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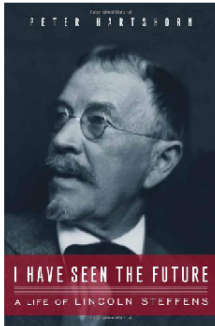
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Welcome to *Library Notes*, a monthly publication of the Needham Free Public Library. *Library Notes* describes both the monthly events at the Library and the ongoing services...

## Author Peter Hartshorn – *I Have Seen the Future: A Life of Lincoln Steffens*

Thurs., October 6th 7:00 PM



*At the dawn of the twentieth century, Lincoln Steffens, an internationally known and respected political insider, went rogue to work for McClure's Magazine. Credited as the proverbial father of muckraking reporting, Steffens quickly rose to the top of McClure's team of investigative journalists, earning him the attention of many powerful politicians who utilized his knack for tireless probing to battle government corruption and greedy politicians. A mentor of Walter Lippmann, friend of Theodore Roosevelt, and advisor of Woodrow Wilson, Steffens is best known for bringing to light the Mexican Revolution, the 1910 bombing of the Los Angeles Times, and the Versailles peace talks.*

*Now, with print journalism and investigative reporters on the decline, Lincoln Steffens' biography serves as a necessary call to arms for the newspaper industry. Hartshorn's extensive research captures each detail of Steffens' life—from his private letters to friends to his long and colorful career—and delves into the ongoing internal struggle between his personal life and his overpowering devotion to the "cause."*

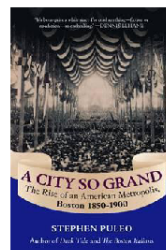
Join Author Peter Hartshorn for this fascinating look at the life of the first true muckraker. The book will be available for autographing and sale courtesy of Wellesley Booksmith.

For further information about upcoming events, go to [www.needhamma.gov/library](http://www.needhamma.gov/library).

## 2012 McIver Lecture Series

### Author Stephen Puleo – *A City So Grand: The Rise of a Metropolis, Boston 1850-1900*

Thurs., October 13th 7:30 PM



Stephen Puleo, the author of *Dark Tide*, *The Boston Italians*, and *Due to Enemy Action*, will deliver a lecture drawn from his new book, *A City So Grand: The Rise of a Metropolis, Boston 1850-1900*. This period covers Boston's leading role in the abolition movement, its Civil War experience and its growth from immigration. There will be books for sale courtesy of Wellesley Books and a book signing after the program. *Sponsored by the Trustees of the Needham Free Public Library.*

## Catskill Puppets Presents Hiawatha

Sat., October 22nd 3:00 PM

*Using full sets, exquisitely crafted puppets and accompanied by Native American flute and drum, this enchanting play is based on the life of the great Iroquois hero, Hiawatha.*



*Hiawatha is portrayed as a curious young boy who decides to disobey his grandmother and seek a vision, alone, in the forest. There he finds a sacred cave and enters a magical world full of talking animals and fantastic spirits! He meets a wise Mohawk, The Peacemaker, who teaches him a wonderful lesson. At last, with the help of his friends Bear and Turtle, Hiawatha discovers the pathway he must follow to become a great man! Join us for this Catskill Puppets presentation of the life of Hiawatha. *Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.**

# What's happening this month in the Children's Room...

## Children's Programs in October

### Drop-in Storytime for ages 5 and under



Wed., October 5, 12, 19, 26 10:00 AM

Mon., October 17, 31 10:30 AM

Stories, music, movement and more.

Story times are drop-in—no registration required. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

### Sing-Along with Ed Morgan

Fri., October 14th 3:00 PM



For children 2 years and up accompanied by an adult. This is a drop-in program—please arrive on time.

### Music, Movement and Me with Sara Epstein\*\*

Tues., October 11, 25 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., October 4th 11:00 AM

Thurs., October 20th 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.

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



Thurs., October 6th 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., October 6, 20 11:00 AM

Due to popular response, we will continue to show Toddler Movies—films based on story-books—in the Community Room.

## Children's Craft Programs in October

### Drop-In "Crafts of the Month" for ages 2+

Mon., October 3rd 10:30 AM



Drop-In "Crafts of the Month" for ages 3+

Thurs., October 6th 4:00 PM

### Drop-In "Sweetest Day" Crafts for ages 2+



Thurs., October 13th 4:00 PM

### Drop-In "Dinosaur Month" Crafts for ages 2+



Tues., October 18th 10:00 AM

Thurs., October 20th 4:00 PM



Drop-In "Fire Prevention Month" Crafts for ages 2+

Mon., October 24th 10:30 AM



Slightly Scary Stories and Crafts for all Ages

Wed., October 26th 4:30 PM

Drop-In Craft Programs usually last for approximately 45 minutes, depending upon your child(ren). Four crafts related to the theme will be offered for our creative young patrons. Please arrive during the first half hour of the program

## Children's Movie: *Spooky Buddies* - Rated G - 88 min.

Fri., October 28th

3:30 PM

Disney's irresistible talking puppies are back in an all-new movie that takes them far across town to a mysterious mansion where something very spooky is going on. With the help of some unexpected new friends, including a friendly ghost, this exciting adventure is howling-good Buddy fun.



*In a race against a no good hound, the Buddies and their new friends, Pip, Zelda, Rodney, and Skip, must stop Warwick the Warlock and save the world from his dastardly deeds. Overflowing with action, and humor, **Spooky Buddies** is a Spooktacular adventure that treats you to a celebration of friendship and teamwork your whole family will enjoy.*

## October Book Discussions

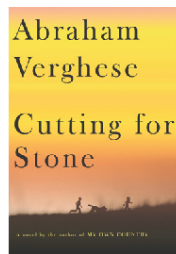
### NPL Book Group

Tuesday, October 11th

#### *Cutting For Stone*

by Abraham Verghese

1:00 PM



*Marion and Shiva Stone are twin brothers born of a secret union between a beautiful Indian nun and a brash British surgeon at a mission hospital in Addis Ababa. Orphaned by their mother's death in childbirth and their father's disappearance, bound together by a preternatural connection and a shared fascination with medicine, the twins come of age as Ethiopia hovers on the brink of revolution. Yet it will be love, not politics—their passion for the same woman—that will tear them apart and force Marion, fresh out of medical school, to flee his homeland. He makes his way to America, finding refuge in his work as an intern at an underfunded, overcrowded New York City hospital. When the past catches up to him—nearly destroying him—Marion must entrust his life to the two men he thought he trusted least in the world: the surgeon father who abandoned him and the brother who betrayed him.*

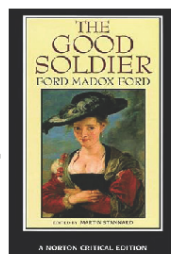
### NPL Evening Book Group

Wednesday, October 19th

#### *The Good Soldier*

by Ford Madox Ford

7:00 PM



*"A Tale of Passion," as its subtitle declares, **The Good Soldier** relates the complex social and sexual relationships between two couples, one English, one American, and the growing awareness by the American narrator John Dowell of the intrigues and passions behind their orderly Edwardian facade. It is the attitude of Dowell, his puzzlement, uncertainty, and the seemingly haphazard manner of his narration that make the book so powerful and mysterious. Despite its catalogue of death, insanity, and despair, the novel has many comic moments, and has inspired the work of several distinguished writers, including Graham Greene.*

We would like to start a LEGO club for children ages 5-9. If you have any LEGOS in excellent condition that your child/ren no longer use, please bring them to the Children's Room. For additional information, please leave a message for Elaine Garnache at 781-455-7559, ext. 205 or [egarnache@minlib.net](mailto:egarnache@minlib.net).



## ATTENTION NOVICE NOOK USERS !

*The Library Foundation of Needham* will sponsor a presentation for e-reader Nook owners on Monday night, November 7, in the library's Community Room at 7:30 pm. Ron Neidig, District Sales Manager from the Barnes & Noble Framingham



store will demonstrate how to download free books from the library's digital media catalog Overdrive database. This database is provided by the Minuteman Library Network and may be accessed at home. To see what type of books are available, go to the library's catalog page <http://library.minlib.net/search>. Click the Digital Media Catalog link on the bottom third of the page – enter your library card number (no spaces) and browse through the selections.

## This Month in the Friends' Gallery Andy Caulfield

### *Library Hours:*

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| <i>Mon. - Thurs.</i> | <i>9:00am - 9:00pm</i> |
| <i>Fridays</i>       | <i>9:00am - 5:30pm</i> |
| <i>Saturdays</i>     | <i>9:00am - 5:00pm</i> |
| <i>Sundays</i>       | <i>1:00pm - 5:00pm</i> |



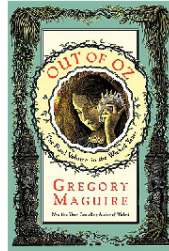
# Upcoming Events...

## Author Gregory Maguire - *Out Of Oz*



**Wed., November 2nd 7:00 PM**

The Needham Free Public Library, in cooperation with Wellesley Books is proud to present Gregory Maguire, the bestselling author of *Confessions of an Ugly Stepsister*; *Lost; Mirror, Mirror*; and the "Wicked Years" series, including *Wicked, Son of a Witch*, and *A Lion Among Men*. This will be stop two on his national book tour promoting the final book in the "Wicked Years" series — *Out of Oz*. Books will be available for purchase and autographing following the presentation.



## Phil Budden, Britain's Consul-General for New England

**Thurs., November 3rd 7:30 PM**



In 1711 we were loyal subjects of Queen Anne, the last of the Stuart monarchs, and Needhamites probably thought their political allegiance would never change. Hear about the continuing relationship between Needham and our mother country. Phil Budden, Britain's Consul-General for New England, will talk about the strong relationship built on our many historic, business, and cultural connections.

Before becoming a diplomat, Phil Budden earned his doctorate in contemporary history and international political economy from Oxford University, an MA in American history and government from Cornell University, and his BA/MA in British and European history from Oxford University.

*This program is sponsored by the Trustees of the Needham Free Public Library.*

## Jeffrey Cramer: Living Deliberately, Thinking like Thoreau Today

**Sun., November 13th 2:00 PM**

As a new Harvard grad in 1837, Thoreau confronted a country entering a deep depression. New England was in the throes of transformation to an industrial economy. Cramer is eminently qualified to relate observations by the Concord Transcendentalist to our times. He is Curator of Col-



lections at The Thoreau Institute at Walden Woods and editor of the award-winning *Walden: A Fully Annotated Edition* (2004), followed by *I to Myself: An Annotated Selection from the Journal of Henry D. Thoreau* (2007); and *The Maine Woods* (2009), all for Yale University Press. *The Quotable Thoreau* (2011, Princeton University Press) will be available for purchase and signing. *Sponsored by Friends of the Needham Public Library.*

## Barry Pell - The Ancient Silk Road - Journey Across Central Asia

**Tues., November 29th 7:30 PM**



In this photographic lecture, we explore the historic cities of the Silk Road - including Samarkand, Bukhara and Kashgar - places that flourished for over 1,000 years along the trading routes that connected across 5,000 miles between central China and Istanbul at the doorstep of Europe. The presentation will focus on the legacies of the Silk Road trade on these places, including architecture, religion, language, ceremonies and food. Photography will highlight the travels of the lecturer, as he followed the caravan routes of the Silk Road traders over high passes through rugged, snowy mountain ranges and across large and forbidding deserts. *This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.*

## Food, Food, Let's Give Thanks For Food! (Happy Thanksgiving...Silly Food Stories for Every Tummy!) With Susie Magoozy

**Sat., November 19th 10:30 AM**

Are you looking for excitement? Enthusiasm? Wild rants of singing and dancing? Or maybe you just like furry puppets! As a former children's librarian, Susie Lord has performed thousands of story times for children and adults. Many have asked if she



would bottle her energy and label it for sale, because her story times are non-stop, sheer craziness! *This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.*

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