**Library Notes**
November 2012

**Pat Piper and Nancy Sporborg: It’s Not About the Hike**

Sun., November 4th  2:00 PM

*It’s Not About the Hike* presentation is for EVERYONE—bikers and non-bikers, people who are sedentary or active, outdoor enthusiasts and indoor homebodies, 10 year olds and 90 year olds and everyone in between. This presentation is not about the hike; it is an inspirational and motivational program about pushing ourselves outside of our comfort zones, overcoming our own fears, finding our passions and living our lives to the fullest.

This hour-long program is a multi-media presentation including movies, music and photographs. It is both humorous and touching, as the speakers share from their hearts about their personal lives in a way that makes the message and learning universal. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.

**Bari Koral in Concert**

Sat., November 17th  3:00 PM

Dubbed the “IT girl in kids/family music” by NY Magazine and the “Sheryl Crow for kids” by the NY Post, Bari’s songs are a huge hit with children and adults. Her catchy, pop friendly tunes, interactive live shows & heavy rotation radio play have gained her literally thousands of young (and not so young!) fans. Her debut full length album Rock and Roll Garden won the Nappa Gold and Parents’ Choice Awards and was picked as top 10 kids album of the year by Time Out Kids. This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

**Employment Workshop**

**Changing Careers: Reinventing Oneself in Today’s Job Market with Gary Gekow**

Thurs., November 8th  7:30 PM

Transitioning into a new profession can be a challenging and daunting undertaking. Gary will discuss and explore various strategies to help make the transition from one industry to another a smooth one. This is a group discussion where everyone’s experiences and opinions are welcomed.

Gary Gekow is a Senior Employment Specialist with 21 years of recruiting experience in the Boston staffing industry. He works closely with client companies in many industries and job seekers in various specialties. This program is sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.

**Children’s Movie: Disney/Pixar’s Brave**

(Rated PG - 93 Minutes)

Fri., November 23rd  10:00 AM

Take a heroic journey with Merida, a skilled archer and headstrong daughter of King Fergus and Queen Elinor. Determined to carve her own path in life, Merida defies an age-old custom sacred to the unruly and uprooted lords of the land. When Merida’s actions inadvertently unleash chaos in the kingdom, she must harness all of her skills and resources—including her clever and mischievous triplet brothers—to undo a beastly curse before it’s too late, and discover the meaning of true bravery. Bursting with heart, unforgettable characters and Pixar’s signature humor, Brave is incredible entertainment for the whole family. This program series is sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.

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 November

Drop-in Storytimes for ages 5 and under
- Wed., November 7, 14, 21, 28 10:00 AM
- Fri., November 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**
- Mon., November 5 10:30 AM
- Tues., November 13 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., November 6 11:00 AM
- Tues., November 20 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., November 9 3:00 PM
For children 2 years and up accompanied by an adult. This is a drop-in program—please arrive on time.

Lucy the R.E.A.D. Dog: for ages 3 and up**
- Thurs., November 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.

Toddler Movies
- Thurs., November 1, 15 11:00 AM
Short films based on popular storybooks—shown in the Community Room.

Family Literacy Month Storytime for all ages
- Sat., November 17 10:30 AM

Children’s Craft Programs in November

Drop-In “Crafts of the Month” for ages 2-6
- Thurs., November 1 3:30 PM
- Thurs., November 8 10:30 AM
- Thurs., November 8 3:30 PM
- Fri., November 16 10:30 AM

Drop-In “Make a Thank You” Card for all ages
- Mon., November 19 3:30 PM

Drop-In “Up, Up and Away” Crafts for ages 2-6
- Tues., November 27 10:30 AM
- Thurs., November 29 3:30 PM

Drop-In Craft Programs usually last for approximately 30 minutes, depending upon your child(ren). Three crafts related to the theme will be offered for our creative young patrons.

LEGO Time! Needham Free Public Library’s BLOCK PARTY!

Due to space limitations, the program is limited to 24 children, ages 6+.

- Tuesday, November 6 4:30 - 5:30 PM

Sign-up for program begins one week before the event. You can sign up by phone or in person.
**Young Sprouts Science Fun - Ages 5-8**
Mon., November 5
4:00 PM
Young Sprouts is something new for “budding” scientists, ages 5-8. Join us as we use hands-on activities, including at least two STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) ways to explore our world. For our first program, the theme is “All About Me.” **Please sign up beginning one week in advance, by phone or in person.**

**Game Day for ages 12+**
Friday, November 2nd
3:00 PM
Join us one Friday a month for an afternoon of board and card games. Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library, with assistance from the NHS Anime Club.

**November Book Discussions**

**NPL Book Group**
Tuesday, November 13th
1:00 PM
*State of Wonder*
by Ann Patchett

In a narrative replete with poison arrows, devouring snakes, scientific miracles, and spiritual transformations, *State of Wonder* presents a world of stunning surprise and danger, rich in emotional resonance and moral complexity.

As Dr. Marina Singh embarks upon an uncertain odyssey into the insect-infested Amazon, she will be forced to surrender herself to the lush but forbidding world that awaits within the jungle. Charged with finding her former mentor Dr. Annick Swenson, a researcher who has disappeared while working on a valuable new drug, she will have to confront her own memories of tragedy and sacrifice as she journeys into the unforgiving heart of darkness. Stirring and luminous, *State of Wonder* is a world unto itself, where unlikely beauty stands beside unimaginable loss beneath the rain forest’s jeweled canopy.

**NPL Evening Book Group**
Wednesday, November 28th
7:00 PM
*The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*
by Rebecca Skloot

*Her name was Henrietta Lacks, but scientists know her as HeLa.* She was a poor Southern tobacco farmer, yet her cells—taken without her knowledge—became one of the most important tools in medicine. The first “immortal” human cells grown in culture, they are still alive today, though she has been dead for more than sixty years. HeLa cells were vital for developing the polio vaccine; uncovered secrets of cancer and viruses; helped lead to in vitro fertilization, cloning, and gene mapping; and have been bought and sold by the billions. Yet Henrietta Lacks is buried in an unmarked grave. Her family did not learn of her “immortality” until more than twenty years after her death, when scientists began using her husband and children in research without informed consent. The story of the Lacks family is inextricably connected to the dark history of experimentation on African Americans, the birth of bioethics, and the legal battles over whether we control the stuff we are made of.

**This Month in the Friends’ Gallery**

**Needham Art Association**

**Library Hours:**

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**Upcoming Events...**

**Creature Teachers presents The Rainforest**
**Sat., December 15 3:00 PM**
This is Creature Teachers’ signature show, with 8-10 rainforest animals providing the teaching tools of this popular program. Richard Roth of Creature Teachers will discuss all aspects of the rainforests from the layers that make up the forest, their locations around the world, and the dangers that threaten this fragile ecosystem. This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

**New Years’ Needham at the Library**
**Mon., December 31st**
**Stacey Peasley in Concert 10:30 AM**
Stacey Peasley has been entertaining families in the Boston area since 2008. Her talent and love of children has connected with families, and she has gained a loyal following in the MetroWest area!

**Storyteller Diane Edgecomb—Once Upon A Wintertime Performances at 12:30 PM & 1:30 PM**
These tales of wintertime magic and fun are drawn from many cultures ranging from the lyrical Grimm’s tale of “Snow White and Rose Red” to stories of folksy New England escapades.

**Magician Christopher Bolter Performances at 2:30, 3:30 & 4:30 PM**
Boston Magician Christopher Bolter has been entertaining and amazing children and families all over New England for the past fifteen years! He is a completely different kind of magician than what you’re familiar with!

**Electronic Petting Zoo**
**Thurs., December 13 7:30 PM**
Do you own, or intend to purchase, an E-Reader in the near future? Would you like help downloading books from Minuteman’s Digital Catalog? This is the program for you! The Needham Library is sponsoring an Electronic Petting Zoo! Come and try out the various devices on the market and learn the ins and outs of using the library’s Digital Media Catalog for downloading items to your device. This program is sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.

**DID YOU KNOW...**

**New Database - Global Road Warrior**
People have practical questions: How much do I tip in Bolivia? How do I greet my host in Mali? Is punctuality important in Russia? What currency do I use in Botswana? Global Road Warrior is the place to find the answers.
Global Road Warrior, the Ultimate Guide to the World, is a comprehensive business travel, telecommunications and business culture reference covering 175 countries. Business Travelers, travel planners, international communicators, and businesspeople who need extensive coverage of these topics will find the most up-to-date information available in a highly organized and consistent format. This new database, courtesy of the Friends of the Needham Library, can be found at http://library.minlib.net/search/ under Databases.

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