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Bob Begin—*The Rescue Of The Squalus*

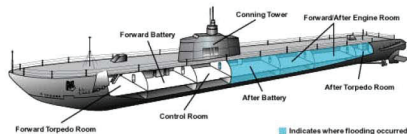
Thurs., September 5th

7:30 PM



On the morning of May 23, 1939, the new submarine Squalus, was preparing for a test dive off the coast of Portsmouth, New Hampshire. She was conducting final test dives prior to joining America's Navy as the

newest addition to the fleet. Aboard her were 56 Navy personnel—five officers, 51 enlisted men—and three civilians. Her Captain, Oliver Naquin expected this to be a routine dive with the Squalus returning to Portsmouth within a few hours. At 8:30 a.m. the order "Rig For Dive" was given, and the Squalus slipped below the surface. Within moments, what should have been a routine event turned into an out-of-control crisis as the boat started to sink rapidly by the stern. She would settle on the bottom, 243' below the surface, with several compartments flooded and only 33 known survivors. With no power, heat, communications, a limited supply of breathable air, and the realization among the men, that, as of 1939, there had never been a successful rescue of men from a stranded submarine, and they knew their situation was desperate. In spite of this, discipline was in place, and somehow, hope of rescue was strong.



Upon hearing that the Squalus was missing, a huge rescue attempt was launched. The Navy would summon all available resources to the scene. Among them was a dedicated submariner: "Swede" Momsen. He, more than any other individual, would be the key factor in the rescue. He had devoted his Navy career to devising techniques allowing men to escape safely from depths by using a breathing apparatus which would become known as the Momsen Lung. He also was one of the developers of the rescue bell that allowed men to be retrieved from depths considered impossible. The story of how the Squalus was found, the extensive number of dives prior to the rescue of the crew, the safe retrieval of 33 men, and her ultimate salvage from the bottom reflect courage, dedication, and lessons learned which would enable numerous future rescues.

This was a widely followed news event which took place in "our own backyard" and warrants retelling. *Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.*

Vietnam: A History. with Dr. Gary Hylander

Tues., September 17th

7:30 PM



This fall, Dr Gary Hylander will be presenting a lecture series on the history of Vietnam. The series begins with an overview of French colonial rule throughout the 19th century to the end of World War II. The Battle of Dien Bien Phu in 1954 marked the end of the French presence in Vietnam. With the onset of the Cold War, and the fear of Communist expansion throughout South-east Asia, the United States became politically and militarily involved in Vietnam from the Eisenhower years to the end of the Ford presidency. The series will conclude with an examination of the current role of Vietnam in world affairs. **This is the first of four lectures in this series, sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.**

Barry Pell—*Micronesia, Melanesia and Polynesia: Unraveling the Mysteries of the South Pacific*

Thurs., September 19th

7:30 PM

The South Pacific has been celebrated in literature, art, and music. Yet, the island countries that dot the Pacific Ocean are mysterious



unknowns to most Americans. Barry Pell has traveled throughout both the south and north Pacific countries and territories. In this program, he will explain the distinctions between the regions of Micronesia, Melanesia and Polynesia in terms of their geography, history, culture and people. The program will be accompanied by Mr. Pell's photography in the islands. **Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.**

FRIENDS' FALL BOOKSALE



Friday, September 27th
12:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Saturday, September 28th
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Sunday, September 29th
1:00 - 4:00 PM

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

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

Contact the Library at 781-455-7559

For further information about upcoming events, go to www.needhamma.gov/library or call 781-455-7559.

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. 3, 17, 24 **10:00 AM**
 Stories mixed with songs, rhymes, fingerplays, rhythm and sensory activities.
-  **Babies & Books for up to one year**
Tues., Sept. 3, 17, 24 **11:00 AM**
 Babies and their adult caregivers explore the rhythms and patterns of speech with songs, lap games and a story or two.
-  **Child's Play Storytime for ages 0-2 years**
Wed., Sept. 11, 18, 25 **10:00 AM**
 Songs, rhymes, lap games, books and more in this interactive program.
-  **Pre-School Palooza for ages 3-6 years**
Mon., Sept. 9, 23, 30 **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.

Chinese Storytime for ages 2-5

Sat., September 7 **10:00 AM**

This is a drop-in program for ages 5 and under and is organised by the International Chinese Reading Association. The program consists of 45 minutes of reading, followed by a simple craft.



Learn & Play Group for ages 2-5

Fri., Sept. 6 & 20 **10:30-11:15 AM**



A drop-in playgroup for caregivers and children, providing STEAM activities, literacy and social play for ages 2-5 years. *Provided by Family Access of Newton.*

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

Wed., Sept. 11 **4:00-5:00 PM**



Pre-school Crafts for ages 2+ years

Thurs., Sept. 12 **10:30-11:30 AM**

Drop-in for age appropriate Make-N-Take Crafts!

Children's Programs in September

Make Music with Stacey Peasley: for ages 2-5



Wed., Sept. 4 **10:00 AM**

Mon., Sept. 16 **10:00 AM**

Join Stacey Peasley for a fun-filled half hour of music and song for children and their caregivers.

Music with Sarah for ages 5 and under



Tues., Sept. 10 (ages 2-5) **10:00 AM**

Tues., Sept. 10 (ages 2 and under) **11:00 AM**

Join Sarah Gardner and bring your little ones to play instruments, sing & dance along. Become part of the little library band!

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

FAMILY ACTIVITY MORNING-GAME DAY

Sat., September 21 **10:00-11:30 AM**



Families are invited to the Children's Room where together they can learn a new game or play some old favorites. All ages are welcome.



After School Activity for ages 6+

Thurs., September 26 **3:30 PM**

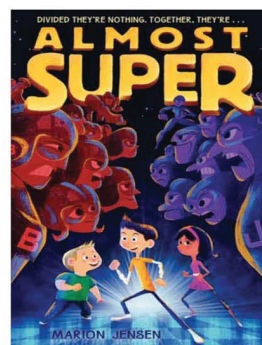
Come play Space Bingo, a game of luck, speed, and outer space! For ages 6+.

BOOK VENTURERS

Saturday,

September 28

3:00pm-4:00pm



PERFECT FOR FANS OF THE INCREDIBLES

A fresh, funny middle grade adventure about two brothers in a family of superheroes who must find a way to be heroic despite receiving powers that are total duds. Imagine waiting to see what your power is and finding out it is striking matches on polyester or turning an innie belly button into an outie. Not very super at all! Filled with humor, heart, and just the right kind of heroics, *Almost Super* is a winning story that will satisfy would-be heroes and regular kids alike.

This is part of the monthly meeting for Bookventurers, 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.

Children's Programs in September

Fun with Yoga with Stacey Peasley (ages 5-9)

Fri., September 13 3:00 PM



Yoga through fun-filled music games.

Mr. DJ Game Show for Kids

Sat., September 14th

2:30 PM

Mr. DJ's Hollywood Quiz Show is a quick paced, challenging, and FUN activity for Kids! Featuring a real game show podium, microphones, clickers, buzzers, sound effects, video camera, and monitors, just like on TV! Come and join your friends to test your knowledge and your wits! Prizes will be given to ALL contestants. For ages 6 to 12. Children must be able to read. *Sponsored by The Library Foundation of Needham.*



Space Adventure with Little Labcoats*

Thurs., September 19

6:00 PM



Learn what astronauts eat in space! Discover how spaceships launch through the atmosphere! Learn about the effects of gravity on the moon! For ages 6 to 9. **Space is limited and registration is required.*



Creation Station Hours

Mon. - Thurs. 3:30 - 8:30 PM

Friday 3:30 - 5:00 PM

Saturday 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Sunday 1:00 - 6:30 PM

Early Release Days 1:00 - 8:30 PM

Children's Movie: *How to Train Your Dragon—The Hidden World* (Rated PG, 1 hour 40 minutes)

Fri., September 20

3:30 PM



Now chief and ruler of Berk alongside Astrid, Hiccup has created a gloriously chaotic dragon utopia. When the sudden appearance of female Light Fury coincides with the darkest threat their village has ever faced, Hiccup and Toothless must leave the only home they've known and journey to a hidden world thought only to exist in myth. As their true destinies are revealed, dragon and rider will fight together—to the very ends of the Earth—to protect everything they've grown to treasure. *This event is sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.*



Teens and 'Tweens Programs in September

Teen/'Tween Back to School/De-stresser Crafternoon

Tues., September 10th 3:30-5:00 PM

Who needs to be stressed this early in the school year? Come make-your-own Dream Catcher! Coloring enthusiasts are also welcome to color! The Library will supply all you need (pencils, markers, coloring sheets, as well as a few snacks). There will also be a few tables set aside for board games, too. *Coloring sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham and Crafts by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.*



Summer Reading Program Wrap-up



This summer there were Summer Reading programs that covered the gamut, with all ages being served, and with all supported by program events. The Children's Dept. sponsored two programs—the **Early Literacy Program** for ages 1-4 and the **Race in Outer Space** program for rising K-5th Graders. Participants read for a total of 480,276 minutes this summer. Totals for the various programs were as follows:

Early Literacy—57 registrations and 39 participating readers (68%) and 18 completions (31%).

Race in Outer Space—895 signups, with 579 participating readers (64.5% participation) and 217 completes (24.5% completed). The highest school completion rate was for the Hillside/Williams elementary school.

For the second year in a row, the library sponsored a **Young Adult Summer Reading Program** for grades 6-12, with 53 signups and 24 participants. A total of 205 books were read, with prizes awarded each time a book entry was turned in. A drawing was held to award the grand prize of a **Nintendo Gaming System** and a **Kindle Fire** at the end of the summer. For the first time ever, the library had an **Adult Summer Reading Program**, with each participant given a certificate to one free book, courtesy of the Friends of the Needham Public Library's Ongoing Book Sale. Participants played Book Bingo, with the opportunity to enter drawings for gift certificates to local establishments for every bingo slip you turned in. There were 50 participants, with 9 different people who turned in raffle forms, 5 of whom turned in 5 completed forms filling out a full bingo board! There were 30 rows completed from different Bingo Boards. Grand prize was a \$50 gift certificate to *Blue on Highland*, won by former Library Trustee Lois Bacon.

Teen/'Tween Movie: *The Sun Is Also a Star* (Rated PG-13, 100 minutes)

Thurs., September 19th 3:30 PM



Daniel and Natasha meet on a bustling New York street when he saves her from walking into the path of a speeding vehicle. Love-struck, Daniel pursues a relationship with Natasha, who is resistant. As romantic as Natasha is practical, Daniel asks for one day to convince her that love is destined for them. Natasha falls for Daniel, but he soon learns another obstacle remains—Natasha and her family are being deported to Jamaica the next day. Will fate intervene and save the young star-crossed couple, or is their love destined to end before it has had a chance to begin? Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.

This Month in the Friends' Gallery

Maria DiCarli

One Book One Community Read: Paint Afternoon with Chelsea*

Sat., October 12th

2:00 PM



As part of our One Book One Community Read this year, come and participate in a Paint Afternoon with our own Chelsea Brown and will be recreating *Van Gogh's Starry Night*. ***Registration required,**

with a limit of 30 maximum, beginning September 23rd. Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham, in support of One Book One Community Read 2019.

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NEEDHAM COMIC BOOK CLUB!!

Date: Thursday, September 12, 2019
Time: 7:15 PM
Location: Needham Free Public Library, Young Adult Room, 2nd Floor
Reading: "The Unbeatable Squirrel Girl" by Ryan North

Doreen Green, known as Squirrel Girl, is a human superhero with the proportional strength and speed of a squirrel, as well as the ability to speak with squirrels, like her sidekick, Tippy-Toe. As this story begins, Squirrel Girl has left her home in the Avengers mansion to start college as a computer science major. What kind of mischief will Squirrel Girl get up to at Empire State University? Join as we discuss the first volume of *The Unbeatable Squirrel Girl* by Ryan North as a group.

Copies of this month's title will be available at the Adult Reference desk on the Second Floor (beginning in August)
For more info contact Erin Bassett at ebassett@minilib.net

September Book Discussions

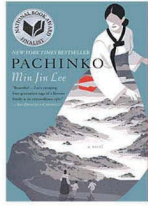
NPL Book Group

Tuesday, September 10th

Pachinko by Min Jin Lee

Pachinko follows one Korean family through the generations, beginning in early 1900s Korea with Sunja, the prized daughter of a poor yet proud family, whose unplanned pregnancy threatens to shame them all. Deserted by her lover, Sunja is saved when a young tubercular minister offers to marry and bring her to Japan. So begins a sweeping saga of an exceptional family in exile from its homeland and caught in the indifferent arc of history. Through desperate struggles and hard-won triumphs, its members are bound together by deep roots as they face enduring questions of faith, family, and identity. *October 8, 2019—*The Saturday Evening Girls Club* by Jane Healey*

1:00 PM



NPL Evening Book Club

Wednesday, September 18th

The Shadow of the Wind

by Carlos Ruiz Zafón

Barcelona, 1945: A city slowly heals in the aftermath of the Spanish Civil War, and Daniel, an antiquarian book dealer's son who mourns the loss of his mother, finds solace in a mysterious book entitled *The Shadow of the Wind*, by one Julián Carax. But when he sets out to find the author's other works, he makes a shocking discovery: someone has been systematically destroying every copy of every book Carax has written. In fact, Daniel may have the last of Carax's books in existence. Soon Daniel's seemingly innocent quest opens a door into one of Barcelona's darkest secrets—an epic story of murder, madness, and doomed love. *October 16, 2019—*The Honest Truth about Dishonesty: How We Lie to Everyone—Especially Ourselves* by Dan Ariely*

7:00 PM



One Book One Community Read October 2019

This year's choice is:

The Art Forger

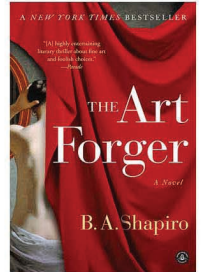
by B. A. Shapiro

On March 18, 1990, 13 works of art now worth more than \$500 million were stolen from the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston. It remains the largest unsolved art heist in history, and struggling young artist Claire Roth is about to discover that there's more to this crime than meets the eye.

Author B. A. Shapiro will be coming to speak on Sunday, October 6, 2019, at 2:00 PM in the Community Room.

On Tuesday, October 22nd, at 7:00 PM, the library will show the documentary film *Stolen*. *Stolen* is a full exploration of the Gardner theft, and the fascinating, disparate characters involved: from the 19th century Grand dame Isabella Gardner to a private detective obsessed with finding the art to a terrorist organization with a penchant for stealing Vermeers. Other activities include a **Paint Afternoon for Adults** on Saturday, October 12th at 2:00 PM, and an **Escape Room weekend for Young Adults** on October 26th & 27th. **Both of these events will require registration, which will begin closer to the event.** Once again, the library will host **book discussion groups**, on Sunday, October 13th at 2:00 PM; Thursday, October 17th at 7:30 PM; and on Sunday, October 20th at 5:00 PM.

Support for this program is provided by the Trustees of the Needham Free Public Library, Friends of the Needham Public Library, and the Library Foundation of Needham.



Diversity and Discussion Book Club

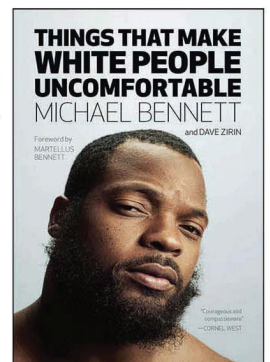
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Things That Make White People Uncomfortable by Michael Bennett

Thurs., September 12th

An outspoken activist athlete practically dares readers to think of professional football and its players in the same way again after finishing this book. Michael Bennett is a Super Bowl Champion, a three-time Pro Bowl defensive end, a fearless activist, a feminist, a grassroots philanthropist, an organizer, and a change maker. He's also one of the most scathingly humorous athletes on the planet, and he wants to make you uncomfortable. Bennett adds his unmistakable voice to discussions of racism and police violence, Black athletes and their relationship to powerful institutions like the NCAA and the NFL, the role of protest in history, and the responsibilities of athletes as role models to speak out against injustice. Following in the footsteps of activist-athletes from Muhammad Ali to Colin Kaepernick, Bennett demonstrates his outspoken leadership both on and off the field. Written with award-winning sportswriter and author Dave Zirin, *Things that Make White People Uncomfortable* is a sports book for our turbulent times, a memoir, and a manifesto as hilarious and engaging as it is illuminating. *October 16, 2019—*57 Bus: A True Story of Two Teenagers and the Crime That Changed Their Lives* by Dashka Slater*

7:30 PM



Upcoming Events...

Barry Pell—*Greenland: A Journey Into the Land of Ice*

Mon., October 7th 7:30 PM

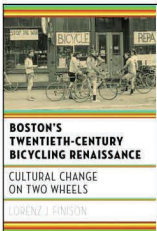
Greenland is the world's largest island and least densely populated place on earth. With over three-quarters of the land covered by ice, the population is limited to a handful of habitable places along the coast. Traveling by boat, plane and helicopter (there are no roads)



in this Danish colony, Barry Pell photographed the stunning beauty of the ice floes, glaciers and icebergs. In this program, he will discuss the island's history and culture, as well as how global warming is changing the landscape and impacting the lives of its people who depend on fishing and hunting for their survival. The program will be accompanied by Mr. Pell's photography in the islands. Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

Lorenz Finison — *Stories from a Century of Boston's Cycling History*

Tues., October 29th 7:30 PM



Needham author Larry Finison will present the importance of bicycling to Boston's culture for more than a century. His focus will be on a few hotspots, including Boston, Cambridge, Waltham, Newton—and Needham. Topics to be discussed include: racing, touring, commuting, bikeways, rails-to-trails, bike trains, bike building,

women's cycling, black and immigrant cyclists, and the Tour de Trump. He will discuss the famed (at the time) Dedham to Needham road race of the 1890s. Cycling slid into the shadows of the automobile, until it came back in the cycling Renaissance of the 1970s. Bicycle institutions like the Bicycle Repair Collective, the Bicycle Exchange, and the Boston Area Bicycle Coalition came to the fore. The conflicts over uses of the roads and abandoned rail lines will show how bicycles fit, or didn't, into Boston's culture. A Needham resident, Finison is a social psychologist, public health practitioner, and historian. Books will be available for purchase at the conclusion of the talk. *This event is sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.*



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Rana Chudnofsky—*The Relaxation Response* Sun., October 20th 2:00 PM



Needham native Rana Chudnofsky from the *Benson-Henry Mind Body Institute* will discuss, demonstrate and lead you to experience the *Relaxation Response*. A *mind body practitioner and accomplished lecturer for nearly two decades*, Rana helped create BHI's *Positivity and Relaxation Training (PART)* program, a self-care education program for delivery in community and corporate settings. A frequent public speaker and sought-after lecturer, Rana specializes in relaxation techniques and cognitive strategies for clinical treatment centers, schools and universities, as well as group-based self-care programming for veterans with PTSD. *This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.*

Movie Documentary: *Stolen* (NR, 1 hour, 24 minutes)

Tues., October 22nd 7:00 PM



In March of 1990, two thieves dressed as Boston police officers gained entrance to the Isabella Stewart Gardner museum in Boston Massachusetts and successfully executed the largest art heist in modern history. Among the thirteen priceless works stolen was Vermeer's "The Concert" one of only 35 of the masters surviving works. Not a single one of the works has been recovered. *STOLEN* is a full exploration of the Gardner theft, and the fascinating, disparate characters involved: from the 19th century Grand dame Isabella Gardner to a private detective obsessed with finding the art to a terrorist organization with a penchant for stealing Vermeers.

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