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LIBRARY NOTES

September 2015

Dr. Gary Hylander—America in the Gilded Age

Tues., September 15th 7:30 PM



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Author Stephen Kurkjian—Master Thieves: The Boston Gangsters Who Pulled Off the World’s Greatest Art Heist

Sun., September 20th 2:00 PM

In 1990, two thieves made their way into Boston’s Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum and fled with 13 artworks, worth \$500 million. Despite the FBI’s ongoing investigation, the thieves were never caught, and the art remains missing. Pulitzer Prize-winning Boston Globe investigative reporter Kurkjian worked on the story when it first broke, and in his fast-paced debut book, he recounts the heist, the official investigation and his own probing into the case. The book will be available for purchase and autographing following the event, courtesy of Wellesley Books. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.



Mary’s Puppets with Personality!

Tues., September 22nd 2:00 PM

MISS MARY’S PUPPETS with Personality! is an interactive puppet show whose goal is to entertain, educate, inspire and enrich the lives of others through the power and fun of puppets. Each of her shows is filled with laughter, “enter-taining” teaching tools and impromptu puppet banter. This show is for preschoolers, accompanied by an adult and is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.



Childrens’ Movie: Home (Rated PG, 94 minutes)

Fri., September 25th 3:30 PM



A race of aliens has come to Earth with the intentions of laying low. They are on the run from another alien group, this one bent on their destruction, so all they want to do is avoid detection and go about their business. However, their plans go awry when one of their number accidentally gives away their position. Now that alien is on the run from his own people as well as the hostile aliens, taking refuge with a teenage girl who seems to understand him very well despite their differences. As the two of them embark on a globe-trotting adventure together, both of them will discover a great deal about what it really means to be human in such a strange and confusing world. This event is sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.

FRIENDS’ FALL BOOKSALE

Saturday, October 3rd
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Sunday, October 4th
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.


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


Children's Story Times in September

 **Terrific Toddlers for ages 1-2 years**
Tues., September 1, 15, 22, 29 10:00 AM
Stories mixed with songs, rhymes, fingerplays, rhythm and sensory activities.

 **Babies & Books for Pre-walkers Birth to 11 months**
Tues., September 1, 15, 22, 29 11:00 AM
Babies and their adult caregivers enjoy songs, lap games, baby sign language, rhythm and sensory activities, with a story or two (20 min.).

 **Drop-In Child's Play for ages 0-2 years**
Wed., September 9, 16, 23, 30 10:00 AM
Songs, rhymes, lap games, books and more in this interactive program.

 **Pre-School Palooza for ages 3-4 years**
Mon., September 14, 28 11:00 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.

 **Elementary, My Dear Readers**
Fri., September 25 4:00 PM
An interactive themed storytime with picture books, songs, creative games and a craft (1 hr.). Children ages 5-7 may attend independently. Please be aware that the Caregiver must remain in building.

Fun Flicks for 2-5 year olds



Thurs., September 10 10:30 AM
Short films based on popular storybooks—shown in the Community Room.

LEGO Time! Needham Free Public Library's BLOCK PARTY!

Due to space limitations, the program is limited to 24 children.

Tues., September 8 4:00 - 5:00 PM
***for ages 6+**

Sat., September 19 10:00 - 11:00 AM
***for age 5, accompanied by an adult**

Sign-up for program begins one week before the event. You can sign up by phone or in person.



Children's Programs in September

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



Wed., September 2 10:30 AM
Mon., September 21 10:30 AM

Join Cici Hunt in this fun-filled music and movement class for children and their caretakers. ****Registration is required, beginning one week prior to the start of the program. One session per month only please.**

Music with Sarah for ages 3-5



Tues., September 8 10:30 AM
Fri., September 25 10:30 AM

Join Sarah Gardner and bring your little ones to play instruments, sing & dance along. Become part of our little library band! This event will occur in the Community Room.

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

Children's Craft Programs in September

Crafts for ages 2+



Thurs., September 24 10:30 - 11:30 AM

Crafts for Ages 6+

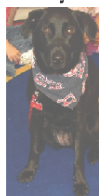


Thurs., September 24 4:00 - 5:00 PM

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.



Lucy the R.E.A.D. Dog for ages 5 and up**



Fri., September 18 10:30 AM

Storytime with Lucy the R.E.A.D. DOG.

****Registration required, starting one week before event. 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.

September Book Discussions

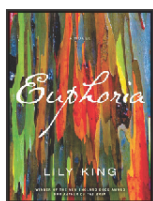
NPL Book Group

Tuesday, September 8th

1:00 PM

Euphoria by Lily King

English anthropologist Andrew Bankson has been alone in the field for several years, studying the Kiona river tribe in 1930s New Guinea. Haunted by the memory of his brothers' deaths and increasingly frustrated and isolated by his research, Bankson is on the verge of suicide. Then he encounters the famous and controversial American anthropologist Nell Stone and her wry and mercurial Australian husband, Fen, who have just fled the bloodthirsty Mumbanyo. In spite of Nell's poor health, Nell and Fen are hungry for a new discovery. When Bankson finds them a new tribe nearby, the artistic, female-dominated Tam, he ignites an intellectual and romantic firestorm between the three of them that burns out of anyone's control.



*October 13, 2015 Book—*The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History* by Elizabeth Kolbert*

NPL Evening Book Group

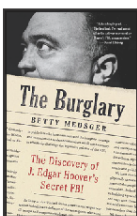
Wednesday, September 16th

7:00 PM

The Burglary

by Betty Medsger

In late 1970, a mild-mannered Haverford College physics professor privately asked a few people this question: "What do you think of burglarizing an FBI office?" In remarkable detail and with astonishing depth of research, Betty Medsger reveals the never-before-told full story of the history-changing break-in at the Media, Pennsylvania, FBI offices. Through their exploits, a group of unlikely activists exposed the shocking truth that J. Edgar Hoover was operating a shadow Bureau engaged in illegal surveillance and harassment of the American people.



The Burglary brings the activists, who have kept their secret for forty-three years, into the public eye for the first time—including, new to this edition, the recent discovery of the eighth and final member of the team. The burglars' story of personal sacrifice and civil disobedience is a vital episode in the American whistle-blower tradition that includes the Pentagon Papers, Watergate's Deep Throat, and, most recently, Edward Snowden and the NSA. *October 21, 2015—*Cascade* by Maryanne O'Hara*

For The Love of Food:

A Cookbook Club for Foodies

Mon., September 21st 7:00 PM

Enjoy a new quarterly, Monday night cook book club with books and food as a central focus. Topics include sauces, favorite recipes, cooking techniques, celebrity chefs and more.

Next Meeting: November 2, 2015



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This Month in the Friends' Gallery

Annette Singer

This Month in the Display Case

Fulper Pottery



Library Hours:

Mon. - Thurs.

9:00 am - 9:00 pm

Fridays

9:00 am - 5:30 pm

Saturdays

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

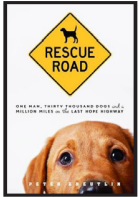
Sundays

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Upcoming Events...

Author Peter Zheutlin—*Rescue Road: One Man, Thirty Thousand Dogs, and a Million Miles on the Last Hope Highway* with Special Guest Greg Mahle

Thurs., October 8th 7:30 PM



The extraordinary story of one man who has driven more than 1 million miles to rescue thousands of dogs from hunger, abuse and neglect and given them a second chance at life and love. For years, Greg Mahle struggled to keep the last of his family-run restaurants afloat in Ohio. When it finally closed, he was broke and unsure what to do next. Then a stranded van-load of puppies changed his life forever. Join journalist Peter Zheutlin as he travels with Greg from Ohio to the Gulf Coast on his Rescue Road Trips to bring hard-luck dogs from the deep South to loving "forever families" up north, with the help of many selfless volunteers along the way. The book will be available for purchase and autographing following the presentation. This program is sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.

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NATURE TALKS: Pumpkin Decorating Contest

Sun., October 18th 1:30 PM

Pumpkins will be supplied (courtesy of Volante Farm) to the first 125 Participants, with prizes awarded for each age group. Children 3 and up are encouraged to bring their own decorative articles from home, to supplement materials provided by the library, in order to create their pumpkin masterpieces. This event is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham and the Friends of the Needham Public Library.



Children's Movie: Paper Planes (Rated G, 96 minutes)

Fri., October 23rd 3:30 PM

Dylan Webber, is an imaginative twelve year old boy with a knack for folding and flying paper planes. After discovering his talent could take him to the top at the World Junior Paper Plane Championship, Dylan prepares to take on powerful rivals. With a great challenge soaring ahead, and a goal to fly into the number one spot, there's no telling how far he can go! This program is sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.



Barry Pell—IRAN: Persian Glory and Islamic Revolution—a Slide Show

Sun., October 25th 2:00 PM



With a history dating 2,500 years, the Persian Empire was the largest of ancient times, extending from Central Asia to north Africa. The legacy of this power and wealth is manifest in the stunning tiled architecture of mosques and secular mansions, the distinctively spiced cuisine, the arts and crafts including arguably the world's most beautiful rugs, and the diverse people who comprised the Empire as invaders or subjects. Iran's recent history is marked by religious rule following the 1979 Islamic revolution. Barry Pell traveled nearly 4,000 miles through the country's magnificent landscape, visiting historic cities and monuments, and meeting with Iranian people who openly shared opinions about their lives and relations with America. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.

Animal Adventures Presents Nocturnal Animals

Sat., October 31st 10:30 AM



Explore the Nocturnal World of Exotic Animals! Meet the animals up-close and learn about their world after dark, when they become most active! ALL AGES WELCOME! This event is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

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