



# LIBRARY NOTES

April 2008

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FREE PUBLIC  
LIBRARY**

Welcome to *Library Notes*, a monthly publication of the Needham Free Public Library. Each month we'll give you a synopsis of the monthly goings-on and events happening at the Library, as well as highlighting ongoing services.....

## April Events in the Community Room at the Needham Free Public Library...

Sunday, April 6th 2:00 PM

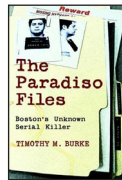


**Spahn, Sain and Teddy Ballgame**

From Rounder Books this summer- the authors of this forthcoming book will talk about our favorite teams during the thrilling 1948 season. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.*

Monday, April 14th 7:30 PM

**Needham Author Timothy M. Burke -  
The Paradiso Files: Boston's Unknown  
Serial Killer**



Come and join us as former homicide prosecutor Timothy Burke takes us inside the minds of prosecutors, police investigators, and one very dangerous man, Leonard "The Quahog" Paradiso who thought he had it all figured out on how to rape, murder and get away with it. The book will be available for sale and autographing, courtesy of the Wellesley Booksmith.

Tuesday, April 22nd 2:00 PM



**Jeff Nathan: Before and Laughterwords**

Just in time for Poetry Month - humorous poetry, music, laughter and fun abound in this magical session for elementary school aged kids and their families.

Saturday, April 26th 10:30 AM

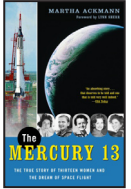
**Johnny the K**

John Kelleher, an award winning children's performer cleverly and humorously interacts with his audiences along with the help of his 12-string guitar and a trunk full of zany hats and disguises. From calypso to rock'n roll & rap, from ballad to country, John chooses songs that combine various styles of music with lyrics that stimulate the imagination and provide fun for all. Throughout this fast paced, fun filled musical concert, John will have people on the edge of their seats singing, dancing, and clapping. Audiences are encouraged to create a silly hat or wear a favorite one to the performance. *This Program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.*



Sunday, April 27th 2:00 PM

**Author Martha Ackmann - The Mercury  
13: The True Story of Thirteen Women and  
the Dream of Space Flight**



In 1961, just as NASA launched its first man into space, a group of thirteen extraordinary women pilots underwent secret astronaut testing. They passed the same battery of tests as did the famed Mercury 7 astronauts. But at the eleventh hour--just as the women were to begin the final phase of testing--NASA pulled the plug and abruptly stopped the secret project...Come and learn more about this forgotten piece of history as Martha Ackmann relates the stories of the early women pioneers of America's space program. *Part of the McIver Series, sponsored by the Trustees of the Needham Free Public Library.*

## Ongoing Activities....

Appearing this month in the Friends' Gallery:

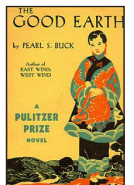
**Lynda Goldberg - Monotypes**

Tuesday, April 8th 1:00 PM

**NPL Book Group**

**This month's selection:**

**The Good Earth by Pearl S. Buck**



*In THE GOOD EARTH, Buck presents a graphic view of a China when the last emperor reigned and the vast political and social upheavals of the twentieth century were but distant rumblings for the ordinary people. This moving, classic story of the honest farmer Wang Lung and his selfless wife O-lan is must reading for those who would fully appreciate the sweeping changes that have occurred in the lives of the Chinese people during this century.*

Wednesday, April 16th 7:00 PM

**NPL Evening Book Group**

**This month's selection:**

**House of Spirits by Isabel Allende**



*Here, in an astonishing debut by a gifted storyteller, is the magnificent saga of proud and passionate men and women and the turbulent times through which they suffer and triumph. They are the Truebas. And theirs is a world you will not want to leave, and one you will not forget.*

For further information about upcoming events, go to [www.needhamma.gov/library](http://www.needhamma.gov/library).

## Children's Department

### April Storytimes

Lap-sit Baby Book Time - for ages up to 2 1/2

Tues., April 1, 8 10:00 - 10:20 AM

Wed., April 2, 9 10:00 - 10:20 AM

Toddler Time for ages 2 1/2 and up

Wed., April 2, 9 10:45 AM

Thurs., April 3, 10 10:00 AM

Preschool Storytime for ages 4-5 years old

Tues., April 1, 8 4:00 - 4:30 PM

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



### April Craft Activities

Drop-in Craft for ages 2-4

Thursday, April 10th 3:45 - 4:15 PM

No Registration required.

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Tuesday, April 15th 10:30 - 11:00 AM

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Thursday, April 17th 3:45 - 4:15 PM



### April Music Activities

Friday, April 11th 3:00 - 3:45 PM

Sing-Along with Ed Morgan for children 2.9-5 years accompanied by an adult. This is a drop-in program - please arrive on time.

Tuesday, April 15th 10:30 - 11:30 AM

Music, Movement and Me with Sara Epstein

An interactive music and movement program for children ages 0-4 and adults. Registration required - max. 20 children & accompanying adult. Registration begins approx. 1 week before program.

Friday, April 25th 2:00 PM

Children's Movie: Bee Movie (Rated PG - 90 min)



There aren't a lot of choices in a bee's life: a bee attends a few days of school, graduates from college, and chooses a job in the hive that he'll labor at for the rest of his life. Barry (Jerry Seinfeld) is different from his best friend Adam (Matthew Broderick) and all the other bees: he wants to see the world outside the hive and can't begin to contemplate doing the same job for his entire life. Naturally, the life of the "pollen jock" bees appeals to Barry because it's the only job that takes a bee outside the hive and into the larger human world. Once outside the hive, Barry breaks the most sacred bee law and speaks to a human named Vanessa (Renée Zellweger) in order to thank her for saving his life. A relationship quickly blossoms and leads Barry to the discovery that humans are stealing honey from the bees and selling it for their own profit. Vowing to hurt the humans the one place they'll feel it, Barry brings a legal suit against the honey industry and the courtroom drama begins.

Wednesday, April 23rd 10:00 & 11:00 AM

Mass. Horticultural Society Plantmobile

will be paying its annual visit to the Library. Two sessions: 10 - 11 AM (Grade K-2) and 11:15 AM- 12:15 PM (Grade 3-5). Maximum of 25 per session. Registration for both sessions is required and begins April 9th @ the Children's Room Reference Desk. Please bring a 2 liter unlabeled bottle with you to the workshop. Sponsored by the Needham Garden Club.



## Upcoming Events - May 2008

Saturday, May 3rd 3:00 PM

Zany Acts with Michael Zerphy

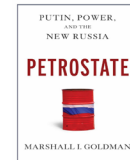
Michael Zerphy, with his zany style and participatory humor, has captivated audiences across the United States and Europe. 'Zany Acts' is a show for general audiences - a family concert of clowning and fun for all. Michael creates a world that continually surprises the audience - a world in which the ordinary becomes magical and failure is turned into success. Music, juggling, a wide variety of props, and even the audience are included in this versatile show that is appropriate for all ages. *This Program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.*



Sunday, May 4th 2:00 PM

Marshall I. Goldman - Petrostate: Petroleum, Putin and Power

The story of oil and gas in Russia is a tale of discovery, intrigue, corruption, wealth, misguidance, greed, patronage, nepotism, and power. Marshall Goldman tells this story with panache, as only one of the world's leading authorities on Russia could. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.*



Sunday, May 18th 3:00 PM

Two Old Friends - Mac McHale & Emery Hutchins

affectionately known as Mac & Hutch, have recently joined forces to sing and play songs from Ireland, the mountains and the sea. They will be performing some of their favorites from The Northeast Winds as well as some very old-time traditional country music. The program is sure to include some of your favorite Irish sea songs, a good amount of hot picking instrumentals and some great sing-a-longs. *Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.*



Friends Spring Book Sale -

Saturday, May 31st 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Sunday, June 1st 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Sunday is Bargain Day! *Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.*



## LIBRARY HOURS:

MON. - THURS. 9:00AM - 9:00PM

FRIDAYS 9:00AM - 5:30PM

SATURDAYS 9:00AM - 5:00PM

SUNDAYS 1:00PM - 5:00PM