physics from Harvard University in 1956. After retiring from General Electric after a lengthy career as a research physicist, he taught for 20 years in the Department of Materials Science and Engineering at MIT before retiring again. Although a physicist by profession, he has long had a strong interest in American history, and today much of his time is focused on writing (and reading) in history and in science. Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library, this program will be preceded by the Annual Meeting at 7:00 PM.

Employment Workshop: The Interview

Thurs., June 14th

7:30 PM



This will be an interactive and informal question and answer session, using role-play of typical interview questions followed by a discussion of how best to answer them. The seminar will also include ways to avoid most common interview mistakes. Gary Gekow is a Senior Employment Specialist with 21

years of recruiting experience in the Boston staffing industry. He works closely with client companies in many industries and job seekers in various specialties. This program is sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.

Vanessa Trien and the Jumping Monkeys

Sat., June 23rd

3:00 PM

Boston-Based singer-songwriter and children's performer Vanessa Trien launches this summer's Dream Big, Read! summer reading program. Trien, has become a local rock star among the young and young at heart. The "Nessa Group-ies" sing and dance in the aisles at her packed shows with her lively band the Jumping Monkeys, and can't get enough of her two award-winning children's CDs 'Carnival Day' and 'Hot Air Balloon.' The Summer 2012 Dream Big, Read! program series is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.



PuppeTree Presents CAPS FOR SALE

Thurs., June 28th

7:00 PM

This simple folk tale of a hat seller whose inventory of hats is lost to mischievous monkeys while he is napping is told around the world in every culture that has monkeys.



PuppeTree has pulled out all the stops to tell this exciting story through the eyes of 7 different cultures, using an engaging variety of puppetry styles to celebrate diversity. Performing with a background of really upbeat world music, the puppeteers are always in full view, as they revolve on a painter's scaffolding during the performance, sharing their puppet wizardry with the audience. This show is just plain FUN!

Vermont PuppeTree's production of CAPS FOR SALE is based on the classic book by Esphyr Slobodkina, performed with permission from HarperCollins Publishing.

The Summer 2012 Dream Big, Read! program series is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.

Summer 2012 Film Festival - 2:00 PM start time

June 22nd The Adventures of Tintin
(Rated PG - 107 Minutes)

JULY PRESENTATIONS AND DATES TBA

August 3rd The Phantom Tollbooth
(Rated G - 90 Minutes)

August 24th The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe
(Rated PG - 126 Minutes)

August 30th We Bought a Zoo
(Rated PG - 126 Minutes)



Library LEGOs

The Needham Free Public Library's Children's Room would like to thank all the generous people who donated LEGOs to our library. We have had 15 very popular programs so far! Needham's future architects and engineers are impressive!

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