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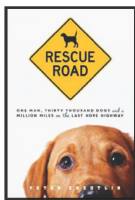
LIBRARY NOTES

October 2015

Author Peter Zheutlin—*Rescue Road: One Man, Thirty Thousand Dogs, and a Million Miles on the Last Hope Highway* with Special Guest Greg Mahle

Thurs., October 8th

7:30 PM



The extraordinary story of one man who has driven more than 1 million miles to rescue thousands of dogs from hunger, abuse and neglect and given them a second chance at life and love. For years, Greg Mahle struggled to keep the last of his family-run restaurants afloat in Ohio. When it finally closed, he was broke and unsure what to do next. Then a stranded van-load of puppies changed his life forever. Join journalist Peter Zheutlin as he travels with Greg from Ohio to the Gulf Coast on his Rescue Road Trips to bring hard-luck dogs from the deep South to loving "forever families" up north, with the help of many selfless volunteers along the way. The book will be available for purchase and autographing following the presentation. This program is sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.

Barry Pell—IRAN: Persian Glory and Islamic Revolution—a Slide Show

Sun., October 25th

2:00 PM

With a history of 2,500 years, the Persian Empire was the largest of ancient times, extending from Central Asia to north Africa. The legacy of this power and wealth is manifest in the stunning tiled architecture of mosques and secular mansions, the distinctively spiced cuisine, the arts and crafts, including arguably the world's most beautiful rugs, and the diverse people who comprised the Empire as invaders or subjects. Following the 1979 Islamic revolution Iran's recent history is marked by religious rule. Barry Pell traveled nearly 4,000 miles through the country's magnificent landscape, visiting historic cities and monuments, and meeting with Iranian people who openly shared opinions about their lives and relations with America. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.



NATURE TALKS: Pumpkin Decorating Contest

Sun., October 18th

1:30 PM



Pumpkins will be supplied (courtesy of Volante Farms) to the first 125 participants, with prizes awarded for each age group. Children 3 and up are encouraged to bring their own decorative articles from home, to supplement materials provided by the library, in order to create their pumpkin masterpieces. This event is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham and the Friends of the Needham Public Library.

Dr. Gary Hylander—America in the Gilded Age

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FRIENDS' FALL BOOKSALE



**Saturday, October 3rd
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**


**Sunday, October 4th
1:00 - 4:00 PM**


**Sunday is Bargain Day:
all items are half-price and
a brown bag is \$8.00.**


For further information about upcoming events, go to
www.needhamma.gov/library.


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


Children's Story Times in October

 **Terrific Toddlers for ages 1-2 years**
Tues., October 6, 20, 27 11:00 AM
Stories mixed with songs, rhymes, fingerplays, rhythm and sensory activities.

 **Babies & Books for Pre-walkers Birth to 11 months**
Tues., October 6, 20, 27 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., October 7, 14, 21, 28 10:00 AM
Songs, rhymes, lap games, books and more in this interactive program.

 **Pre-School Palooza for ages 3-4 years**
Mon., October 5, 26 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., October 2, 16, 23, 30 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., October 9 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., October 6 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 October

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



Wed., October 7 11:00 AM
Mon., October 19 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., October 9 3:00 PM
Thurs., October 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 3-5

Tues., October 13 10:30 AM
Fri., October 23 10:30 AM

Join Sarah Gardner and bring your little ones to play instruments, sing & dance along. Become part of our little library band! This event will occur in the Community Room.

Funding for Music Enrichment Programs provided by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.

OMG That's Gross! - A Halloween program for children ages 9-12 *Registration Required*



Mon., October 26 4:00 PM

Children will be able to make fake poop, snack on candy eyeballs and enjoy all things that look, smell and feel gross. Wear old clothes and be ready to be grossed out! Not for the faint of heart!

***Registration is required, starting one week before event.**

Pre-School Halloween Party/Costume Parade



Thurs., October 29 10:30 AM

Children 5 and under are invited to the library, for a story and some songs, a costume parade throughout the library and a simple treat. This event will start and finish in the Story Time Room in the Children's Department.

Drop-In Trick or Treat at the Children's Desk



Children of all ages are welcome to visit the Children's Desk, costumes optional but preferred, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:45 pm on October 31st to receive a free Halloween bag of treats.



Fall Crafts for ages 2-6 years

Thurs., October 22 10:30 - 11:30 AM

Fall Crafts for Ages 6+

Thurs., October 22 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Children's Movie: Paper Planes (Rated G, 96 minutes)

Fri., October 23rd

3:30 PM

Dylan Webber, is an imaginative twelve year old boy with a knack for folding and flying paper planes. After discovering his talent could take him to the top at the World Junior Paper Plane Championship, Dylan prepares to take on powerful rivals. With a great challenge soaring ahead, and a goal to fly into the number one spot, there's no telling how far he can go! This program is sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.



Animal Adventures Presents Nocturnal Animals for ages 4 and older

Sat., October 31st

2:30 PM



Explore the Nocturnal World of Exotic Animals! Meet the animals up-close and learn about their world after dark, when they become most active! This event is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

Fun Flicks for 2-5 year olds



Thurs., October 8

11:00 AM

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

Lucy the R.E.A.D. Dog for ages 5 and up**



Fri., October 16

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., October 13

4:30 - 5:30 PM

Sign-up for program begins one week before the event. You can sign up by phone or in person.

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.

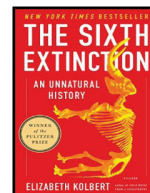
October Book Discussions

NPL Book Group

Tuesday, October 13th

1:00 PM

***The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History* by Elizabeth Kolbert**



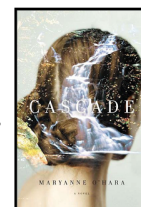
*Over the last half-billion years, there have been five mass extinctions, when the diversity of life on earth suddenly and dramatically contracted. Scientists around the world are currently monitoring the sixth extinction, predicted to be the most devastating extinction event since the asteroid impact that wiped out the dinosaurs. This time around, the cataclysm is us. In prose that is at once frank, entertaining, and deeply informed, New Yorker writer Elizabeth Kolbert tells us why and how human beings have altered life on the planet in a way no species has before. Interweaving research in half a dozen disciplines, descriptions of the fascinating species that have already been lost, and the history of extinction as a concept, Kolbert provides a moving and comprehensive account of the disappearances occurring before our very eyes. She shows that the sixth extinction is likely to be mankind's most lasting legacy. *November 10, 2015 Book—Some-one by Alice McDermott**

NPL Evening Book Group

Wednesday, October 21st

7:00 PM

***Cascade* by Maryanne O'Hara**



*Desdemona Hart was a Paris-trained, up-and-coming Boston artist when she married in haste and settled in the small, once-fashionable theater town of Cascade to provide a home for her dying father. Now Cascade is on the short list to be flooded to provide water for Boston, and Dez comes up with a creative idea that just might help both the town and her own ambitions. When tragic events unfold, she faces hard choices. Must she keep her promises? Is it morally possible to set herself free? *November 18, 2015—Genius on the Edge: The Bizarre Double Life of Dr. William Stewart Halsted by Gerald Imber**

This Month in the Friends' Gallery

Vasilia Laskaris

This Month in the Display Case

Fulper Pottery

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...

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 on **Saturday, October 17 – November 14,** and on **November 28 from 10:30 AM-12 noon.**

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



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.

For The Love of Food:

A Cookbook Club for Foodies

Mon., November 2nd

7:00 PM

Enjoy a new night time 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



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

Sun., November 15

2:00 PM



Early in 1942, a young man from Rhode Island, Tony Pritchard, 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 Planatation

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 and wearing accurate reproduction clothing, as well as 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 Plymouth. This event sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

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