



# LIBRARY NOTES

NEWSLETTER OF THE NEEDHAM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

OCTOBER 2017

## An Afternoon with Elaine Herrmann Blais

Sun., October 1st

2:00 PM



Goodwin Lawyer Elaine Herrmann Blais will present the wrap up lecture for the One Book One Community Program. She is a Boston Bar Association Thurgood Marshall Award recipient for her work with KIND (Kids in Need of Defense), representing unaccompanied immigrant and refugee children in their deportation proceedings. The One Book One Community Program is part of a diversity initiative titled the "Needham Free Public Forum" whose motto is "Exploring diversity to inspire unity" and is sponsored by the *Needham Free Public Library* and other community organizations.

## JFK @ 100 with Dr. Gary Hylander

Tues., October 17th

7:30 PM



This year marks the centennial anniversary of the birth of John F. Kennedy. Dr. Hylander will be discussing the life, politics and legacy of JFK, covering such topics as Civil Rights, Khrushchev and Cuba, the Vietnam War, and much more. This is the first of four lectures in this series, and is sponsored by the *Library Foundation of Needham*.

## Author Elizabeth Carter Wellington—*Circus Girl: A Novel*

Thurs., October 19th

7:30 PM



Local author Elizabeth Carter Wellington will be reading selections from her first book, *Circus Girl: A Novel*, a skillfully woven tale of youthful adventure, love, and self-discovery. It recalls a time when the fantasy of "running off to join the circus" presented all sorts of possibilities for dream fulfillment commingled with disillusionment. This dichotomy of experience is embodied in the variety of brilliantly drawn characters inhabiting Wellington's book and is especially true of the courageous young woman who wholeheartedly embraced her anomalous, nomadic lifestyle in all its vivid wonder and excitement. The book will be available for purchase and autographing at the conclusion of the event. This event is sponsored by the *Needham Free Public Library*.



## Wooden Ships and Iron Men: The Naval War of 1812 with Bob Begin

Tues., October 24th

7:30 PM

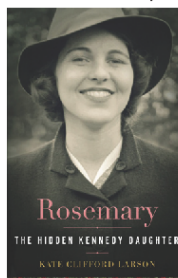


In the early 1800s, issues such as England's impressment of American seamen, trade embargoes, and restrictions on commerce would contribute to increased friction between the two nations. When war was declared on June 18, 1812, the American Navy was composed of 6 frigates and 16 lesser fighting ships. England's Navy had over 600 ships. The English were at war with France and viewed this American declaration as a "side-show" or a drain on resources. England's level of respect for America's small Navy was to grow significantly after losing all three engagements with the USS Constitution. Her Captains—Hull, Bainbridge, and Stewart—would prove to be worthy adversaries against English foes. As the war progressed, the advantage in numbers would shift the tide in favor of England. Finally, at the war's end, both sides would feel victorious. Bob Begin has presented several historical talks at the Library. This new program promises to be most interesting. This event is sponsored by the *Library Foundation of Needham*.

## Author Kate Clifford Larson—*Rosemary: The Hidden Kennedy Daughter*

Sun., October 29th


2:00 PM





*Joe and Rose Kennedy's strikingly beautiful daughter Rosemary attended exclusive schools, was presented as a debutante to the queen of England, and traveled the world with her high-spirited sisters. Yet Rosemary was intellectually disabled, a secret fiercely guarded by her powerful and glamorous family. Kate Larson reveals both the sensitive care Rose and Joe gave to Rosemary and then—as the family's standing reached an apex—the often desperate and duplicitous arrangements the Kennedys made to keep her away from home as she became increasingly difficult in her early twenties. Finally, Larson illuminates Joe's decision to have Rosemary lobotomized at age twenty-three and the family's complicity in keeping the secret.* Come and find out more about this forgotten Kennedy daughter and the impact that she had in later life on her more famous siblings. Books will be available for purchase courtesy of Wellesley Books. This program is sponsored by the *Friends of the Needham 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., Oct. 3, 17, 24, 31** 10:00 AM  
 Stories mixed with songs, rhymes, fingerplays, rhythm and sensory activities.


 **Babies & Books Up to One Year**  
**Tues., Oct. 3, 17, 24, 31** 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., Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25** 10:00 AM  
 Songs, rhymes, lap games, books and more in this interactive program.

 **Pre-School Palooza for ages 3-6 years**  
**Mon., Oct. 23, 30\*** 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. \*Halloween Stories and Parade—costumes welcome at October 30 event.


## Storytimes from Around the World

**Chinese Storytime for ages 5 and under**  
**Sat., Oct. 7** 9:30 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.


 **Yoga for Children ages 5-9**  
**Sat., Oct. 28** 10:30 AM


**LEGO Time! Needham Free Public Library's BLOCK PARTY! for ages 5+**   
**Wed., Oct. 11** 4:00-5:00 PM


## FAMILY ACTIVITY MORNING

**Sat., Oct. 21** 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.


## Children's Programs in October


**Ready, Set...Move with Cici Hunt: for ages 3-5\*\***  
 **Wed., Oct. 4** 11:00 AM  
**Mon., Oct. 16** 11:00 AM  
 Join Cici Hunt in this fun-filled music and movement class for children and their caretakers. **\*\*Registration is required, beginning two weeks prior to the start of the program.\*\***

**Sing-Along with Ed Morgan**  
 **Fri., Oct. 6** 3:00 PM  
**Thurs., Oct. 19** 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., Oct. 10 (ages 2-5)** 10:00 AM  
**Tues., Oct. 10 (ages 2 and under)** 11:00 AM  
**Fri., Oct. 27 (ages 2-5)** 10:00 AM  
**Fri., Oct. 27 (ages 2 and under)** 11:00 AM  
 Join Sarah Gardner and bring your little ones to play instruments, sing & dance along. Become part of our little library band!

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

**Fall Crafts for ages 2+ years**  
 **Thurs., Oct. 12** 10:30-11:30 AM  
 Drop-in for age appropriate Make-N-Take Crafts!

**Fall Crafts for ages 6+ years**  
 **Wed., Oct. 25** 3:30-4:30 PM  
 Drop-in for age appropriate Make-N-Take Crafts!

**Girls Who Code Club for Grades 5 and Up**  
**Thursdays from 6-8 PM—September through April**

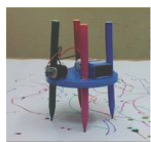
 Calling all girls grades 5 and Up! Bring your own computer and the library will provide the rest. Join the club and the fun. Learn to code, and collaborate on joint projects. Registration is required. Space is limited and attendees are expected to attend all sessions.

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

## October STEAM Programs

### Squishy Circuit and Doodlebot Fun Workshop for ages 6+. **\*\*Registration Required\*\***

Wed., October 4th 4:30 PM



Create and explore energy from simple circuits and Doodlebots with staff from the Children's Museum in Easton. Assorted items are provided so each child can

create his/her own automated doodling machine to take home! Explore the concept of prototypes and ways to generate possible solutions to any design challenges. **\*\*Registration is required. This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.**

### Maker Space Learning Hub Workshop: Spooky Expanding Ghosts for ages 6 and up

Tues., October 10th 4:00 PM



Giselle Rivere-Flores of the Learning Hub will teach participants how vinegar and baking soda make ghosts expand. This Maker Space Workshop is **sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.**

### Maker Space Learning Hub Workshop: Spooky Slime for ages 6 and up

Tues., October 24th 4:30 PM



Grab your glue bottle, some glitter and make the ultimate gooey-slime of all time with Giselle Rivere-Flores of the Learning Hub. This Maker Space Workshop is funded by the Library Foundation of Needham.



### Creation Station Hours

Mon.-Thurs. 3:30 - 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

### Theremin Show with Christopher Payne

Tues., October 24th 3:30 PM



What makes that spooky, eerie sound in the background of horror and science fiction movies? Most likely, it is an instrument called a Theremin. The

Theremin is played without even touching it! Its strange sound is caused by radio waves. It has a straight vertical rod that controls the pitch and a horizontal loop that controls volume. The pitch and volume are controlled by moving the hands closer to or farther from the antennas. Come listen to music on this strange instrument played by professional musician, Christopher Payne. **Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.**

### Children's Programs in October

### The Big Read 2017—1000 Books Before Kindergarten for ages 0-6 years.

Mon., October 2nd 10:00 AM



The Big Read is a national event that is part of 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten—an Early Literacy program.

At the Big Read event in Needham, parents and caregivers will learn

about the 1,000 Books program and how to participate with their child. They will be able to sign up and receive logs and materials. A librarian will conduct a storytime and activities for the little ones and their adults. Participants attending the Big Read event will receive a free book. Books read during the Big Read storytime, and every library storytime the child attends, can be entered on the reading logs. The Big Read event and 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program is appropriate for children from birth to 5 years old—any child who has not yet started Kindergarten. Parents can start the program with a young child at any time during that age bracket.

### Halloween Trick or Treat at the Children's Room

Trick or Treat all day at the Children's Department Desk. And from 3:30 - 5:00 PM, Take a Treat and Make a Trick. Come and make your own fake





## Teens and 'Tweens Programs in October

**Movie: *Halloweentown* (Rated PG, 84 min.)**

**Thurs., October 5th**

**3:30 PM**



*In a place called Halloweentown, good and evil look very different than one might expect. Thanks to a visit from Grandmother Aggie, Marnie and her family's tradition of ignoring the Halloween holiday are about to change in the extreme. It seems that Marnie's mother Gwen has been hiding a big secret from her three children--all of them possess supernatural powers. Now that it's Marnie's thirteenth birthday, she must begin her training as a witch or lose her powers forever. While Gwen wants nothing more than to see her children grow up as "normal" humans, Grandmother Aggie and Marnie have other ideas. A brewing crisis between good and evil in the alternate world of Halloweentown soon pulls the entire family through a portal and into an intense battle against ghouls, goblins and the warlock Kalabar. Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.*

**Throw back Thursday (on a Tuesday) Movie: *Hocus Pocus* (Rated PG, 96 min.)**

**Tues., October 31st**

**3:30 PM**



*You're in for a devil of a time when three outlandishly wild witches return from 17th-century Salem after they're accidentally conjured up by some unsuspecting pranksters! It's a night full of zany fun and comic chaos once the tricky 300-year-old trio sets out to cast a spell on the town and reclaim their youth -- but first they must get their act together and outwit three kids and a talking cat! Loaded with bewitching laughs, HOCUS POCUS is an outrageously wild comedy that's sure to entertain everyone! Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.*

### Tween/Teen Crafternoon—Pumpkin Collage Decorating

**Thurs., Oct. 19th**

**4:00-5:00 PM**

Ready to get into the Halloween spirit?

Tweens and Teens are invited to join us in the Community Room for a Pumpkin Decorating session with plastic craft pumpkins, tissue paper, old book pages, and your imagination. You can decoupage a pumpkin to your liking. Spend an hour with friends, enjoy some snacks, and craft. All materials, drinks and snacks provided. Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.



### 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.

## Children's Program in October

**Children's Movie: *Max 2—White House Hero* (Rated PG, 88 min.)**

**Fri., October 27th**

**3:30 PM**

*When one of the Secret Service's dogs has to go on maternity leave, Max, a dog who served with the Marines in Afghanistan, is brought in to help. The dog forms a bond with TJ, the young son of the President of the United States, who has trouble fitting into his new surroundings. This concerns the Secret Service, who believe this will hinder Max's ability to perform his duties. But when an emergency develops at the White House, Max could be TJ's and the President's only hope. Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.*



### Game Day for 'Tweens and up

**Mon., October 23rd**

**3:00 PM**



Come for an hour of Gaming Fun! From Card and Board Games, to electronic Games on the Xbox One! You are welcome to bring your own games if you wish. Come for the comradery with your fellow gamers. Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.



## Device Advice for iPads and iPhones



Starting in October 2017! Are you having trouble with your Apple device? Want to know more about downloading eBooks or digital magazines from the library? Sign up for a 20-minute one-on-one session with a librarian who will give advice about your device! Bring your iPad or iPhone and any associated charging cables. (Note: Staff Members cannot fix your device nor are they Apple Geniuses. We are here to help you learn basic skills.) There is a signup form on the website at <http://www.needham-ma.gov/index.aspx?nid=4550> or stop by the Reference Desk to schedule an appointment.



## THIS MONTH IN THE DISPLAY CASES

During October, the display case next to the Friends' Gallery will contain Young Adult Librarian Erin Bassett's miniature tea sets. She amassed her collection from relatives and friends and through travel to various places in the world. The tea sets range in physical size from not much larger than a golf ball to that of a child's tea set. Come check out the tiny wonders.



This Month in the Friends' Gallery

# Annette Singer

## 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

**\* EXTENDED HOURS ON SUNDAY \***

## October Book Discussions

### NPL Book Group

Tuesday, October 10th

#### Offshore

by Penelope Fitzgerald

*On the Battersea Reach of the Thames, a mixed bag of the slightly disreputable, the temporarily lost, and the patently eccentric live on houseboats, rising and falling with the great river's tides. Belonging to neither land nor sea, they cling to one another in a motley yet kindly society. There is Maurice, by occupation a male prostitute, by happenstance a receiver of stolen goods. And Richard, a buttoned-up ex-navy man whose boat dominates the Reach. Then there is Nenna, a faithful but abandoned wife, the diffident mother of two young girls running wild on the waterfront streets.*

*It is Nenna's domestic predicament that, as it deepens, draws the relations among this scrubby community together into ever more complex and comic patterns. The result is one of Fitzgerald's greatest triumphs. Winner of the 1979 Booker Prize, this is a novel that the judges deemed as "flawless." \*November 14, 2017— The Sympathizer by Viet Thanh Nguyen\**

1:00 PM



### NPL Evening Book Club

Wednesday, October 18th

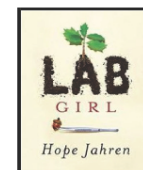
#### Lab Girl

by Hope Jahren

*Geobiologist Hope Jahren has spent her life studying trees, flowers, seeds, and soil. Lab Girl is her revelatory treatise on plant life—but it is also a celebration of the lifelong curiosity, humility, and passion that drive every scientist. In these pages, Hope takes us back to her Minnesota childhood, where she spent hours in unfettered play in her father's college laboratory. She tells us how she found a sanctuary in science, learning to perform lab work "with both the heart and the hands." She introduces us to Bill, her brilliant, eccentric lab manager. And she extends the mantle of scientist to each one of her readers, inviting us to join her in observing and protecting our environment. Warm, luminous, compulsively readable, Lab Girl vividly demonstrates the mountains that we can move when love and work come together.*

*\*November 15, 2017— Small Great Things by Jodi Picoult\**

7:00 PM



### Skype Q&A with P.W. Catanese

Saturday, October 28th | 3:15-4:15 PM

\*This is part of the monthly meeting for Bookventure, 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.\*



## Upcoming Events...

### Mystic Paper Beasts—Sky Tales: A Constellation of Native American Tales

Sat., November 18th

2:30 PM

*The Mystic Paper Beasts* theater troupe has been cheered around the globe for its extraordinary collection of simply-made yet expressive mythological masks, ingenious props which transform everyday objects into beasts, beings, tools and treasures, and for the whimsy and exuberance of their performance—a playful style full of rapid changes, dancing, miming, and singing. *Sky Tales* presents a constellation of Native American Tales from seven different Native nations—tales of the sky gathered like stars from a variety of traditional narratives, magical revealing, and transformative. Characters are distinguishable by the 25 hand-made masks worn by the two Beast players. *Sky Tales* teaches the audience about myth, grounding them in some of the fundamental stories from Native American tradition and will inspire them with a Do-It-Yourself approach to art-making. Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.



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### Children's Movie: *Cars 3* (Rated G, 109 min.)

Fri., November 24th

10:00 AM

*After years at the top of the racing game, Lightning McQueen is determined to show the younger, faster cars like rookie Jackson Storm that he still belongs on the track. After he is pushed out of the scene by faster cars, Lightning teams up with a clever young race technician with Piston Cup dreams. Using inspiration from the legendary Hudson Hornet, Lightning works harder than ever to prove that he still has what it takes!* **Our Annual Alternative to Shopping Movie Presentation, sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.**



### Women in World Jazz

Sun., November 19th

2:00 PM



*Women In World Jazz brings together women of different nationalities with extensive experience in performance and education. The music is easy to relate to, diverse, and danceable. All members of the group are accomplished musicians playing a variety of music ranging from Jazz to world/ethnic. Our international roster directly influences the choice of repertoire. The music and dance we're featuring are from Cuba, Brazil, Cape Verde, Japan, and the Middle East. The program is an educational, family-friendly presentation that allows audience participation for all ages. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Library.*

### JFK @ 100 with Dr. Gary Hylander

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## FRIENDS' FALL BOOKSALE



Saturday, October 14th  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Sunday, October 15th  
1:00 - 4:00 PM

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

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