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# LIBRARY NOTES

November 2015

## NATURE TALKS: Bark—Get to Know Your Trees for Ages 10 and up

Sun., November 1st

1:30 PM



Join naturalist and author Michael Wojtech for a lecture and tree bark identification walk in and around Needham. Michael will be signing copies of his book *Bark, Get to Know Your Trees*, following the talk. This event is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham and the Friends of the Needham Public Library.

## Arnie Pritchard—"This Business of Fighting" Letters Home From His Father During WWII

Sun., November 15

2:00 PM

*Early in 1942, Tony Pritchard, a young man from Rhode Island, who had rarely been outside New England, went into the U.S. Army. By the time he returned home more than five years later, he had been all over the United States and Western Europe, had led troops in combat, had nearly died, had worked with refugees, and in general had encountered a world far wider and far more brutal than anything he had known.* In letters home, discovered after his death, his son Arnie Pritchard brings to life his father's experiences during this time in history.



This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.

## ETTY, a one act play performed by Susan Stein, based on the diaries and letters of Etty Hillesum

Sun., November 22

2:00 PM



*Set in Holland during WWII, this one-act play features Etty standing alone on a bare stage, speaking directly to the audience as she witnesses her world and confronts God with her ethical and moral questions. Crafted solely from Hillesum's writings, this unconventional theater experience brings the audience into Etty's thinking, as she wrestles to write the life she is living--her loves, her work, her wry sense of humor, her knowledge of self and the moment in history. Each performance is followed by an audience-generated discussion that effectively becomes the second act of the play.* This presentation is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

## Meet a Pilgrim from Plimoth Plantation

Tues., November 24th

4:00 PM



An Historic Interpreter will portray a resident of 1624 Plimoth Colony. Speaking with a regional, English dialect of the 17th century, wearing accurate reproduction clothing, and using reproduction artifacts, the interpreter will bring the world of Pilgrims to life. Beginning with the hiring of the *Mayflower* in England, the interpreter will bring the audience through the voyage, the first winter, and the first Thanksgiving in Plimoth. This event is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham and is for ages 5 and up.

## Dr. Gary Hylander—America in the Gilded Age

Tues., November 24th

7:30 PM



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Wed., November 25th

2:30 - 4:30 PM

Community Room


Come and play your favorite games @ the Library! This is a Drop-In Event for ages 10+. Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library. For further info, e-mail [sbreen@minlib.net](mailto:sbreen@minlib.net) or call 781-455-7559.


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 November

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

 **Babies & Books for Pre-walkers Under One**  
Tues., November 3, 17 11:00 AM  
Babies and their adult caregivers enjoy songs, lap games, baby sign language, rhythm and sensory activities, with a story or two (20 min.).

 **Drop-In Child's Play for ages 0-2 years**  
Wed., November 4, 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., November 2, 9, 23, 30 11:00 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.

 **Elementary, My Dear Readers**  
Fri., November 6, 20, 27 4:00 PM  
An interactive themed storytime with picture books, songs, creative games and a craft (1 hr). Children ages 5-7 may attend independently. Please be aware that the Caregiver must remain in the building.

## Drop-In Preschool Spanish in Motion for children 2-5 years old

Fri., November 6 10:30 AM  
Children accompanied by their caregivers will learn Spanish through fun games and songs. Spanish speaking children who would like to attend a library program in their first language are encouraged to attend as well as children who would like to learn Spanish as a second language.

## Spanish in Motion after School Program for grades 1-4 \*Registration Required\*

Tues., November 3 4:00 PM  
Children learn Spanish through movement and fun educational activities, concluding with a related craft project to take home. Spanish speaking children who would like to attend a library program in their first language are encouraged to attend as well as children who would like to learn Spanish as a second language.  
\*Registration is required, starting one week before event.

## Children's Programs in November

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



Wed., November 4 11:00 AM  
Mon., November 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., November 13 3:00 PM  
Thurs., November 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 3-5



Tues., November 10 (ages 2-5 yrs) 10:00 AM  
Tues., November 10 (ages 1 and under) 11:00 AM  
Tues., November 24 10:30 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.

## Lucy the R.E.A.D. Dog for ages 3-6\*\*



Fri., November 13 10:30 AM  
Storytime with Lucy the R.E.A.D. Dog.  
**\*\*Registration required, starting one week before event. Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.**

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

**\*Due to space limitations, the program is limited to 24 children, ages 5+.\***



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

## 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.



**Thanksgiving Crafts for ages 2-6 years**

Thurs., November 5 10:30 - 11:30 AM

**Thanksgiving Crafts for Ages 6+**

Thurs., November 12 4:00 - 5:00 PM

## Children's Movie: Disney/Pixar's Inside Out (Rated PG, 102 minutes)

Fri., November 27th

10:00 AM

Everyone has a story about life, growing up and feeling the pain of losing a friend whose family uprooted and left to parts-unknown. Some can share those feelings of joy, fear, sadness and eagerness from personal experiences. One such person is a young girl who struggles to find herself in a new city, San Francisco. What would it be like if you could peek inside the mind of a girl who's guided by her emotions...emotions that happen to live in an imaginary place called "Headquarters"? When turmoil breaks out in Headquarters, will she be able to gain control and learn to navigate her new, strange environment? This program is sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.



## Family Adventures in Reading\*



Brings together children ages 6 -10 years old and adults to enjoy entertaining and thought-provoking presentations of outstanding picture books. Each 90-minute session includes an engaging, interactive presentation by professional storyteller Diane Edgecomb. The session concludes with an introduction to a library service and socializing over light refreshments. This six week session will run from 10:30

AM-12 noon Saturdays, October 17 – November 14, and on November 28. (There is no program on November 21.)

\*Registration is required, and you must be able to commit to attending at least 4 of the 6 sessions in order to register.

## Early Learning Through Family Fun\*\*

Thursdays, November 5, 12, 19 6:30-8:00 PM

Parents and caregivers will learn simple, fun techniques and activities they can do at home with their children to develop a young child's interest in math and science, encourage creative expression and strengthen their children's cognitive development, social emotional development, physical health and motor development, language and literacy development.

\*\*Registration is required. To register, please call 781-455-7559, ext. 204 or stop by the Children's Desk. Parents may register for one, two, or all three remaining sessions.



## November Book Discussions

### NPL Book Group

Tuesday, November 10th

1:00 PM

Someone by Alice McDermott

Our first glimpse of Marie is as a child: a girl in glasses waiting on a Brooklyn stoop for her beloved father to come home from work. A seemingly innocuous encounter with a young woman named Pegeen



sets the bittersweet tone of this remarkable novel. She describes herself as an "amadan," a fool; indeed, soon after her chat with Marie, Pegeen tumbles down her own basement stairs. The magic of McDermott's novel lies in how it reveals us all as fools for this or that, in one way or another.

Marie's first heartbreak and her eventual marriage; her brother's brief stint as a Catholic priest, subsequent loss of faith and eventual breakdown; the Second World War; her parents' deaths; the births and lives of Marie's children; the changing world of her Irish-American enclave in Brooklyn—McDermott sketches all of it with sympathy and insight.. \*December 8, 2015 Book—The Johnstown Flood by David McCullough\*

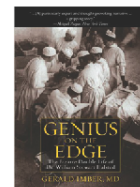
### NPL Evening Book Group

Wednesday, November 18th

7:00 PM

Genius on the Edge: The Bizarre Double Life of Dr. William Stewart Halsted by Gerald Imber

Dr. William Stewart Halsted's life was fascinating and complex. Halsted, perhaps the most important surgeon America has ever produced, battled a lifelong cocaine addiction and maintained numerous secret relationships while simultaneously devising revolutionary medical innovations. Yet the story of Halsted's life, one of seemingly irreconcilable extremes, is in many ways the story of modern medicine. Before Halsted, poorly-trained doctors performed surgery without anesthesia in unsanitary conditions and patients were rarely expected to survive. Halsted transformed medical practice in numerous ways: inventing local and spinal anesthesia; introducing the use of rubber gloves during surgery; pioneering the use of fine silk thread for sutures; developing techniques for stabilizing blood pressure during surgery; and inventing the radical mastectomy, blood transfusions, and surgical cures for hernias. \*December 16, 2015—Holidays on Ice by David Sedaris\*



### For The Love of Food:

A Cookbook Club for Foodies

Mon., November 2nd

7:00 PM

Enjoy a new nighttime cook book club with books and food as a central focus. Topics include sauces, favorite recipes, cooking techniques, celebrity chefs and more.

\*Next Meeting: January 4, 2016\*



This Month in the Friends' Gallery

Needham Art Association

### 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' HOLIDAY BOOKSALE



**Saturday, December 5th**  
**9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

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### Children’s Movie: Minions (Rated PG, 91 minutes)

**Fri., December 18th**

**3:30 PM**



*The story of Minions begins at the dawn of time. Starting as single-celled yellow organisms, Minions evolve through the ages, perpetually serving the most despicable of masters. Continuously unsuccessful at keeping these masters—from T. rex to Napoleon—the Minions find themselves without someone to serve and fall into a deep depression. But one Minion named Kevin has a plan, and he—alongside teenage rebel Stuart and lovable little Bob—ventures out into the world to find a new evil boss for his brethren to follow. The trio embark upon a thrilling journey that ultimately leads them to their next potential master, Scarlet Overkill, the world’s first-ever female super-villain. They travel from frigid Antarctica to 1960s New York City, ending in ‘mod’ London, where they must face their biggest challenge to date: saving all of Minionkind...from annihilation. This program is sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.*

### Circus Minimus—The One-Man Circus in-a-Suitcase

**Tues., December 15th**

**4:00 PM**



*This show has been performed over 500 times around the globe, for family theater audiences and school assemblies alike. From Kevin O’Keefe’s suitcase an entire circus emerges: tent, band, lights, the boisterous ringmaster Steve Fitzpatrick, the officious Mervin Merkle, the incredible Bumbilini Family, the Magician to the Stars Clyde Zerbin, and Keefer—an innocent trying to run away and join the circus. However, the most important performers emerge from the audience. Each performance becomes a dialogue between the characters and the audience—a light-hearted collaboration. This event is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham and is for all ages.*

The Needham Free Public Library will once again be a site for the **New Years’ Needham Celebration** on Thursday, December 31st and will host the following Children’s Activities:

### Magic of The Steelgraves

Magic of The Steelgraves will dazzle you! New England magicians/illusionists Markus & Angelique Steelgrave blend amazing magic with lively audience participation, hilarious comedy, juggling, unique illusions and lots of surprises! Please join us for this family-friendly event. There will be two performances in the morning - Times TBA.



### Musical Performances in the Afternoon - TBD

### 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, 2016 - Library Closed**



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