



LIBRARY NOTES

NEWSLETTER OF THE NEEDHAM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

MAY 2017

Waterfall Productions Presents Memoirs of an Arabian Princess from Zanzibar

Sun., May 7th

2:30 PM



Born Salamah bint Said, Princess of Zanzibar, in 1844, Emily Reute grew up in a harem with scores of siblings. The royal family maintained its fabulous wealth and luxury with a robust traffic in ivory, spices and human bondage. The Princess would venture beyond the palace, into the city and plantations where European traders, missionaries, and colonists exercised a growing influence. There she met Rudolph Reute, a German trader, with whom she eloped to Germany. The Princess also converted to Christianity and took the name Emily. While living in Germany, she attained the perspective to form a comparison of the lives of women in Muslim society with those of their European contemporaries. Waterfall Productions has adapted Princess Salamah's remarkable autobiography (originally published in 1886) for a theatrical presentation, where the audience will meet Princess Salamah and learn about her life in both Zanzibar and Germany as a royal, daughter, outcast, wife, widow, and mother. This event is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

Joy of Coloring For Adults

Tues., May 9th

2:00-4:00 PM



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Understanding ISIS and Combatting the Threat

The Center at the Heights
300 Hillside Ave., Needham



Tues., May 9th

7:30 - 9:00 PM



Dr. Craig Considine is a faculty member of the Department of Sociology at Rice, who's focus is on Islam, Muslims in American Society, Interfaith religions, and the sociology of religion, race and ethnic relations in society. Craig is also a former Needham Senior High School graduate and resident of Needham. *This program is jointly sponsored by the Needham Human Rights Committee and the Needham Free Public Library, and is funded by a grant from the Library Foundation of Needham.*

All Rise: A History of the Supreme Court with Dr. Gary Hylander

Tues., May 16th

7:30 PM



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Author Julia C. Tobey—Captain McCrea's War

Wed., May 24th

7:30 PM

After the United States entered WWII, Capt. John L. McCrea served as a naval aide to President Franklin D. Roosevelt. He supplied material for the president's fireside chats, helped arrange the Casablanca Conference, and worked with such prominent leaders as Winston Churchill, Ambassador Joseph P. Kennedy, and General Douglas MacArthur. Despite his important work for the president, McCrea yearned for active service. Persuading FDR to release him from Washington, he was given command of the USS Iowa, the country's newest and largest battleship. The ship fought in the Pacific as part of the Fast Carrier Task Force during the last two years of the war. Captain McCrea's War ends in April 1945, when McCrea was summoned back to Washington after President Roosevelt's death. Over the years, many urged him to write a book, and before his passing he finally recorded his reminiscences. Captain McCrea's War captures his amazing tales from the World War II years. Julia C. Tobey worked as an editor, writer, and researcher before



earning a law degree. Vice Admiral John L. McCrea was her stepfather. After retiring from her law practice, she edited McCrea's reminiscences to create this memoir. Tobey lives in New York City. The book will be available for purchase following the event, courtesy of Wellesley Books. This program is sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.



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

*** EXTENDED HOURS ON SUNDAY ***

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 2, 16, 23, 30 10:00 AM
 Stories mixed with songs, rhymes, fingerplays, rhythm and sensory activities.
-  **Babies & Books Up to One Year**
Tues., May 2, 16, 23, 30 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 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 10:00 AM
 Songs, rhymes, lap games, books and more in this interactive program.
-  **Pre-School Palooza for ages 3-6 years**
Mon., May 1, 8, 22 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.

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



Wed., May 3 11:00 AM
Mon., May 15 11:00 AM

Join Cici Hunt in this fun-filled music and movement class for children and their caretakers. ****Registration is required, beginning two weeks prior to the start of the program.****

Sing-Along with Ed Morgan



Fri., May 12 3:00 PM
Thurs., May 18 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 9 (ages 2-5) 10:00 AM
Tues., May 9 (ages 2 and under) 11:00 AM
Fri., May 26 (ages 2-5) 10:00 AM
Fri., May 26 (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.

Children's Programs in May

LEGO Time! Needham Free Public Library's BLOCK PARTY! for ages 5+



Tues., May 9 4:00-5:00 PM



Spring Crafts for ages 2+ years

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

FAMILY ACTIVITY MORNING

Sat., May 20 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 our last one for this school year.



Backyard Bonanza for ages 6+ years

Thurs., May 25 4:00-4:45 PM

Children's Movie: Sing (Rated PG, 110 min)

Fri., May 26th 3:15 PM

Set in a world like ours but entirely inhabited by animals, Sing stars Buster Moon, a dapper Koala who presides over a once-grand theatre that has fallen on hard times. Now facing the crumbling of his life's ambition, he has one final chance to restore his fading jewel to its former glory by producing the world's greatest singing competition. Five lead contestants emerge: A mouse who croons as smoothly as he cons, a timid teenage elephant with an enormous case of stage fright, an overtaxed mother run ragged tending a litter of 25 piglets, a young gangster gorilla looking to break free of his family's felonies, and a punk-rock porcupine struggling to shed her arrogant boyfriend and go solo. All the contestants arrive under Buster's marquee, believing that the competition will be their shot to change the course of their life.



Yoga for Children ages 5-9



Sat., May 27 10:30 AM



May STEAM Programs

Massachusetts Library Programs

Paper Circuits Workshop for Grades 4 and Up

****Limited to 15—Registration Required****

Mon., May 8th

4:00 PM

Children in Grades 4 and up will learn how to draw electrical circuits on paper with electrically conductive ink from a pen, or paint with conductive paint. They will then power their creation with batteries and light them up with LEDs. In addition, they will use paper circuits to power lights, buzzers or motors. Learn how to use Circuit Scribe in this workshop, then visit the library's STEAM Powered Creation Station after school or on weekends to use Circuit Scribe at the library. *Sponsored by an LSTA Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the MA Board of Library Commissioners.*



Early Childhood Science Enrichment for Children ages 3-5**

Fri., May 19th

11:00 AM

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This Month's Topic: Birds of a Feather

Steve Lechner of *The SCIENCE WORKS!*

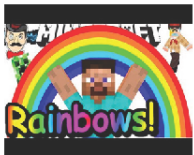
introduces children to the wonders of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) using hands-on activities, puppets, a bit of magic and lots of fun. ****Registration is required.**** Sponsored by the *Library Foundation of Needham.*



Coding with Minecraft for ages 8 and Up **

Tues., May 23rd

3:30-5:30 PM



The RI Computer Museum offers a program on Coding with Minecraft. Children ages 8 and up will learn how to summon lightning bolts with a bow and arrow or build giant rainbows in the Minecraft world with code!

Spawn farm animals or monsters instantly and have fun "modding" your world! This workshop introduces coding concepts by showing children how to build or change (e.g. mod) the game using the Javascript or Python programming language.

****Registration required.** *Sponsored by an LSTA Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the MA Board of Library Commissioners.*

Teen Programs in May

Teen Crafternoon—String Art, Part 2

Mon., May 1st

4:00 PM



Looking to add a bit of color to your bedroom? Come learn to make string art creations. All it takes is a board, pins, string and your imagination. As always, materials, snacks, and enjoyment provided!

May Book Discussions

NPL Book Group

Tuesday, May 9th

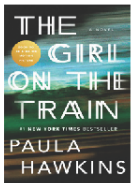
The Girl on the Train

by Paula Hawkins

EVERY DAY THE SAME Rachel takes the same commuter train every morning and night. Every day she rattles down the track, flashes past a stretch of cozy suburban homes, and stops at the signal that allows her to daily watch the same couple breakfasting on their deck. She's even started to feel like she knows them. Jess and Jason, she calls them. Their life—as she sees it—is perfect. Not unlike the life she recently lost. *UNTIL TODAY* And then she sees something shocking. It's only a minute until the train moves on, but it's enough. Now everything's changed. Unable to keep it to herself, Rachel goes to the police. But is she really as unreliable as they say? Soon she is deeply entangled not only in the investigation but also in the lives of everyone involved. Has she done more harm than good?

*June 13, 2017— *Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterly*

1:00 PM



NPL Evening Book Club

Wednesday, May 17th

Help Choose Next Year's Titles

Please join us as we choose next year's titles for the NPL Evening Book Club!

*June 21, 2017— *The Last Hurrah* by Edwin O'Connor*

7:00 PM



BOOKVENTURERS AT THE NEEDHAM TOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Skype with **Nancy Krulik**

Bookventurers #15
Saturday, May 13th
3:15-4:15 PM

Read the book and play the Magic Bone game—what destination will you be transported to? Then Skype with Nancy Krulik!

Snacks provided.

MAGIC BONE

NANCY KRULIK

BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU SKIPE FOR

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

For further information about upcoming events, go to www.needhamma.gov/library.

Upcoming Events...

Friends Annual Meeting & Author Kevin Comtois—Sin to Swing: The Evolution of Jazz in America

Wed., June 7th

7:00 PM

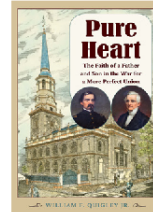
This presentation will review the history and musical culture of New Orleans, the birth of a new music called Jazz, the many colorful creators of this music, and its evolution to Swing and Big Band music. Using recorded music, film clips and still images, the presentation will examine how the politics and social conditions of late 19th Century New Orleans were integral in the creation of whole new musical culture, and how that culture spread throughout the United States. An emphasis will be placed on the people who created Jazz, how that music spread rapidly throughout the United States, the conditions that led young people of the 30s and 40s to embrace it, and its patriotic use for a war-weary nation. Preceded by the Annual Meeting, this event is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Library.



William F. Quigley—Pure Heart: The Faith of a Father and Son in the War for a More Perfect Union (Civil War in the North)

Mon., June 12th

7:30 PM



*In the summer of 1862, as Union morale ebbed low with home front division over war costs, coming emancipation, and demoralizing battlefield losses, 24-year-old William White Dorr enlisted as a lieutenant in the 121st Pennsylvania Volunteers, a new Union regiment organizing in Philadelphia. His father, the Reverend Benjamin Dorr, Rector of Christ Church, Philadelphia, strived to prevent divisions in his congregation from sundering that Episcopal church historically tied to the nation's founding. Clearly and engagingly written, **Pure Heart** is unique in its narrative synthesis of home front political divisions and frontline infantry experiences. The emotional heart of the story lies in Reverend Dorr's relationship with his soldier son, poignantly revealed in a recently discovered collection of his son's wartime letters. William F. Quigley Jr. presents a narrative that remarkably encapsulates much of the North's experience of the war. The book will be available for purchase and autographing following the presentation. This event is sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.*



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Magician Matias Letelier—The Magic of Imagination

Mon., June 26th

4:30 PM



*This show offers a unique blend of motivational magic, clean comedy, positive and encouraging messages, high energy, and (most importantly) lots of audience participation that will show the audience the importance of using the imagination to achieve goals and make dreams come true. This is the Kick-off event for this summer's **Build a Better World Summer Reading Program** and is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.*

friends' summer booksale



Saturday, June 3rd
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Sunday, June 4th
1:00 - 4:00 PM

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

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