Upcoming Events...

Toe Jam Puppet Band's Winter Variety Show

Saturday, Jan. 3, 2009 2:00 PM



Join us for this performance of the original **Toejam** story of "When Carrots Dream" - the true story of a carrot's quest to become the nose of a snowman. **Toejam** will take you on a journey where you'll encounter a two-headed

Snow Snorkle (be careful, this snowball throwing puppet may take aim at you!). Come and dance the ice off our snowshoes as we do the Penguin Line Dance and the Blue Igloo Cha Cha as well as other interactive songs and dances that the Toe Jam Puppet Band is famous for. Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

Trio Con Brio

Sunday, Jan. 11, 2009 2:00 PM

Featuring Flautists Wendy Vignaux and Laura Wilkin and Cellist Suzanne Friedrich with an afternoon of classical music. Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.



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Library Hours:

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

Saturdays 9:00am - 5:00pm

Sundays 1:00pm - 5:00pm



The life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. - an original narrative as seen through the eyes of his father 'Daddy King' portrayed by Sumner McClain

Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2009 7:30 PM



Sumner McClain, as Martin Luther King, Sr. will tell us how his son, a minister like himself, rose to lead the civil rights movement and win the Nobel Peace Prize before his assassination at the age of 39. He brings to

audiences a living, breathing portrayal of the man, with all his hopes and dreams. And through his eyes, we see him as a young boy, as a young adult, as a husband and father and in his role as a great leader. Sumner McClain is an extraordinarily gifted performer who has delighted audiences of all ages. This is the second of four Living History Portrayals sponsored by the Trustees of the Needham Free Public Library.

Forensic Science: The View from the Laboratory

Sunday, Jan. 25, 2009 2:00 PM



Drew Killius, Senior Materials Scientist at Analytical Answers and a forensic and legal work expert will speak about

the cases that he has worked on over the last 33 years. Drew, an expert in a variety of different fields, will talk about such topics as Questioning Document Validability (in relation to an Election fraud case), Art & Artifacts Provenance (did that gun really belong to that famous Wild West gentleman?), Arson for Fun or to cover up another crime, Preservation of evidence (the right & wrong ways to do it) and a variety of other strange and unusual cases that he has dealt with over the years. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library*.



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Notes

NEEDHAM 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.....



Alex the Jester - Sat., December 13th 10:30 AM

It's easy to imagine a court jester – the colorful trickster with bells jingling from his floppy hat. But have you ever seen one perform in real time? A rare treat,

indeed! Enter the world of the Wise Fool, and take an inspiring journey to Medieval times with

Alex the Jester. Alex the Jester prefers action to words, from mind bending sight gags to amazing stunts. When he finally clears his throat to speak, his audience is captivated. Rolling off his tongue is a funny sounding gibberish tongue called Grammelot. Come join us on a thrilling journey that your sense of wonder and your funny bone won't ever forget! This event is sponsored by The Library Foundation of Needham.

Matt Cotton: Eating for the Holidays Thur., Dec. 11th 7:30 PM



It's that time of year again, with temptation appearing everywhere. Come learn from Nutritionist Matt Cotton the seven simple steps that will

help you experience the holiday season without expanding your waistline!



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

New Years' Needham Events at the Library Wednesday, December 31st

Childrens Movie: Kung Fu Panda (PG - 88 min.) 12:00 PM

Enthusiastic, big and a little clumsy, Po works in his family's noodle shop while daydreaming about becoming a Kung Fu master. His dreams soon become reality when he is unexpectedly chosen to join the world of Kung

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Fu and study alongside his idols-the legendary fighters
Tigress, Crane, Mantis, Viper and Monkey-under the
leadership of their guru, Master Shifu. But before they
know it, the vengeful and treacherous snow leopard
Tai Lung is headed their way, and it's up to Po to

Magician Chris Bolter 3:00 PM & 4:00 PM

defend everyone from the oncoming threat.



Back from last years' SRO performance, Magician Chris Bolter will this year be doing two, 1/2 hour magic shows. Come and join us for "The Magic of Christopher Bolter!"

Childrens Movie: Horton Hears a Who! (G-174 min.) 6:45 PM

One of Dr. Seuss' most beloved stories roars to life as never before in this enormous animated adventure that proves "a person's a person no matter how small." A playful pachyderm named Horton becomes a reluctant

hero when he discovers the microscopic city of Whoville on a floating speck of dust and embarks on a hilarious adventure to save the town from the dangers of the jungle.



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

December Story times

Lap-sit Baby Book Time - for ages up to 2 1/2 Wed., Dec. 3, 17, 31 10:00 - 10:20 AM

We read stories, sing songs, do rhymes, and finger plays for about 20 minutes.



Toddler Time for ages 2 - 4

Thurs., Dec. 4, 11, 18 10:00 AM



We read stories, sing songs, and more for 30 minutes

Preschool Stories for ages 3 - 5 Tues., Dec. 9, 16, 23, 30 10:00 AM

We read stories, sing songs, and play games for about 30 minutes



Stories from around the world for PreK - Gr.2

Tues., Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 4:00 - 4:30 PM



We will be reading stories from around the world for about 30 minutes.

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

December Craft Activities

Creative Kids Craft: for ages 5 - 7

Thurs., Dec. 18th 4:00 PM Registration required, maximum of 15 children.

Little Hands Craft for ages 2 - 5

Thurs., Dec. 4th 4:00 PM Registration required - maximum of 15 children.

Winter Crafts for ages 6 -9

Thurs., Dec. 11th 4:00 PM Registration required - maximum of 15 children.

Winter Crafts for ages 2 -5

Wed., Dec. 17th 10:00 AM

Registration required - maximum of 15 children.

December Music Activities

Sing-Along with Ed Morgan

Fri., Dec.. 19th 3:00 PM



For children 3 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., Dec.. 2nd 10:30 AM Wed., Dec. 10th 10:30 AM

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.

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

Fri., Dec., 12th 11:00 AM



Fri., Dec.. 19th 11:00 AM Join Cici Hunt in this fun-filled music and movement class for children and their caretakers. Registration is required- max. 20 children &

accompanying adult.



December Reading Clubs

Online Book Club for Grades 3 - 5 Mon., Dec.. 1st 6:30 PM

Igraine the Brave by Cornelia Funke



CORNELIA FUNKE Princess Igraine dreams of becoming a famous knight just like her great grandfather, but the truth is, life at the family castle is rather boring. Until the nephew of the baroness-next-door shows up. He's got a

dastardly plan to capture the castle and claim as his own the wonderful singing spell books that belong to Igraine's magician parents. To make matters worse, at the very moment of the siege, her mom and dad botch a spell, turning themselves into pigs! Aided by a Gentle Giant and a Sorrowful Knight, it's up to Igraine to be brave and save the day...and the books! Registration is required and limited to 15 members. Grade level restrictions apply.

Lucy the R.E.A.D. Dog

Mon., Dec.. 8th 6:30 PM Join Lucy, a black lab, and Pat Howes (first grade teacher at Newman) for a great program that encourages children to read! Registration is required and limited to 15 children ages 3 and



December Programs In the Community Room

Childrens Movie: The Chronicles of Narnia - Prince Caspian (PG - 149 min.)

> Fri., December 26th 2:00 PM



The four Pevensie children return to Narnia and discover that even though it has been only a short time in their world, hundreds of years have passed since they ruled there. With the help of a heroic mouse called

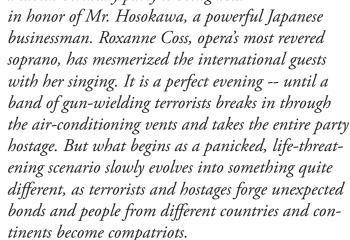
Reepicheep and the exiled heir to the throne, Prince Caspian, they set out to overthrow the evil King Miraz who has taken charge in this second installment of the epic Chronicles series.

NPL Book Group

Tuesday, Dec. 9th 1:00 PM

This months' selection: Bel Canto by Ann Patchett

Somewhere in South America, at the home of the country's vice president, a lavish birthday party is being held



NPL Evening Book Group Wednesday, Dec. 17th 7:00 PM

This months' selection: A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith

The beloved American classic about a young girl's coming-of-age at the turn of the century, Betty Smith's "A Tree

Grows in Brooklyn" is a poignant and moving tale filled with compassion and cruelty, laughter and heartache, crowded with life and people and incident. The story of young, sensitive, and idealistic Francie Nolan and her bittersweet formative years in the slums of Williamsburg has enchanted and inspired millions of readers for more than sixty years.

> Appearing this month in the Friends' Gallery: Karen Jerome Skillins in the Display Case: Annalee Holiday Mice

