Upcoming Events...

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, 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/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.

The History of Sculpture

Tuesday, Feb. 24th 7:30 PM



Emily Silet, Director of Gallery Learning at the DeCordove 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



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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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



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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.

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

January Story times

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

Wed., Jan. 14, 21, 28 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

10:00 AM Thurs., Jan. 15, 22, 29



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

Preschool Stories for ages 3 - 5

10:00 AM Tues., Jan. 13, 27 We read stories, sing songs, and play games for about 30 minutes



Stories from around the world for PreK - Gr.2

Tues., Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27 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.

January Craft Activities

Creative Kids Craft: for ages 5 - 7

Thurs., Jan. 15th 4:00 PM Registration required, maximum of 15 children.

Little Hands Craft for ages 2 - 5

Wed., Jan. 7th 11:00 AM Thurs., Jan. 29th 4:00 PM

Registration required - maximum of 15 children.

January Music Activities

Sing-Along with Ed Morgan

Fri., Jan. 9th 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

Fri., Jan. 9th 10:30 AM Tues., Jan. 20th 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., Jan. 2nd 11:00 AM Fri., Jan. 23rd 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.

January Reading Clubs

Online Book Club for Grades 3 - 5 Mon., Jan. 5th 6:30 PM

Discussion will take place online: 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., Jan. 21st 4:00 PM *The Sisters of Scituate Light* by Stephen Krensky

When the British threaten their town during the War of 1812, two patriotic sisters outwit the marauding redcoats in this true story. Rebecca and Abbie Bates live with their family in a house next to the Scituate Light in Scituate, Mass., where, as lighthouse keeper, their father Simeon prevents approaching ships from running aground. When Simeon goes away on a short trip, he leaves 21 year old Rebecca and 17 year old Abbie behind to watch the lighthouse. While Simeon's away, the British return, eager to attack the town again, but the vigilant Bates sisters see the invading sailors and cleverly use their Yankee ingenuity to trick the British and save Scituate. Registration is required and limited to 15 members. Grade level restrictions apply.

Lucy the R.E.A.D. Dog

Mon., Jan. 12th 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



January Programs In the Community Room

Childrens Movie: Kit Kittredge - An American Girl (G - 100 min.)

Fri., Jan. 23rd 3:30 PM Set in the Great Depression and based on the



extremely popular American Girl book series, Kit Kittredge is a moving and believable story about a smart 10 year old girl whose family is profoundly affected by the Depression.

NPL Book Group Tuesday, Jan. 13th

1:00 PM

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This months' selection: The Worst Hard Time by Timothy Egan

The dust storms that terrorized America's High Plains in the darkest years of the Depression were like

nothing ever seen before or since, and the stories of the people that held on have never been fully told. Pulitzer Prize-winning New York Times journalist and author Timothy Egan follows a half-dozen families and their communities through the rise and fall of the region, going from sod huts to new framed houses to huddling in basements with the windows sealed by damp sheets in a futile effort to keep the dust out. Drawing on the voices of those who stayed and survived, those who, now in their eighties and nineties, will soon carry their memories to the grave, Egan tells a story of endurance and heroism against the backdrop of the Great Depression.

NPL Evening Book Group

Wednesday, Jan. 21st 7:00 PM

This months' selection: A Walk in the Woods by Bill Bryson

Back in America after twenty years in Britain, Bill Bryson decided to reacquaint himself with his native

country by walking the 2,100-mile Appalachian Trail (AT), which stretches from Georgia to Maine. The AT offers an astonishing landscape of silent forests and sparkling lakes -- and to a writer with the comic genius of Bill Bryson, it also provides endless opportunities to witness the majestic silliness of his fellow human beings.

> Appearing this month in the Friends' Gallery:

Lynda Goldberg