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# LIBRARY NOTES

October 2014

## Bob Begin—Lawrence of Arabia

Tues., October 14th 7:30 PM



Thomas Edward Lawrence, CB, known professionally as T. E. Lawrence, was a British Army officer renowned especially for his liaison role during the Sinai and Palestine Campaign and the Arab Revolt against Ottoman Turkish rule of 1916–18. The breadth and variety of his activities and associations, and his ability to describe them vividly in writing, earned him international fame as Lawrence of Arabia. Bob Begin, who has delivered several lectures in the past (*USS Quincy; John Paul Jones; Pirates!*) will talk about this amazing man, with an emphasis on the war years, making this a great companion talk to last spring's Hylander lectures on WWI. Sponsored by the **Library Foundation of Needham**.

## Jungle Jim: Harry Potter Hogwarts Academy

Sat., October 25th 10:30 AM



The **Harry Potter Hogwarts Academy Training** is a fully-interactive party that prepares participants to become wizards themselves! Professor Jungle-Flick delights and entertains with his special brand of comedy-ballooning. Children learn how to perform their own magic, play some Balloon Quidditch and even learn Defense Against the Dark Arts! The professor uses over a dozen volunteers in this performance, and the whole show is a lot of fun. Get your camera ready, because you'll be catching some great shots of your friends laughing, smiling and having the best time of their lives! This show is approximately 45 minutes long. Sponsored by the **Library Foundation of Needham**.

## Dr. Gary Hylander: Becoming America, 1776-1800

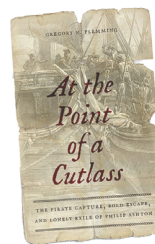
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Join us as we discuss the events, personalities and politics that led to the drafting of the Declaration of Independence and the outbreak of the American Revolution. "A standing miracle" is how Washington would forever describe the colonial victory over Britain in 1783. The Constitutional Convention and the presidencies and politics of the Washington and Adams administrations will also be discussed as America struggled to assert itself as the world's first nation dedicated to the "life, liberty and pursuit of happiness" of its citizens. This is the second of a four lecture series and is sponsored by the **Library Foundation of Needham**.

## Author Greg Flemming—*At the Point of a Cutlass*

Sun., October 26th 2:00 PM



*At the Point of a Cutlass* traces the three-year odyssey of history's most remarkable pirate captive, a nineteen-year old fisherman named Philip Ashton. Taken in a surprise attack near Nova Scotia in June 1722, Ashton was forced to sail across the Atlantic and back with a crew under the command of Edward Low, a man so vicious he tortured victims by slicing off an ear or nose and roasting them over a fire. Based on Ashton's own first-hand account, as well as trial records, logbooks, and a wealth of other archival evidence, *At the Point of a Cutlass* pieces together the unforgettable story of a man thrust into the violent world of a pirate ship and his daring survival and escape.

Greg Flemming is a former journalist with a Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. A New England native and resident, he is a graduate of the University of New Hampshire. *At the Point of a Cutlass* is Greg's first book. The book will be available for purchase and autographing at the conclusion of this event, courtesy of Wellesley Books. This event is sponsored by the **Friends of the Needham Public Library**.

This Month in the Friends' Gallery

**Suzette Johnson**  
Photography

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 Programs in October

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

Wed., October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 10:00 AM

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Stories, music, movement and more. Storytimes 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., October 6 11:00 AM

Mon., October 20 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.

### Sing-Along with Ed Morgan



Fri., October 10 3:00 PM

Thurs., October 16 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\*\*

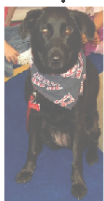


Tues., October 21 10:30 AM

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., October 9 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., October 2, 23 11:00 AM

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

## Children's Craft Programs in October

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



Mon., October 6 4:00 PM

Tues., October 7 10:30 AM



### Drop-In "Rainforest Week" Crafts for ages 2-6

Tues., October 14 4:00 PM



### Drop-In "Fire Prevention Month" Crafts for ages 2-6

Fri., October 17 10:30 AM

Mon., October 20 4:00 PM



### Drop-In "Mostly Ghostly" Crafts for all ages

Mon., October 27 4:00 PM

Tues., October 28 10:30 AM

### Drop-In "Slightly Scary" Storytime for ages 5 and under



Thurs., October 30 10:30 AM

Join us for this holiday-themed storytime.

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.

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



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

Tuesday, October 21

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: Mr. Peabody and Sherman (Rated PG, 92 min.)

Fri., October 24th 3:30 PM



Sherman and his genius pet dog Mr. Peabody, or more accurately, Mr. Peabody and his mischievous adopted boy Sherman, embark on a new journey into the past with their homemade time traveling machine. At first, they enjoy witnessing significant past events and interacting with historical characters. However, when Sherman makes a galactic error and manages to rip a hole in the universe, their fun is over. The hole mismatches the trademarks of different time periods and sends important people traveling through time, changing the entire course of history. Now, it is up to the multi-talented Mr. Peabody to fix the hole before time runs out and history as we know it is altered forever.

## October Book Discussions

### NPL Book Group

Tuesday, October 14th

1:00 PM

### *Behind the Beautiful Forevers*

by Katherine Boo

A bewildering age of global change and inequality is made human through the dramatic story of families striving toward a better life in Annawadi, a makeshift settlement in the shadow of luxury hotels near the Mumbai airport. As India starts to prosper, the residents of Annawadi are electric with hope. Abdul, an enterprising teenager, sees "a fortune beyond counting" in the recyclable garbage that richer people throw away. Meanwhile Asha, a woman of formidable ambition, has identified a shadier route to the middle class. With a little luck, her beautiful daughter, Annawadi's "most-everything girl," might become its first female college graduate. And even the poorest children, like the young thief Kalu, feel themselves inching closer to their dreams. But then Abdul is falsely accused in a shocking tragedy; terror and global recession rock the city; and suppressed tensions over religion, caste, sex, power, and economic envy turn brutal.

•November 18, 2014—*The Garden of Evening Mists* by Twan Eng Tan. •



### NPL Evening Book Group

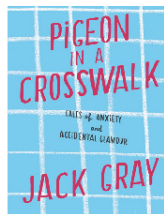
Wednesday, October 15th

7:00 PM

### *Pigeon in a Crosswalk*

by James Gray

There are a lot of unforgettable characters in these pages: a loveable if possibly alcoholic dog; a set of grandparents who crush on Alex Trebek and obsess about death; Golden Girls and



blue bloods, anchormen and Supreme Court justices; divas and wags—but the best character of all is the author himself. To read Jack Gray's musings is to enter the company of a young man of titanic wit and talent. As he observes and echoes the fixations and neuroses of his generation and our times, he will make you squirm, guffaw, and ultimately marvel.

•November 19, 2014—*A Year of Wonders: A Novel of the Plague* by Geraldine Brooks •

## DID YOU KNOW...

### Announcing the Launch of the Needham Free Public Library's New Facebook Page



The goal of the library's FACEBOOK page is to stimulate interest in the library, remind patrons of special events, announce new services, and publicize library-specific news. As more events, announcements, and general library interest stories are posted, those who have "liked" us on FACEBOOK will know about happenings immediately by accessing FACEBOOK via computer or any mobile device. Look for **TOWN OF NEEDHAM - NEEDHAM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY** AND consider "liking" us on FACEBOOK. Please ask all of your friends to do so, too. 😊

### Library Hours:

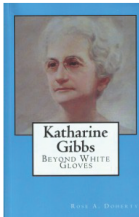
Mon. - Thurs.	9:00am - 9:00pm
Fridays	9:00am - 5:30pm
Saturdays	9:00am - 5:00pm
Sundays	1:00pm - 5:00pm



# Upcoming Events...

## 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 sponsor of 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.**

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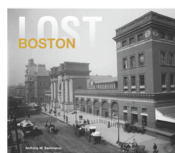


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## Author Anthony Sammarco—*Lost Boston*

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.***

## 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.***



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