



LIBRARY NOTES

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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.....

Lesley Smith: The Theatre of Life Puppets Presents *Wizards and Knights* Thursday, Feb. 19th 10:30 AM

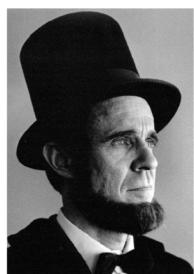


Designed for Preschoolers-middle school and family audiences. Giant sized dragon and lion puppets bring Elizabeth Winthrop's book *Castle*

in the Attic to life. Packed with interactive music, intrigue and humor, this program encourages families to read! Puppet Sammy Snail learns self worth and more in this family favorite! Lesley Smith is a renowned ventriloquist, puppeteer and singer/songwriter employing the vehicles of humor, dynamic vocals and puppetry to entertain school children and their families across the country. Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

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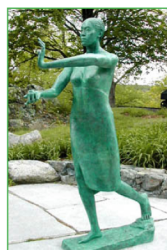
A Visit with Abraham Lincoln Sunday, Feb. 22nd 2:00 PM



A Visit with Abraham Lincoln is a first-person historical interpretation of our 16th president. Matching Lincoln's height and beard, Steve Wood, member #118 of the Association of Lincoln Presenters, bears enough of a resemblance to make heads turn even

when he's not wearing his black wool trousers, vest, frock coat and stovepipe hat. As Lincoln, he may talk of his early life, including his love of reading and his varied work experiences, which ranged from farm work, store keeping, and surveying to the self-study of law. He may comment on his debates with Stephen Douglas while campaigning for the Senate, his successful bid for the Presidency, and the resulting war. He closes with a reading of the Gettysburg Address. A question and answer session will follow the presentation. *This is the third of four Living History Portrayals sponsored by the Trustees of the Needham Free Public Library.*

The History of Sculpture Tuesday, Feb. 24th 7:30 PM



Ever wondered how the medium of sculpture evolved from classic Greek figures to giant balloon dogs? Or how we came to accept large pieces of abstract steel as "art?" The evolution of sculpture is complex and varied, but is made accessible in this casual, inclusive lecture focusing on Modern and contemporary sculpture. We'll focus on major trends, ground breaking artists, and larger-than-life sculptures that have changed the way we view art in the 21st century. Come with an open mind, and bring your questions for the Q&A session following this presentation by Emily Silet, Director of Gallery Learning at the DeCordova Museum. *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...

February Story times

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

Wed., Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25 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., Feb. 5, 12, 26 10:00 AM

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



Preschool Stories for ages 3 - 5

Tues., Feb. 3, 17 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., Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24 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.

February Craft Activities

Creative Kids Craft: for ages 5 - 7

Thurs., Feb. 26th 4:00 PM

Registration required, maximum of 15 children.



Valentine's Day Craft for ages 2 - 5

Wed., Feb. 11th 11:00 AM

Registration required - maximum of 15 children.

Valentine's Day Craft for ages 5 - 7

Thur., Feb. 12th 4:00 PM

Registration required - maximum of 15 children.



Build-a-Bug Workshop for Grades 2 - 8

Thur., Feb. 5th 3:30 PM

Children will learn about simple machines, gears, and energy while working in pairs to construct a LEGO Bug built from a kit.



Registration is required.

February Music Activities

Sing-Along with Ed Morgan

Fri., Feb. 13th 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., Feb. 10th 10:30 AM

Tues., Feb. 24th 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., Feb. 20th 11:00 AM

Fri., Feb. 27th 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.

February Reading Clubs

Online Book Club for Grades 3 - 5

Mon., Feb. 9th 6:30 PM

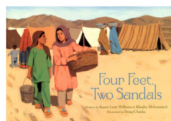
This month's book is *Sahara Special* by Esme Raji Codell. *Struggling with school and her feelings since her father left, Sahara gets a fresh start with a new and unique teacher who supports her writing talents and the individuality of each of her classmates.* Discussion will take place online at: <http://nfplchildrens.pbwiki.com>. Registration is required for new members, sign-up at the Children's Desk or request access by visiting the above website.



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

Wed., Feb. 18th 4:00 PM

Four Feet, Two Sandals by Karen Lynn Williams & Khadra Mohammed



When relief workers bring used clothing to the refugee camp, everyone scrambles to grab whatever they can. Ten-year-old Lina is thrilled when she finds a sandal that fits her foot perfectly, until she sees that another girl has the matching shoe. But soon Lina and Feroza meet and decide that it is better to share the sandals than for each to wear only one. As the girls go about their routines -- washing clothes in the river, waiting in long lines for water, and watching for their names to appear on the list to go to America -- the sandals remind them that friendship is what is most important. Registration is required and limited to 15 members. Grade level restrictions apply.

Lucy the R.E.A.D. Dog

Mon., Feb. 2nd 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 up. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.*



February Programs In the Community Room

Childrens Movie: High School Musical 3
(Rated G - 112 minutes)

Fri., Feb. 20th 2:00 PM



It's almost graduation day for high school seniors Troy, Gabriella, Sharpay, Chad, Ryan and Taylor - and the thought of heading off in separate directions after leaving East High has these Wildcats thinking they need to do something they'll remember forever. Together with the rest of the Wildcats, they stage a spring musical reflecting their hopes and fears about the future and their unforgettable experiences growing up together. But with graduation approaching and college plans in question, what will become of the dreams, romances, and friendships of East High's senior Wildcats?

NPL Book Group

Tuesday, Feb. 10th 1:00 PM

This month's selection:

Loving Frank by Nancy Horan



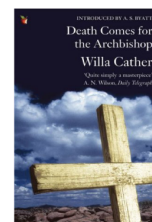
Fact and fiction are brilliantly blended in this compelling novel about the relationship between Frank Lloyd Wright and Mamah Cheney, the wife of a couple whose home Wright built in 1904. Each married with children when they met in Oak Park, Illinois, Frank and Mamah began a clandestine affair that eventually led them to flee to Europe, devastating their families and shocking Chicago society. Nancy Horan brings Mamah to life as she illuminates the conflicts and sacrifices of a woman forced to choose between the roles of mother, wife, lover, and intellectual. More than a powerful love story, Loving Frank is a novel about breaking old rules and living new ideas that will stay in the minds of listeners long after its unbearably poignant conclusion.

NPL Evening Book Group

Wednesday, Feb. 25th 7:00 PM

This month's selection:

Death Comes For the Archbishop by Willa Cather



In 1851 Bishop Latour and his friend Father Valliant are despatched to New Mexico to reawaken its slumbering Catholicism. Moving along the endless prairies, Latour spreads his faith the only way he knows-gently, although he must contend with the unforgiving landscape, derelict and sometimes openly rebellious priests, and his own loneliness. Over nearly 40 years, they leave converts and enemies, crosses, and occasionally ecstasy in their wake. But it takes a death for them to make their mark on the landscape forever.

In the Friends' Gallery:

Evelyn Bernal ~ Songs of Nature

In the Display Cabinets:

Senior Studio - NHS Class of 2009

Altered Books

Upcoming Events...

Mike the Hatman

Sat., March 7th

10:30 AM



An energetic interactive performance: using an electric guitar, a "drum machine" synthesizer, and lots of funny surprises to keep everyone singing, dancing, and laughing. For the grand finale,

Mike stays to make everyone a silly balloon hat! *Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.*

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Tea with Mary Cassatt - A Play in One Act
written, directed and starring Laura R. Duggan

Sun., March 8th

2:00 PM

This one act play opens in the year 1912. The setting is the salon of *Le Grand Hotel in Paris*, and Mary Cassatt is awaiting the arrival of a Monsieur Achilles Segard who plans to write the first biography



on the famous artist...and he is late! Join us for Tea with the only American Artist to ever be invited to exhibit with the Impressionists! This is the fourth and last of the *Living History Portrayals* sponsored by the Trustees of the Needham Free Public Library.

Library Hours:

Mon. - Thurs. 9:00am - 9:00pm

Fridays 9:00am - 5:30pm

Saturdays 9:00am - 5:00pm

Sundays 1:00pm - 5:00pm



Investigating Sherlock Holmes in the
Sesquicentennial of Arthur Conan
Doyle's Birth

Sun., March 15th

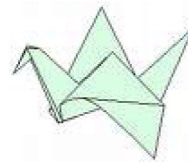
2:00 PM

Daniel M. Polvere, Esq., of the **Speckled Band of Boston** (founded in 1940) - the **Boston Chapter of the Baker Street Irregulars**, will talk about that master detective Sherlock Holmes, on this the 150th anniversary of the birth of his creator Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.*



Items of Interest at the Needham Library...

Paperfolders in New England



Meeting every second Saturday of the month, the **Paperfolders in New England** practice the ancient art of Origami. The first hour (at 11:00 AM each month)

is spent in the Children's Craft Room teaching a new, basic design to all who wish to learn. Starting at 12:30 PM, more difficult and unique designs are crafted. They're always interested in having new people join them. Please come and participate in learning this ancient art form.



....Did You Know that the Library has passes to the following Museums: The Boston Children's Museum, The Discovery Museums of Acton, The Garden in the Woods, Harvard Museum of Natural History, Harvard University Art Museums, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, Massachusetts State Parks, The Museum of Fine Arts, The Museum of Science, The New England Quilt Museum, New England Aquarium, Peabody Essex Museum and the Institute of Contemporary Art. For online Reservations, go to: <http://www.needhamma.gov/library/museums>

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