



LIBRARY NOTES

NEWSLETTER OF THE NEEDHAM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

MAY 2019

Bob Begin—*The Loss Of The USS Indianapolis*

Tues., May 14th

7:30 PM



By the summer of 1945, the heavy cruiser Indianapolis had participated in most of the major engagements against Japan in the Pacific. American forces

were closing in on the Japanese homeland and people were starting to think the war might be over soon. In July, she would be assigned a Top Secret mission: to deliver the atomic bomb to Tinian Island for use against Japan. This mission would be completed and the Indianapolis would be routed to the Philippines to prepare for the invasion of Japan. Traveling alone through minimal risk territory, she would be torpedoed by a Japanese submarine. Of her crew, three hundred men were lost in the sinking but approximately 900 men went into the water. Five days later, some 317 would be saved in a massive rescue operation. The men in the water faced numerous threats: exhaustion, dehydration, hypothermia, dementia, and a more primal danger...sharks. This tragedy could have been much less severe were it not for a series of blunders by numerous levels of command by the Navy. The Navy did not even realize she was missing for several days. News of her loss was held until papers announced "Peace! The War Is Over." America demanded an answer. Somebody had to take the blame. It would be her Captain who would be unfairly court-martialed. This is a hard story but warrants retelling. Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

Cold War America with Dr. Gary Hylander

Tues., May 21st

7:30 PM

With the end of World War II, the Soviet Union shifted from wartime ally to Cold War adversary. Join in examining the reasons for this abrupt shift. An



Iron Curtain descended across Eastern Europe, while a Bamboo Curtain sealed off the people of China. A Red Scare swept across America. "Better dead than Red" became the watchword of the times. McCarthyism, HUAC, the Rosenberg trial, Sputnik and much more dominated the nation's headlines. This is the third of five lectures in this series, sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

Children's Movie: *Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse* (Rated PG, 117 minutes)

Fri., May 24th

3:15 PM



New Spider-Man Miles Morales must walk the balance between his personal high school and family life and his life as a superhero. While being Spider-Man, he becomes familiar with the Spider-Verse, where there are endless variations on Spider-Man. One of the Spider-Man variations living inside the Spider-Verse is Spider-Man, Peter Parker, who guides Miles in his journey as the new Spider-Man and introduces him to the multitude of other Spider-Men, including Spider-Man Noir and Spider-Ham. All of the various Spider-Men will have to band together when villains threaten the safety of the Spider-Verse and the world itself. Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.

Library Hours:

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| 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 |

Contact the Library at 781-455-7559

For further information about upcoming events, go to www.needhamma.gov/library or call 781-455-7559.

Friends' Summer BookSale



Friday, May 31st

12:30 - 4:00 PM

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.

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 14, 21, 28 10:00 AM
 Stories mixed with songs, rhymes, fingerplays, rhythm and sensory activities.
-  **Babies & Books for up to one year**
 Tues., May 14, 21, 28 11:00 AM
 Babies and their adult caregivers explore the rhythms and patterns of speech with songs, lap games and a story or two.
-  **Child's Play Storytime for ages 0-2 years**
 Wed., May 8, 15, 22, 29 10:00 AM
 Songs, rhymes, lap games, books and more in this interactive program.
-  **Pre-School Palooza for ages 3-6 years**
 Mon., May 6, 13 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.

Learn & Play Group for ages 2-5

Fri., May 3, 17 10:30 - 11:15 AM



A drop-in playgroup for caregivers and children, providing STEAM activities, literacy and social play for ages 2-5 years. *Provided by Family Access of Newton.*

Chinese Storytime for ages 5 and under

Sat., May 4 10:00 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.

Read to Tucker!*

Mon., May 6 4:00-5:30 PM



Tucker is an adorable shepherd/hound mix who especially loves kids and loves to have kids read to him. Children in 1st-5th grade are invited to register at the Children's Desk for a 15 minute time-slot to read to Tucker. ***Registration Required.**

Children's Programs in May

Make Music with Stacey Peasley: for ages 2-5



Wed., May 1 10:00 AM

Mon., May 20 10:00 AM

Join Stacey Peasley for a fun-filled half hour of music and song for children and their caregivers.

Sing-Along with Ed Morgan



Fri., May 10 3:00 PM

Thurs., May 16 10:30 AM

For children 2 years and up accompanied by an adult. Drop-in program—please arrive on time.

Music with Sarah for ages 5 and under



Tues., May 7 (ages 2-5) 10:00 AM

Tues., May 7 (ages 2 and under) 11:00 AM

Join Sarah Gardner and bring your little ones to play instruments, sing & dance along. Become part of the little library band!

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

Raising A Reader for ages 0-3*

Fri., May 3, 10, 17, 24 10:30 - 11:15 AM



Raising A Reader's mission is to engage caregivers in a routine of book sharing with their children to foster healthy brain development, healthy relationships, a love of reading, and the literacy skills critical for school success. Participants will enjoy a storytime together. Adults will learn some early literacy practices they can use at home with their child. Families check out a red bag of paperback books to read at home together and exchange it for a new bag of books each week. ***Registration is required for this eight week session, running from April 26 - June 14. Provided by Family Access of Newton.**

Read to Panda for Grades 1-5*

Sat., May 18th 2:30 PM

Children in grades 1st-5th can sign up at the Children's Desk for 15 minute time slots with Panda the Australian Shepherd. ***Registration is required. Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.**



Josh Funk Author Visit for ages 2+

Sat., May 11th

10:30 AM



Bring the family to hear author Josh Funk read from his book *Lady Pancake and Sir French Toast*. Afterwards enjoy a limited number of pancakes donated by IHOP of Dedham!

Family Activity Morning

Saturday, May 18
10:00 to 11:30 am

Create a May
Flower Bouquet



All Ages Welcome



Creation Station Hours

Mon. - Thurs. 5:30 - 8:30 PM

Friday 3:30 - 5:00 PM

Saturday 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Sunday 1:00 - 6:30 PM

Early Release Days 1:00 - 8:30 PM

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

Summer 2019 Early Literacy Program for Children from Birth up to 3 Years Old



2019 Summer Reading Program for Children from Grades K to Five

The Countdown Begins

Fly over to the Children's Department to sign up from May 1st through July 29th and receive a free book for the child, and a free pass for the family to the U.S.

Constitution Museum. **Log the time**

spent reading starting on June 24th–August 9th. Read to the child for 6 hours and infants receive a plush rocket. Children ages 1-3 receive star-shaped sunglasses. Read aloud to the child for 10 hours by August 9th to receive another free book for the child, a free ice cream cone, and be entered in a drawing for a prize for yourself.



Race in Outer Space

There will be a paper rocket on the bulletin board representing children who are in the summer Early Literacy Program, homeschoolers and children who go to school outside of Needham. This rocket will be racing on its way to a distant planet, along with a rocket representing each Needham elementary school. As you read aloud to the child and log the time spent reading, the rocket will move a little bit closer to the planet each week. Which rocket will arrive first and win the race? It's all up to you. The more you read aloud to your little one, the faster and further that rocket will travel.



The Countdown Begins

Children from Grades K-5 (as of this Fall), fly over to the Children's Department to sign up from May 1st through July 29th. Get a reading brag tag and neck chain when you sign up. As you log your reading, receive 4 beads for every 2 hours of reading. The more you read, the more specialized beads you can collect to put on your neck chain. **Read and log the time spent reading starting on June 24th–August 9th to be eligible for grand prizes.** Attend events from June 24th to August 12th. You can also register and record your reading online at: www.needhambeanstack



Race in Outer Space

Each elementary school in Needham is represented by a rocket on the bulletin board in the Children's Room. Each rocket is on its way to the same distant planet, moving a little bit closer each week as children record their time spent reading. Which rocket will arrive first and win the race? It's all up to you. The more you read, the faster and further your school's rocket will travel.



Teens and 'Tweens Programs in May

Teen/'Tween Movie: *Mortal Engines* (Rated PG-13, 129 minutes)

Fri., May 3rd

3:00 PM



A great war called the Sixty Minute War caused horrific changes to the world's landscape resulting in near-constant natural disasters. In a distant future, people live in major cities modified with huge engines and traction-style wheels so that they can move everything rapidly to a safer area as disasters strike. The cities, known as Traction Cities, have also been designed to pick up other smaller cities and towns as they move so that their citizens can gather new resources. In areas of the world that refuse to give into this Municipal Darwinism, an Anti-Traction League does what it can to stop the cities. Tom Natsworthy, an apprentice in the Guild of Historians in the City of London, stops an attempted assassination against the guild's leader, Thaddeus Valentine, by Hester Shaw, a young woman with a scar on her face. This act of bravery nearly destroys Tom's life, but it leads him on an incredible journey that could result in salvation for the human race. Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.

Painting With Chelsea! **

Sat., May 4th

2:00 PM

Paint an adorable owl to help welcome in the spring weather—led by Chelsea Brown, one of the Needham Library's friendly circulation staff members!



****Registration is required for this program, and will be limited to the first 20 participants who sign up and will remain open until full.** This program is for ages 9 - 15 with varying degrees of artistic ability and will go for two hours (you must be able to stay the full time). If you know you will be unable to stay the entire time, please do not sign-up. Please arrive promptly as every minute counts for this fun painting adventure. *Contact Erin at the Adult Reference desk with questions, 781-455-7559, x 2.*

Gaming and Chill Zone for 'Tweens and up

Thurs., May 23rd

3:00-4:30 PM

A modification from months past. This month, the Needham Free Public Library Community Room welcomes you to gather, play games and de-stress before finals and presentations get out of hand. Come game with friends! Electronic, board, and card games provided along with some puzzles and snacks to get you through the afternoon.



High School AP Exam Study Series

Sun., May 5th & 12th

1:00-6:00 PM



In collaboration with the Needham Senior High School, the Needham Free Public Library will be offering a study space in the Library's Community Room for Needham students preparing for AP Exams. Drop in and leave as you please. Some food and drinks will be provided, but please feel free to bring your own. *Any questions? Call Erin at the Reference Desk.*

AP US History Study Night

Mon., May 6th

4:30-8:00 PM



Needham High School students studying for the AP US History AP exam are welcome to join for a special subject specific study night in the Library's Community Room. Drop in and leave as you please. Some food and drinks will be provided, but please feel free to bring your own. *Any questions? Call Erin at the Reference Desk.*



Help celebrate and make the 2nd summer of the **Young Adult Summer Reading Program (YASRP)** at the Needham Free Public Library a success! This program, for rising 6th through 12th graders will be similar

to last year's format, but with paper forms only. The prize tickets are back! Get tickets by attending various programs geared toward 'tweens and teens, and by tracking the books you've read throughout the summer for a chance to win prizes (small and large)! For every book read, you receive a ticket (every ticket is a winner) which will allow you to choose a prize. Might as well track those books needed to be read for school anyway! Why not get a prize for doing so? ***You must log all your books by August 17th to win prizes throughout the summer and to be eligible for the grand prizes at the end of the summer.***

Please note that all registered YASRP participants who attend summer 'Tween/Teen designated programs attended will be given a scratch ticket for just attending each event. Adults looking to get in on the Summer Reading Program fun too? Join the Needham Free Public Library for its inaugural year of the **Adult Summer Reading Program**. Read and track books on a fun book bingo board for a chance to win prizes.

Registration opens on May 28th and logging books will begin June 18th for both Young Adult and Adult Programs. Stay tuned for more details on both of these programs over the next few months! Any questions about these wonderful programs may be directed to Young Adult Librarian Erin at EBassett@minlib.net or contact the Adult Reference Desk at 781-455-7559, x 2.

May Book Discussions

NPL Book Group

Tuesday, May 14th

City of Thieves

by David Benioff

Having elected to stay in Leningrad during the siege, 17-year-old Lev Beniov is caught looting a German paratrooper's corpse. The penalty for this infraction (and many others) is execution. But when Colonel Grechko confronts Lev and Kolya, a Russian army deserter also facing execution, he spares them on the condition that they acquire a dozen eggs for the colonel's daughter's wedding cake. Their mission exposes them to the most ghoulis acts of the starved populace and takes them behind enemy lines to the Russian countryside. There, Lev and Kolya take on an even more daring objective: to kill the commander of the local occupying German forces. A wry and sympathetic observer of the devastation around him, Lev is an engaging and self-deprecating narrator who finds unexpected reserves of courage at the crucial moment and forms an unlikely friendship with Kolya, a flamboyant ladies' man who is coolly reckless in the face of danger. *June 11, 2019—*News of the World* by Paulette Jiles*

1:00 PM



NPL Evening Book Club

Wednesday, May 15th

Help Choose Next Year's Titles

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

*June 19, 2019—*Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee*

7:00 PM



Comic Book Book Club

Thurs., May 9th

French Milk

by Lucy Knisley

This month's selection to read and discuss is *French Milk* by Lucy Knisley. Through delightful drawings, photographs, and musings, twenty-three-year-old Lucy Knisley documents a six-week trip she and her mother took to Paris when each was facing a milestone birthday. With a quirky flat in the fifth arrondissement as their home base, they set out to explore all the city has to offer, watching fireworks over the Eiffel Tower on New Year's Eve, visiting Oscar Wilde's grave, loafing at cafés, and, of course, drinking delicious French milk. What results is not only a sweet and savory journey through the City of Light but a moving, personal look at a mother-daughter relationship. Books have been set aside at the Adult Reference Desk for checking out. Grab a copy **today**, before the meeting! Contact Erin at 781-455-7559 x2 with any questions. This book club is for high school students and adults interested in Comics and Graphic Novels. *June 13, 2019—*B.Y.O.B.* (bring your own book to discuss with the group)*

7:15 PM



Diversity and Discussion Book Club

Cosponsored by the Trustees of the Needham Free Public Library and the Needham Human Rights Committee

Thurs., May 9th

Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City

by Matthew Desmond

Even in the most desolate areas of American cities, evictions used to be rare. But today, most poor renting families are spending more than half of their income on housing, and eviction has become ordinary, especially for single mothers. In vivid, intimate prose, Desmond provides a ground-level view of one of the most urgent issues facing America today. As we see families forced into shelters, squalid apartments, or more dangerous neighborhoods, we bear witness to the human cost of America's vast inequality—and to people's determination and intelligence in the face of hardship. Based on years of embedded fieldwork and painstakingly gathered data, this masterful book transforms our understanding of extreme poverty and economic exploitation while providing fresh ideas for solving a devastating, uniquely American problem. Its unforgettable scenes of hope and loss remind us of the centrality of home, without which nothing else is possible.

Diversity and Discussion will resume in Fall 2019

7:00 PM



Bookventurers Book Club for Grades 3-5*

Sat., May 4

3:00 - 4:00 PM

This month's title is *The Doughnut Fix* by Jessie Janowitz. *Registration is requested, 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!



This Month in the Friends' Gallery

Needham Senior High School
Boston Globe/Scholastic Art
Award Winners



Upcoming Events...

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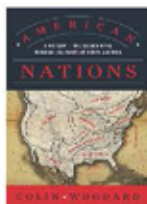


Friends Annual Meeting and Author Colin Woodard—*American Character: The Epic Struggle Between Individual Liberty and the Common Good*

Wed., June 5th

7:00 PM

The struggle between individual rights and the good of the community as a whole has been the basis of nearly every major disagreement in America's history, from the debates at the Constitutional Convention and the run-up to the Civil War, to the fights surrounding the agendas of the Federalists, the Progressives, the New Dealers, the civil rights movement, and the Tea Party. Balancing these forces is the key and never-ending task of a liberal democracy, and if one or the other is neglected, tyranny follows, oligarchic on one hand, Orwellian on the other. In this presentation, Woodard traces these two key strands in American politics and political philosophy through the two and a half centuries of the nation's existence; explores how different regions of the country and the nation as a whole have successfully or disastrously accommodated them; and lays out a path forward that would heal our battered republic. Books will be available for purchase and autographing at the conclusion of the event. Preceded by the Friends of the Needham Public Library Annual Meeting and Election of Officers. Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.



Summer Reading Program

Session One: Astronauts & Aliens Duckie Soaps for Teens and 'Tweens'

Thurs., June 6th

4:00 - 5:00 PM



Participants will make their own creation using glycerin based soap and adding colors, glitter and scents. Once the concoction has cooled slightly, add the cosmetic grade glitter, colors, and essential oil (optional), then embed the astronaut and alien rubber duckies and decorate the tops with green soap curls, to make it look like grass. At the end of the workshop participants will take home his/her handmade soap.

Session Two: Curly Rainbow Soap for Adults*

Thurs., June 6th

7:00 - 8:00 PM

Participants will make their own fun and quirky swirl soap using a glycerin based soap, colorful soap curls, color, cosmetic glitter and a variety of scents. Come discuss the steps in making cold process soap, the blending of essential oils, and the role of exfoliants in soap making. Once the concoction has cooled slightly, add glitter, colors, and essential oil (optional) and then embed the soap curls. At the end of the workshop participants will take home his/her handmade creation. *Registration required—limit of 20 per session. Registration will begin on May 23rd at the Adult Reference Desk.



Summer Movies at the Library

Hidden Figures (Rated PG, 2 hours, 7 minutes)

Tues., June 25th

7:00 PM



Three brilliant African-American women at NASA—Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan and Mary Jackson—serve as the brains behind one of the greatest operations in history: the launch of astronaut John Glenn into orbit, a stunning achievement that restored the nation's confidence, turned around the Space Race and galvanized the world. Shown in support of this Summer's Adult Reading Program and sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library. Next Presentation: July 16th—Apollo 11 (90 minutes).