



LIBRARY NOTES

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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...

Vic & Sticks Recycled Rhythm Band Program Sat., September 17th 10:30 AM

While sharing that “everyone can make a difference” through respect for one-self, for others and respect for this planet, *Vic and Sticks* promotes a message of kindness. By singing about the three “R’s”...reduce, reuse, recycle...the Recycled Rhythm Program also talks about how recycling helps the world around us. Children also learn through this program that the best place to practice “reuse” is at their neighborhood library. This music show is fast paced and encourages audience participation, as the children in the audience become part of the Recycled Rhythm Band! *This event is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.*



John Paul Jones: A Talk by Bob Begin Thurs., September 22nd 7:30 PM



Bob Begin (U.S.S. Quincy - Feb. 2008) returns, this time telling the story of John Paul Jones, from his origins in Scotland, to his naval career that culminates with his victory against the Royal Navy, to his final days in Paris.... Begin

discusses Jones’ strengths and flaws, schemes and well thought out plans, as well as his unbridled ambition to always better his standings. But what also needs to be told is the story of his unabashed courage and ferocity in dealing with the enemy. Jones’ actions and demeanor dwarfed those of his contemporaries. His request for a ship leaves no doubt as to his intentions when he said: “*Give me a fast ship, for I intend to go in harm’s way.*” Bob will tell this story, capturing both John Paul Jones’ strengths and shortcomings, along with his significant contributions to the cause of the American Revolution.

The Story of Immigration in Needham: Voices of our Neighbors

Sun., September 25th 2:00 PM



Come watch the critically acclaimed PBS documentary on immigration in contemporary society titled “*Welcome to Shelbyville*” followed by the personal stories of Needham residents who describe their own recent immigration experiences. Beyond the hype and hyperbole of the immigration debate, join us for an honest and personal discussion of what it means to be an immigrant in the 21st century. *Sponsored by the Needham Human Rights Committee and the Needham Free Public Library.*

Children’s Movie: Rio - Rated PG - 96 min. Fri., September 23rd 3:30 PM

A classic tale of self-discovery, romance, and adventure, *Rio* is the story of Blu, a flightless macaw who was taken from the forests of Rio de Janeiro as a young bird and raised by a kind girl in a small Minnesota town.

When an ornithologist comes to town and informs Blu’s now-grown owner Linda that Blu is the last male of his species, Blu and Linda return to Rio so that Blu can mate with a feisty female named Jewel. Thus begins an adventure in which Blu encounters everything from the complexities of courtship and love, to thugs involved in an exotic animal theft ring, strange new friendships—including one with an overly friendly slobbering bulldog--and a crazy ride through a Carnival parade. Blu and Linda both mature as a result of their journey in Rio, and love ensures that life will never be quite the same for either ever again.



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

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

Children's Programs in September

Drop-in Storytime for ages 5 and under



Wed., September 7, 14, 21, 28 10:00 AM

Mon., September 19 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., September 9th 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., September 13th 10:30 AM

Mon., September 26th 10:30 AM

An interactive music and movement program for adults and children under 4. **Registration required—maximum 20 children & accompanying adult.



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



Fri., September 9th 11:00 AM

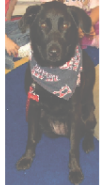
Tues., September 27th 11:00 AM

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., September 8th 10:00 AM



Join Lucy, a black lab, and Pat Howes (recently retired first grade teacher at Newman) 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., September 8, 15 11:00 AM

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

Craft Programs in September

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



Thurs., September 1st 4:00 PM

Drop-In "Crafts of the Month" for ages 2-5

Fri., September 2nd 10:00 AM



Drop-In "Grandparents' Day" Crafts for ages 2-6

Thurs., September 8th 4:00 PM



Drop-In "Shape Crafts!" for ages 2-6

Mon., September 12th 10:30 AM

Thurs., September 15th 4:00 PM



Drop-In "Farm Animals Week" Crafts for ages 2-6

Thurs., September 22nd 4:00 PM

Drop-In "Farm Animals Week" Crafts for ages 2-5

Fri., September 23rd 10:00 AM



Drop-In "Fall Crafts" for ages 2-6

Thurs., September 29th 4:00 PM

Drop-In "Fall Crafts" for ages 2-5

Fri., September 30th 10:00 AM

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



September Book Discussions

NPL Book Group

Tuesday, September 13th

*The Woman Behind the New Deal:
The Life of Frances Perkins*

by Kirstin Downey

Frances Perkins is no longer a household name, yet she was one of the most influential women of the twentieth century. Based on eight years of research, extensive archival materials, new documents, and exclusive access to Perkins's family members and friends, this biography is the first complete portrait of a devoted public servant with a passionate personal life, a mother who changed the landscape of American business and society. Written with a wit that echoes Frances Perkins's own, award-winning journalist Kirstin Downey gives us a riveting exploration of how and why Perkins slipped into historical oblivion, and restores Perkins to her proper place in history.

1:00 PM



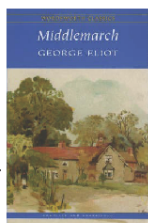
NPL Evening Book Group

Wednesday, September 21st

Middlemarch

by George Eliot

In a panoramic sweep of the years leading up to the First Reform Bill of 1832, George Eliot explores nearly every subject of concern to modern life: art, religion, science, politics, self, society, and human relationships. Among her characters are some of the most remarkable portraits in English literature: Dorothea Brooke, the heroine, idealistic but naive; Rosamund Vincy, beautiful and egoistic; Edward Casaubon, the dry-as-dust scholar; Tertius Lydgate, the brilliant but morally flawed physician; Will Ladislaw, the passionate artist; and Fred Vincy and Mary Garth, childhood sweethearts whose charming courtship is one of the many humorous elements in the novel's comic vein.



7:00 PM

This Month in the
Friends' Gallery

Lance Ozier

Did you know...



Check out the Library's new blog just for teens!

1139 Highland has links, book reviews, a library calendar and more. We are accepting book review and art submissions from local teens to display on the site. If you have suggestions on improvements to the site, or materials you'd like the Library to buy, let us know on the site!

For more information, go to

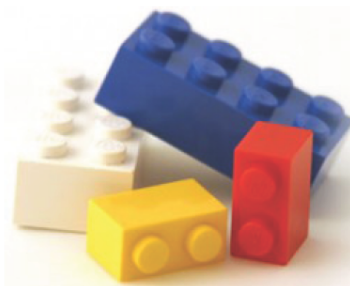
<https://sites.google.com/site/1139highland/>.

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

any Thursday afternoon (2:00 - 6:00 PM) or Wednesday (10:30 AM - 1:30 PM) in September.

For additional information, please leave a message for Elaine Garnache at 781-455-7559, ext. 205 or egarnache@minlib.net.



SAVE THE DATES

November 2nd: Author Gregory Maguire will speak about his latest book, *Out of Oz* (final volume in The Wicked Years Series).



November 3rd: Phil Budden, Britain's Consul-General for New England.



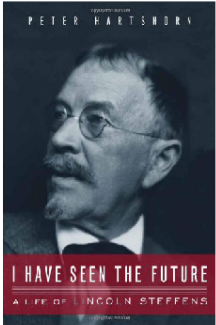
Library Hours:

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

Upcoming Events...

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

Thurs., October 8th 7:30 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."

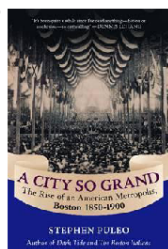
Join Author Peter Hartshorn for this fascinating look at the life of the first true muckraker. The book will be available for autographing and sale courtesy of Wellesley Booksmith.

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 due to the rising tide of immigrants.



There will be books for sale courtesy of Wellesley Booksmith 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.**

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, humor, and a bag full of bonus features, Spooky Buddies is a Spooktacular adventure that treats you to a celebration of friendship and teamwork your whole family will enjoy.

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