



LIBRARY NOTES

NEWSLETTER OF THE NEEDHAM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

JANUARY 2017

Children's Movie: Pete's Dragon (2015)

Rated PG - 102 minutes

Fri., January 6th

3:30 PM

Disney's *Pete's Dragon* is a remake of the 1977 film of the same name. In this version the main character, a huge green dragon named Elliot, lives in a forest in the Pacific Northwest and befriends a young boy named Pete. Pete was orphaned at four years old and came to live in the forest with Elliot. The movie starts with the discovery of this young boy in the forest by a forest ranger who heard stories about the dragon in the woods. Pete befriends the forest ranger's daughter as he adjusts to civilization outside the forest. This movie is sponsored by the *Needham Free Public Library*.



Tea Travels through India & Sri Lanka with Danielle Beaudette, owner of The Cozy Tea Cart

Sun., January 22nd

2:00 PM



Join TCTC owner Danielle Beaudette as she discusses her travel experiences in the tropical tea lands of Sri Lanka and India. In this presentation, you will learn about the tea leaf, from harvest to production, as well as the amazing people who cultivate the leaf. Included are Danielle's personal experiences with the growers and people of these countries, as well as picturesque views of their landscape. Throughout the presentation you will have the opportunity to sip teas harvested directly from these tea estates. This event is sponsored by the *Friends of the Needham Public Library*.

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Bob Begin: Mutiny on the Bounty

Tues., January 31st

7:30 PM



The story of the Mutiny On The Bounty, probably the most famous account of any mutiny in history, continues to interest us. On one hand, it is a tale of men rising against a tyrannical, abusive Captain who drove his men to commit a crime which carried the death penalty to all who would attempt it. It is also a study in depicting the chasm in social status between officers and common seamen. Another aspect of this tale deals with Captain Bligh's extraordinary leadership skills resulting in the safe delivery of his men in an open boat for a distance in excess of 4,000 miles. Lastly there are the mutineers themselves—where they went and what happened to them. Upon his return to England, Bligh would be lionized as his deeds became public. Later, he would suffer a tarnished reputation following efforts by influential friends of some of the guilty who would use the media and courts to assign blame to him. Join Bob as he explores the various aspects of this infamous event in history. This event is sponsored by the *Library Foundation of Needham.*

FRIENDS' WINTER BOOKSALE



Saturday, January 28th

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Sunday, January 29th

1:00 - 4:00 PM

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 January

 **Terrific Toddlers for ages 1-2 years**
Tues., January 3, 17, 24, 31 10:00 AM
 Stories mixed with songs, rhymes, fingerplays, rhythm and sensory activities.

 **Babies & Books Up to One Year**
Tues., January 3, 17, 24, 31 11:00 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., January 4, 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., January 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.

Storytimes from Around the World

Arabic Storytime for ages 4-7
Thurs., January 5 3:30 PM
 This is a Drop-in program for kids 4-7 years, conducted in Arabic, and led by native speaker Nayla Raffol.

Spanish Storytime for ages 2+
Fri., January 6 10:30 AM
 This is a Drop-in program for preschoolers and is led by a teacher from the Pine Village School.

Chinese Storytime for ages 5 and under
Sat., January 7 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.

French Storytime for ages 4-7
Thurs., January 19 3:30 PM
 This is a Drop-in program for kids 4-7 years, conducted in French.

Slavic Storytime for ages 2+
Wed., January 25 11:00 AM
 This is a Drop-in program for ages 2+ in Slavic led by Barbara Kochanika.

Melting Magic with Crayons and Beads for ages 6+
Thurs., January 26 4:00 PM

Children's Programs in January

Ready, Set...Move with Cici Hunt: for ages 3-5**
 **Wed., January 4** 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., January 13** 3:00 PM
Thurs., January 19 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., Jan. 10 (ages 2-5)** 10:00 AM
Tues., Jan. 10 (ages 2 and under) 11:00 AM
Fri., Jan. 27 (ages 2-5) 10:00 AM
Fri., Jan. 27 (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.

FAMILY ACTIVITY MORNING

Sat., January 21 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.

 **Winter Crafts for ages 2+ years**
Thurs., January 12 10:30 - 11:30 AM

LEGO Time! Needham Free Public Library's BLOCK PARTY! for ages 5+ 
Tues., January 10 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Yoga for Children ages 5-9
 **Sat., January 14** 10:30 AM

Behind the Mask Puppetry Presents:
The Monkey King Wreaks Havoc in Heaven

Fri., January 20th

3:30 PM

A Chinese folk epic told through storytelling, masks, shadow puppetry, original music and martial arts! *Behind the Mask Theatre* brings *Monkey King* to life, a boisterous and unlikely hero in search of immortality, who causes havoc in Heaven and on Earth. This show is suitable for all ages, and is sponsored by the *Library Foundation of Needham*.

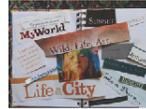


Teen Programs in January

Teen Crafternoon—Scrapbooking Shenanigans

Mon., January 9th

4:00 PM

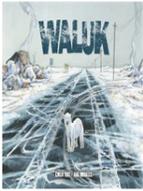


Want to create a keepsake of 2016? Come join us as we make Scrapbooks with photos from the past year. Bring your own photos or use magazine and other paper provided to add to a book that you will be creating; you can make it as personal or impersonal as you'd like. As always, materials, snacks, and enjoyment provided!

Bookventurers Club—*Waluk* by Emilio Ruiz**

Sat., January 14th

3:15 - 4:30 PM



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.

- Read the book • Discuss it with other kids
- Participate in book themed activities • Make new friends!
- Skype Q&A with the author • Enjoy book themed snacks!

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.

January STEM Programs



Early Childhood Science Enrichment
for Children ages 3-5**



Fri., January 20

11:00 AM

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11:30 AM

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*.

Let's Build: Engineering for Real People using Regular Stuff for Ages 6-8 ****Registration Required—Four Week Session****



Mon., January 23, 30

4:30 PM

Mon., February 6, 13

4:30 PM

Can you move a can across the floor without touching it? Can you hold books off the ground using only paper and tape? Come put your engineering ideas to work! In *Let's Build: Engineering for Real People Using Regular Stuff*, we'll have 4 engineering design challenges over 4 classes. Each challenge asks children to solve real problems with things found around the house. Come build with *Let's Build* at the Needham Public Library! ****Registration required.** Part of a year long series of STEM programs, sponsored by a federal LSTA grant.

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This Month in the Friends' Gallery

Robert Larsen

January Book Discussions

NPL Book Group

Tuesday, January 10th

The Little Paris Bookshop

by Nina George

Monsieur Perdu calls himself a literary apothecary. From his floating bookstore in a barge on the Seine, he prescribes novels for the hardships of life. Using his intuitive feel for the exact book a reader needs, Perdu mends broken hearts and souls. The only person he can't seem to heal through literature is himself; he's still haunted by heartbreak after his great love disappeared. She left him with only a letter, which he has never opened. After Perdu is finally tempted to read the letter, he hauls anchor and departs on a mission to the south of France, hoping to make peace with his loss and discover the end of the story. Joined by a bestselling but blocked author and a lovelorn Italian chef, Perdu travels along the country's rivers, dispensing his wisdom and his books, showing that the literary world can take the human soul on a journey to heal itself. *February 14, 2017—

My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry by Fredrik Backman*

1:00 PM



NPL Evening Book Club

Wednesday, January 18th

The Lifeboat

by Charlotte Rogan

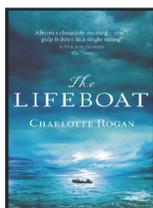
Grace Winter, 22, is both a newlywed and a widow. She is also on trial for her life.

In the summer of 1914, the elegant ocean liner carrying Grace and her husband Henry across the Atlantic suffers a mysterious explosion. Setting aside his own safety, Henry secures Grace a place in a lifeboat, which the survivors quickly realize has exceeded capacity. For any to live, some must die.

As the castaways battle the elements and each other, Grace recalls the unorthodox way she and Henry met, and the new life of privilege she thought she'd found. Will she pay any price to keep it?

The Lifeboat is a page-turning novel of hard choices and survival, narrated by a woman as unforgettable and complex as the events she describes. *February 22, 2017—
Over the Edge of the World by Laurence Bergren*

7:00 PM



OFF THE SHELF

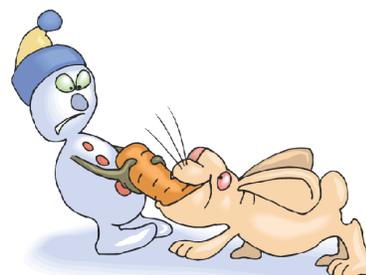
The focus of this month's **Off the Shelf** article is on Young Adults:

Collection development is a large part of keeping up with Young Adult readers (generally ages 10 to 18). Ordering and adding materials—Young Adult Fiction, Graphic Novels, Books-On-CDs, book recommendations, displays for the Young Adult Room and booklists to programs such as the monthly **Crafternoons** to the collection—is a busy task. Recent titles added to the collection include *Kids of Appetite* by David Arnold, *The Nerdy and the Dirty* by B.T. Gottfred, the 26th installment of the Graphic Novel *The Walking Dead* and several additions to the *Vampire Knight* and *Princess Jellyfish* series. It's not all about books; new Books-On-CD are also frequently being added to the collection, including the first two books from the *Magnus Chase* and the *Gods of Asgard* series.

On the first Monday of every month, the library sponsors a 4 – 5:00 p.m. program called a “**Crafternoon**” or a “**Crafty Afternoon.**” Each month features a different craft. Examples of the crafts include: duct tape projects, beaded keychains, magnet-making, and coloring. In the coming months, the following **Crafternoons** are being planned:

- **Monday, January 9th** (one week later than usual, as the library is closed January 2nd, due to the observance of New Year's Day): **Scrapbooking Shenanigans.**
- **Monday, February 6th:** **Spool Knit a Scarf**—make a scarf with no knitting experience required.
- **Monday, March 6th:** **Glass jar terrariums with live plants.**

For more information about the Needham Free Public Library's Young Adult collection or about the monthly Crafternoon programs, please contact Erin Bassett by email (ebassett@minlib.net) or stop by the Reference desk and the library staff will be happy to assist you.



Upcoming Events...

Needham Author S. A. Hayes—*Bury the Victims*

Mon., February 6th

7:30 PM



Bury the Victims focuses on the many cultural, social, and political changes Native Tribes of the Pacific Northwest experienced as a result of the arrival of non-Native settlers who came to their territory. After non-Natives started permanent settlements with the support of the U. S. Cavalry and federal government Indian agents, the tribal people were forced to make many adaptations that violated many of their traditions. This book tells how those changes impacted some of the contemporary tribal people. The book will be available for purchase and autographing. This event is sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.

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Trevor the Juggler

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11:00 AM



Trevor Pearson has been juggling professionally for over 16 years, performing and instructing throughout New England and beyond. He has performed at Foxwoods Resort Casino, The Boston Red Sox, the Ronald McDonald House Polar Express Event at Gillette Stadium and throughout his native Cape Cod. He has an engaging style and performs a variety of feats, including some unusual contact juggling. This event is sponsored by the *Library Foundation of Needham*.

2017 McIver Lecture Series Health and Wellness

Type 2 Diabetes: Are Food Choices A Key to Prevention? With Dr. Qi Sun

Sun., February 12th

2:00 PM

In this presentation, Dr. Sun will provide an overview of the role of diet in the primary prevention of type 2 diabetes. He will present evidence from both human observational studies and clinical trials regarding food quality, healthful dietary patterns, and food ingredients in relation to diabetes prevention. Dr. Qi Sun, is a faculty member at Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and Harvard Medical School, and has focused a decade of research on understanding how diet and lifestyle, as well as environmental factors, influence the risk of excess weight gain and type 2 diabetes. The 2017 McIver Lecture Series is sponsored by the Trustees of the Needham Free Public Library.



John Adams Portrayer George Baker:
My Wife, Abigail Adams, the First Modern American Woman

Sun., February 26th

2:00 PM



John Adams (New Canaan, CT attorney, George Baker) talks with admiration, humor and affection about “*My Wife, Abigail Adams, the First Modern American Woman*.” During the presentation, he describes how Abigail defied the sexist conventions of her time (married women could not own property) and, with her amazing financial skills and insights, she made the Adams family prosperous. She helped found the new nation and raised their son to become president. This program is chock full of details about Abigail’s life which most people don’t even know. It is told from the perspective of a husband talking about his wife, and contains the story of their romance, challenges, trials and accomplishments which makes them sound like ordinary people living in extraordinary times. This event is sponsored by the *Library Foundation of Needham*.

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