Program: Gone with The Fins—Adventures with Sharks and Other Close Friends

Thurs., September 12th  7:30 PM
Meet strange and beautiful underwater marvels in this colorful, musical show for all ages. After an accomplished career at the New England Aquarium, Paul Erickson now develops exhibits for aquariums, zoos and nature centers and shares his fun, musical, image-rich presentations with audiences of all ages. As he says, “Many ocean predators have encountered him, but inexplicably, none of them has eaten him!”
This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

Dr. Gary Hylander—Masters of Industry: Andrew Carnegie

Tues., September 17th  7:30 PM
Learn about Andrew Carnegie’s rise from a poor Scottish immigrant boy to the richest man in the world as he transformed the iron and steel industry into the nation’s first big manufacturing business.
Gary Hylander, adjunct professor at Framingham State University and Stonehill College, will talk about the life of this extraordinary immigrant to America, the first in a series of four lectures on the Masters of American Industry.
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Dreamtale Puppets presents Rumpelstiltskin

Sat., September 21st  11:00 AM
Rumpelstiltskin follows the well known fairy tale about a girl whose father, the Miller, loved her so much that he made up stories about her unusual talents. Truthfulness wasn’t something the Miller cared much about, but after he bragged to the king whose treasury coffers were empty, he put his only child into big trouble. His daughter Kathleen had to spin straw into gold or lose her life! Fortunately, an odd looking stranger jumped straight into the story and offered to help. Accepting help from strangers is always risky business, and that is how it was this time. After the king married Kathleen and made her into the queen, she gave her royal husband a child—but she was faced with losing it all if she could not pass one more test: finding the well hidden word—the name of the mysterious stranger.
This 40-45 minutes long show features five beautifully crafted table-top puppets brought to life by two masterful puppeteers: Jacek Zuzanski and Norina Reif, for ages 4 and older, accompanied by an adult.
This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

Friends’ Fall Book Sale

Saturday, Sept. 28th
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Sunday, Sept. 29th
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.
Children’s Programs in September

Drop-in Storytimes for ages 5 and under
- Wed., Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25 10:00 AM
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- Tues., Sept. 5 10:30 AM
- Fri., Sept. 20 10:30 AM
- Thurs., Sept. 26 10:30 AM

Stories, music, movement and more. Storytimes are drop-in—no registration required. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Music, Movement and Me with Sara Epstein**
- Mon., Sept. 30 10:30 AM

An interactive music and movement program for adults and children under 4. **Registration is required, one session per month only please.

Ready, Set...Move with Cici Hunt: for ages 3-5**
- Tues., Sept. 10 11:00 AM
- Tues., Sept. 24 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., Sept. 13 3:00 PM

For children 2 years and up accompanied by an adult. This is a drop-in program—please arrive on time.

Children’s Craft Programs in September

Drop-In “Make a Grandparents Day Card” for ages 2-6
- Fri., Sept. 6 10:30 AM

Drop-In “Crafts of the Month” for ages 2-6
- Tues., Sept. 10 4:00 PM
- Thurs., Sept. 12 10:30 AM

Drop-In “Talk Like a Pirate Day” Crafts for ages 2-6
- Mon., Sept. 16 4:00 PM
- Tues., Sept. 17 10:30 AM

Drop-In “Fall” Crafts for ages 2-6
- Tues., Sept. 24 4:00 PM
- Fri., Sept. 27 10:30 AM

All Drop-In Craft Programs feature three crafts that are related to the theme. There will be 25 of each craft, so be sure to come early for first choice.

Toddler Movies
- Thurs., Sept. 5, 19 11:00 AM

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

Children’s Movie: Epic - Rated PG, 104 minutes
- Fri., September 20th 3:30 PM

EPIC tells the story of an ongoing battle between the forces of good, who keep the natural world alive, and the forces of evil, who wish to destroy it. When a teenage girl finds herself magically transported into this secret universe, she teams up with an elite band of warriors and a crew of comical, larger-than-life figures, to save their world...and ours.

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., Sept. 5 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.
September Book Discussions

NPL Book Group
Tuesday, September 10th  1:00 PM
Wolf Hall by Hilary Mantel

England in the 1520s is a heartbeat from disaster. If the king dies without a male heir, the country could be destroyed by civil war. Henry VIII wants to annul his marriage of twenty years, and marry Anne Boleyn. The pope and most of Europe opposes him. The quest for the king’s freedom destroys his adviser, the brilliant Cardinal Wolsey, and leaves a power vacuum.

Into this impasse steps Thomas Cromwell. Cromwell is a wholly original man, a charmer and a bully, both idealist and opportunist, astute in reading people and a demon of energy: he is also a consummate politician, hardened by his personal losses, implacable in his ambition. But Henry is volatile: one day tender, one day murderous. Cromwell helps him break the opposition, but what will be the price of his triumph?

* October 8, 2013 Book: A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini *

NPL Evening Book Group
Wednesday, September 18th  7:00 PM
The Dovekeepers by Alice Hoffman

In 70 C.E., nine hundred Jews held out for months against armies of Romans on Masada, a mountain in the Judean desert. According to the ancient historian Josephus, two women and five children survived. Based on this tragic and iconic event, Hoffman’s novel is a spellbinding tale of four extraordinary women, each of whom has come to Masada by a different path. Yael’s mother died in childbirth, and her father, an expert assassin, never forgave her for that death. Rekka, a village baker’s wife, watched the horrifically brutal murder of her daughter by Roman soldiers; she brings to Masada her young grandsons, rendered mute by what they have witnessed. Aziza is a warrior’s daughter, raised as a boy, a fearless rider and an expert marksman who finds passion with a fellow soldier. Shirab, born in Alexandria, is wise in the ways of ancient magic and medicine, a woman with uncanny insight and power.

The lives of these four complex and fiercely independent women intersect in the desperate days of the siege. All are dovecrkeepers, and all are also keeping secrets—about who they are, where they come from, who fathered them, and whom they love.

* October 16, 2013 Book: Night by Elie Wiesel *

DID YOU KNOW...

The Needham Public Library now offers Needham residents home access to the investment database Morningstar Research Center. Not just for mutual funds anymore, Morningstar offers easy-to-use portfolio management tools, personalized portfolio analysis, select investment ideas, and independent in-depth analyst reports. It also offers educational videos and articles about investing.

The link to the database pages may be found on the library’s webpage: http://www.needhamma.gov/library. And while you are there—checkout our new and improved website!

This Month in the Friends’ Gallery

Two Generations of Castano Artists—
Giovanni Castano and
Maria Castano

Library Hours:

| Mon. - Thurs. | 9:00am - 9:00pm |
| Fridays      | 9:00am - 5:30pm |
| Saturdays    | 9:00am - 5:00pm |
| Sundays      | 1:00pm - 5:00pm  |
Dr. Gary Hylander—Masters of Industry: John D. Rockefeller

Tues., October 15th 7:30 PM

Hear about John D. Rockefeller, known as the “Prince of Oil,” who emerged as one of the giants of American industry and a ruthless competitor. Rockefeller’s Standard Oil Company once controlled over 90% of the nation’s petroleum production.

Gary Hylander, adjunct professor at Framingham State University and Stonehill College, will talk about the life of this American industrialist and philanthropist. The second in a series of four lectures on the Masters of American Industry.

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Author Chaim M. Rosenberg—Child Labor in America: A History

Tues., October 22nd 7:30 PM

At the close of the 19th century, more than 2 million American children under age 16—some as young as 4 or 5—were employed on farms, in mills, canneries, factories, mines and offices, or selling newspapers and fruits and vegetables on the streets. The battle for and against child labor was fought in the press as well as state and federal legislatures. Several federal efforts to ban child labor were struck down by the Supreme Court and an attempt to amend the Constitution to ban child labor failed to gain enough support. It took the Great Depression and New Deal legislation to pass the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (and receive the support of the Supreme Court). This history of American child labor details the extent to which children worked in various industries, the debate over health and social effects, and the long battle with agricultural and industrial interests to curtail the practice.

*This program is sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.*

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2008 World Champion John Higby—The YoYo Guy

Sat., October 26th 10:30 AM

Who would have thought you could make an entire show out of yo-yos? John Higby brings back that nostalgic toy, reminding you of old favorite tricks such as Walk the Dog and Rock the Baby, then amazing you with new and bizarre tricks, such as Boingy-Boingy and Iron Whip. Yo-yos attached to bouncy balls, yo-yos with 10-foot strings, and multiple yo-yos looping while hula hooping and unicycling are just some of John’s finely tuned feats. High skill and deft timing to swingin’ music coupled with high energy and sarcastic humor makes Yo-Yo Guy a favorite for every age. This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

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Artist’s Talk: Two Generations of Castano Artists—Giovanni Castano (1896-1978) and Maria Castano

Sun., October 27th 2:00 PM

Artist Maria Castano will speak about the late Needham painter Giovanni Castano and his work, as well as her own work, on display in the Friends’ Gallery during September and October 2013.

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