

Upcoming Events...

Lesley Smith: The Theatre of Life

Puppets Presents *Wizards and Knights*

Thursday, Feb. 19th 10:30 AM



Designed for Pre-schoolers-middle school and family audiences, a 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/song-writer 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.

The History of Sculpture

Tuesday, Feb. 24th 7:30 PM



Emily Silet, Director of Gallery Learning at the DeCordova Museum will speak. *This Program is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.*

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Library Hours:

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

Fridays 9:00am - 5:30pm

Saturdays 9:00am - 5:00pm

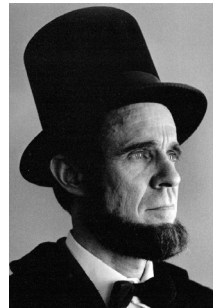
Sundays 1:00pm - 5:00pm

McIVER SERIES

2008 - 2009

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, the resulting war and 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.



....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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LIBRARY NOTES

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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....

Toe Jam Puppet Band's Winter Variety Show

Saturday, Jan. 3, 2009 2:00 PM



Join us for this performance of the original Toe jam story of "When Carrots Dream" - the true story of a carrot's quest to become the nose of a snowman. Toe jam 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 your snowshoes as we do the Penguin Line Dance, the Blue Igloo Cha Cha and other interactive songs and dances that the Toe Jam Puppet Band is famous for. *Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.*

McIVER SERIES

2008 - 2009

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, also a minister, 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. 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.

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.*



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 Validity (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.*

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

