Who’s Watching You? Owls of the World
Saturday, May 10th  10:30 AM
Everyone loves owls! Yet, how many of us have ever seen a live owl up close? Perhaps you’ve glimpsed the shadowy form of a Great Horned Owl in the headlights as you’ve traveled a back road at night. Ever scanned a frozen saltmarsh or farmer’s meadow in winter, hoping to find that Arctic hunter, the Snowy Owl? How about a mob of noisy crows circling a white pine tree—have they found an owl? Join naturalist Marcia Wilson and photographer Mark Wilson in sharing their passion for owls! “Who’s Watching You? Owls of the World” will introduce you to the owls of New England and beyond. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.

Barry Pell—A Year in Morocco Slide Show
Tuesday, May 13th  7:30 PM
Barry Pell recently returned from a year teaching English in Casablanca and traveling throughout Morocco. In this program, he will take you on a journey through the country’s walled cities and their ancient markets, across the rugged Atlas Mountains with traditional Berber villages, and into the desolate and dune-covered Sahara Desert. The presentation, accompanied by Mr. Pell’s photography, will highlight Morocco’s exquisite historic architecture and the lives, traditions, and ceremonies of its Arab and Berber people. This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

World War I—A Series of Lectures by Dr. Gary Hylander
Thursday, May 22nd  7:30 PM
Popular speaker and lecturer Dr. Gary Hylander returns with the fifth and final lecture on World War I, in this 100th anniversary year commemorating this cataclysmic event. This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

Children’s Movie: Wiener Dog Nationals
(Rated G, 82 minutes)
Friday, May 23rd  3:30 PM
A little boy and his family adopt a runt of a dachshund from a shelter and name her “Shelly,” in honor of shelter dogs everywhere. Despite all odds, the dog surprises the boy’s father when it places in the state trials of the illustrious Wiener Dog Nationals Race. The family pools all of its resources to advance to the next round only to face strong opposition from the reigning champion dog, Princess, and her owner Ms. Merryweather. Meanwhile, Melanie, one of the racing judges, is banned from the races by the head Judge when she tries to help the family prove that Ms. Merryweather is cheating. Relying only on the dog’s skill and her young owner’s passion for the race, little Shelly and her new family must face the challenge of advancing through the cut-throat world of the nation’s greatest wiener dog race, Wienerschnitzel’s “Wiener Dog Nationals.” One Race, One Nation, One Wiener!

friends’ spring book sale
Saturday, May 31st
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Sunday, June 1st
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 7, 14, 21, 28  10:00 AM
- Wed., May 7, 14, 21, 28  11:00 AM
- Thurs., May 22  10:30 AM
- Fri., May 30  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 20  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 27  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 will return next month.

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

“Fun Flicks” Movies for ages 2-5
- Thurs., May 1  11:00 AM
Short films based on popular storybooks—shown in the Community Room.

Meet and Greet Curious George
- Tues., May 13  10:30 - 11:15 AM
- 4:00 - 4:45 PM (In the Community Room)
- Thurs., May 15  10:30 - 11:15 AM
(In the Storytime Room)
Join us for this special Children’s Book Week Event as Curious George pays us a visit during a special storytime and photo opportunity.

Children’s Craft Programs in May

Drop-In “Mother Goose and Mother’s Day” Crafts for ages 2-6
- Mon., May 5  4:00 PM
- Drop-In “Mother Goose and Mother’s Day” Crafts for All Ages
- Thurs., May 8  10:30 AM
- Drop-In “Children’s Book Week” Crafts for ages 2-6
- Mon., May 12  4:00 PM
- Drop-In “Be Kind to Animals” Crafts for ages 2-6
- Mon., May 19  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.

Growing Readers: Story/Crafts for Ages 4-6
- Wed., May 14, 28  1:00 PM
Join us for this 45 minute combination storytime and craft session.

Lucy the R.E.A.D. Dog: for ages 3 and up**
- Thurs., May 1  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.
May Book Discussions

NPL Book Group
Tuesday, May 13th 1:00 PM
The Man in the Wooden Hat by Jane Gardam
The New York Times called Sir Edward Feathers one of the most memorable characters in modern literature. A lyrical novel that recalls his fully lived life, Old Filth has been acclaimed as Jane Gardam’s masterpiece, a book where life and art merge. And now that beautiful, haunting novel has been joined by a companion that also bursts with humor and wisdom: The Man in the Wooden Hat. Old Filth was Eddie’s story. The Man in the Wooden Hat is the history of his marriage told from the perspective of his wife, Betty, a character as vivid and enchanting as Filth himself. They met in Hong Kong after the war. Betty had spent the duration in a Japanese internment camp. Filth was already a successful barrister, handsome, fast becoming rich, in need of a wife, but unaccustomed to romance. A perfect English couple of the late 1940s. As a portrait of a marriage, with all the bittersweet secrets and surprising fulfillment of the 50-year union of two remarkable people, the novel is a triumph.

*June 10, 2014 Book: Death of a Red Heroine by Xiaolong Qiu.*

NPL Evening Book Group
Wednesday, May 21st 7:00 PM
Selection of Titles for Next Year’s Book Group

*June 18, 2014—Ike’s Bluff: President Eisenhower’s Secret Battle to Save the World by Evan Thomas*

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 in the display cases located on either end of the gallery.

Application forms (there are three to be filled out) are available for download at http://www.needhamma.gov/index.aspx?NID=3168 or can be obtained at the Reference Desk. All applications, as well as an example of your artwork or exhibit (photos, website, etc.) must be returned to Gay Ellen Dennett at the Reference Desk. Applications will be reviewed by the Art Committee and notification of acceptance will be made following its next meeting.

The Needham Free Public Library will be closed Monday, May 26, 2014, in honor of Memorial Day.

This Month in the Friends’ Gallery

Needham High School Boston Globe/Scholastic Art Award Winners

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Upcoming Events...

Wed., June 4th  7:00 PM  
This 75 minute program is designed for anyone interested in the Beatles’ music, from new fans to the most rabid, long-term fan. The presentation will cover the second half of their career from the artistic high point of the Sgt. Pepper album in 1967 to their final release Let It Be in 1970. With the aid of musical selections, the program will put the group in the context of the late 60’s, including the death of their manager, their ill-fated TV film, their trip to India, their growing creative differences during the recording of the White Album, the crowning achievement of Abbey Road, and their bitter personal and business conflicts which resulted in their break-up, leaving in their wake one of the richest legacies in popular music. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library, and will be preceded by the Annual Meeting.

Fizz, Boom, Read! Summer Film Festival  
June 27  Meet the Robinsons  (Rated G, 95 min.)  
July 18  The Incredibles  (Rated PG, 115 min.)  
July 25  Wall-E  (Rated G, 98 min.)  
August 1  Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs  (Rated PG, 90 min.)  
August 29  To Be Announced  
Showtime is 2:00 PM

Marvelous Marvin—The Magic of Science  
Wed., June 25  7:00 PM  
The Magic of Science explains the scientific process, from the art of experimenting to the creation of an invention. With simple experiments that kids can try at home, attendees will learn about air pressure, carbon dioxide and the invention of the wheel. The Magic of Science draws a link between the work of artists and scientists, encouraging persistence and exploration. For Ages 5 and up, this is the kickoff event for the 2014 Fizz, Boom, Read! Summer Reading Clubs. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library in support of the 2014 Fizz, Boom, Read! Summer Reading Clubs.

DID YOU KNOW...

- Small Businesses: Find sales leads and mailing lists to grow their business  
- Entrepreneurs: Find similar businesses along with competitors  
- Students: Research businesses by industry or segment and company size  
- Government Agencies: Employment statistics, mapping, and traffic modeling  
- People Searching: Locate friends and relatives  
- Guidance Counselors: Help students learn about various careers and how to find jobs  
- Fundraising: Find income and home value in any neighborhood

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