



# LIBRARY NOTES

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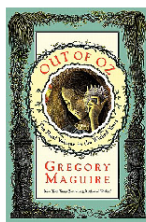
Welcome to *Library Notes*, a monthly publication of the Needham Free Public Library. *Library Notes* describes both the monthly events at the Library and the ongoing services...

## Author Gregory Maguire - *Out Of Oz*

Wed., November 2nd

7:00 PM

The Needham Free Public Library, in co-operation with Wellesley Books and the Wheelock Family Theatre, is proud to present Gregory Maguire, the bestselling author of the "Wicked Years" series, including *Wicked*, *Son of a Witch*, and *A Lion Among Men*. This is the second stop on his national book tour promoting the final book in this series—*Out of Oz*. Books will be available for purchase and autographing following the presentation.



## Phil Budden, Britain's Consul-General for New England

Thurs., November 3rd

7:30 PM



In 1711 we were loyal subjects of Queen Anne, the last of the Stuart monarchs, and Needhamites probably thought their political allegiance would never change. Hear about the continuing relationship between Needham and our mother country. Phil Budden, Britain's Consul-General for New England, will talk about the strong relationship built on our many historic, business, and cultural connections.

Before becoming a diplomat, Phil Budden earned his doctorate in contemporary history and international political economy from Oxford University, an MA in American history and government from Cornell University, and his BA & MA in British and European history from Oxford University. *This program is sponsored by the Trustees of the Needham Free Public Library.*

## Jeffrey Cramer: *Living Deliberately, Thinking like Thoreau Today*

Sun., November 13th

2:00 PM

As a new Harvard grad in 1837, Thoreau confronted a country entering a deep depression. New England was in the throes of transformation to an industrial economy. Cramer is eminently qualified to relate observations by



the Concord Transcendentalist to our times. He is Curator of Collections at The Thoreau Institute at Walden Woods and editor of the award-winning *Walden: A Fully Annotated Edition* (2004); followed by *I to Myself: An Annotated Selection from the Journal of Henry D. Thoreau* (2007); and *The Maine Woods* (2009), all from Yale University Press. *The Quotable Thoreau* (2011, Princeton University Press) will be available for purchase and signing. *Sponsored by Friends of the Needham Public Library.*

## Barry Pell - *The Ancient Silk Road - Journey Across Central Asia*

Tues., November 29th

7:30 PM



In this photographic lecture, we explore the historic cities of the Silk Road—including Samarqand, Bukhara and Kashgar—places that flourished for over 1,000 years along the trading routes that connected across 5,000 miles between central China and Istanbul at the doorstep of Europe. The presentation will focus on the legacies of the Silk Road trade on these places, including architecture, religion, language, ceremonies and food. Photography will highlight the travels of the lecturer, as he followed the caravan routes of the Silk Road traders over high passes through rugged, snowy mountain ranges and across large and forbidding deserts. *This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.*

### ATTENTION NOVICE NOOK USERS !

*The Library Foundation of Needham* will sponsor a presentation for e-reader Nook owners on Monday night, November 7, in the library's Community Room at 7:30 pm. Ron Neidig, District Sales Manager from the Barnes & Noble Framingham store will demonstrate how to download free books from the library's digital media catalog Overdrive database.




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 Programs in November

### Drop-in Storytime for ages 5 and under

 Wed., November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 10:00 AM  
Sat., November 12 10:30 AM  
Stories, music, movement and more.

Story times are drop-in—no registration required. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

### Music, Movement and Me with Sara Epstein\*\*

Tues., November 8th 10:30 AM  
Mon., November 21st 10:30 AM

An interactive music and movement program for adults and children under 4.

\*\*Registration is required, one session per month only please.



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



Thurs., November 10th 11:00 AM  
Tues., November 22nd 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.

### Lucy the R.E.A.D. Dog: for ages 3 and up\*\*



Thurs., November 3rd 10:00 AM  
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.*

## Toddler Movies



**Thurs., November 3, 17 11:00 AM**

Due to popular response, we will continue to show Toddler Movies—films based on storybooks—in the Community Room.

Drop-In Craft Programs usually last for approximately 45 minutes, depending upon your child(ren). Four crafts related to the theme will be offered for our creative young patrons. Please arrive during the first half hour of the program.

## Children's Craft Programs in November

### Drop-In "Crafts of the Month" for ages 2+



Thurs., November 3rd 4:00 PM  
Mon., November 7th 10:30 AM



Drop-In "Pirates & Princesses" Crafts for ages 2+



Thurs., November 10th 4:00 PM



Drop-In "Teddy Bear Day" Crafts for ages 2+

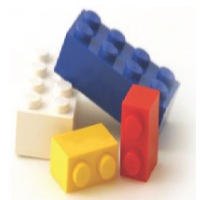
Mon., November 14th 10:30 AM

### Drop-In "Harvest" Crafts for ages 2+



Thurs., November 17th 4:00 PM  
Mon., November 28th 10:30 AM

## LEGO Club! Needham Free Public Library's BLOCK PARTY!



November is a test run!

Our survey of the best days/times for a LEGO club was tied for Tuesday afternoon and Sunday afternoon.

In November, we will conduct a meeting on each day. Because of space limitations, we will be able to accommodate 24 children total, ages 6+, at each meeting. Please sign up for just one meeting.

Tuesday, November 15th 4:30 - 6:00 PM

Sunday, November 20th 3:00 - 4:30 PM

The club will evolve, but basically, attendees will make something (a vehicle, bridge, etc.), and we will take a photo of the person with his/her creation and send a copy of it to him/her through email.

## Food, Food, Let's Give Thanks For Food! (Happy Thanksgiving...Silly Food Stories for Every Tummy!) With Susie Magoozy

Sat., November 19th

10:30 AM

Are you looking for excitement? Enthusiasm? Wild rants of singing and dancing? Or maybe you just like furry puppets! As a former children's librarian, Susie Lord has performed thousands of story times for children and adults. Many have asked if she would bottle her energy and label it for sale, because her story times are non-stop, sheer craziness! *This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.*



## Children's Movie: *Cars 2*

Rated G - 106 minutes

Fri., November 25th

10:00 AM



After a successful season on the track, Lightning is looking forward to some rest at home, but Mater gets him involved in an elaborate three-part international race sponsored by Sir Miles Axlerod to promote his new synthetic auto fuel. While serving on Lightning's pit crew, Mater inadvertently gets mixed up with two British secret agent cars, Finn McMissile and Holley Shiftwell, who are investigating a plot to sabotage the race. Myriad complications ensue before Lightning and Mater get back to the (relative) peace of Radiator Springs.

## November Book Discussions

NPL Book Group

Tuesday, November 8

*Old Filth*

by Jane Gardam

*Old Filth* outlines 20th-century British history through the life of Sir Edward Feathers, a barrister whose acronymic nickname provides the title: "Failed in London, Try Hong Kong." At nearly 80, Feathers, retired in Dorset after many years as a respected Hong Kong judge, is a hollow man with few real friends and a cold, sexless marriage that has just ended with the death of his wife, Betty. For the first time, "Filth" (as even Betty called him) delves into the past that produced him: a "Raj orphan" raised by a series of surrogates while his father worked in Singapore, Filth served briefly in WWII (guarding the Queen) and had a lackluster stint as a London barrister before emigrating.

1:00 PM



The flashbacks contrast British privilege and the chaos that ensues when the empire (especially Filth's childhood Malaya), starts to crumble. As Filth undertakes chaotic visits to his Welsh foster home and other sites, Gardam's sharp, acerbic style counterpoints Feathers's dryness. Well-rounded secondary figures further highlight his emptiness and that of empire.

NPL Evening Book Group

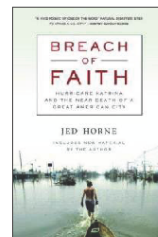
Wednesday, November 16

*Breach of Faith: Hurricane Katrina and the Near Death of A Great American City*

by Jed Horne

Hurricane Katrina shredded one of the great cities of the South, and as levees failed and the federal relief effort proved lethally incompetent, a natural disaster became a man-made catastrophe. As an editor of New Orleans' daily newspaper, the Pulitzer Prize-winning Times-Picayune, Jed Horne has had a front-row seat to the unfolding drama of the city's collapse into chaos and its continuing struggle to survive. Horne takes readers into the private worlds and inner thoughts of storm victims from all walks of life to weave a tapestry as intricate and vivid as the city itself. Politicians, thieves, nurses, urban visionaries, grieving mothers, entrepreneurs with an eye for quick profit at public expense—all of these lives collide in a chronicle that is harrowing, angry, and often slyly ironic.

7:00 PM



This Month in the  
Friends' Gallery

Needham Art  
Association

## Library Hours:

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



# Upcoming Events...

## Wingmasters presents North American Birds of Prey

Sat., December 10th

3:00 PM

Birds of prey are also known as raptors, and they are hunting birds characterized by hooked beaks and powerful grabbing feet armed with sharp talons (the word raptor comes from a Latin word that means "to seize"). Raptors can also boast the best eyesight and the sharpest hearing in the animal kingdom. Raptors include eagles, hawks, falcons and owls, and our presentation, which incorporates five live birds, gives an overview of these different categories. This program is designed to explain predation, the birds' place at the top of the food web, their different hunting adaptations and their status in a rapidly changing world. Because many birds of prey are declining in number, this presentation also features one or more of the endangered raptors that we care for, and explains why these species face an uncertain future. The program is for ages 5 and up and is sponsored by The Library Foundation of Needham.



## Book Launch: *The Unofficial Mad Men Cookbook: Inside the Kitchens, Bars, and Restaurants of Mad Men* by Needham Authors Judy Gelman and Peter Zheutlin

Sun., December 11th

2:00 PM

Ever wish you could mix an Old Fashioned just the way Don Draper likes it? Or prepare Oysters Rockefeller and a martini the way they did fifty years ago at one of Roger Sterling's favorite haunts, The Grand Central Oyster Bar? Ever wonder how Joan Harris manages to prepare a perfect crown roast in her tiny apartment kitchen? Or about the connection between Jackie Kennedy's 1962 White House tour and Betty Draper's Valentine's Day room service order?



Needham authors Judy Gelman and Peter Zheutlin have teamed up to write *The Unofficial Mad Men Cookbook: Inside the Kitchens, Bars, and Restaurants of Mad Men*. It provides more than 70 recipes for food and drink from Mad Men-era New York, set within the historical and cultural context of the 1960s. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Library and will feature some of the recipes from the book for you to sample.

## Children's Movie: *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, Part 2* — Rated PG-13 - 130 minutes

Fri., December 30th

2:00 PM

In the epic finale, the battle between the good and evil forces of the wizarding world escalates into an all-out war. The stakes have never been higher and no one is safe. But it is Harry who may be called upon to make the ultimate sacrifice as he draws closer to the climactic showdown with Lord Voldemort. It all ends here...



## New Years Needham 2012 @ the Library Saturday, December 31st

10:00 AM	Pumpnickel Puppets - Sir George and the Dragon
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12:30 PM	Storyteller Katie Latimer
1:30 PM	Storyteller Katie Latimer
2:30 PM	Magician Chris Bolter
3:15 PM	Magician Chris Bolter
4:00 PM	Magician Chris Bolter



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