



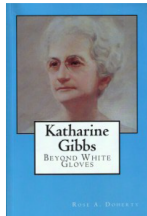
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LIBRARY NOTES

November 2014

Author Rose Doherty—*Katharine Gibbs: Beyond White Gloves*

Thurs., November 6th 7:30 PM



How does a 46-year-old widow with no income, two sons to support, and only a high school education survive? If you are Katharine Gibbs, you found a secretarial school in 1911 that becomes the best in the world and gives women the ability to support themselves. Katharine Gibbs was CEO of three schools two years before women could vote. She was an entrepreneur who educated women for business when they were not welcome. She created her school in hostile times when a Harvard Medical School doctor said that higher education could cause the uterus to atrophy! Join us for this fascinating look at the life of Katharine Gibbs, and the school that set the standard for what executive secretaries/assistants should be, as "Katie Gibbs" graduates could indeed write their own tickets in the business world. Books will be available for purchase and autographing following the talk. This event is sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.

Author Susan Fleming—*Protest at 37 Pinecrest Drive*

Sat., November 8th 10:30 AM

Join us as Needham Author Sue Fleming talks about her third book in the 37 Pinecrest Drive series, *Protest at 37 Pinecrest Drive*. This presentation is for "young people" of all ages, with the book available for purchase and autographing afterwards. The Needham Free Public Library sponsors this event.



Singer/Songwriter Judy Pancoast in Concert

Sat., November 22nd 10:30 AM



Join us as we welcome back Singer/Songwriter Judy Pancoast to the Needham Free Public Library. Judy has toured in 49 US States and abroad and has brought her magic brand of Bubblegum Pop for Sweet Kids to hundreds of thousands of children. Whether they've been in the smallest library or the largest concert venue, children who have experienced a Judy concert come away feeling joyous, encouraged and beloved. This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

Author Anthony Sammarco—*Lost Boston*

Sun., November 16th 2:00 PM



Although historic Boston has a reputation as one of the best-preserved cities in America, it has always been subject to the constant change of any busy commercial center. Lecturer and historian Anthony M. Sammarco, author of over sixty books on the history and development of Boston, will reveal sixty-eight major Boston locations that are no more, including schools, churches, theaters, grand mansions, dockyards, racetracks, parks, stores, hotels, offices, and factories. Organized chronologically, Sammarco's lecture will feature much-loved institutions that failed to stand the test of time, victims of Boston's redevelopment era, and old-fashioned hotels and sports facilities that once seemed beyond updating or refurbishment. This book will be available for purchase and autographing following the presentation. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.

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This Month in the Friends' Gallery

Needham Art Association

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 5, 12, 19, 26 10:00 AM

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Fri., November 21 10:30 AM



Stories, music, movement and more. **Story-times are drop-in—no registration required. All children must be accompanied by an adult.**

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

Mon., November 3 10:30 AM

Mon., November 17 10:30 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 14 3:00 PM

Thurs., November 20 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 3-5**

Tues., November 25 10:30 AM

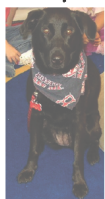


Join Sarah Gardner and bring your little ones to play instruments, sing & dance along. Become part of our little library band! **Registration is required.

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

Lucy the R.E.A.D. Dog: for ages 3 and up**

Thurs., November 13 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.*



Fun Flicks

Thurs., November 6 11:00 AM

Short films based on popular storybooks—shown in the Community Room.

Children's Craft Programs in November



Drop-In "Crafts of the Month" Crafts for ages 2-6

Mon., November 3 4:00 PM



Drop-In "Family Literacy Month" Crafts for ages 2-6

Mon., November 10 4:00 PM



Drop-In "Harvest" Crafts for ages 2-6

Tues., November 18 10:30 AM



Drop-In "Thank You Cards" for all ages

Mon., November 24 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.

Stormy Weather with WCVB-TV Meteorologist Danielle Vollmer

Tues., November 4 10:30 AM



Join us as *WCVB Meteorologist Danielle Vollmer* presents a multimedia presentation on Storms and how to make weather forecasts. For Grades 1-5 (No School In Needham—Professional Development Day). The program will take place in the Community Room.

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



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

Tuesday, November 18 4:30 - 5:30 PM

Sign-up for program begins one week before the event. You can sign up by phone or in person.

Children's Movie: How to Train Your Dragon 2 (Rated PG, 102 min.)

Fri., November 28

10:00 AM

When Hiccup and Toothless discover an ice cave that is home to hundreds of wild dragons and the mysterious Dragon Rider, the two friends find themselves at the center of a battle to protect the peace. This program is sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.



November Book Discussions

NPL Book Group

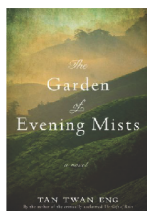
Tuesday, November 18th

1:00 PM

The Garden of Evening Mists

by Twan Eng Tan

Recently retired judge Teoh Yun Ling has at most a year before she will lose all language and memory to aphasia. She leaves Kuala Lumpur for the highlands of central Malaysia and finds Yugiri—the book's eponymous Garden of Evening Mists—where she's agreed to meet a Japanese scholar writing a book about Yugiri's creator, Aritomo, the self-exiled former gardener to the emperor of Japan. Four decades earlier, in spite of being the single survivor of a horrific World War II Japanese prison, Yun Ling apprenticed herself to Aritomo, hoping to someday create the perfect garden to honor her murdered sister. Almost 38 years have passed since Aritomo disappeared, and now, threatened with erasure, Yun Ling begins to record his story as well as her own. *December 9, 2014—Brooklyn by Colm Toibin.*



NPL Evening Book Group

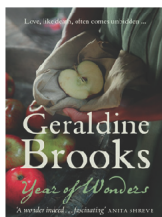
Wednesday, November 19th

7:00 PM

A Year of Wonders: A Novel of the Plague

by Geraldine Brooks

This gripping historical novel is based on the true story of Eyam, the "Plague Village," in the rugged mountain spine of England. In 1666, a tainted bolt of cloth from London carries bubonic infection to this isolated settlement of shepherds and lead miners. A visionary young preacher convinces the villagers to seal themselves off in a deadly quarantine to prevent the spread of disease. The story is told through the eyes of eighteen-year-old Anna Frith, the vicar's maid, as she confronts the loss of her family, the disintegration of her community, and the lure of a dangerous and illicit love. As the death toll rises and people turn from prayers and herbal cures to sorcery and murderous witch-hunting, Anna emerges as an unlikely and courageous heroine in the village's desperate fight to save itself.



*December 17, 2014—10% Happier: How I Tamed

the Voice in my Head, etc. by Dan Harris*

AWEsomeness in the Children's Room



The Needham Free Public Library's Children's Department is more AWEsome now, with the addition of two "AWE Early Literacy" stations, donated by the Friends of the Needham Free Public Library.

AWE, or alternative working environments as the company was called early in the 1990s, produces the AWE Early Literacy station which is a self-contained, stand-alone computer with over 50 carefully selected preloaded fun and educational programs for children aged 2-8.

The colorful touch screen is combined with a mouse and keyboard designed for little hands and requires no Internet access. This is one great kids' computer for the youngest library users. Additionally, non-English language learners can also benefit from this system.

The AWE Early Literacy Station's educational software covers seven curricular areas: reading, math, science, social studies, writing, arts and music, and reference. Many of the software programs contain "disguised" learning activities that expand the child's experience through games and extension activities.

The system is designed to support school readiness and technology access while making learning exciting and engaging. By expanding the library's Early Literacy services through technology, the Children's Room strengthens its commitment to help prepare children for kindergarten and beyond.

Children may access the station for 20 minute increments and may add additional sessions, as long as no one else is waiting. Children do not need a library card for access, but should be accompanied by an adult caregiver.

Library Hours:

Mon. - Thurs.

9:00am - 9:00pm

Fridays

9:00am - 5:30pm

Saturdays

9:00am - 5:00pm

Sundays

1:00pm - 5:00pm

Upcoming Events...

FRIENDS' HOLIDAY BOOKSALE



Saturday, December 6th
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Creature Teachers: Animals of the World

Sat., December 13

10:30 AM

Come take a trip around the world with us and find out where our animals come from. This program explores the diverse habitats of our planet and the animals that live with-in them. See why some animals are well suited for certain areas and why some are not. *The Creature Teachers* is a family-owned business specializing in environmental and animal education. Their goal is to fascinate their audiences with the wonders and diversity of the animals that share our planet.

This Program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.



Yoga for Teens and Tweens with Samantha Riley

Wed., December 17th

4:30 PM



If you are 9 to 12 years old, then this class is for you! Come and spend an hour learning the ancient practice of yoga. Come learn postures that can relieve stress and anxiety and give you flexibility that can help with sports. In addition, yoga helps build strong muscles and bones, improves posture, and assists with coordination and balance. These are just a few of the benefits that everyone can experience. In all, yoga promotes unification of body and mind. Please wear comfortable clothing to class and bring a water bottle and mat. **Space is limited to the first 20 teen/tweens—Registration begins Wed., December 10th at the Adult Reference Desk. Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.**

Children's Movie: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (Rated PG-13, 101 min.)

Thurs., December 18

3:30 PM

After being transformed by a mysterious green ooze, four mutant turtles are raised and taught by their sensei, Master Splinter, a mutant rat. Splinter names the turtles after Renaissance painters—Leonardo, Raphael, Michelangelo, and Donatello. As the turtles grow toward adulthood, Splinter teaches them the arts of ninjutsu. The turtles use their skills to transform into a crime fighting team. Although they have lived reclusive lives lurking in the sewers of New York City, the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles must now join forces with a plucky young reporter, April O'Neil, to stop a crime wave and defeat the evil Foot Clan. Their battles with this mysterious criminal group lead to a confrontation with the most dangerous enemy of all—the Shredder. This program is sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.



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December Holiday Closings

December 24 - Library Closes at 1:00 PM

December 25 - Library Closed

December 31 - Library Closes at 5:30 PM

January 1, 2015 - Library Closed



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