



LIBRARY NOTES

NEWSLETTER OF THE NEEDHAM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

NOVEMBER 2019

Barry Pell—Galápagos: Enchanted Islands of the Pacific

Thurs., November 7th

7:30 PM



The Galápagos Islands may just inspire you to think differently about the world. Located on a remote archipelago of volcanic islands 600 miles west of Ecuador's Pacific coast, the Galápagos are home to

massive tortoises, scurrying iguana lizards, playful sea lions, and a menagerie of exceptional birds from blue-footed boobies to red puffed frigatebirds. This isolated group of islands, which inspired Charles Darwin's theory of evolution, is a nearly pristine showcase of biodiversity. Lecturer and photojournalist Barry Pell recently visited the Galápagos and will discuss and present his photography of this splendid and fragile ecosystem. Sponsored by the Library

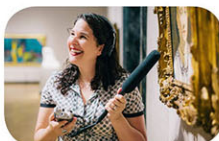
Foundation of Needham.

Look With Your Ears: Art History in the Podcasting Era

Sun., November 17th

2:00 PM

Join us for a conversation with art historian Tamar Avishai, host of the award-winning *Lonely Palette* podcast, as we look at art in a whole new way. Is art history still relevant today? Can an audio program improve understanding of visual art? Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.



Vietnam: A History with Dr. Gary Hylander

Tues., November 19th

7:30 PM



This fall, Dr Gary Hylander will be presenting a lecture series on the history of Vietnam. The series begins with an overview of French colonial rule throughout the 19th century to the end of World War II. The Battle of Dien Bien Phu in 1954 marked the end of the French presence in Vietnam. With the onset of the Cold War, and the fear of

Communist expansion throughout Southeast Asia, the United States became politically and militarily involved in Vietnam from the Eisenhower years to the end of the Ford presidency. The series will conclude with an examination of the current role of Vietnam in world affairs. This is the second of three lectures in this series, sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.



MOVIES IN NOVEMBER...

Children's Movies:

Frozen—Singalong Version (Rated PG—1 hour, 49 min.)

Fri., November 15th

3:30 PM

When their kingdom becomes trapped in perpetual winter, fearless Anna joins forces with mountaineer Kristoff and his reindeer sidekick to find Anna's sister, Snow Queen Elsa, and break her icy spell. Although their epic journey leads them to encounters with mystical trolls, a comedic snowman, harsh conditions, and magic at every turn, Anna and Kristoff bravely push onward in a race to save their kingdom from winter's cold grip.



Aladdin—2019 version (Rated PG—2 hours, 9 min.)

Fri., November 29th

10:00 AM



Aladdin is a lovable street urchin who meets Princess Jasmine, the beautiful daughter of the sultan of Agrabah. While visiting her exotic palace, Aladdin stumbles upon a magic oil lamp that unleashes a powerful, wisecracking, larger-than-life genie. As Aladdin and the genie start to become friends, they must soon embark on a dangerous mission to stop the evil sorcerer Jafar from overthrowing young Jasmine's kingdom.

Adult Movie:

The Monuments Men (Rated PG-13—1 hour, 58 min.)

Tues., November 26th

7:00 PM

American president Franklin D. Roosevelt orders a specialized military task force to assemble near the end of World War II. The squad is composed of seven museum curators and art specialists. Adolf Hitler, sensing an inevitable defeat at the hands of the Allies, instructs the Third Reich to destroy all captured artwork in an effort to eliminate more than 1,000 years of world history and culture. The ragtag American unit must sneak behind enemy lines in Germany and save the artwork from destruction.



All presentations are sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.

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 - 7:00 pm

Contact the Library at 781-455-7559

November 2019

1139 Highlands Avenue
Needham, MA 02494

Children's Department
781-455-7559 Ext 204

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>R++ = Registration Required, sign-ups begin two weeks before program *= Registration filled, no spots available</p>		<p>PROGRAM LOCATION: CR = Community Room STMC = Steam Center STR = Story Time Room CFTR = Craft Room</p>		<p>1 9:30 am Raising a Reader, 3-5 yrs STR * 10:30 am Learn & Play Drop-In, 0-5 yrs CR</p>	<p>2 10:00 am Storytime in Chinese, 2-5 yrs STR 10:30 am Children's Yoga 5-9 yrs CR 3:00 pm Bookventures Grades 3—5, STR R++</p>
<p>3 4 10:00 am Preschool Palooza, 3—6 yrs STR 4:30 pm Code Breakers 8+ yrs, STMC *</p>	<p>5 10:00 am Terrific Toddlers, 1-2 yrs STR 11:00 am Babies and Books, under 1 yr STR 3:45 pm Crazy 8s Math Club * 4:30 pm Crazy 8s Math Club grd 3-5, STMC R++ 6:30 pm Girls Who Code grd 5+, STMC *</p>	<p>6 10:00 am Make Music with Stacey Peasley CR</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 9:30 am Raising a Reader, 3-5 yrs STR * 3:00 pm Ed Morgan Sing-a-Long, ages 2+ CR</p>	<p>9 2:30 pm Spotted Crow Mann Native American Dance, ages 4+ CR</p>
<p>10 11 Library Closed</p>	<p>12 Singing with Sarah 10:00 am 2—5 yrs CR 11:00 am 2 and under CR 3:45 pm Crazy 8s Math Club * 4:30 pm Crazy 8s Math Club grd 3-5, STMC R++ 6:30 pm Girls Who Code grd 5+, STMC *</p>	<p>13 10:00 am Child's Play, 0—2 yrs STR 4:00 pm Lego Club, 5+ yrs STMC</p>	<p>14 10:30 am Ed Morgan Sing-a-Long, ages 2+ CR 3:30 pm Afterschool Activity 6+ yrs CFTR</p>	<p>15 9:30 pm Raising a Reader, 3-5 yrs STR * 10:30 am Learn & Play Drop-In, 0-5 yrs CR 3:30 pm Movie Frozen, PG CR</p>	<p>16 10:00 Family Activity, Fall Tree Luminaries, All Ages STMC</p>
<p>17 18 10:00 am Make Music with Stacey Peasley 2—5 yrs CR 4:30 pm Code Breakers 8+ yrs, STMC *</p>	<p>19 10:00 am Terrific Toddlers, 1-2 yrs STR 11:00 am Babies and Books, under 1 yr STR 3:45 pm Crazy 8s Math Club * 4:30 pm Crazy 8s Math Club grd 3-5, STMC R++ 6:30 pm Girls Who Code grd 5+, STMC *</p>	<p>20 10:00 am Child's Play, 0—2 yrs STR</p>	<p>21 10:00 am Preschool Crafts, 2+ yrs CFTR 6:00 pm Little Labcoats 6—9 yrs STMC R++</p>	<p>22 9:30 am Raising a Reader, 3-5 yrs STR *</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24 25 10:00 am Preschool Palooza, 3—6 yrs STR 4:30 pm Code Breakers 8+ yrs, STMC *</p>	<p>26 10:00 am Terrific Toddlers, 1-2 yrs STR 11:00 am Babies and Books, under 1 yr STR</p>	<p>27 10:00 am Child's Play, 0—2 yrs STR Library Closes at 5:30</p>	<p>28 Library Closed </p>	<p>29 10:00 am Movie Aladdin, PG</p>	<p>30 2:30 pm Read to Annie grds 1-5 STR R++ </p>

Children's Program Descriptions

Music Programs:

Music with Sarah: *for children 5 and under*

Drop-in for a musical treat with singing, instruments, movement and lots of fun.

Make Music with Stacey Peasley: *for ages 2-5*

Join Stacey Peasley in this fun-filled music and movement class for children and their caregivers.

Sing-a-Long with Ed Morgan: *for ages 2 and up*

Drop-in for a 45 minutes sing-along. Younger siblings welcome!

STORYTIMES:

Babies & Books—Birth to 11 months with an Adult Caregiver Drop-In

Babies and their adult caregivers enjoy songs, lap games, rhythm and sensory activities, with a story or two (20 minute storytime with following playtime)

Terrific Toddlers—1-2 years with an Adult Caregiver Drop-In

Stories mixed with songs, rhymes, fingerplays, rhythm and sensory activities.


Child's Play—0-2 with an Adult Drop-In

Songs, rhymes, lap games, books and more in this interactive program.

Pre-School Palooza—Ages 3-6 Drop-In

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 welcome to attend.

Book Clubs: Bookventurers for 3rd - 5th graders
Frindle by Andrew Clements
 Saturday, November 2 at 3:00 pm
 Discussion, Snacks, and Story activities
Registration Requested
 Books available at the Children's Desk



Build Confidence in Reading with Annie
 a trained therapy dog. Sign up for a
 15 minute time slot at the Children's Desk



STEAM+
 MASSACHUSETTS LIBRARY PROGRAM

STEAM CENTER HOURS
 Mon, Wed, Thur 3:30-8:30
 Tues, Friday 3:30-5:00
 Saturday 9:00-4:30
 Sunday 1:00-6:30
 Early Release Days
 1:00-8:30

Learn & Play Group
 1st & 3rd Friday
 10:30—11:15 am
 November 1 & 15
 Drop-in playgroups for caregivers & children.
 STEAM activities, literacy & social play. Provided by Family Access of Newton.
Ages 0-5



Storytime in Chinese for Ages 2 to 5 Drop-in November 2nd at 10:00 am
 for a program and craft organized by the International Chinese Reading Association



storytime

Larry Spotted Crow Mann,
 an award winning traditional story teller,
 tribal drummer, and dancer,
 will preform in the Community Room on
 Saturday, November 9, at 2:30 pm
 For children ages 4 and up and families

Children's Yoga
 November 2 at
 10:30 am
 For ages 5-9
 No experience necessary




After School Activity
 November 14 at 3:30pm
 Turkey Cones—Hat or Table
 Decoration—You Decide!
 For ages 6+



Family Activity Morning
 November 16 at 10:00 am
 Create a Fall Tree Luminary
 All ages are welcome




Little Labcoats
 November 21 at 6 pm
 Learn about the inventions of everyday objects, food, and vehicles.
 Brainstorm your own invention to solve a problem!



For ages 6 to 9
 Registration Required

Preschool Crafts Ages 2+
 November 21 at 10 am
 Drop in for age - appropriate Make-and-Take crafts



Events subject to change. For more information contact: Needham Free Public Library Children's Department
781-455-7559, Ext 204. Visit all library programs online: www.needhamma.gov/library

Teens and 'Tweens Programs in November

Teen/'Tween Everything Crafternoon

Thurs., November 7th 3:30-5:00 PM

The Library is getting everything out of the closet to make room for new crafts! Coloring enthusiasts are also welcome to color! The



JOY OF COLORING
AT THE NEEDHAM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Library will supply all you need (pencils, markers, coloring sheets, as well as a few snacks). *Coloring sponsored by the Library*

Foundation of Needham and Crafts by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.

Game Day for 'Tweens and up

Thurs., November 21st 3:30-5:00 PM



Teens and 'Tweens are welcome to join the fun in the Needham Free Public Library's Community Room for a monthly Gaming Hour Program!

There will be games and puzzles of all sorts, including a few to get you moving on the Xbox One. If there is a game that you have and want to bring with you, feel free. No registration is needed for this monthly event. *If you have questions, contact Erin at the Adult Reference Desk (781-455-7559 x2). Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.*

Teen/'Tween Movie:

Maleficent (Rated PG-1 hour, 37 min.)

Wed., November 27th 2:00 PM



As a beautiful young woman of pure heart, Maleficent has an idyllic life in a forest kingdom. When an invading army threatens the land, Maleficent rises up to become its fiercest protector. However, a terrible betrayal hardens her heart and twists her into a creature bent on revenge. She engages in an epic battle with the invading

king's successor, then curses his newborn daughter, Aurora—realizing only later that the child holds the key to peace in the kingdom. Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.




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

NEEDHAM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY
1139 HIGHLAND AVENUE
NEEDHAM, MA
781-455-7559, EX. 2 FOR REFERENCE

NEEDHAM COMIC BOOK CLUB!!

Date: Thursday, November 14, 2019
Time: 7:15 PM
Location: Needham Free Public Library, Young Adult Room, 2nd Floor
Reading: "The Complete Persepolis" by Marjane Satrapi



Persepolis is the story of Marjane Satrapi's childhood and coming of age within a large and loving family in Tehran during the Islamic Revolution; of the contradictions between private life and public life in a country plagued by political upheaval; of her high school years in Vienna facing the trials of adolescence far from her family; of her homecoming -- both sweet and terrible; and, finally, of her self-imposed exile from her beloved homeland. Join as we discuss "The Complete Persepolis" by Marjane Satrapi as a group.

Copies of this month's title will be available at the Adult Reference desk on the Second Floor.
For more info contact Erin Bassett at ebassett@minilib.net

Children's Program in November

Native American Dancer Larry Spotted Crow Mann

Sat., November 9th 2:30 PM



Larry Spotted Crow Mann is recognized as being one of the most compelling, insightful and entertaining Story Tellers of our generation. He is an award winning writer, poet, cultural educator, traditional story teller, tribal drummer/dancer and motivational speaker involving youth sobriety, cultural and environmental

awareness. He has traveled throughout the USA, Canada, Greenland and Europe sharing in the legends and stories of his Algonquin ancestors. Larry is a proud member of the Nipmuc Tribe of Massachusetts. For children ages 4 and up and families. *This event is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.*



kanopy

THOUGHTFUL ENTERTAINMENT

thousands of movies · always available · start streaming now

Offering what the New York Times calls "a garden of cinematic delights," *Kanopy* showcases more than 30,000 of the world's best films, including award-winning documentaries, rare and hard-to-find titles, film festival favorites, indie and classic films, and world cinema. Check it out at:
<https://needhamma.kanopy.com/>

November Book Discussions

NPL Book Group

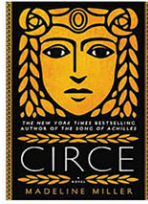
Tuesday, November 12th

Circe by Madeline Miller

In the house of Helios, god of the sun and mightiest of the Titans, a daughter is born. But Circe is a strange child—not powerful, like her father, nor viciously alluring like her mother. Turning to the world of mortals for companionship, she discovers that she does possess power—the power of witchcraft, which can transform rivals into monsters and menace the gods themselves. Threatened, Zeus banishes her to a deserted island, where she hones her occult craft, tames wild beasts and crosses paths with many of the most famous figures in all of mythology, including the Minotaur, Daedalus and his doomed son Icarus, the murderous Medea, and, of course, wily Odysseus.

*But there is danger, too, for a woman who stands alone, and Circe unwittingly draws the wrath of both men and gods, ultimately finding herself pitted against one of the most terrifying and vengeful of the Olympians. To protect what she loves most, Circe must summon all her strength and choose, once and for all, whether she belongs with the gods she is born from, or the mortals she has come to love. *December 10, 2019—Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng**

1:00 PM



NPL Evening Book Club

Wednesday, November 20th

Blood & Ivy: The 1849 Murder That Scandalized Harvard

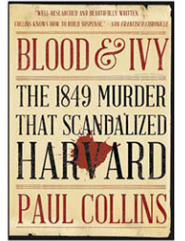
by Paul Collins

On November 23rd of 1849, in the heart of Boston, one of the city's richest men simply vanished. Dr. George Parkman, a Brahmin who owned much of Boston's West End, was last seen that afternoon visiting his alma mater, Harvard Medical School. Police scoured city tenements and the harbor, and offered hefty rewards as leads put the elusive Dr. Parkman at sea or hiding in Manhattan. But one Harvard janitor held a much darker suspicion: that their ruthless benefactor had never left the Medical School building alive.

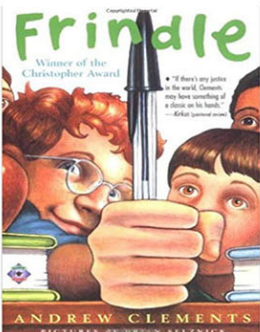
His shocking discoveries in a chemistry professor's laboratory engulfed America in one of its most infamous trials: The Commonwealth of Massachusetts v. John White Webster. A baffling case of red herrings, grave robbery, and dismemberment—of Harvard's greatest doctors investigating one of their own, for a murder hidden in a building full of cadavers—it became a landmark case in the use of medical forensics and the meaning of reasonable doubt. Paul Collins brings nineteenth-century Boston back to life in vivid detail, weaving together newspaper accounts, letters, journals, court transcripts, and memoirs from this groundbreaking case.

December 18, 2019—The Inner Life of Animals: Love, Grief, and Compassion—Surprising Observations of a Hidden World by Peter Wohlleben

7:00 PM



BOOKVENTURERS



Saturday,

November 2

3:00pm-4:00pm

Who says a pen has to be called a pen?

Why not call it a "frindle"? Things begin innocently enough as Nick gets his friends to use the new word. Then other people in town start saying frindle. Soon the school is in an uproar, and Nick has become a local hero. His teacher wants Nick to put an end to all this nonsense, but the funny thing is frindle doesn't belong to Nick anymore. The new word is spreading across the country, and there's nothing Nick can do to stop it.

This is part of the monthly meeting for Bookventurers, a book club for 3rd-5th grade children! There will be a new book selection each month. Registration is requested. Books will be available for borrowing behind the Children's Desk.

This Month in the Friends' Gallery

Needham Art Association

Diversity and Discussion Book Club

Cosponsored by the Trustees of the Needham Free Public Library, Needham Diversity Initiative & Needham Human Rights Committee

It Wasn't Me by Dana Alison Levy*

Thurs., November 14th

The Breakfast Club meets middle school with a prank twist in this hilarious and heartwarming story about six very different seventh graders who are forced to band together after a vandalism incident.

*When Theo's photography project is mysteriously vandalized at school there are five suspected students who all say "it wasn't me." Theo just wants to forget about the humiliating incident but his favorite teacher is determined to get to the bottom of it and has the six of them come into school over vacation to talk. She calls it "Justice Circle." The six students—the Nerd, the Princess, the Jock, the Screw Up, the Weirdo, and the Nobody—think of it as detention, aka their worst nightmare. That is until they realize they might get along after all, despite their differences. But what is everyone hiding and will school ever be the same? ***To be held at Pollard Middle School.***

January 9, 2020—We Are Here to Stay by Susan Kuklin

7:30 PM



Upcoming Events...

Vietnam: A History with Dr. Gary Hylander Tues., December 17th 7:30 PM



This fall, Dr. Gary Hylander will be presenting a lecture series on the history of Vietnam. The series begins with an overview of French colonial rule throughout the 19th century to the end of World War II. The Battle of Dien Bien Phu in 1954 marked the end of the French presence in Vietnam. With the onset of the Cold War, and the fear of Communist expansion throughout Southeast Asia, the United States became politically and militarily involved in Vietnam from the Eisenhower years to the end of the Ford presidency. The series will conclude with an examination of the current role of Vietnam in world affairs. This is the third and final lecture in this series, sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

Children's Movie: Disney/Pixar's Toy Story 4 (Rated G—1 hour, 40 min.)

Fri., December 27th 2:00 PM

Woody, Buzz Lightyear and the rest of the gang embark on a road trip with Bonnie and a new toy named Forky. The adventurous journey turns into an unexpected reunion as Woody's slight detour leads him to his long-lost friend Bo Peep. As Woody and Bo discuss the old days, they soon start to realize that they're worlds apart when it comes to what they want from life as a toy. This event is sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.



Ed Popielarczyk's Flea Circus

Tues., December 17th 4:00 PM



What is a Flea Circus? It is an entire big top circus in miniature. Up first is Fifi, who performs on the high wire and trapeze! Then there is Bruno, the world's strongest flea who turns over a coin in a child's hand! Last but not least is Fernando, who does the high dive into a pool of water and gets shot out of a cannon and into a volunteer's hands!! The audience will be thrilled and amazed at these and other incredible demonstrations starring Ed's trained fleas. Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

NEW YEARS'S NEEDHAM @ THE NEEDHAM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2019

Vanessa Trien and the 10 - 10:40 AM
Jumping Monkeys 11 - 11:40 AM



Vanessa Trien and the Jumping Monkeys joins this year's New Year's Needham celebration for an interactive, lively family song and dance party, the perfect way to ring in the New Year! Vanessa's original songs and audience-participatory approach to her shows, mixed with infectious folk-pop-world sounds by some of Boston's best musicians and her warmth and humor on stage are a recipe for a perfect musical morning out with the family.

Storyteller Diane Edgecomb 12:30 - 1:10 PM
1:30 - 2:20 PM



Folktale Superheroes—What do China, Africa and South America all have in common? Superheroes!!! Long before the Superheroes of today, people used their Super Imaginations to create folktales about beings with extraordinary powers who also passed on important lessons and values and always used their extraordinary powers for the good of all. From Anansi the entertaining Spider God from Africa who has web-spinning adventures just like Spiderman, to Tian the Lord of the Cranes from China who gives to the poor like Robin Hood, cultures around the world have always delighted in stories about good triumphing over wrong. Ninja Turtles stand back! Jabuti the flute-playing tortoise from the Amazon has a series of adventures, too. He even saves all the rainforest animals from a one-eyed, four-armed monster while teaching the audience how to sing a joyful song.

Scott Jameson—Magic! 2:45 - 3:30 PM
4:00 - 4:45 PM



Join magician and juggler Scott Jameson for an extraordinary performance that will have you laughing out loud and perched on the very edge of your seat. Umbrellas will be plucked from thin air, a drawing will come to life, basketballs will be spun and juggled, and the audience will travel through time. Don't miss it!

Events are Free of Charge and sponsored by Trustees of the Needham Free Public Library.

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, 2020 - Library Closed



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