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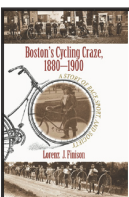
LIBRARY NOTES

September 2014

Author Lorenz Finison—Boston's Cycling Craze, 1880-1900

Tues., September 9th 7:30 PM

From 1877 to 1896, the popularity of bicycles increased exponentially, and Boston was in on it from the very start. The Boston Bicycle Club was the first in the nation, and the city's cyclists formed the nucleus of a new national organization, the League of American Wheelmen.



*Lorenz J. Finison explores the remarkable rise of Boston cycling through the lives of several participants, including Kittie Knox, a biracial twenty-year-old seamstress who challenged the color line; Mary Sargent Hopkins, a self-proclaimed expert on women's cycling and publisher of *The Wheelwoman*; and Abbot Bassett, a longtime secretary of the League of American Wheelmen and a vocal cycling advocate for forty years. Finison shows how these riders and others interacted on the road and in their cycling clubhouses, often constrained by issues of race, class, religion, and gender. He reveals the challenges facing these riders, whether cycling for recreation or racing, in a time of segregation, increased immigration, and debates about the rights of women. Books will be available for purchase and autographing. This event is sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.*

Dr. Gary Hylander: Becoming America, 1776-1800

Tues., September 16th 7:30 PM



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Washington would forever describe the colonial victory over Britain in 1783. The Constitutional Convention, the presidencies and politics of the Washington and Adams administrations will also be discussed as America struggled to assert itself as the world's first nation dedicated to the "life, liberty and pursuit of happiness" of its citizens. This is the first of a four lecture series and is sponsored by the **Library Foundation of Needham**.

Yoga for Teens and Tweens with Samantha Riley

Wed. September 17th 4:30 PM

If you are 9 to 12 years old, then this class is for you! Come and spend an hour learning the ancient practice of yoga.

Come learn postures that can relieve stress and anxiety and give you flexibility that can help with sports. In addition, yoga helps build strong muscles and bones, improves posture, and assists with coordination and balance. These are just a few of the benefits that everyone can experience. In all, yoga promotes unification of body and mind. Please wear comfortable clothing to class and bring a water bottle and mat. **Space is limited to the first 20 teen/tweens—Registration begins Wed., September 10th at the Adult Reference Desk. Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.**



Children's Movie: *Rio 2* (Rated G, 101 min.)

Friday, September 19th 3:30 PM



It's a jungle out there for Blu, Jewel and their three kids after they're hurled from Rio de Janeiro to the wilds of the Amazon. As Blu tries to fit in, he goes beak-to-beak with the vengeful Nigel, and meets the most fearsome adversary of all: his father-in-law. **This program is sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.**

This Month in the Friends' Gallery

Elizabeth Carter

Wind & Water – Monoprints and Monotypes

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 Storytimes for ages 5 and under



Wed., September 3, 10, 17, 24	10:00 AM
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Tues., September 9	10:30 AM
Fri., September 12	10:30 AM
Thurs., September 18	10:30 AM

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

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



Mon., September 8	11:00 AM
Mon., September 22	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.

Music with Sarah for ages 3-5**



Tues., September 16	10:30 AM
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Join Sarah Gardner and bring your little ones to play instruments, sing & dance along. Become part of our little library band! **Registration is required.

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., September 11	10:00 AM
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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.*



Fun Flicks

Thurs., September 11	11:00 AM
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Short films based on popular storybooks—shown in the Community Room.

Children's Craft Programs in September



Drop-In "Back to School" Crafts for ages 2-6

Mon., September 8	4:00 PM
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Drop-In "Crafts of the Month" Crafts for ages 2-6

Mon., September 15	4:00 PM
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Drop-In "Farm Animals" Crafts for ages 2-6

Mon., September 22	4:00 PM
Thurs., September 25	10:30 AM



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

Mon., September 29	4:00 PM
Tues., September 30	10:30 AM

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

Pirates and Princesses Fun for Ages 2-6

Tues., September 16	4:00 PM
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Join us for this fun-filled event full of stories and activities related to our theme!



Library Hours:

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

September Book Discussions

NPL Book Group

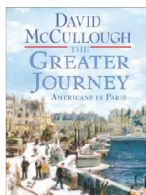
Tuesday, September 9th

1:00 PM

The Greater Journey: Americans in Paris

by David G. McCullough

*In The Greater Journey, David McCullough tells the enthralling, inspiring—and until now, untold—story of the adventurous American artists, writers, doctors, politicians, and others who set off for Paris in the years between 1830 and 1900, hungry to learn and to excel in their work. What they achieved would profoundly alter American history. Elizabeth Blackwell, the first female doctor in America, was one of this intrepid band. Another was Charles Sumner, whose encounters with black students at the Sorbonne inspired him to become the most powerful voice for abolition in the US Senate. Friends James Fenimore Cooper and Samuel F. B. Morse worked unrelentingly every day in Paris, Morse not only painting what would be his masterpiece, but also bringing home his momentous idea for the telegraph. Telling their stories with power and intimacy, McCullough brings us into the lives of remarkable men and women who, in Saint-Gaudens' phrase, longed "to soar into the blue." *October 14, 2014 Book: Behind the Beautiful Forevers by Katherine Boo.**



NPL Evening Book Group

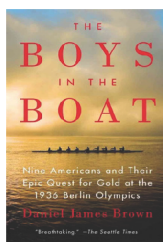
Wednesday, September 17th

7:00 PM

The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics

by Daniel James Brown

*It was an unlikely quest from the start. With a team composed of the sons of loggers, shipyard workers, and farmers, the University of Washington's eight-oar crew team was never expected to defeat the elite teams of the East Coast and Great Britain, yet they did, going on to shock the world by defeating the German team rowing for Adolf Hitler. The emotional heart of the tale lies with Joe Rantz, a teenager without family or prospects, who rows not only to regain his shattered self-regard but also to find a real place for himself in the world. Drawing on the boys' own journals and vivid memories of a once-in-a-lifetime shared dream, Brown has created an unforgettable portrait of an era, a celebration of a remarkable achievement, and a chronicle of one extraordinary young man's personal quest. *October 15, 2014—Pigeon in a Crosswalk by James Gray**



DID YOU KNOW...

Did you know that, in addition to the online databases available through the State of Massachusetts and the Minuteman Library Network, the Needham Free Public Library provides Needham residents free home access to several other online databases?



Consumer Reports is the most popular database that is used by Needham residents. The database provides both indexes and full-text articles about products. It mirrors the actual magazine and gives readers the product ratings and comments that they have found reliable for decades.

The library's most recent electronic acquisition is an exciting digital magazine database named *Zinio*. The library's subscription consists of more than sixty popular titles on a variety of subjects (e.g. news, economics, parenting, crafts, fitness, sports, entertainment). An entire magazine may be downloaded to any internet-enabled device. Once downloaded, the borrower may keep it forever—no due date, no overdue fines, no lost items. Popular titles in the database include *National Geographic*, *Rolling Stone*, *Newsweek*, and *The Economist*. The database vendor believes that *Zinio* may "revolutionize [how people] read magazines."



Travelers wishing to brush up on languages should consult the recently acquired database, *Pronunciator*. Learn how to ask for directions or book a hotel room in more than eighty languages. This resource may be accessed from mobile devices, as well as home computers, and includes audio lessons for assistance with pronunciation and accent. Additionally, ESL (English as a Second Language) students may use this database to learn English from more than fifty languages.

To access these and other library databases, go to the library page of the Town of Needham website at needhamma.gov/library. Click on Access to Databases and Online Resources and then click on the blue "Click here." Enter your library card number (no spaces), click the "login" button, and then scroll down to a database. Questions? Need help? Contact the Reference Desk at 781-455-7559 x2.

FRIENDS' FALL BOOKSALE



Saturday, September 27th

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Sunday, September 28th

1:00 - 4:00 PM

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



Upcoming Events...

Bob Begin—Lawrence of Arabia

Tues., October 14th 7:30 PM



Thomas Edward Lawrence, CB, known professionally as T. E. Lawrence, was a British Army officer renowned especially for his liaison role during the Sinai and Palestine Campaign and the Arab Revolt against Ottoman Turkish rule of 1916–18. The breadth and variety of his activities and associations, and his ability to describe them vividly in writing, earned him international fame as Lawrence of Arabia. Bob Begin, who has delivered several lectures in the past (USS Quincy; John Paul Jones; Pirates!) will talk about this amazing man, with an emphasis on the war years, making this a great companion talk to last spring's Hylander lectures on WWI. Sponsored by the **Library Foundation of Needham**.

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Children's Movie: Mr. Peabody and Sherman (Rated PG, 92 min.)

Fri., October 24th 3:30 PM



Sherman and his genius pet dog Mr. Peabody, or more accurately, Mr. Peabody and his mischievous adopted boy Sherman, embark on a new journey into the past with their homemade time traveling machine. At first, they enjoy witnessing significant past events and interacting with historical characters. However, when Sherman makes a galactic error and manages to rip a hole in the universe, their fun is over. The hole mismatches the trademarks of different time periods and sends important people traveling through time, changing the entire course of history. Now, it is up to the multi-talented Mr. Peabody to fix the hole before time runs out and history as we know it is altered forever.

Jungle Jim: Harry Potter Hogwarts Academy

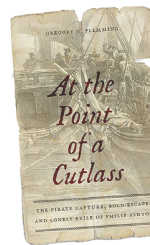
Sat., October 25th 10:30 AM



The **Harry Potter Hogwarts Academy Training** is a fully-interactive party that prepares participants to become wizards themselves! Professor Jungle-Flick delights and entertains with his special brand of comedy-ballooning. Children learn how to perform their own magic, play some Balloon Quidditch and even learn Defense Against the Dark Arts! The professor uses over a dozen volunteers in this performance, and the whole show is a lot of fun. Get your camera ready, because you'll be catching some great shots of your friends laughing, smiling and having the best time of their lives! This show is approximately 45 minutes long. Sponsored by the **Library Foundation of Needham**.

Author Greg Flemming—*At the Point of a Cutlass*

Sun., October 26th 2:00 PM



At the Point of a Cutlass traces the three-year odyssey of history's most remarkable pirate captive, a nineteen-year old fisherman named Philip Ashton. Taken in a surprise attack near Nova Scotia in June 1722, Ashton was forced to sail across the Atlantic and back with a crew under the command of Edward Low, a man so vicious he tortured victims by slicing off an ear or nose and roasting them over a fire. Based on Ashton's own first-hand account, as well as trial records, logbooks, and a wealth of other archival evidence, *At the Point of a Cutlass* pieces together the unforgettable story of a man thrust into the violent world of a pirate ship and his daring survival and escape.

Greg Flemming is a former journalist with a Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. A New England native and resident, he is a graduate of the University of New Hampshire. *At the Point of a Cutlass* is Greg's first book. The book will be available for purchase and autographing at the conclusion of this event, courtesy of Wellesley Books. This event is sponsored by the **Friends of the Needham Public Library**.

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