



LIBRARY NOTES

February 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.....

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

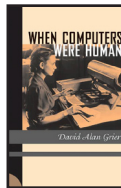
Friends' Winter Book Sale - February 2 & 3, 2008

Sunday, February 10th 2:00 PM

Author David Alan Grier:

When Computers Were Human

When Computers Were Human is the sad but lyrical story of workers who gladly did the hard labor of research calculation in the hope that they might be part of the scientific community. In the end, they were rewarded by a new electronic machine that took the place and the name of those who were, once, the computers. David Alan Grier is Associate Professor in the Center for International Science and Technology Policy at George Washington University. Book available for purchase courtesy of N.E. Mobile Book Fair. *This Program is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.*



Saturday, February 23th 10:30 AM

Children's Singer Wayne Potash



Winner of the coveted 2007 Parents' Choice Music Award, his recordings are featured on children's radio programs across the country, and feature a unique blend of folk, bluegrass, pop, and blues. Wayne will be presenting his

Music Fun show, featuring the wildly popular *Shy Shark* and *All Around the Kitchen!* This Program is sponsored by *The Library Foundation of Needham.*

Sunday, February 24th 2:00 PM

2008 McIver Series

Devena Theatre Company: Lizzie Borden and the 40 Whacks

On a scorching hot day in Fall River, back in August of 1892, a heinous crime occurred. Spinster Lizzie Borden was accused, tried, and acquitted for the vicious ax murders of her father and stepmother. This true unsolved



mystery has fascinated people for over 100 years. Two people died on that day in 1892, but Lizzie continues to live on in American folklore.

An edutainment production, the show will feature Lynne Moulton and Joseph Zamparelli, Jr. in multiple roles. The performance includes a mock trial that invites the audience to participate by questioning Lizzie, deciding her guilt or innocence, and imparting a sentence, if appropriate. Did she or didn't she? You will be the judge... Part of the McIver Series, sponsored by the Trustees of the Needham Free Public Library.

Tuesday, February 26th 7:30 PM

The Loss of the U.S.S. Quincy - Bob Begin



A multimedia presentation of the sinking of the U.S.S. Quincy during WWII with follow-up on how this affected the survivors and their families.

Ongoing Activities....

Appearing this month in the Friends' Gallery:

Samantha Yanofsky - "No Worries"

Photographs from Australia and New Zealand

Display Cases: Ramune Jauniskis - "Art in 3-D"

Tuesday, February 12th 1:00 PM

NPL Book Group

This month's selection:

Desert Queen: The Extraordinary Life of Gertrude Bell, Adventurer, Adviser to Kings, Ally of Lawrence of Arabia



By Janet Wallach

In this masterful biography, Wallach shows readers the woman behind "Desert Queen" Gertrude Bell (1868-1926)--adventurer and ally to Lawrence of Arabia--a woman whose passion and defiant independence were at odds with the confined and custom-bound England she left behind.

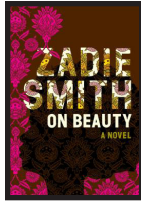
For further information about upcoming events, go to www.needhamma.gov/library.

Wednesday, February 27th
NPL Evening Book Group

This month's selection:
On Beauty
By Zadie Smith

Smith's third novel is an analysis of family life, the institution of marriage, and an honest look at people's deceptions. An infidelity, a death, and a legacy set in motion a chain of events that forces everyone to examine the assumptions which underpin their lives.

7:00 PM



Children's Department February Storytimes



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

Wed., Feb 6, 13 10:00 - 10:20 AM

Introduce your baby to the fun of books and words with stories, fingerplays, and sing-alongs.

Toddler Time for ages 2 1/2 and up

Thurs., Feb 7, 14 10:00 - 10:20 AM

Combines music, movement and stories.

Story times are drop-in - no registration required.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Storytimes start **PROMPTLY** at 10:00 AM - please arrive on time.

Drop-in Craft - for all ages

Thursday, February 14th 3:45 - 4:15 PM

No Registration required. Adults should accompany children under 3 years of age.



Friday, February 22nd 10:00 AM

Children's Movie: Shrek the Third (Rated PG - 92 min)



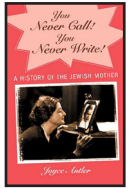
Being king isn't for everyone--especially if you're a prickly ogre who smells like the shallow end of a swamp. When Shrek married Fiona, the last thing he wanted was to rule Far Far Away, but when his frogger-in-law, King Harold, suddenly croaks, Shrek is quickly fitted for the crown. Now, unless the reluctant would-be king can find a suitable replacement, he'll be royally stuck for the rest of his days. As if Shrek didn't have enough on his plate, Princess Fiona has another little surprise on the way. With his head spinning and his belly in knots, Shrek sets off on a quest to find the only other possible heir to the throne, Fiona's long-lost cousin Artie. While the ogre is away, his old nemesis Prince Charming rears his handsome head and returns to the kingdom of Far Far Away with redemption on his shallow little mind. Even with Donkey and the ever-so-suave Puss in Boots by their side, it's going to take an Ogre-sized effort--and a whole lot of help from Fiona and her band of princesses--for Shrek and Artie to save the day and find their own "Happily Ever After."

Upcoming Events - March 2008

Sunday, March 2nd

2:00 PM

Author Joyce Antler - "You Never Call, You Never Write, A History of the Jewish Mother"



Library Journal said: "More than a history of Jewish motherhood, this book offers a fresh perspective on Jewish history, women's history, and the history of popular culture that is both informative and entertaining.... Readers will finish the book with a fuller and more nuanced understanding of the history of the Jewish mother--and mothers in general." Come and join Joyce Antler for a delightful presentation on her book. Book will be available for purchase and autographing courtesy of N.E. Mobile Book Fair. Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Library.

Sunday, March 9th

2:00 PM

Schmoozin' with Sophie Tucker featuring Linda Myer



In the era of John D. Rockefeller and Andrew Carnegie, entertainer Sophie Tucker rose above her humble beginnings as the daughter of Jewish Russian immigrants in Boston's North End to become an international showbiz star. Actress, playwright, teacher, and independent historian Linda Myer uses stories, songs, and jokes to bring Sophie Tucker, the self-proclaimed "last of the red-hot mamas," to life in her cabaret-style show. *Part of the McIver Series, sponsored by the Trustees of the Needham Free Public Library.*

Saturday, March 22nd

10:30 AM

Debbie O'Carroll - The Irish Magic Show

...blends favorite Irish tales of the last century with contemporary stage magic as Debbie introduces the audience to a clan of classical characters from Irish children's literature. They will meet a comical, ghostly pooka and participate in an Irish language poem about a banshee. They will discover the secrets of the Salmon of Knowledge meet an elusive sea serpent called the Ollphéist and encounter the mischievous headless dullahan. Ages 4 to 12 will enjoy sharing the humor and charm of magical Ireland. Sponsored by The Library Foundation of Needham.



Saturday & Sunday - March 29th & 30th

Needham Public Library & the Needham Concert Society Present 10th Annual Piano Festival



More information forthcoming.....

LIBRARY HOURS:

MON. - THURS.	9:00AM - 9:00PM
FRIDAYS	9:00AM - 5:30PM
SATURDAYS	9:00AM - 5:00PM
SUNDAYS	1:00PM - 5:00PM