



LIBRARY NOTES

August 2008

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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.....

August Events in the Community Room at the Needham Free Public Library...

Thursday, August 7th 3:00 - 3:45 PM

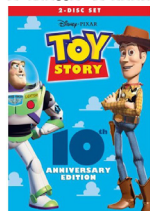
Sing-Along with Ed Morgan

For children 2.9-5 years accompanied by an adult. This is a drop-in program - please arrive on time. During the Summer, Ed will be performing in the Community Room.



Friday, August 15th 2:00 PM

Pixar Film Festival: Toy Story (G - 81 min)



Cowboy doll Woody is Andy's favorite toy, and as part of that comes the privilege of being the leader of all the other toys. His world is suddenly turned upside down when Andy gets a Buzz Lightyear action figure for his birthday. Suddenly, Woody finds himself in danger of being replaced as Andy and all the toys flock to Buzz. Worse yet, Buzz doesn't know he's a toy. He thinks he's the real Buzz Lightyear. But when the two toys get lost a couple days before Andy moves, they'll have to work together to get home. Can Woody work with Buzz when they don't have the same goal?

Thursday, August 21st 3:00 PM

Gerwick Puppets - Adventures from Thornton Burgess

This much loved production is adapted from the nature stories of Massachusetts author Thornton Burgess. Characters such as Reddy Fox, Hooty Owl, Peter and Mrs Rabbit, Jimmy Skunk, Johnny Chuck and Unc' Billy Possum are found in their own specific habits and habitats and teach about their behavior and habitat in an amusing interactive style with the audience. This very popular production has been enjoyed by school children since 1977 and will serve as the finale to this summer's 'Wild Reads' Summer Reading Clubs.



Friday, August 29th 2:00 PM
Pixar Film Festival: The Incredibles (G -115 min)

From the Academy Award winning creators of *Finding Nemo* (2003 Best Animated Feature Film) comes the action-packed animated adventure about the mundane and incredible lives of a house full of superheroes. Bob Parr and his wife Helen used to be among the world's greatest crime fighters, saving lives and battling evil on a daily basis. Fifteen years later, they have been forced to adopt civilian identities and retreat to the suburbs where they live "normal" lives with their three kids, Violet, Dash, and Jack-Jack. Itching to get back into action, Bob gets his chance when a mysterious communication summons him to a remote island for a top secret assignment. But he soon discovers that it will take a super family effort to rescue the world from total destruction.



Toddler Movies - Summer 2008



Once again we will be showing Toddler Movies - films based on storybooks, in the Community Room on Thursday mornings from 11:00 - 11:30 PM. Please reserve the following dates: August 14, August 21, and August 28.

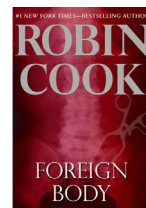
Ongoing Activities....

Appearing this month in the Friends' Gallery:
Photographer Marty Harris

Put on your Calendar....

**Best-Selling Author Robin Cook, MD,
returns on September 9 at 7:30 PM**

Robin Cook will discuss his new novel *Foreign Body*, set in India and the United States. Widely credited with introducing the word "medical" to the thriller genre with his first novel, *Coma*, Robin Cook will talk about medical tourism, the theme of this novel, and about his work and life including the prequel to *Foreign Body* produced on the web by Michael Eisner. *Foreign Body* is his 28th national bestseller; he has been translated into 40 languages and has sold more than one hundred million copies. This year's event will conclude with book signing.



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

Children's Department

August Storytimes



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

Tues., August 5, 12 10:00 - 10:20 AM

Toddler Time for ages 2 1/2 - 4

Wed., August 6, 13 10:00 AM

Stories from around the world for ages 4 - 7

Tues., August 5, 12 4:00 - 4:30 PM

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

August Craft Activities



Creative Kids Craft: for ages 5 - 7

Wed., August 6th 3:00- 3:45 PM

Registration required, maximum of 15 children.

Storycraft for ages 2 - 5

Thursday, August 14th 3:00 - 3:45 PM

Wednesday, August 20th 10:00 - 10:45 AM

2 Repeat Sessions - Registration required, maximum of 15 children.

August Music Activities



Thurs., August 7th 9:30 AM

Tues., August 26th 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 and is limited to one session only.

Fri., August 8th & August 22nd 10:00 AM

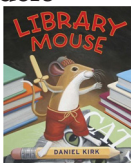
Music with Cici Hunt: for ages 4-6

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

Read-Aloud Book Club for 1st and 2nd Graders

Wednesday, August 13th 4:00 - 5:00 PM

This month we will be reading *Library Mouse* by Daniel Kirk, do some fun activities, and have a discussion about the book. Registration is required and limited to 15 children in rising grades 1-2.



Read-Aloud Book Club for 3rd and 4th Graders

Wednesday, August 20th 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Book will be chosen at the July 31st Book Club meeting. Registration is required and limited to 15 children in rising grades 3-4.

Wild Reads Summer Reading Program 2008



Read to Me (ages 3 - 6) and *Independent Readers* (grades K - 6). If you have read at least 10

books or 10 hours you can pick up your end of summer goodie bags starting August 18th. For more information, see the Children's Librarian or go online: <http://readsinma.org/needham>.

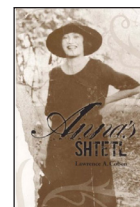
Upcoming Events in September

Wednesday, September 24

7:00 PM

Author Lawrence Cobin - *Anna's Shtetl*

Anna Spector was born in 1905 in Korsun, a Ukrainian town on the Ros River, eighty miles south of Kiev. Korsun and its fluid ethnic population were characteristic of the Pale of Settlement in Eastern Europe: comprised of Ukrainians, Cossacks, Jews and other groups living uneasily together in relationships punctuated by violence. Anna left in 1919, having lived through the Great War, the Bolshevik Revolution, and part of the ensuing civil war, as well as several episodes of more or less organized pogroms—deadly anti-Jewish riots begun by various invading military detachments during the Russian Civil War and joined by some of Korsun's peasants. Her rare account, the product of some 300 interviews, is valuable because most personal memoirs of ghetto life are written by men. Although the Jewish communities in Eastern Europe are now virtually gone, less than 100 years ago they counted a population of millions. Come and hear about this dark period of history - the book will be available for sale and autographing following the presentation.



Saturday, September 27th

10:30 AM



Children's Singer Mr. Kim Webster

Mr. Kim integrates music and puppetry to entertain and educate your musical minds. An accomplished guitarist and songwriter, Mr. Kim's music program incorporates fun movement exercises and hand-play to introduce such concepts as rhythm and tonality. Come join us for this fun family event.

Monday, September 29th

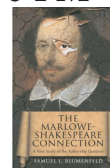
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Needham Author Samuel L. Blumenfeld -

The Marlowe-Shakespeare Connection:

A New Study of the Authorship Question

This book addresses the long-standing debate over the Shakespeare authorship problem and offers a daring solution: that the true author of the works attributed to Shakespeare was in fact poet and playwright Christopher Marlowe. Citing substantial and compelling evidence, Mr. Blumenfeld outlines several hypotheses to support his case, including the theory that several top people in Queen Elizabeth's government were involved in the plot to save Marlowe (who was reportedly a spy in the Secret Service.) The book will be available for purchase and autographing following the presentation.



LIBRARY HOURS:

MON. - THURS.	9:00AM - 9:00PM
FRIDAYS	9:00AM - 5:30PM
SATURDAYS	9:00AM - 5:00PM