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# LIBRARY NOTES

May 2016

## For The Love of Food: A Cookbook Club for Foodies

Mon., May 2nd

7:00 PM

Needham's Clelia Egan, author of *118 Favorite Recipes from Clelia's Cucina Italiana* is the featured speaker. Book will be available for purchase following event.

\*Next Meeting: July 18, 2016\*



## Joy of Coloring For Adults



Tues., May 10th

2:00-4:00 PM

Thurs., May 12th

7:00-9:00 PM

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! Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

## Presidential Elections with Dr. Gary Hylander

Tues., May 17th

7:30 PM

### Lecture Five: 1968: Nixon "Bring Us Together"

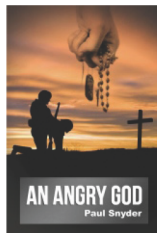


Election year, 1968, was one of the most tumultuous election years in American history. A "new Nixon" promised to end the Vietnam War, restore order to the nation's cities and campuses and to nominate Supreme Court Justices who did not coddle criminals. *I represent*, he said, *the nation's "silent majority," people who stay married, pay their taxes and support their government.* In this important presidential election year, please join Dr. Hylander in reviewing five critical presidential elections. This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

## Author Paul Snyder—An Angry God

Wednesday, May 25th

7:30 PM



*An Angry God* is a fictional account of a young man who enters the Army during World War II and leaves forever changed. Dan Fleming, the book's main character, could be any of the millions of men and women who've witnessed the horrors of war, and who have had to deal with these horrors when the war was done and over...over for everyone but themselves. Dan Fleming's war can be any war, and this novel raises questions as pertinent today for wars in the Middle East and elsewhere as have always been relevant for all of yesterday's wars. *An Angry God* tackles such timely issues as post-traumatic stress disorder, the intersection of religion and war, and the presence of God in our lives. These issues are presented in a way that may leave you questioning and rethinking some long held beliefs. Whether or not you are a veteran, the book's powerful scenes are bound to resonate with you and impact your emotions. Paul Snyder is a Notre Dame and Boston University graduate and practiced law in the Boston area for over forty years. His book will be available for autographing and purchase following this event.



## Children's Movie: Wiener Dog Internationals (Rated G, 93 Minutes)

Fri., May 27th

3:30 PM

The Jack Family is at it again, as they enter the International World of Wiener Dog Racing. The kids sneak away to enter Shelly in the Internationals, and find themselves caught in a devious plot by Mrs. Merryweather that may change wiener dog races forever! Can little Shelly, the champion dog from the US, really take on the World? This program is sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.



## Friends' summer booksale



Saturday, June 4th

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Sunday, June 5th


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](http://www.needhamma.gov/library).


# What's happening this month in the Children's Room...

## Children's Story Times in May

 **Terrific Toddlers for ages 1-2 years**  
Tues., May 3, 17, 24, 31 10:00 AM  
Stories mixed with songs, rhymes, fingerplays, rhythm and sensory activities.

 **Babies & Books for Pre-walkers Under One**  
Tues., May 3, 17, 24, 31 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., May 4, 11, 18, 25 10:00 AM  
Songs, rhymes, lap games, books and more in this interactive program.

 **Pre-School Palooza for ages 3-4 years**  
Mon., May 2, 9, 23 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.

### Spanish Preschool Storyhour

Fri., May 6 10:30 AM  
This is a Drop-in program for preschoolers and is led by a teacher from the Pine Village School.



### Storytime in Chinese for ages 5 and under

Sat., May 7 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.



### Little Bookworms for Grades K-1

Sat., May 14 10:30 AM  
Children in Kindergarten and Grade 1 are invited to come read with members of *Needham High School's Room to Read Club*.



### LEGO Time! Needham Free Public Library's BLOCK PARTY!

Tues., May 10 4:00 - 5:00 PM



## Children's Programs in May

### Ready, Set...Move with Cici Hunt: for ages 3-5\*\*



Wed., May 4 11:00 AM

Mon., May 16 11:00 AM

Join Cici Hunt in this fun-filled music and movement class for children and their caretakers. **\*\*Registration is required, beginning one week prior to the start of the program. One session per month only please.**

### Sing-Along with Ed Morgan



Fri., May 13 3:00 PM

Thurs., May 19 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., May 10 (ages 2-5) 10:00 AM

Tues., May 10 (ages 2 and under) 11:00 AM

Fri., May 27 (ages 2-5) 10:00 AM

Fri., May 27 (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.

## FAMILY ACTIVITY MORNING

Sat., May 21 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.

### Fathers and Flying Crafts for ages 2+ years



Thurs., May 26 10:30 - 11:30 AM

Fathers and Flying Crafts for Ages 4+

Thurs., May 26 4:00 - 5:00 PM



## Teen Programs in May

### Teen Crafternoon—Rock-It-Out Rock Painting!

Mon., May 2

4:00 PM



Take an hour out of your busy afternoon for some rocking, rock-it-out rock painting! Join for the crafts, free snacks, and socializing with friends!

### 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.

## May Book Discussions

### Bookventurers Book Club for Grades 3-5\*\*

Sat., May 14

10:30 - 11:30 AM



#### Skype with Christopher Healy

\*\*Registration is required, one month in advance, 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!
- Enjoy book themed snacks!

### NPL Book Group

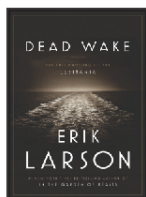
Tuesday, May 10th

1:00 PM

#### *Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania*

by Erik Larson

On May 1, 1915, a luxury ocean liner sailed out of New York, bound for Liverpool, carrying a record number of children and infants. The passengers were at ease, even though Germany had declared the seas around Britain to be a war zone. But the *Lusitania* was one of the era's great transatlantic "Greyhounds"—the fastest liner then in service—and her captain, William Thomas Turner, placed tremendous faith in the gentlemanly strictures of warfare that for a century had kept civilian ships safe from attack. Germany, however, was determined to change the rules of the game, and Walther Schwieger, the captain of *Unterseeboot-20*, was happy to oblige. Meanwhile, an ultra-secret British intelligence unit tracked Schwieger's U-boat, but told no one. As U-20 and the



*Lusitania* made their way toward Liverpool, an array of forces both grand and achingly small—hubris, a chance fog, a closely guarded secret, and more—all converged to produce one of the great disasters in history.

\*June 14, 2016 Book—*The Good Earth* by Pearl S. Buck\*

### NPL Spanish Language Book Club

Monday, May 9th

7:00 PM

#### *Doce Cuentos Peregrinos*

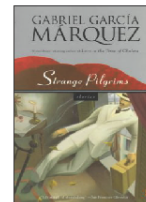
(*Strange Pilgrims: Twelve Stories*)

by Gabriel García Márquez

In *Strange Pilgrims: Twelve Tales*, García

Márquez represents dreamlike magical events in a way that even the descriptive details achieve a magical touch of brilliant imagination. The twelve stories of this volume embrace life's oddness, its poetic incongruities, whether they are joyous, disastrous or bewildering. The most effective of these stories features the combination of fantasy, reality and tongue-in-cheek hyperbole that characterizes the best of García Márquez's fiction.

\*June 14, 2016 Book—*Pepita Jiménez* by Juan Varela\*



### NPL Evening Book Club

Wednesday, May 18th

7:00 PM

Help Choose Next Year's Titles

Bring your suggestions as we choose next year's titles.

\*June 15, 2016—*A Spool of Blue Thread* by Anne Tyler\*



This Month in the Friends' Gallery

## Needham:

A world of varied mediums

April 25 - May 8

## Needham Senior High School

Boston Globe/Scholastic Art Contest Winners

May 9 -31

### 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 - 5:00 pm



## Upcoming Events...

Friends Annual Meeting & Author Kevin Comtois—*Troubadours & Troublemakers: The Music and Politics of Guthrie, Seeger, and Dylan*

Wed., June 8th

7:00 PM



*Troubadours & Troublemakers explores the political, social and economic conditions of the Great Depression as we meet and explore the music and politics of Woody Guthrie. The journey continues with Pete Seeger as he sings his way through World War II, McCarthyism and the Civil Rights Movement. Our journey culminates with an examination of Bob Dylan's evolution from a folk-protest singer to a rock star in 1965. Preceded by the Annual Meeting, this event is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Library.*

World Champion John Higby—*The Yo Yo Guy*

Mon., June 20th

4:30 PM



Who would have thought you could make an entire show out of yo-yos? John Higby brings back that nostalgic toy, reminding you of old favorite tricks such as Walk the Dog and Rock the Baby, then amazing you with new and bizarre tricks, such as Boingy-Boingy and Iron Whip. Yo-yos attached to bouncy balls, yo-yos with 10-foot strings, and multiple yo-yos looping while hula hooping and unicycling are just some of John's finely tuned feats. High skill and deft timing to swingin' music coupled with high energy and sarcastic humor makes Yo-Yo Guy a favorite for every age. This is the Kick-off program for **On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!** Summer Reading program, and is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.

Spa Day for Tweens @ the Library

Tues., June 28th

4:30 PM

Tweens ages 10-12 are invited to snack on spa-themed treats while making their own sweet-smelling bath salts, body scrubs, lip balm, potions and lotions out of natural ingredients. Finished projects will be bottled and labeled in pretty packages to take home. Participants may want to give them as gifts or keep them to indulge in for themselves. Come and learn natural beauty secrets. This wellness program for tweens is part of the **Summer Reading Program—On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!**



**ON YOUR MARK,  
GET SET...  
READ!**



This is the big moment everyone has been waiting for—the Summer Reading Program. Our 2016 sports, health and wellness theme is “**On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!**” There are teams from the local schools ready to read their way to victory in the Library League: **The Newman Night-hawks, The Hillside Heroes, The Mitchell Mustangs, The Elliot Eagles, The Broadmeadow Bears and The St. Joseph Jaguars.** Pre-schoolers, homeschoolers and children who do not attend a local school may join **The Reading Rockets** team. In September, the team that has the highest percentage of its students sign up for Summer Reading will receive a special school prize. The school that has the highest percentage of its students complete the program will receive a special school prize, and the team that has children who read for the most hours will win a special school prize. If the **Reading Rockets** win any of these divisions, each team member will receive a special prize. We all know there's no “I” in team, but as a signing bonus, every child who registers for the Library League will receive a special gift. Every child who competes in the Library League will receive a toy prize for every 2 hours of reading. Every child who completes the championship by reading at least 16 hours or more over the summer will receive a free book, a toy prize and be eligible to win grand prizes. Marathon readers who read for more than 16 hours will be entered in an additional prize drawing. **Registration begins May 1st and continues through August 1st. The games begin on June 20th and end on August 16th.** In addition to the prizes and the fame and glory of playing the game, there will be yoga classes and performers with yo-yo tricks, magic, juggling, music, puppets, hula hoops and Frisbees. Remember it's not whether you win or lose, it's whether you read that counts. So keep your eye on the book. Step up to the plate and read for at least 16 hours for the summer. Let's go readers, let's go! Sign up for Summer Reading and read it like you mean it!

**On Your Mark, Get Set... READ!**

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