



NEEDHAM
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LIBRARY NOTES

May 2013

Ed the Wizard — Reading is Magic

Sat., May 11th

10:30 AM

Dressed like a wizard right out of a fairy tale and with the help of many volunteers, Ed the Wizard weaves together the importance of building and maintaining reading skills, using magic, comedy, and suspense. Families with children of all ages will enjoy this program. This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.



Dr. Gary Hylander — Worse than Murder: The Rosenberg Atomic Spy Trial

Tues., May 21st

7:30 PM



In an America caught up in the hysteria of a second Red Scare, McCarthyism, and International Communism, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were executed for espionage in June, 1953. Nearly

60 years later, their trial and execution remain the subject of great emotional debate and acrimony.

Gary Hylander, adjunct professor at Framingham State University and Stonehill College, will discuss this case, the fifth in a series of five lectures on famous trials in American history. This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

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Children's Movie — Return to Nim's Island (Rated PG - 90 minutes)

Fri., May 24th

3:30 PM

After his cruise ship discovery of Nim and her beautiful island, Edmund tries to explain the wonder of his find to his classmates only to find that nobody will believe him. Frustrated, Edmund runs away and sneaks aboard the same fateful cruise ship as his last adventure and steals a rowboat to make his way to Nim's Island. At the same time, Nim's world is turning upside down, as she's faced with the possibility of having to move to the mainland for her father to pursue his scientific research. Left alone for her last weekend on the island, Nim finds Edmund, as well as the pirate animal poachers that followed him! Soon, Nim and Edmund are in a stealth battle of cunning and wits to rescue her beloved sea lion Selkie. With Nim's know-how and Edmund's bravery, they are able to defeat the pirates and maybe even solve the scientific mystery that would allow Nim to stay on her beloved Island.



Friends' Summer Book Sale



**Saturday, June 1st
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

**Sunday, June 2nd
1:00 - 4:00 PM**

**Sunday is Bargain Day;
all items are half-price
and a brown bag is
\$8.00.**

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 8, 15, 22, 29 10:00 AM
Fri., May 3, 31 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**



Mon., May 6 10:30 AM
Tues., May 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., May 14 11:00 AM
Tues., May 28 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

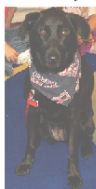


Fri., May 17 3:00 PM
For children 2 years and up accompanied by an adult. This is a drop-in program—please arrive on time.

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

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

Thurs., May 2 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.*

Toddler Movies



Thurs., May 2 11:00 AM
Short films based on popular storybooks—shown in the Community Room.

Children's Craft Programs in May

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



Thurs., May 2 3:30 PM

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



Mon., May 6 4:00 PM
Thurs., May 9 3:30 PM

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



Mon., May 13 4:00 PM
Thurs., May 16 3:30 PM

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



Thurs., May 23 3:30 PM
Fri., May 24 10:30 AM

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



Thurs., May 30 3:30 PM

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

SUMMER READING CLUBS



Dig Into READING

STARTS IN JUNE!

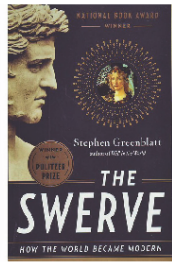
May Book Discussions

NPL Book Group
Tuesday, May 14th

The Swerve

by Stephen Greenblatt

1:00 PM



*In this gloriously learned page-turner, both biography and intellectual history, Harvard Shakespearean scholar Greenblatt (Will in the World) turns his attention to the front end of the Renaissance as the origin of Western culture's foundation: the free questioning of truth. It hinges on the recovery of an ancient philosophical Latin text that had been neglected for a thousand years. In the winter of 1417 Italian oddball humanist, smutty humorist, and apostolic secretary Poggio Bracciolini stumbled on Lucretius' *De rerum natura*. In an obscure monastery in southern Germany lay the recovery of a philosophy free of superstition and dogma. Lucretius *On the Nature of Things* harked back to the mostly lost works of Greek philosophers known as atomists. Lucretius himself was essentially an Epicurean who saw the restrained seeking of pleasure as the highest good. Poggio's chance finding lay what Greenblatt, following Lucretius himself, terms a historic swerve of massive proportions, propagated by such seminal and often heretical truth tellers as Machiavelli, Giordano Bruno, and Montaigne. We even learn the history of the bookworm—a real entity and one of the enemies of ancient written-cultural transmission.*

NPL Evening Book Group
Wednesday, May 15th

7:00 PM

SELECTION OF TITLES FOR
NEXT YEAR'S BOOK GROUP

This Month in the Friends' Gallery
**Needham High School
Boston Globe Scholastic
Art Award Winners**

DID YOU KNOW...

NEW MUSEUM PASS ADDED



The Needham Free Public Library proudly offers free passes for the Worcester Art Museum. These passes, like the Library's 20 other museum pass offerings, may be reserved online at <http://www.needhamma.gov/index.aspx?nid=911> or via phone at 781-455-7559. Excerpted information below from the Worcester Art Museum website offers a glimpse into the collections and basic information about the museum.

Founded in 1896 by Stephen Salisbury III and 50 prominent citizens of Worcester, the Worcester Art Museum is considered a "classic American museum." Its 35,000-piece collection features must-see masterpieces spanning over fifty centuries and includes collections encompassing pre-Columbian, Asian, American, and ancient art. Enjoy highlights of the collection at your own pace or delve into a featured exhibition during a guided tour with a Museum docent.

Admission with a museum pass, sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Library, is free for 2 adults; Regular admission without the museum pass is \$14 per adult and kids under 17 are free.

The Worcester Art Museum is located at 55 Salisbury Street, Worcester, MA 01609, just off Route 290 and is approximately 45 minutes from Needham.

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...

Mark Cartier —

The Beatlemania Years: 1962-1966

Wed., June 5th

7:00 PM



This 75 minute program is designed for anyone interested in the music of the Beatles, from those newly introduced to the group via the new Rock Band game to the most rabid fan. The presentation will cover the first half of the Fab Four's career from their first recording of Love Me Do in 1962 to the release of their seminal album Revolver in 1966. With the aid of several of their most important musical selections, the program will put the group in the context of the early 60's, touching upon the first wave of Beatlemania in England, the conquest of America, their first forays into film, their growth as singer-songwriters, and their ultimate disillusionment with touring which led them to become a full-time studio band. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library, and will be preceded by the Annual Meeting.

Beneath the Ground Summer Film Festival 2013

(all films begin at 2:00 PM)

June 28th



The Dark Crystal
(Rated PG - 91 min)

July 5th



The Goonies
(Rated PG - 114 min)

July 19th



Arthur and the Invisibles
(Rated PG - 94 min)

August 2th



The Secret of NIMH
(Rated G - 82 min)

August 16th



J.R.R. Tolkien's The Hobbit
(Animated - 77 min)

Davy the Clown

Thurs., June 20th

7:00 PM

Kicking off this summer's Digging into Reading Summer Reading Program is Davey the Clown.

Davey the Clown is a physical comedian, juggler, unicyclist and accordionist. Davey's show is big and funny - the perfect family entertainment. It contains silly juggling, amazing magic, incredible unicycling, wacky antics, beautiful and rousing accordion music, balloon sculpture, tons of audience participation, and a rubber chicken! Best of all, KIDS LOVE DAVEY (and adults, will too!). This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Library, in support of this summer's Digging into Reading Summer Reading Clubs.



The Needham High School Anime Club recently presented a check to the Needham Free Public Library to be used to purchase an electronic gaming system for use in the Community Room. *Domo Arigato!!*

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