JFK @ 100 with Dr. Gary Hylander
Tues., September 19th 7:30 PM
This year marks the centennial anniversary of the birth of John F. Kennedy. Dr. Hylander will be discussing the life, politics and legacy of JFK, covering such topics as Civil Rights, Khrushchev and Cuba, the Vietnam War, and much more. This is the first of four lectures in this series, and is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

Children’s Movie: Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie (Rated PG, 89 min)
Fri., September 15th 3:30 PM
George Beard and Harold Hutchins are best friends who spend their days creating comic books and dreaming up pranks. One day they accidentally hypnotize their school principal into believing that he is Captain Underpants, a dim-witted superhero whose costume consists of underwear and a cape. As if this isn’t bad enough, their newest teacher is a disgraced evil scientist bent on exacting his revenge at their school. George, Harold, and Captain Underpants must band together to thwart his evil agenda. Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.

An Afternoon with Elaine Herrmann Blais
Sun., October 1st 2:00 PM
Goodwin Lawyer Elaine Herrmann Blais, will present the wrap up lecture for the One Book One Community Program. She is a Boston Bar Association Thurgood Marshall Award recipient for her work with KIND (Kids in Need of Defense), representing unaccompanied immigrant and refugee children in their deportation proceedings. The One Book One Community Program is part of a diversity initiative titled the “Needham Free Public Forum” whose motto is “Exploring diversity to inspire unity” and is sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library and other community organizations.

Book Discussions for In the Country We Love:
My Family Divided by Diane Guerrero
Thursday, September 14th 7:30 PM
Facilitators — Lois Bacon, Library Trustee and Simone Scott-Walker, Friends of the Needham Public Library.
Sunday, September 24th 2:00 PM
Facilitator — Stan Hitron, Treasurer, Library Foundation of Needham.
Tuesday, September 26th 7:30 PM
Facilitator — Peg Riley, Needham Community Council, ESL Program.
Wednesday, September 27th 7:30 PM
Please feel free to attend any of these book discussions.

An Evening with Jasmine Grace
Thurs., September 28th 7:30 PM
The Friends of the Needham Public Library and Needham PATH (Persons Against Trafficking Humans) are cohosting a talk by Jasmine Grace, whose autobiography “The Diary of Jasmine Grace” was published last January in honor of Human Trafficking Awareness Month. In her story this modern-day abolitionist reflects on the values and experiences that influenced her. From dating a man who would eventually sell her body, to finding redemption in the back seat of a car, Jasmine reveals the strengths, vulnerabilities and processes that changed her. She opens a door into her life as a prostitute, sharing her diary and the struggles that eventually landed her a seat in a 12-step program, a job in the anti-trafficking movement and a place in a community church. Human trafficking occurs in our town, and our community needs to understand and help its victims and prevent its spread. The book will be available for purchase and autographing at the conclusion of this event. This event is cosponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library and PATH. PATH was established in 2016 with the mission to prevent human trafficking in Needham and Norfolk County. Its goal is to raise awareness through education, advocacy and collaboration.

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

**Children’s Story Times in September**

- Terrific Toddlers for ages 1-2 years
  - Tues., Sept. 5, 19, 26  10:00 AM
  - Stories mixed with songs, rhymes, fingerplays, rhythm and sensory activities.

- Babies & Books Up to One Year
  - Tues., Sept. 5, 19, 26  11:00 AM
  - Babies and their adult caregivers explore the rhythms and patterns of speech with songs, lap games and a story or two.

- Drop-In Child’s Play for ages 0-2 years
  - Wed., Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27  10:00 AM
  - Songs, rhymes, lap games, books and more in this interactive program.

- Pre-School Palooza for ages 3-6 years
  - Mon., Sept 11, 18  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.

**Children’s Programs in September**

- Ready, Set...Move with Cici Hunt: for ages 3-5**
  - Wed., Sept. 6  11:00 AM
  - Mon., Sept. 25  11:00 AM
  - Join Cici Hunt in this fun-filled music and movement class for children and their caretakers. **Registration is required, beginning two weeks prior to the start of the program.**

- Sing-Along with Ed Morgan
  - Fri., Sept. 8  3:00 PM
  - Thurs., Sept. 21  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. 12 (ages 2-5)  10:00 AM
  - Tues., Sept. 12 (ages 2 and under)  11:00 AM
  - Fri., Sept. 22 (ages 2-5)  10:00 AM
  - Fri., Sept. 22 (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.

**Storytimes from Around the World**

- Chinese Storytime for ages 5 and under
  - Sat., Sept. 9  9:30 AM
  - This is a Drop-in program for ages 5 and under and is led by a group of Chinese-speaking mothers. The program consists of 45 minutes of reading, followed by a simple craft.

- Yoga for Children ages 5-9
  - Sat., Sept. 23  10:30 AM

**LEGO Time! Needham Free Public Library’s BLOCK PARTY! for ages 5+**

- Wed., Sept. 13  4:00-5:00 PM

**FAMILY ACTIVITY MORNING**

- Sat., Sept. 16  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.

**Fall Crafts for ages 2+ years**

- Thurs., Sept. 14  10:30-11:30 AM
  - Drop-in for age appropriate Make-N-Take Crafts!

**Fall Crafts for ages 6+ years**

- Wed., Sept. 27  3:30-4:30 PM
  - Drop-in for age appropriate Make-N-Take Crafts!

**Girls Who Code Club for Grades 5 and Up**

- Thursdays from 6-8 PM—September through April
  - Calling all girls grades 5 and Up! Bring your own computer and the library will provide the rest. Join the club and the fun. Learn to code, and collaborate on joint projects. Registration is required. Space is limited and attendees are expected to attend all sessions.

For further information about upcoming events, go to www.needhamma.gov/library.
**Mad Science: Electricity Workshop—Force, Motion Energy for ages 6 and up. Registration Required**

**Tues., September 19th 4:00 PM**

This workshop introduces students to the fundamental concepts of electricity: circuits, conductors, insulators and how electricity is converted for everyday uses. Students get to create different circuits, interact with plasma balls, discover sticky static electricity and make their own static energy chambers to take home. **This program is funded through a LSTA Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the MA Board of Library Commissioners.**

**E-Sewing Workshop for ages 10+. Registration Required**

**Mon., September 25th 3:30 PM**

With sewable electronics, you can create e-textiles (electronic textiles, which are often wearable, flexible projects that look like craft and art projects using conductive thread and fabric). Many e-textile projects replace wiring with flexible conductive materials such as conductive thread and fabric. Come sew a circuit! **This program is funded through a LSTA Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the MA Board of Library Commissioners.**

**Maker Space Workshop: Launch a Rocket for ages 6 and up**

**Tues., September 26th 4:00 PM**

Giselle Rivere-Flores of the Learning Hub will will teach participants how to build a bubble powered rocket. This Maker Space Workshop is funded by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.

**Bridge Building Workshop with Civil Engineer Reed Brockman for ages 6 and up. Registration Required**—Limit 26

**Mon., September 18th 4:00 PM**

Reed Brockman and his team of Civil Engineers will show children ages 6 and up how to design different types of bridges using hands-on activities. Children will be able to construct a large arch bridge and find out what keeps it up. They will also use bungees, boxes and PCP pipe to create a large model of a suspension bridge like the Zakim Bridge in Boston. Reed Brockman is a Bridge Inspector and has led students on tours of Boston’s bridges. He is also a member of The Boston Private Industry Council’s STEM Education Network.

**Creation Station Hours**

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**Hobbit Day at the Library**

**Wednesday, September 20th**

4:30 - 8:00 PM

People ages 11 to 15 are cordially invited to come to the Community Room during the afternoon of Wednesday, September 20, from 4:30 - 8:00 PM where the Library will be celebrating Hobbit Day a few days early with an interactive movie viewing of *The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey*. There will be an interactive experience with Goochie Bags, a Hobbit Costume Contest, Trivia, Prizes and all sorts of food and fun with intermission in the middle. Please note that due to the number of materials being provided, Registration is Required for this event. You can register by calling 781-455-7559, option 2. Please contact either Erin (Adult Reference) or Erica (Children’s Dept) with questions and for more information about this exciting event.

**Movie: The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey**
(Rated PG-13, 2 hours 49 min.)

*Wed., September 20th 4:30 PM*

*The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey* follows title character Bilbo Baggins, who is swept into an epic quest to reclaim the lost Dwarf Kingdom of Erebor, which was long ago conquered by the dragon Smaug. Approached out of the blue by the wizard Gandalf the Grey, Bilbo finds himself joining a company of thirteen dwarves led by the legendary warrior Thorin Oakenshield. Although their goal lies to the East and the wastelands of the Lonely Mountain, first they must escape the goblin tunnels, where Bilbo meets the creature that will change his life forever...Gollum. Here, alone with Gollum, on the shores of an underground lake, the unassuming Bilbo Baggins not only discovers depths of guile and cunning that surprise even him, but he also gains possession of Gollum’s “precious,” a simple, gold ring that is tied to the fate of all Middle-earth in ways Bilbo cannot begin to know. Part of Hobbit Day and sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.

**Tween/Teen Crafternoon—Paint Chip Calendars**

*Thurs., Sept. 7th 4:00-5:00 PM*

Come to the Community Room and make Paint Chip Calendars from paint chips and picture frames! The glass acts as a dry erase surface so you can use your calendar over and over again—if you get tired of the colors, just lift up the glass and swap out the paint chips! All materials, drinks and snacks provided. Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.

**Joy of Coloring For ‘Tweens and up**

*Thurs., Sept. 14th 3:00-5:00 PM*

The Library will supply all you need (pencils, markers, coloring sheets, as well as a few snacks). Come for the coloring and conversation with your fellow coloring enthusiasts! Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

**Movie: Beauty and the Beast (2017)** (Rated PG, 129 min.)

*Thurs., September 21st 2:30 PM*

*Beauty and the Beast* is the fantastic journey of Belle, a bright, beautiful and independent young woman who is taken prisoner by a Beast in his castle. Despite her fears, she befriends the castle’s enchanted staff and learns to look beyond the Beast’s hideous exterior and realize the kind heart of the true Prince within. Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.

**Game Day for ‘Tweens and up**

*Thurs., September 28th 3:00 PM*

Come for an hour of Gaming Fun! From Card and Board Games, to electronic Games on the XBox One! You are welcome to bring your own games if you wish. Come for the comradery with your fellow gamers. Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.
This Month in the Friends’ Gallery

Mark Chester

The Bay State: A Multicultural Landscape
Photographs of New Americans

This exhibit of inspirational portraits, presented by nationally known professional photographer Mark Chester, offers a moving display of more than 30 newly naturalized U.S. citizens who hail from over 190 of the 196 countries and territories around the globe and are now residents of the Commonwealth.

Amanda Wastrom, Former Curator, Falmouth Historical Society and Museums on the Green, Falmouth, Massachusetts says, “Within every individual is an untold story—a personal history. Too often, we wait for subsequent generations to tell our stories—perhaps mistakenly thinking that our own histories are not worth sharing. In the pursuit of this project, Chester has created a space to share. This is history as it is happening. To experience this collection of portraits is to encounter a living, breathing exercise in history that reveals just how alive our collective immigrant story is.”

This month’s display was specially chosen to complement the conclusion of this summer’s One Book One Community Read program.

Negash Yusuf—Eritrea

September Book Discussions

NPL Book Group
Tuesday, September 12th
One Summer: America, 1927
by Bill Bryson
On May 21, 1927, when Charles Lindbergh set off to be the first man to cross the Atlantic alone in an airplane, he profoundly changed the culture and commerce of America and its image abroad. Add to that Babe Ruth’s efforts to break the home-run record he set, Henry Ford’s revolting of the Model T into the Model A, the execution of accused anarchists Sacco and Vanzetti, and Al Jolson appearing in the first talkie, and 1927 became the pivotal point when the U.S. began to dominate the world in virtually everything—military, culture, commerce, and technology. Bryson’s inimitable wit and exuberance are on full display in this wide-ranging look at the major events in an exciting summer in America. *October 10, 2017—Offshore by Penelope Fitzgerald*

NPL Evening Book Club
Wednesday, September 20th
Deep South: Four Seasons on Back Roads
by Paul Theroux
Paul Theroux has spent the past fifty years roaming the globe, describing his encounters with remote people and far-flung places in ten bestselling travel books. Now, for the first time, he explores a part of America—the Deep South. Setting out on a winding road trip, Theroux discovers a region of architectural and artistic wonders, incomparable music, mouth-watering cuisine—and also some of the worst schools, medical care, housing, and unemployment rates in the nation. Yet, no matter where he goes, Theroux meets the unsung heroes of the South, the people who, despite it all, never left, and also those who found their way home and devoted their lives to rebuilding a place they could never live without. *October 18, 2017—Lab Girl by Hope Jahren*

Device Advice for iPads and iPhones

Starting in October 2017! Are you having trouble with your Apple device? Want to know more about downloading eBooks or digital magazines from the library? Sign up for a 20-minute one-on-one session with a librarian who will give advice about your device! Bring your iPad or iPhone and any associated charging cables. (Note: We cannot fix your device nor are we Apple Geniuses. We are here to help you learn basic skills.) Soon there will be a signup form on the website. Until then, stop by the Reference Desk to schedule an appointment.

*This is part of the monthly meeting for Bookenthusiasts, a book club for 3rd-5th grade children! There will be a new book selection each month. Registration is requested. Books will be available for borrowing behind the Children’s Desk.*
Author Elizabeth Carter Wellington—Circus Girl: A Novel
Thurs., October 19th 7:30 PM
Local author Elizabeth Carter Wellington will be reading selections from her first book, Circus Girl: A Novel, a skillfully woven tale of youthful adventure, love, and self-discovery. It recalls a time when the fantasy of “running off to join the circus” presented all sorts of possibilities for dream fulfillment commingled with disillusionment. This dichotomy of experience is embodied in the variety of brilliantly drawn characters inhabiting Wellington’s book and is especially true of the courageous young woman who wholeheartedly embraced her anomalous, nomadic lifestyle in all its vivid wonder and excitement. The book will be available for purchase and autographing at the conclusion of the event. This event is sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.

Author Kate Clifford Larson—Rosemary, The Hidden Kennedy Daughter
Sun., October 29th 2:00 PM
Joe and Rose Kennedy’s strikingly beautiful daughter Rosemary attended exclusive schools, was presented as a debutante to the queen of England, and traveled the world with her high-spirited sisters. Yet Rosemary was intellectually disabled, a secret fiercely guarded by her powerful and glamorous family. Kate Larson reveals both the sensitive care Joe and Rose gave to Rosemary and then—as the family’s standing reached an apex—the often desperate and duplicious arrangements the Kennedys made to keep her away from home as she became increasingly difficult in her early twenties. Finally, Larson illuminates Joe’s decision to have Rosemary lobotomized at age twenty-three and the family’s complicity in keeping the secret. Come and find out more about this forgotten Kennedy daughter and the impact that she had in later life on her more famous siblings. Books will be available for purchase courtesy of Wellesley Books. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Library.

Thanks to the Friends of the Needham Public Library for providing financial assistance in the production of this Newsletter.

Upcoming Events...

FRIENDS’ FALL BOOKSALE
Saturday, October 14th
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Sunday, October 15th
1:00 - 4:00 PM
Sunday is Bargain Day: all items are half-price and a brown bag is $8.00.

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Wooden Ships and Iron Men: The Naval War of 1812 with Bob Begin
Tues., October 24th 7:30 PM
In the early 1800s, issues such as England’s impressment of American seamen, trade embargoes, and restrictions on commerce would contribute to increased friction between the two nations. When war was declared on June 18, 1812, the American Navy was composed of 6 frigates and 16 lesser fighting ships, England’s Navy had over 600 ships. The English were at war with France and viewed this American declaration as a “sideshow” or a drain on their resources. Their level of respect for America’s small Navy was to grow significantly after they lost all three engagements with the USS Constitution. Her Captains—Hull, Bainbridge, and Stewart—would prove to be worthy adversaries against their English foes. As the war progressed, the advantage in numbers would shift the tide in favor of England. Finally, at the war’s end, both sides would feel they were victorious. Bob Begin has presented several historical talks at the Library. This new program promises to be most interesting. This event is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.