



# LIBRARY NOTES

NEWSLETTER OF THE NEEDHAM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

SEPTEMBER 2016

## Joy of Coloring For Adults



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your fellow coloring enthusiasts! Sponsored by the *Library Foundation of Needham*.

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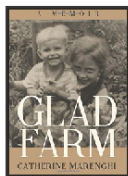


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their love affair with the automobile. Women "bobbed" their hair, danced the Charleston and voted for the first time. "Keep Cool With Coolidge" was the slogan of the times. Join us for this fascinating lecture series as we take a detailed look at this exciting period in time. This is the first of four lectures, and is sponsored by the *Library Foundation of Needham*.

## Author Catherine Marengi—*Glad Farm: A Memoir*

Thur., September 22nd 7:30 PM



*Raised in a primitive one-room farmhouse with no indoor plumbing, the fourth of five children, Catherine Marengi begins her life in poverty and isolation. She leaves home at the age of seventeen. A decade later, she is a successful journalist with the means to buy her family their first decent house. But the past will not be put to rest so easily. Catherine unravels a web of long-buried family secrets, and a terrible betrayal that robbed her family of the home that was rightfully theirs. And she finally uncovers the story her parents never shared: the gladiolus farm that was once their dream. At once lyrical and raw, unflinching in its detail, Glad Farm is an iconic American story of renewal and reinvention, and the mythic power of a house to define our destiny. The book will be available for purchase and signing. This event is sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.*

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Children's Movie: The Angry Bird Movie (Rated PG, 90 min.)

Fri., September 23rd

3:30 PM

*In this hilarious animated adventure comedy, you'll finally find out why the birds are so angry. In an island paradise populated entirely by happy, flightless birds—or almost entirely, Red, a bird with a temper problem, speedy Chuck, and the volatile Bomb have always been outsiders. But when the island is visited by mysterious green piggies, it's up to these unlikely outcasts to figure out what the pigs are up to. This movie is sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.*



## Author Kelly Kerney—*Hard Red Spring*

Sun., September 25th

3:00 PM



*An ambitious and unforgettable epic novel that spans a hundred years of Guatemala's tumultuous history as experienced by four American women who are linked by the mysterious disappearance of a little girl. Kelly Kerney's novel tells a powerful story that draws on the history of Guatemala and the legacy of American intervention to vividly evoke "The Land of Eternal Spring" in all its promise and all its devastating failures. This is a place where a volcano erupts and the government sends a band to drown out the sound of destruction; where a government decree reverses the direction of one-way streets; a president decides that Pat Robertson and Jesus will save the country; and where a UN commission is needed to determine the truth. A heartrending and masterfully written look at a country in perpetual turmoil, Hard Red Spring brilliantly reveals how the brutal realities of history play out in the lives of individuals and reveals Guatemala in a manner reminiscent of the groundbreaking memoir I, Rigoberta Menchu. The book will be available for sale and autographing courtesy of Wellesley Books. This event is sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.*

## 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


**\* EXTENDED HOURS ON SUNDAY \***


For further information about upcoming events, go to [www.needhamma.gov/library](http://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 6, 20, 27** 10:00 AM  
 Stories mixed with songs, rhymes, fingerplays, rhythm and sensory activities.

 **Babies & Books Up to One Year**  
**Tues., September 6, 27** 11:00 AM  
**Tues., September 20** 10:30 AM  
 Babies and their adult caregivers enjoy songs, lap games, baby sign language, rhythm and sensory activities, with a story or two.

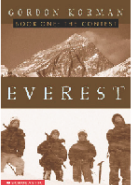
 **Drop-In Child's Play for ages 0-2 years**  
**Wed., September 7, 14, 21, 28** 10:00 AM  
 Songs, rhymes, lap games, books and more in this interactive program.

 **Pre-School Palooza for ages 3-4 years**  
**Mon., September 12, 26** 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.

## FAMILY ACTIVITY MORNING

**Sat., September 17** 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.

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

**Sat., September 10th** 3:15 - 4:30 PM  
 **Everest: The Contest**  
 by Gordon Korman  
 \*\*Registration is required, one month in advance, 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! • Enjoy book themed snacks!

 **Fall Crafts for ages 2+ years**  
**Thurs., September 22** 10:30 - 11:30 AM

## Children's Programs in September

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



**Wed., September 7** 11:00 AM  
**Mon., September 19** 11:00 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.**

**Sing-Along with Ed Morgan**



**Thurs., September 15** 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., Sept. 13 (ages 2-5)** 10:00 AM  
**Tues., Sept. 13 (ages 2 and under)** 11:00 AM  
**Fri., Sept. 23 (ages 2-5)** 10:00 AM  
**Fri., Sept 23 (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.

**Baby Signs Class with Sheryl White of Baby Kneads\*\***

**Fri., September 9** 10:30 AM



Learn how to reduce frustration and help give your baby the ability to communicate before he/she can speak at a Baby Signs class in the Library Community Room.

Caregivers and their little ones will learn and practice several signs together. Adults will learn how to teach American Sign Language to the child. Participants will learn everything they need to know to get started signing right away. **\*\*Registration is required. The Baby Signs class will be limited to 20 participants with children who are 2 months old through pre-verbal. \*\*Registration begins one week before event. \*\*** Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

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



**Tues., September 13** 4:00 - 5:00 PM



## Early Childhood Science Enrichment for children ages 3-5\*\*

Fri., September 30 11:00 AM

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Steve Lechner of *The SCIENCE WORKS!* introduces children to the wonders of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) using hands-on activities, puppets, a bit of magic and lots of fun. \*\*Registration is required.\*\* Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

## 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.

## Tween & Teen Crafternoon - Back to School Papercrafts

Mon., September 12th 4:00 PM



Textbooks, ugh! Come make them more interesting with some neat 3-D paper book covers (origami paper available too!). As always, materials, snacks, and enjoyment provided!

## September Book Discussions

### NPL Book Group

Tuesday, September 13th

*All the Light We Cannot See*

by Anthony Doerr

In this elegant bestseller set during World War II, author Anthony Doerr uses radio's ability to cross enemy lines as a device to weave together the fate of a young, blind French girl and an orphaned German boy. There is a fairytale quality to the book—the girl and her father must flee to a rickety old house by the sea, the boy must march with monsters and yet retain his humanity—that works perfectly with Doerr's evocative prose. \*October 11, 2016—*The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah\*

1:00 PM



### NPL Spanish Language Book Club

Thursday, September 15th

*Malena is a Name of a Tango*

(*Malena es un Nombre de Tango*)

by Almudena Grandes

*Malena is twelve when her grandfather gives her the last family treasure: an old uncut emerald. From that moment on, this girl who prays in silence*

7:00 PM



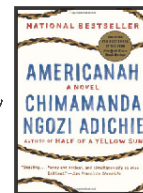
to become a boy, because she will never resemble her perfect twin sister Reina, begins to suspect that she is not the first family member unable to find a place in the world. She secretly tries to disentangle the labyrinth of secrets under her family's skin and learns to look for her reflection, as in a mirror, in the memory of those who thought themselves cursed before her. She finds as she reaches maturity forerunners of her own fears and loves in the line of imperfect women who preceded her. Malena finally discovers that there is no curse other than life, and no guilt other than daring to live it. \*October 20, 2016—*El desorden que dejas* (The Mess You Leave) by Carlos Montero\*

### NPL Evening Book Group

Wednesday, September 21st

*Americanah*

7:00 PM



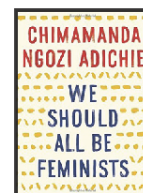
by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

*Ifemelu and Obinze are young and in love when they depart military-ruled Nigeria for the West. Beautiful, self-assured Ifemelu heads for America, where despite her academic success, she is forced to grapple with what it means to be black for the first time. Quiet, thoughtful Obinze had hoped to join her, but with post-9/11 America closed to him, he instead plunges into a dangerous, undocumented life in London. Fifteen years later, they reunite in a newly democratic Nigeria, and reignite their passion—for each other and for their homeland.*

### *We Should All Be Feminists*

by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

In this personal, eloquently-argued essay—adapted from her much-admired TEDx talk of the same name—Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, award-winning author of *Americanah*, offers readers a unique definition of feminism for the twenty-first century, one rooted in inclusion and awareness. Drawing extensively on her own experiences and her deep understanding of the often masked realities of sexual politics, here is one remarkable author's exploration of what it means to be a woman now—and an of-the-moment rallying cry for why we should all be feminists. \*October 19, 2016—*Thirteen Ways of Looking* by Colum McCann\*



### For The Love of Food: A Cookbook Club for Foodies

Mon., September 19th

7:00 PM

Enjoy a nighttime cook book club with books and food as it's central focus. This Month's Topic: **Salads Other than Green**. Please bring a salad that does not contain lettuce or other greens as its base, and copies of your recipe to share.

\*Next Meeting: November 7, 2016\*



This Month in the Friends' Gallery

**Bud Burnham**  
Places, People and Pets



## Upcoming Events...

### FRIENDS' FALL BOOKSALE



Saturday, October 1st  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Sunday, October 2nd  
1:00 - 5:00 PM

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

### iPads for the Absolute Beginner\*\*



Do you have an iPad that you have no clue how to use? Do you want to learn how to download and use apps? Learn that and much more at the library's 4-lesson iPad class that will help you become comfortable using your iPad everyday.

\*\*Registration is required and limited to 10 participants.

Please sign up at Adult Reference.\*\*

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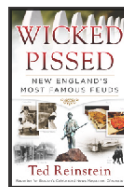
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### Author Ted Reinstein—*Wicked Pissed, New England's Most Famous Feuds*

Sun., October 23rd

2:00 PM



From sports to politics, food to finance, aviation to engineering, to bitter disputes over simple boundaries themselves, New England's feuds have peppered the region's life for centuries. They've been raw and rowdy, sometimes high minded and humorous, and in a place renowned for its deep sense of history, often long-running and legendary. There are even some that will undoubtedly outlast the region's ancient low stone walls. Ted Reinstein is best known in New England as a journalist and reporter for Chronicle, Boston's celebrated (and America's longest-running, locally-produced) TV news-magazine. His book will be available for purchase and autographing following the event. Sponsored by the *Friends of the Needham Public Library*.

### Author Lee Hope—*Horsefever*

Thurs., October 27th

7:30 PM

Nikole Swensen has the drive and raw talent to compete in the rigorous sport of horse eventing—and win. But fear holds her back from realizing her full potential. So her husband, a wealthy Vermont landowner, hires Gabe, a gifted former eventer, half paralyzed from a jumping accident. Before long, a powerful spiritual and physical attraction develops between Nikki and Gabe amid the sensual world of horses and riding. As Nikki moves to higher levels of competition, their respective spouses, Cliff and Carla, grow jealous. The two couples become lost in a tangle of ambition and passion, lust and suspicion. Inspired by an actual murder case, *Horsefever* will penetrate the hearts of suspense lovers, horse lovers, athletes, and all those drawn to the connections between animals and humans. The book will be available for purchase and autographing following this event. Sponsored by the *Needham Free Public Library*.



### Storyteller Rona Leventhal—Goblins and Giggles: Halloween Stories to Tickle Your Funny Bone! for ages 5-8

Sat., October 29th

2:30 PM



Ever heard of a ghoul that just wants to show you how silly she can be? Why is the boy afraid of the red, red lips? Or the green pants? Do you know the magical spell to get rid of a monster that comes to town? Come on board and hear a tale or two that will put shivers up your spine and send you home with a smile! Sponsored by the *Library Foundation of Needham*.