



# LIBRARY NOTES

NEWSLETTER OF THE NEEDHAM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

OCTOBER 2018

## 2019 McIver Lecture Series

### Artificial Intelligence & the Road Ahead with Professor David Alan Grier

Sun., October 14th

2:00 PM



*How should you think about artificial intelligence? The answer to that question depends on your point of view. If you are interested in thought and consciousness and the likelihood of displacing human beings, you will find yourself involved in a debate that is speculative, open ended and a little disconcerting. If you are concerned about your job or the jobs*

*of your children, you will be involved in a discussion that is more concrete and based in economics. This talk will look at some of the recent successes of artificial intelligence, discuss their impact upon jobs and work, and suggest how you might think about the longer term issues. David Alan Grier is a writer, author and speaker on issues of technology, society, & organizations. He is the author of numerous, award-winning books on computing and society, including *When Computers Were Human*, the story of how we organized computation before we had machines do it. He has been employed by George Washington University in a variety of professorial and administrative roles. He is currently an associate professor in the Center for International Science & Technology Policy of the Elliott School of International Affairs. This is the first of three lectures and is sponsored by the Trustees of the Needham Free Public Library in memory of former director Vivian D. McIver.*

### Tales from the Home of the World's Worst Weather

Sun., October 21st

2:00 PM

*Bitter cold, dense fog, heavy snow, and record winds: Mount Washington is known worldwide for its unpredictable and dangerous weather. For a mountain its size, why is Mt. Washington called the "Home of the World's Worst Weather"? Join Mount Washington Observatory's Will Broussard for an investigation into the unique life and work of weather observers stationed at the observatory year-round. We will explore how the mountain's weather works and what it can tell us about New England's own weather patterns. This program will include interactive demonstrations, weather instruments, stunning photography, and video footage from the summit. This exciting program is appropriate for adults and children alike. Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.*



### Four Score and Seven—Civil War America with Dr. Gary Hylander

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7:30 PM

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### 2018 McIver Lecture Series—The Beanpot Connection

Vic Gatto—50th Anniversary of Harvard Beats Yale, 29-29

Thurs., October 18th

7:30 PM

Continuing the theme of the "Beanpot Connection," Needham's own Vic Gatto, Captain of the 1968 Harvard Football Team, will talk about this battle of the undefeateds in 1968.



*This is the fourth and final lecture of the 2018 lecture series, and is sponsored by the Trustees of the Needham Free Public Library in memory of former director Vivian D. McIver.*



### 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


For further information about upcoming events, go to [www.needhamma.gov/library](http://www.needhamma.gov/library) or call 781-455-7559





# 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 16, 23, 30 10:00 AM**  
 Stories mixed with songs, rhymes, fingerplays, rhythm and sensory activities.

 **Babies & Books for up to one year**  
**Tues., October 16, 23, 30 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., October 10, 17, 24, 31 10:00 AM**  
 Songs, rhymes, lap games, books and more in this interactive program. Oct. 31 will be a Halloween Storytime

 **Pre-School Palooza for ages 3-6 years**  
**Mon., October 1, 15, 22, 29 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.

**Chinese Storytime for ages 5 and under**  
**Sat., October 6 10:00 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.

**Pre-school Halloween Crafts for ages 2+ years**  
**Thurs., October 11 10:30-11:30 AM**  
 Drop-in for age appropriate Make-N-Take Crafts!



**FAMILY ACTIVITY MORNING**  
**Sat., October 20 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.

**Yoga for Children ages 5-9**



**Sat., October 27 10:30 AM**

## Children's Programs in October

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



**Wed., October 3 11:00 AM**  
 Join Stacey Peasley for a fun-filled half hour of music and song for children and their caregivers.

**Sing-Along with Ed Morgan**



**Thurs., October 25 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. 9 (ages 2-5) 10:00 AM**  
**Tues., Oct. 9 (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.**

## NEEDHAM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

**Celebrates the BIG READ 2018**

**Tues., October 2nd 10:00 AM**

Come celebrate the joy of reading to your infant, toddler or preschooler! Read a book together as a group, learn about and then sign up for the *1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Program* for children from 0-6 years of age. As part of *The Big Read 2018*, each family will receive one free book to take home (while supplies last). Caregivers are required to attend with their child.



**Read to Tucker!\*\***



**Wed., October 10th 4:00-5:30 PM**  
 Tucker is an adorable shepherd hound mix who loves kids and loves to be read to. Children in 1st-5th Grade are invited to register at the Children's Desk for a 15 minute time-slot to read to Tucker. **\*\*Registration Required.**

**Trick-or-Treat in the Children's Room - October 31st**

Treat bags of Halloween candy will be given out at the Children's Desk, with bags of small Halloween toys available for children with food allergies. Two small moving and changing 3D Holograms will be on display at the Children's Desk throughout the day. Watch 3D Halloween images such as pumpkins and spiders move, change, and dance inside a plastic bottle.





# October STEAM Programs

## Coding Clubs

Kid Coders Club for Children ages 5-7\*\*



**Mondays: Oct. 1–Oct. 29 4:00-5:00 PM**

Children will learn logical thinking skills and engage in coding activities using games, robots, online puzzles and Scratch Jr.

Children need to bring their own tablet, laptop or notebook computer. No program on October 8th. **\*\*Registration is required. Space is limited and attendees are expected to attend all sessions.**

Code Breakers Club for ages 8+\*\*



**Thursdays: Oct. 4–Nov. 8 4:00-5:00 PM**

Children will learn coding through online games and puzzles and create projects using Scratch. Children need to bring their own laptop or notebook computer. Scratch does not work on tablets.

**\*\*Registration is required. Space is limited and attendees are expected to attend all sessions.**

Girls Who Code Club for Grades 5 & Up\*\*



**Thursdays: Oct. 4–Apr. 11 6:30-8:00 PM**

Calling all girls grades 5 and up! Bring your own computer and we 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.**

Tinker Thinkers for Ages 6+\*\*

**Every other Tuesday, Oct. 9–Feb. 12 4:00-5:00 PM**



Children will create their own original invention which they may wish to enter in a Young Inventors competition. The winning invention from the library club may progress to a Young Inventors Regional competition if desired.

**\*\*Registration is required. Space is limited and attendees are expected to attend all sessions.**

Crazy 8s Club\*\*

**Wednesdays, Oct 3rd—Nov. 28th**

**K-2nd Grade 3:30-4:15 PM**

**3-5th Grade 4:30-5:15 PM**



Join Bedtime Math's Crazy 8s Club, where you'll build stuff, run and jump, make music, make a

mess...it's a totally new kind of math club. **Space is limited.**

**\*\*Registration required. Sign up is for all 8 sessions. There will be no sessions on October 10th and November 21st.**



## Creation Station Hours

**Mon. - Tues. 5:30 - 8:30 PM**

**Wednesday 5:30 - 8:30 PM**

**Thursday 3:30 - 5:30 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**

## Children's Program in October

Wingmaster's World of Owls

**Tues., October 30th 4:00 PM**



This program shows how owls use their specialized powers of sight, hearing and flight to survive and thrive. A wealth of fact and folklore about these masters of the dark explains the natural and unnatural history of owls. A variety of live owls provides the focus of the presentation. For ages 5 and up. **This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.**

Children's Movie: *Hotel Transylvania 3– Summer Vacation* (Rated PG, 93 Minutes)

**Fri., October 26th 3:30 PM**

Count Dracula has diligently maintained Hotel Transylvania so monster guests can vacation away from humans. Feeling tired and alone, he allows his daughter, Mavis, to take him on a cruise. Although hesitant, he embarks on his first vacation with family and friends in tow. Aboard the cruise ship *Legacy*, he meets Captain Ericka and quickly falls in love. Ericka is a descendant of Abraham Van Helsing, an ancient monster foe. Her evil plans try to turn love into hate as Dracula and the monsters enjoy the cruise and are blind to their fate. **Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.**



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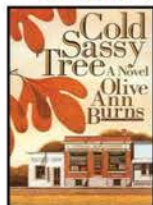
## October Book Discussions

### NPL Book Group

Tuesday, October 9th

**Cold Sassy Tree** by Olive Ann Burns

1:00 PM



*The one thing you can depend on in Cold Sassy, Georgia, is that word gets around—fast. When Grandpa E. Rucker Blakeslee announces one July morning in 1906 that he's aiming to marry the young and freckled milliner, Miss Love Simpson—a bare three weeks after Granny Blakeslee has gone to her reward—the news is served up all over town with that afternoon's dinner. And young Will Tweedy suddenly finds himself eyewitness to a major scandal. Boggled by the sheer audacity of it all, and not a little jealous of his grandpa's new wife, Will nevertheless approves of this May-December match and follows its progress with just a smidgen of youthful prudence. As the newlywed's chaperone, conspirator, and confidant, Will is privy to his one-armed, renegade grandfather's second adolescence; meanwhile, he does some growing up of his own. He gets run over by a train and lives to tell about it; he kisses his first girl, and survives that too. Olive Ann Burns has given us a timeless, funny, resplendent novel—about a romance that rocks an entire town, about a boy's passage through the momentous but elusive year when childhood melts into adolescence, and about just how people lived and died in a small Southern town at the turn of the century. \*November 13, 2018—Beartown by Fredrik Bachman\**

### Diversity and Discussion Book Club

Cosponsored by the Trustees of the Needham Free Public Library and the Needham Human Rights Committee

Thurs., October 11th

7:30 PM

**Tomorrow Will Be Different: Love, Loss, and the Fight for Trans Equality** by Sarah McBride



*Before she became the first transgender person to speak at a national political convention in 2016 at the age of twenty-six, Sarah McBride struggled with the decision to come out—not just to her family but to the students of American University, where she was serving as student body president. She'd known she was a girl from her earliest memories, but it wasn't until the Facebook post announcing her truth went viral that she realized just how much impact her story could have on the country. Four years later, McBride was one of the nation's most prominent transgender activists, walking the halls of the White House, advocating inclusive legislation, and addressing the country in the midst of a heated presidential election. She had also found her first love and future husband, Andy, a trans man and fellow activist, who complemented her in every way... until cancer tragically intervened. \*January 10, 2019—Blood at the Root by Patrick Phillips\**

### NPL Evening Book Club

Wednesday, October 17th

7:00 PM

**It Can't Happen Here** by Sinclair Lewis



*A cautionary tale about the fragility of democracy, it is an alarming, eerily timeless look at how fascism could take hold in America. Written during the Great Depression, when the country was largely oblivious to Hitler's aggression, it juxtaposes sharp political satire with the chillingly realistic rise of a president who becomes a dictator to save the nation from welfare cheats, sex, crime, and a liberal press. Called "a message to thinking Americans" by the Springfield Republican when it was published in 1935, *It Can't Happen Here* is a shockingly prescient novel that remains as fresh and contemporary as today's news.. \*November 28, 2018—Waking Lions by Ayelet Gundar-Goshen\**

### Family Book Club for K-2nd graders\*\*

Sat., October 20th

2:30 - 3:30 PM



*Joan Procter, Dragon Doctor: The Woman Who Loved Reptiles* by Patricia Valdez, and *The Shark Lady: The True Story of How Eugenie Clark Became the Ocean's*



*Most Fearless Scientist* by Jess Keating.

This month's theme is Dragons & Sharks! The participants will be reading these picture book biographies and will do a lizard project! Books available at the Children's Desk. Please attend and participate with your child. *Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.*

**\*\*Registration Required.**

### Bookventurers Book Club for Grades 3-5\*\*

Sat., October 27th

3:00 - 4:00 PM



This month's theme is Scary Stories. Please bring your favorite tale or book to share.

**\*\*Registration is requested, in person or call 781-455-7559, ext. 204.** • Read the book • Discuss it with other kids • Participate in book themed activities • Make new friends!

This Month in the Friends' Gallery

**The Photography of  
Lyubov Filatova**



## Teens and 'Tweens Programs in October

### Escape Room Z : A Zombie Themed Escape Room for Tweens, Teens, and Adults\*\* Saturday and Sunday, October 6 & 7, 2018



Zombies want your pizza! Band together with your crew to save dinner in this Zombie Themed Escape Room for ages 10 & up. There will be multiple sessions happening throughout the weekend, so sign up quickly to reserve your spot before they disappear!

**\*\*Sign-Ups are required.** Call or visit the Adult Reference Desk to reserve your spot! There is a maximum of 7 players per group, a minimum of 4, so smaller groups or individual sign-ups that book the same time slot will be combined. **Walk-in registration permitted if there is space available.** Any questions may be directed to Erin at the Adult Reference Desk, 781-455-7559, Option 2.

### Walking Dead Day at the Library!

Sat., October 13th 10:00 AM-12:00 PM



With thanks to *Image Comics* and *Skybound Entertainment*, the Walking Dead Lives at the Needham Free Public Library! Come celebrate

**Walking Dead Day** with games, crafts, and snacks. The first 25 attendees will receive their own Walking Dead Day kits with buttons, bookmarks, postcard, a special giveaway comic, AND a Walker Bandana Mask. This program is for ages 10 and up, so bring a friend or bring yourself, just come and have a good time. **Contact Erin at the Adult Reference Desk with questions, 781-455-7559, option 2.**



### Game Day for 'Tweens and up

Thurs., October 18th 3:30-5:00 PM



Gaming Hour is back! Teens and 'Tweens are once again welcome to come to 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 Interactive Movie: *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them* (Rated PG-13, 2 hours, 13 minutes)\*\*

Sat., October 20th

1:30-4:30 PM

*Something mysterious is leaving a path of destruction in the streets of 1926 New York, threatening to expose the wizarding community. Newt Scamander arrives in the city nearing the end of a global excursion to research and rescue magical creatures.*



*When unsuspecting No-Maj Jacob Kowalski inadvertently lets some of Newt's beasts loose, a band of unlikely heroes must recover the missing beasts before they come to harm, but their mission puts them on a collision course with Dark forces.* **\*\*Registration is Required for this program\*\***

**Please note, because *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them* is rated PG-13, Moviegoers who are 12 years and younger will need to contact Erin who will give permission to attend. Without permission, underage viewers will be turned away at the door. To register call 781-455-7559, option 2. Please ask for Erin (Reference) for more information about this exciting event.**

### ALL NEW Book Club for Grades 6 - 8!

Wed., October 24th

7:00 PM

#### *Firegirl* by Tony Abbott

From the moment Jessica arrives, life is never quite the same for Tom and his seventh-grade classmates. They learn that Jessica has been in a fire and was badly burned, and will be attending St. Catherine's and receiving medical treatments. Despite her appearance and the fear she evokes in him and most of the class, Tom slowly develops a tentative friendship with Jessica that changes his life.



Your help is needed to give this book club a name and to come up with titles for future meetings. Typically, meetings will be on the 4th Wednesday of every month in either the Young Adult Room or the Community Room, unless a conflict arises, or attendees feel strongly about meeting another day or time. So please attend and attend often! Sign-ups for each month will be made available at the Reference Desk on the second floor along with copies of the books to be discussed for easy pick-up. Contact Young Adult Librarian Erin at the Adult Reference desk, 781-455-7559 x2, with questions and to sign up for meetings.





## Upcoming Events...

### 2019 McIver Lecture Series

#### Phil Wallas: Exploring Morocco

Sun., November 4th

2:00 PM

Many think of Morocco as a desert land, but the reality is much more diverse. In addition to landscape variety, the country has a complex history, rich culture and great food. Join Phil Wallas on his photographic tour to learn more about this increasingly modern country he visited in 1974-5 and again in 2016. Phil Wallas grew up in a world-traveling family. He continues that tradition with his wife and daughter by traveling and photographing their experiences. He was a Needham High School English teacher for a dozen years in the 1970's and 80's. When he isn't traveling he calls Newton home. *This is the second of three lectures and is sponsored by the Trustees of the Needham Free Public Library in memory of former director Vivian D. McIver.*



#### Broadmoor Chamber Singers

Sat., November 17th

2:00 PM



Broadmoor Chamber Singers, founded in 1979, is a community chorus based in Natick, Massachusetts. This ensemble provides opportunities for rehearsing, performing, and experiencing choral music, singing an eclectic mix of repertoire from classical, jazz, folk, and popular music to spirituals and gospel songs in all voice parts (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass). The singers include neighbors from all walks of life—accountants, journalists, stay-at-home parents, music teachers, librarians, engineers—and new members are always welcome. The Broadmoor Chamber Singers are led by Artistic Director June Ambush and Accompanied by Soyoun Park on Piano. *This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.*

#### Mike Piazza's High Flying Dogs

Tues., November 27th

4:00 PM

Mike Piazza & his 4 high flying frisbee dogs are the #1 dog entertainment act in the world! Mike is a world record holder and multiple time world finalist in the sport. The Flying High Frisbee Dog Show is educational, interactive, dynamic & fun! The show is guaranteed to entertain & thrill crowds of all ages! *This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.*



#### Documentarian Clennon King - Fair Game: Surviving a 1960 Georgia Lynching

Sun., November 18th

2:00 PM



While JFK was making a White House run in May 1960, a 24-year-old Black Navy vet from Bayonne, New Jersey joined a friend on a road trip home. Little did James Fair, Jr. know how ill-timed his arrival in rural Early County, Georgia would be. Less than three days later, he'd find himself behind bars, convicted for the rape and murder of an 8-year old girl, and facing Georgia's electric chair. Clennon L. King's "Fair Game: Surviving A 1960 Georgia Lynching" chronicles the 26-month campaign spearheaded by Alice Fair to rescue her son from a county notorious for lynching. Dedicated to the 24 known Black men who were lynched in Early County, Georgia between 1877 and 1950, the documentary is a tribute to the Boston-based filmmaker's late father, Atty. C.B. King of Albany, Georgia, who fought to prevent James Fair, Jr. from becoming the 25th victim. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.*

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#### Children's Movie: Disney/Pixar's Incredibles 2 (Rated PG, 118 minutes)

Fri., November 23rd

10:00 AM



After superheroes are banned from society, the Parr family gets an offer they simply cannot refuse. A tycoon wants to bring back superheroes, and Helen, Elastigirl, is enlisted to show how great they can be. Bob, Mr. Incredible is left at home to tackle his greatest challenge to date, parenting alone. Will Elastigirl be able to succeed and will Mr. Incredible be able to keep things afloat at home until she gets back? Our annual The Day after Thanksgiving Alternative to Shopping Presentation. *Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.*