Trio Con Brio
Sunday, Jan. 11, 2009  2:00 PM

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 Validitity (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 an other 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.

Magician Chris Bolter  3:00 PM & 4:00 PM
Back from last year’s 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.

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 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 defend everyone from the oncoming threat.

Library Hours:
Mon. - Thurs.  9:00am - 9:00pm
Fridays   9:00am - 5:30pm
Saturdays  9:00am - 5:00pm
Sundays   1:00pm - 5:00pm

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### 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, 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. 6, 13, 20, 27 10:00 AM
- Wed., Dec. 7, 14, 21, 28 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. 9, 16, 23, 30 10:00 AM
  - 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 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 Programs in the Community Room

**Children’s Movie: The Chronicles of Narnia - Prince Caspian**
- Fri., Dec. 19th 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.

### December Reading Clubs

**Online Book Club for Grades 3 - 5**
- Mon., Dec. 1st 6:30 PM
  - *Igraine the Brave* by 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-ness-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 both a spell, turning themselves into pigs! Aided by a Gentle Giant and a Sorrowsful 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.

**NPL Evening Book Group**
- Tues., Dec. 9th 1:00 PM
  - *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 in honor of Mr. Haukawau, a powerful Japanese businessman. Roxanne Cox, opera’s most revered soprano, has mesmerized the international guests with her singing. It is a perfect evening — until a band of gun-wielding terrorists breaks in through the air-conditioning vents and takes the entire party hostage. But what begins as a panicked, life-threatening scenario slowly evolves into something quite different, as terrorists and hostages forge unexpected bonds and people from different countries and continents become compatriots.

**NPL Book Group**
- Tues., Dec. 9 7:00 PM
  - *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 incidents. 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.

**This month’s selection:**
- *Sweet-Beat* by Karen Jerome Skillins
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### Appearing this month in the Friends’ Gallery:
- **Karen Jerome Skillins**

### In the Display Case:
- **Annalee Holiday Mice**