



LIBRARY NOTES

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2019 McIver Lecture Series

Phil Wallas: Exploring Morocco

Sun., November 4th

2:00 PM

Many think of Morocco as a desert land, but the reality is much more diverse. In addition to landscape variety, the country has a complex history, rich culture and great food. Join Phil Wallas on his photographic tour to learn more about this increasingly modern country he visited in 1974-5 and again in 2016. Phil Wallas grew up in a world-traveling family. He continues that tradition with his wife and daughter by traveling and photographing their experiences. He was a Needham High School English teacher for a dozen years in the 1970's and 80's. When he isn't traveling, he calls Newton home. *This is the second of three lectures and is sponsored by the Trustees of the Needham Free Public Library in memory of former director Vivian D. McIver.*



Broadmoor Chamber Singers

Sat., November 17th

2:00 PM



Broadmoor Chamber Singers, founded in 1979, is a community chorus based in Natick, Massachusetts. This ensemble provides opportunities for rehearsing, performing, and experiencing choral music. The group

sings an eclectic mix of repertoire from classical, jazz, folk, and popular music to spirituals and gospel songs in all voice parts (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass). The singers include neighbors from all walks of life—accountants, journalists, stay-at-home parents, music teachers, librarians, engineers—and new members are always welcome. The Broadmoor Chamber Singers are led by Artistic Director June Ambush and accompanied by Soyoun Park on Piano. *This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.*

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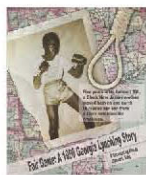
Mon. - Thurs.	9:00 am - 9:00 pm
Fridays	9:00 am - 5:30 pm
Saturdays	9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sundays	1:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Contact the Library at 781-455-7559

Documentarian Clennon King—*Fair Game: Surviving a 1960 Georgia Lynching*

Sun., November 18th

2:00 PM



While JFK was making a White House run in May 1960, a 24-year-old Black Navy vet from Bayonne, New Jersey joined a friend on a road trip home. Little did James Fair, Jr. know how ill-timed his arrival in rural Early County, Georgia would be. Less than three days later, he'd find himself behind bars, convicted for the rape and murder of an 8-year old girl, and facing Georgia's electric chair. Clennon L. King's *"Fair Game: Surviving A 1960 Georgia Lynching"* chronicles the 26-month campaign spearheaded by Alice Fair to rescue her son from a county notorious for lynching. Dedicated to the 24 known Black men who were lynched in Early County, Georgia between 1877 and 1950, the documentary is a tribute to the Boston-based filmmaker's late father, Atty. C.B. King of Albany, Georgia, who fought to prevent James Fair, Jr. from becoming the 25th victim. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.*

Four Score and Seven—Civil War America with Dr. Gary Hylander

Tues., November 20th

7:30 PM

The Civil War, also referred to as the War Between the States, began on the morning of April 12, 1861, when Confederate gunners opened fire on Fort Sumter, a Union Fort in Charleston Harbor. Major Anderson surrendered the Fort without a single casualty. It was a bloodless opening to the bloodiest war in American history. This fall, Dr. Hylander will discuss the generalship and strategy of the war, Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, Lincoln's thoughts on Reconstruction and the events surrounding his assassination. Also to be considered will be the constitutionality of succession and whether or not the Confederate South had any real chance for victory. *This is the third of four lectures, and is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.*



Special Half Price Sale Everything in the Friends Bookshop and Adjacent Areas




Saturday, December 1st
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM


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


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 6, 20, 27 10:00 AM
 Stories mixed with songs, rhymes, fingerplays, rhythm and sensory activities.

 **Babies & Books for up to one year**
Tues., November 6, 20, 27 11:00 AM
 Babies and their adult caregivers explore the rhythms and patterns of speech with songs, lap games and a story or two.

 **Drop-In Child's Play for ages 0-2 years**
Wed., November 14, 21, 28 10:00 AM
 Songs, rhymes, lap games, books and more in this interactive program. Oct. 31 will be a Halloween Storytime

 **Pre-School Palooza for ages 3-6 years**
Mon., November 5, 26 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.

Chinese Storytime for ages 5 and under
Sat., November 3 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.

Pajama Storytime for Ages 4 and Up*
Wed., November 7 7:00 PM



Come in your PJs and enjoy a storytime program led by the Kappa Kappa Gamma Society of Babson College. ***Registration requested.**

Pre-school Crafts for ages 2+ years
Thurs., November 8 10:30-11:30 AM
 Drop-in for age appropriate Make-N-Take Crafts!



Yoga for Children ages 5-9
Sat., November 24 10:30 AM



Children's Programs in November

Make Music with Stacey Peasley: for ages 2-5



Wed., November 7 10:00 AM

Mon., November 19 11:00 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., November 9 3:00 PM

Thurs., November 15 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., Nov. 13 (ages 2-5) 10:00 AM

Tues., Nov. 13 (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.

FAMILY ACTIVITY MORNING

Sat., November 17 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 be an ongoing event on the third Saturday of every month from 10-11:30 AM.

Read to Tucker!**

Mon., November 26 4:00-5:30 PM



Tucker is an adorable shepherd/hound mix who loves kids and loves to be read to. 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.**

Paper Airplane Lab for ages 6+

Sat., November 17 2:30-3:30 PM



Learn how to make paper airplanes in the STEAM Center. For ages 6 and up.

November STEAM Programs

Coding Clubs

Code Breakers Club for ages 8+**

Thursdays: Oct. 4–Nov. 8 4:00-5:00 PM



Children will learn coding through online games and puzzles and create projects using Scratch. Children need to bring their own laptop or notebook computer. Scratch does not work on tablets.

****Registration is required. Space is limited and attendees are expected to attend all sessions.**

Girls Who Code Club for Grades 5 & Up**

Thursdays: Oct. 4–Apr. 11 6:30-8:00 PM



Calling all girls grades 5 and up! Bring your own computer and we will provide the rest.

Join the club and the fun. Learn to code, and collaborate on joint projects. ****Registration is required. Space is limited and attendees are expected to attend all sessions. There will be no session on November 22nd.**

Crazy 8s Club**

Wednesdays, Oct 3—Nov. 28

K-2nd Grade 3:30-4:15 PM

3-5th Grade 4:30-5:15 PM



Join Bedtime Math's Crazy 8s Club, where you'll build stuff, run and jump, make music, make

a mess...it's a totally new kind of math club. **Space is limited.**

****Registration required. Sign up is for all 8 sessions. There will be no session on November 21st.**

Tinker Thinkers for Ages 6+**

Every other Tuesday, Oct. 9–Feb. 12 4:00-5:00 PM



Children will create their own original invention which they may wish to enter in a Young Inventors competition. The winning invention from the library club may progress to a Young Inventors Regional competition if desired.

****Registration is required. Space is limited and attendees are expected to attend all sessions.**

Learn & Play Group for ages 2-5

1st and 3rd Fridays, 10:30 - 11:15 AM

November 2, 2018—April 5, 2019



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.*



Creation Station Hours

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

Wednesday 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

Children's Program in November

Mike Piazza's High Flying Dogs for Ages 4+

Tues., November 27 4:00 PM



Mike Piazza & his 4 high flying frisbee dogs are the #1 dog entertainment act in the world! Mike is a world record holder and multiple time world finalist in the sport. The Flying High Frisbee Dog Show is educational, interactive, dynamic & fun! The show is guaranteed to entertain & thrill crowds for ages 4+! This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

Children's Movie: Disney/Pixar's *Incredibles 2* (Rated PG, 118 Minutes)

Fri., November 23

10:00 AM

After superheroes are banned from society, the Parr family gets an offer it simply can't refuse. A tycoon wants to bring back superheroes, and Helen, Elastigirl, is enlisted to show how great they can be. Bob, Mr. Incredible, is left at home to tackle his greatest challenge to date, parenting alone. Will Elastigirl be able to succeed and will Mr. Incredible be able to keep things afloat at home until she gets back? Our annual The Day after Thanksgiving Alternative to Shopping Presentation. Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.



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November Book Discussions

NPL Book Group

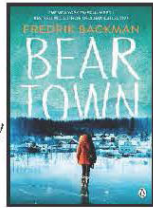
Tuesday, November 13th

Beartown by Fredrik Backman

People say Beartown is finished. A tiny community nestled deep in the forest, it is slowly losing ground to the ever-encroaching trees. But down by the lake stands an old ice rink, built generations ago by the working men who founded this town. And in that ice rink is the reason people in Beartown believe tomorrow will be better than today. Their junior ice hockey team is about to compete in the national semi-finals, and they actually have a shot at winning. All the hopes and dreams of this place now rest on the shoulders of a handful of teenage boys. Being responsible for the hopes of an entire town is a heavy burden, and the semi-final match is the catalyst for a violent act that will leave a young girl traumatized and a town in turmoil. Accusations are made and, like ripples on a pond, they travel through all of Beartown, leaving no resident unaffected.

•December 11, 2018—*Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson•

1:00 PM



NPL Evening Book Club

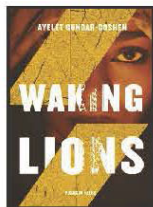
Wednesday, November 28th

Waking Lions

by Ayelet Gundar-Goshen

*Neurosurgeon Eitan Green has the perfect life—married to a beautiful police officer and father of two young boys. Then, speeding along a deserted moonlit road after an exhausting hospital shift, he hits someone. Seeing that the man, an African migrant, is beyond help, he flees the scene. When the victim's widow knocks at Eitan's door the next day, holding his wallet and divulging that she knows what happened, Eitan discovers that her price for silence is not money. It is something else entirely, something that will shatter Eitan's safe existence and take him into a world of secrets and lies he could never have anticipated. *Waking Lions* is a gripping, suspenseful, and morally devastating drama of guilt and survival, shame and desire from a remarkable young author on the rise.* •December 19, 2018—*The Kingdom of Speech* by Tom Wolfe•

7:00 PM



6th-8th Grade Bookclub**

Thurs., November 29th

"Track" Series

by Jason Reynolds

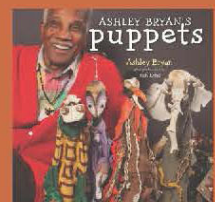
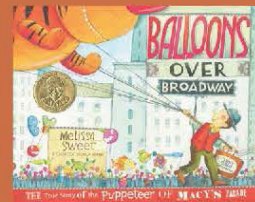
All New Bookclub for 6th-8th Graders! Come join the discussion of one or several of Jason Reynolds *"Track" Series* books. The books in the series all revolve around a Realistic Fiction Sports (Track) theme. The 4 book namesakes—*Ghost*, *Patina*, *Sunny*, and *Lu*—all come from different backgrounds but get together to compete on an elite track team. Read one, two, three, or all four before the meeting. Books will be available for borrowing from the Adult Reference Desk. Contact Erin with any questions, 781-455-7559 x2. ****Registration is required.** Sign-up sheet located at the Adult Reference Desk.

7:00 PM



Family Book Club** For K-2nd Graders & Parents

Saturday, November 10th 2:30-3:30 pm



**Registration Requested

Needham Free Public Library Children's Department,
1139 Highland Ave, Needham
781-455-7559, ext.204



Bookventurers Book Club for Grades 3-5**

Sat., November 24th

3:00 - 4:00 PM



This month's title is *The Real McCoys* by Matthew Swanson and Robbi Behr.

****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!

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This Month in the Friends' Gallery

Needham Art Association

Teens/'Tweens Programs in November

Crafternoon for 'Tweens and up

Thurs., November 8th 3:30-5:00 PM



Did you see a 'Tween or Teen craft program that you wished you could have attended this past year? This program is for you! Help us clean out our craft supplies and make that craft you missed. Spend some time with friends, enjoy some snacks, and craft. All materials, drinks, and snacks provided. *If you have questions, contact Erin at the Adult Reference Desk (781-455-7559 x2). Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.*



NaNoWriMo at the NFPL!

Thurs., November 15th & Fri., November 16th

3:00 - 5:00 PM

November is National Novel Writing Month! Starting on November 1st, participants have 30 days to work toward a goal of getting 50,000 words written. Come start (or continue) your writing at one or both of these programs. Have fun following writing prompts or bring your own writing ideas...just get them written down! Bring your favorite writing gear (laptop, journal, notepad, typewriter, or what have you) and get a few hundred words closer to your goal! NaNoWriMo is for anyone who has ever thought about writing a novel. *Drinks and snacks provided by the Friends of the Needham Free Public Library.*



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ArtistWorks for Libraries offers users everything needed for musical and artistic instruction, from introduction to advanced performance levels. Students now have access to this kind of instruction, regardless of reductions to or eliminations of school music programs and without the high cost of private instruction.



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Pronunciator has a selection of over 80 languages to choose from and ESL courses available in 50 languages. *Pronunciator* is focused on quickly building conversational skills through a combination of interactive online drills, scored quizzes, and downloadable audio lessons and phrasebooks. To complement the ESL courses, there is also a Citizenship corner that will help prepare users for the Civics, Reading, and Writing portions of the Naturalization Test. Through a series of 100 informative videos, plus practice exercises and quizzes, users will learn everything they need to know to successfully pass the Naturalization Test.



Visit www.needhamma.gov/library to access the Online Databases through the Research and Information services portion of the Library website. Access is free to residents of Needham with valid library cards and many services are now app based and available for download to a smartphone or tablet.

Upcoming Events...

Four Score and Seven—Civil War America with Dr. Gary Hylander

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Teen/'Tween Interactive Movie: *The Princess Bride* (Rated PG, 1 hour, 35 minutes)**

Tues., December 18th 5:00-7:30 PM



A fairy tale adventure about a beautiful young woman and her one true love. He must find her after a long separation and save her. They must battle the evils of the mythical kingdom of Florin to be reunited with each other.

****Registration is required for this program**** To register call 781-455-7559 x2. Please ask for Erin (Reference) for more information about this exciting event.

Nappy's Puppets—Jack and the Beanstalk

Wed., December 26th

10:30 AM



Though English in origin, Jack has become a true American folk hero. This presentation of *Jack and the Beanstalk* focuses on Jack and his many adventures: from Jack B. Nimble, Jack Horner, Big Jack and Little Jack to the popular Jack and the Beanstalk. Told using Shadow Puppets, the stories are based on the Appalachian folk tales collected by Richard Chase. For ages 2 and up. *This event is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.*

Teen/'Tween Double Feature Movies: *Ant-Man* (Rated PG-13, 1 hour, 57 minutes) and *Ant-Man and the Wasp* (Rated PG-13, 1 hour, 58 minutes)

Wed., December 26th

3:00-8:30 PM



Ant-Man: The next installment in Marvel's cinematic universe focused on the Avengers, Ant-Man features a size-changing scientist using his technological advances to become a superhero. When a petty crook named Scott Lang gets his hands on a formula that enables him to shrink down to an insect's size, Hank Pym, the original Ant-Man and inventor of the formula, comes along to mentor Scott in taking over the role. With the help of his new powers and Hank's positive influence, Scott may just be able to turn his life around for the better as a crimefighter and defender of the world.

Ant-Man and the Wasp: Set after the events of Captain America: Civil War, Ant-Man and the Wasp functions as an origin story. Dr. Hank Pym, the original Ant-Man, sends Scott Lang on a mission to run down information about Pym's earliest exploits. Most importantly, Pym wants to know whether his original superhero partner, The Wasp, is still alive. At the same time, Lang, the current Ant-Man, has to make the life balance between being a superhero and a dad work. (Movie will start at 6:00 PM)

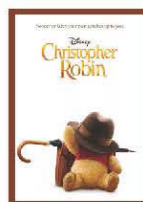


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Children's Movie: *Disney's Christopher Robin* (Rated PG, 104 minutes)

Fri., December 28th

2:00 PM



Christopher Robin was once a little boy whose best friend was a bear named Winnie the Pooh. Now, he is a working class adult with a family to support, and life has become a grind for him. At a particularly despairing moment, he is surprised to find himself face to face with his old friend Pooh. Together, they embark upon a journey to find Pooh's missing friends and to recapture the joy that Christopher Robin left behind in childhood. In the process of undertaking this adventure, he will learn how to spread that sense of wonder to his own children. Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.