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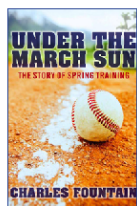
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Welcome to *Library Notes*, a monthly publication of the Needham Free Public Library. *Library Notes* describes both the monthly events at the Library and the ongoing services...

Author Charles Fountain - *Under the March Sun*

Thursday, April 1st 7:30 PM



Rescheduled from February (due to snow), *Under the March Sun* recounts for the first time the full and fascinating history of spring training and its growth from a shoestring-budget road trip to burn off winter calories into a billion-dollar-a-year business. *Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.*

Magic with Scott Jameson

Saturday, April 24th 10:30 AM

In 'Magic by Scott Jameson' classic magic and juggling routines have been given a fresh new look and are seamlessly interlaced with new, innovative routines written, designed, and crafted by Scott. He has choreographed many pieces to a broad selection of music with styles ranging from classical, to world, to modern R&B. The rest of the show is comprised of smart, 'stand-up' style routines, many of which either involve an audience member's on stage assistance, or audience interaction as a whole. Training in a wide variety of disciplines including acting, gymnastics, storytelling, mime, comedy, and dance has helped him to create dynamic programs that delight children, their parents, and grandparents. Whether juggling basketballs, plucking huge umbrellas from mid-air, or inter-



acting with the audience, Scott Jameson presents a show you won't soon forget. *Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.*

"Where have all the good movies gone?" Tuesday, April 27 7:30 PM

Ty Burr is a film critic for *The Boston Globe*.



For eleven years prior, he worked for *Entertainment Weekly* as the magazine's chief video critic and also covered movies, books, theater, music, and the Internet. He began his career at *Home Box Office* as an in-house "film evaluator." While at *Entertainment Weekly*, Burr wrote *The Hundred Greatest Movies of All Time* and coauthored *The Hundred Greatest Stars of All Time* (with Alison Gwinn). He has also written about film and other subjects for *The New York Times*, *Spin*, the *Boston Phoenix*, and other publications.

Ty Burr will be presenting commentary about current offerings on the silver screen. With five more films added to the usual five nominees for best film, the Oscar ceremonies in March aspire to being more inclusive. What do this year's ten, and the winner, indicate about the state of the art? Come compare your views with Ty's. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.*

For further information about upcoming events, go to www.needhamma.gov/library.

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

Children's Programs in April

International Children's Book Day

Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 and up

Fri., April 2nd 10:00 AM

Featuring a Spanish storytime by Claudia



Drop-in Storytime for all ages

Wed., April 14, 21, 28 10:00 AM

Fri., April 30 10:00 AM



Stories, music, movement and more for 30 minutes.

Story times are drop-in - No registration required.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Sing-Along with Ed Morgan



Fri., April 9th 3:00 PM

For children 2 years and up accompanied by an adult. This is a drop-in program -

please arrive on time.

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

Tues., April 13th 10:30 AM

Tues., April 27th 10:30 AM

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

**Registration required - max. 20 children & accompanying adult, and limited to one session only.



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



Mon., April 5th 11:00 AM

Mon., April 26th 11:00 AM

Join Cici Hunt in this fun-filled music and movement class for children and their caretakers.

**Registration is required.

Storytime for ages 2 and up**

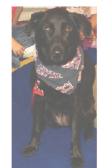


Wed., April 7 10:00 AM

A storytime with Special Guest Needham Police Chief Leary. **Registration is required.

*Lucy the R.E.A.D. Dog***

Thur., April 22nd 10:00 AM



Join Lucy, a black lab, and Pat Howes (recently retired first grade teacher at Newman) for a great program that encourages children to read! **Registration is required. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.*

April Craft Activities

April Foolishness Drop-In for ages 4 - 7



Thur., April 8th 4:00 PM

Featuring stories, crafts and surprises!!

Storycraft Program for ages 5-8



Thur., April 29th 4:00 PM

Each month, we will read stories related to the month and do a craft project!

Drop-In National Library Week Craft for ages 5 - 8

Thur., April 15th 4:00 PM

Drop-In National Library Week Storytime and Craft for all ages



Fri., April 16th 10:00 AM

Drop-In Earth Day Crafts for ages 5 - 8

Thur., April 22nd 10:00 AM

Drop-In Earth Day Crafts for ages 2 - 5

Fri., April 23rd 10:00 AM



April Vacation Week Activities

Drop-In Rhyming Time - Poetry Month Party for ages 5 - 8

Tues., April 20th 3:00 PM

"Turn Off the TV" Week Campfire Stories

- a Drop-In Storytime for ages 4 and up

Wed., April 21st 7:00 PM



Children's Movie: Fantastic Mr. Fox (Rated PG - 87 minutes)

Thursday, April 22nd 2:00 PM



Mr. and Mrs. Fox live an idyllic home life with their son Ash and visiting young nephew Kristopherson. But after 12 years, the bucolic existence proves too much for Mr. Fox's wild animal instincts. Soon he slips back into his old ways as a sneaky chicken thief and in doing so, endangers not only his beloved family, but the whole animal community. Trapped underground and with not

enough food to go around, the animals band together to fight against the evil Farmers -- Boggis, Bunce and Bean -- who are determined to capture the audacious, fantastic Mr. Fox at any cost

April Book Discussions

NPL Book Group

Tuesday, April 13th

The Art of Racing in the Rain

by Garth Stein

Enzo knows he is different from other dogs: a philosopher with a nearly human soul (and an obsession with opposable thumbs), he has educated himself by watching television extensively, and by listening very closely to the words of his master, Denny Swift, an up-and-coming race car driver. Through Denny, Enzo has gained tremendous insight into the human condition, and he sees that life, like racing, isn't simply about going fast. Using the techniques needed on the race track, one can successfully navigate all of life's ordeals.

On the eve of his death, Enzo takes stock of his life, recalling all that he and his family have been through: the sacrifices Denny has made to succeed professionally; the unexpected loss of Eve, Denny's wife; the three-year battle over their daughter, Zoe, whose maternal grandparents pulled every string to gain custody. In the end, despite what he sees as his own limitations, Enzo comes through heroically to preserve the Swift family, holding in his heart the dream that Denny will become a racing champion with Zoe at his side. Having learned what it takes to be a compassionate and successful person, the wise canine can barely wait until his next lifetime, when he is sure he will return as a man.

A heart-wrenching but deeply funny and ultimately uplifting story of family, love, loyalty, and hope, "The Art of Racing in the Rain" is a beautifully crafted and captivating look at the wonders and absurdities of human life . . . as only a dog could tell it.

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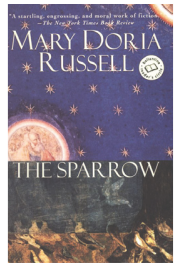
NPL Evening Book Group Wednesday, April 28th

The Sparrow

by Mary Doria Russell

The Sparrow, an astonishing literary debut, takes you on a journey to a distant planet and to the center of the human soul. It is the story of a charismatic Jesuit priest and linguist, Emilio Sandoz, who leads a twenty-first century scientific mission to a newly discovered extraterrestrial culture. Sandoz and his companions are prepared to endure isolation, hardship and death, but nothing can prepare them for the civilization they encounter, or for the tragic misunderstanding that brings the mission to a catastrophic end. Once considered a living saint, Sandoz returns alone to Earth physically and spiritually maimed, the mission's sole survivor - only to be accused of heinous crimes and blamed for the mission's failure

7:00 PM



This Month in the Friends Gallery

Needham Open Studios Artists



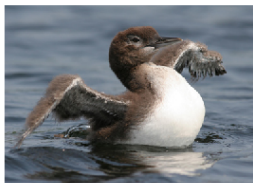
The Library still has IRS and Massachusetts Tax Forms. Get them while you still can in the downstairs lobby...

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...

Former Needham Resident Author John Rockwood – Adventures with Grapenut Tuesday, May 11th 7:30 PM



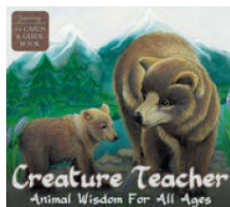
Former Needham resident John Rockwood's slide show will chronicle the lives of two Common Loon families, from their arrival in the spring through their migration back to the ocean in fall. Through John's photos, you will get to see Loons, so close up and personal that you will feel like you are in the kayak, living the adventure. The star of the show will be Grapenut, a 4 day old Loon chick from John's book, *Adventures With Grapenut*. You'll hear how John found Grapenut and learn about some of Grapenut's surprising and interesting loony behaviors! *Adventures With Grapenut* will be available for sale and signing before and after the presentation. Check out <http://natureforalltosee.net> for further information. *This event is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.*

Creature Teachers – Animals Around the World

Saturday, May 8th

10:30 AM

This program explores the diverse habitats of our planet and the animals that live within them. See why some animals are well suited for certain areas and why some are not. Come, join us, as we take a trip around the world to find out where today's animals came from. *Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.*

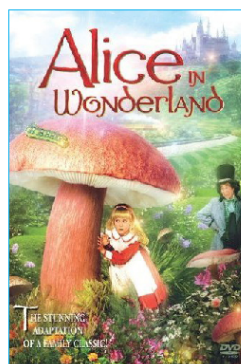


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Children's Movie: Alice in Wonderland (TV -1985, Rated G - 90 minutes)

Friday, May 28th

3:30 PM



*Sometimes she's too big. Or much too small. Sometimes things are backwards. And there's always too much pepper in the soup! Nothing is quite right since Alice chased a very unusual White Rabbit and stumbled into an adventure that grows curiously and curiously. One of the greatest childhood fantasies is captured in Irwin Allen's colorful production adapted from Lewis Carroll's *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*.*

Part One of this two film set, opens with Alice wishing she were old enough to enjoy afternoon tea with all of the grown ups. After going down to the lake she spies a White Rabbit, and follows him down a rabbit-hole and into a kaleidoscope of color and fantasy. Alice meets many wonderful characters like the Caterpillar, the Duchess and her eccentric cook, the Mad Hatter, the Mock Turtle, and the Cheshire Cat. Finally after a brush with the head-chopping Queen of Hearts, Alice escapes, only to discover she is in fact trapped on the wrong side of the mirror.

Medicare information & Counseling now at the Library!

Are you overwhelmed by all your medicare choices? Do you care for an elderly person and have questions about their coverage? For the answers to these questions and more, help is now available at the Needham Free Public Library. The **SHINE** program (Serving the Health Information Needs of Elders) offers FREE unbiased Medicare health insurance counseling. To schedule an appointment with a certified SHINE counselor, call the Senior Center at 781-455-7555 and ask for a **SHINE** Library appointment.