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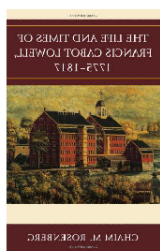
February 2011

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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...

Author Chaim M. Rosenberg—*The Life and Times of Francis Cabot Lowell, 1775-1817*

Tues., February 15th 7:30 PM



After the Revolutionary War, despite political independence, the United States still relied on other countries for manufactured goods. Francis Cabot Lowell, born in Massachusetts in 1775, was one of the principal investors in building the India

Wharf and the shops and warehouses close to the harbor. His work was instrumental in establishing domestic industry for the United States and bringing the industrial revolution to the United States. *The Life and Times of Francis Cabot Lowell, 1775-1817* tells the story of this amazing man and the great success of the Boston Manufacturing Company, which spurred the American industrial revolution. Francis Cabot Lowell's Method—a detailed investment plan, cheap raw materials and power, a motivated labor force, a sound marketing plan, and above all, modern technology—became the standard for the American factory of the nineteenth century. Chaim M. Rosenberg is the author of *The Great Workshop: Boston's Victorian Age*, and *Goods for Sale: Products and Advertising of the Massachusetts Industrial Age*. The Library is delighted to welcome him back.

Singer Zak Morgan

Thurs., February 24th 10:30 AM

GRAMMY-nominated children's musician Zak Morgan delights children and parents alike with his interactive, high-energy live performances. In his concerts,



Morgan uses music and humor as vehicles to encourage children to read books, use their imaginations, and believe in themselves. Zak's physical comedy is reminiscent of a young Steve Martin, and his wordplay and sense of humor are reminiscent of his favorite writers, Roald Dahl and

Shel Silverstein. Morgan has performed more than 1,400 concerts throughout the United States in schools, libraries, and theaters since 1999 and his shows are always uplifting, educational, and fun for all ages. This Program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

Author Michelle Hoover: *A Sense of Place and Time in The Quickening*

Sun., February 13th 2:00 PM



In December 2010, *The Quickening* was one of the shortlisted finalists for the annual Flaherty-Dunnann First Novel Prize awarded by The Center for Fiction. Set in midwestern farmland during the Great Depression, the story unfolds through the course of friendship between two disparate women whose lives are linked by challenging circumstances. Although Iowa-born author Michelle Hoover drew inspiration from a journal written late in life by a great-grandmother, her novel taps into human experience beyond its specific place and time. Michelle Hoover teaches writing at Boston University and Grub Street. *The Quickening* will be available for purchase and autographing. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Library.

This Month in the Friend's Gallery

George Marks

and in the Display Cases

Altered Books

N.H.S. Senior Studios

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

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

Children's Programs in February

Drop-in Storytime for ages 5 and under



Wed., February 9, 16, 23 10:00 AM

Fri., February 18, 25 10:30 AM

Stories, music, movement and more for 30 minutes.

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

Sing-Along with Ed Morgan

Fri., February 11th 3:00 PM



For children 2 years and up accompanied by an adult. This is a drop-in program—please arrive on time.

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



Fri., February 11th 11:00 AM

Tues., February 22nd 11:00 AM

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

**Registration is required, one session per month only please.

Music, Movement and Me with Sara Epstein**

Tues., February 1st 10:30 AM

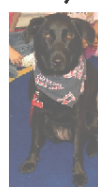
Tues., February 15th 10:30 AM

An interactive music and movement program for adults and children under 4.



**Registration required—maximum 20 children & accompanying adult.

Lucy the R.E.A.D. Dog: for ages 3 and up**



Wed., February 2nd 10:00 AM

Join Lucy, a black lab, and Pat Howes (recently retired first grade teacher at Newman) for a great program that encourages children to read! February 2nd is Lucy's

birthday!! **Registration required. Begins one week prior to program. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.*



February Craft & Special Events

Drop-In "Crafts of the Month" for ages 2-6 years



Thurs., February 3rd 4:00 PM

Drop-In "Crafts of the Month" for ages 2-5 years



Fri., February 4th 10:00 AM

"Crafts of the Month" programs focus on authors and other people born this month and/or other special days in February. We will have 4-5 related crafts.



Drop-In Chinese New Year's Crafts for ages 2-6 years

Thurs., February 10th 4:00 PM

Drop-In Valentine's Day Crafts for ages 5 and under



Mon., February 14th 10:00 AM

Drop-In National Friendship Week Crafts for ages 2-6 years



Thurs., February 17th 4:00 PM

Drop-In Craft Programs usually last for approximately 45 minutes, depending upon your child(ren). Four or five crafts related to the theme will be offered for our creative young patrons.

Drop-In 2nd Annual Winter Beach Party for ages 2-6 years

Thurs., February 24th 4:00 PM

Our second annual Beach Party is a way to warm-up in winter! We will have crafts and activities to remind us of summer!



Toddler Movies



Thurs., February 3, 10 11:00 AM

Due to popular response, we will continue to show Toddler Movies—films based on story-books—in the Community Room.



Children's Movie: Megamind (Rated PG - 96 minutes)

Fri., February 25th

2:00 PM

Villainy is a way of life, but if a villain doesn't have a hero to battle, can he still expect the same sense of satisfaction from his evil deeds? When Megamind finally defeats his long-time nemesis Metro Man, he ecstatically goes about laying ruin to Metro City, reveling in the fact that he can now have anything he wants. Surprisingly, Megamind's glee quickly turns to dissatisfaction, as he realizes that the battle was half the fun and everything comes too easy now. Thus begins a plot to turn the nerdy Hal into Tighthen, a new hero for Megamind to battle. What Megamind doesn't count on is that Tighthen may not turn out to be as good as he's meant to be. Nor does he anticipate falling in love with his old rival's girl Roxanne Ritchi. In the end, Megamind finds he must rethink his assumptions about good, bad, and what makes him happy.



February Book Discussions

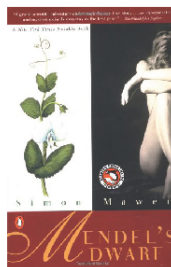
NPL Book Group

Tuesday, February 8th

Mendel's Dwarf

by Simon Mawer

1:00 PM



Dr. Benedict Lambert is a genius—the top of his class at Oxford and a recipient of prestigious research fellowships as well as the admiration, grudging at times, of his colleagues. There is only one thing Benedict Lambert wants more than anything else in life, and he cannot have it—he wants to be normal. For Benedict Lambert is a dwarf. Ironically, Benedict was born of two average-height parents, neither of whom could trace any genetic abnormalities through their distinguished family trees. He is also the great-great-great-nephew of the reclusive but brilliant Austrian monk Gregor Mendel, who pioneered the study of genetics, and who unwittingly set the stage for Benedict to go in search of the gene that causes achondroplasia, or dwarfism. Inured to the world's sidelong stares and ill-disguised revulsion, Ben never expects to find anything approaching reciprocated love, until he meets Jean, a shy and simple woman whose husband is everything Benedict is not - including infertile. This riveting and thought-provoking novel takes us to the brave new world of genetic science through the eyes and heart of a man

who knows that his own particular strain of humanity will have no place in it.

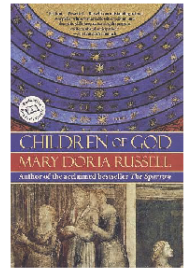
NPL Evening Book Group

Wednesday, February 16th

Children of God

by Mary Doria Russell

7:00 PM



The only member of the original mission to the planet Rakhat to return to Earth, Father Emilio Sandoz has barely begun to recover from his ordeal when the Society of Jesus calls upon him for help in preparing for another mission to Alpha Centauri. Despite his objections and fear, he cannot escape his past or the future. Old friends, new discoveries and difficult questions await Emilio as he struggles for inner peace and understanding in a moral universe whose boundaries now extend beyond the solar system and whose future lies with children born in a faraway place.

Trustee Pick of the Month

Library Trustee Lois Bacon recommends electronic books for your e-reader. Needham's Overdrive® e-book library service is available on the Minuteman Library Network Digital Media Catalog from your home computer. Take out up to 3 e-books at a time. If an e-book is checked-out, a hold request can be added. You will be notified by e-mail once the e-book is available. All you need is your library card. Recent e-books I have borrowed and read on my Barnes & Noble Nook® are *At Home* by Bill Bryson, *Extraordinary, Ordinary People* by Condoleezza Rice, and *Faithful Place* by Tana French.



Library Hours:

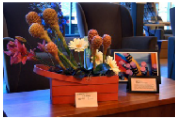
Mon. - Thurs.	9:00am - 9:00pm
Fridays	9:00am - 5:30pm
Saturdays	9:00am - 5:00pm
Sundays	1:00pm - 5:00pm

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Upcoming Events...

Needham's Art In Bloom 2011

Sat., March 5th 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Sun., March 6th 1:00 - 4:00 PM

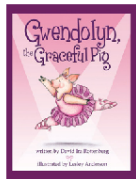


The Beth Shalom Garden Club and the Needham Free Public Library invite you to celebrate Needham's Art in Bloom 2011, a multi-generational community showcase event! It will feature mixed media artwork created by talented Needham High School students. Each piece of art will have an accompanying floral interpretation. This year there will be a special Tercentennial component of Needham's Art in Bloom in celebration of the town's 300th birthday. Floral interpretations of Needham artists N.C. Wyeth and Giovanni Castano as well as notable Needham authors will be on display in the Bosworth and Wyeth rooms at the library.

Ballet and Books: Author David Ira Rottenberg – *Gwendolyn, the Graceful Pig*

Thurs., March 10th 3:30 PM

Enjoy an afternoon of ballet fun for the budding dancers and story lovers in your family when children's book author David Ira Rottenberg and his ballerina friends take center stage. While Mr. Rottenberg reads his new picture book, *Gwendolyn, the Graceful Pig*, dancers will present a ballet interpretation of the story. After the performance, the dancers will give an age-appropriate mini-dance lesson and Mr. Rottenberg will answer questions and sign copies of his book.



Kenneth Gloss – Is There Value In Your Old And Rare Books?

Thurs., March 10th 7:30 PM



Kenneth Gloss, Proprietor of the Brattle Book Store, will discuss the joys of being in the antiquarian book business as well as the history of his venerable book store. He will also talk about some of the remarkable "finds" he's made over the years, and some that "got away!," as well as relate stories about the books, authors, and collectors he has dealt with over the years. Ken will also be bringing examples to share with the audience. Following this presentation, Mr. Gloss will be happy to perform free verbal appraisals of any books brought in. *This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.*

Caravan Puppets Presents The Emerald Isle

Sat., March 26th 10:30 AM

Celebrating the culture of Ireland, with folklore, puppetry and music, Caravan Puppets highlights the joys of creativ-

ity, imagination and reading in its library performances. Caravan's programs engage, with unique hand-made puppets, a wide diversity of puppetry styles, exciting stories, interactive skits and original music. *This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.*



McIver Lecture Series 2011

Parish And Town: From Puritans to Pluralism – The Rev. John Buehrens, Minister, First Parish in Needham

Sun., March 13th 2:00 PM



Needham could not have been organized as a town in 1711 until it had a parish church. First Parish is therefore the oldest organization in the community. For 140 years it was the only house of worship in Needham.

John Buehrens, the Minister of First Parish since 2002, is a graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Divinity School, where he is an adjunct member of the faculty. He is the author of *Understanding the Bible: An Introduction for Skeptics, Seekers, and Religious Liberals* and of the forthcoming volume, *Universalists and Unitarians in America: A People's History*, and coauthor, with Rebecca Ann Parker, of *A House for Hope: The Promise of Progressive Religion in the 21st Century*. Buehrens served as President of the *Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations* from 1993 to 2001. His lecture will not only describe the origins of the parish and town, but the coming of religious pluralism to the community. *This event is sponsored by the Trustees of the Needham Free Public Library and is the second of three programs on Needham's Path to 300.*

Author Robert Martello, Ph.D. speaks about *Midnight Ride, Industrial Dawn: Paul Revere and the Growth of American Enterprise*

Sun., March 27th 2:00 PM



Paul Revere aspired to success as an entrepreneur in the young Republic. The talented silversmith developed innovations in metal-processing, but was disappointed in efforts to secure loans and contracts necessary to expand his business. Come hear Martello, Associate Professor of the History of Science and Technology at Olin College, as he delves into social and other factors that frustrated the business plan of this prominent American.



This program is sponsored by Friends of the Needham Public Library.