



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...

Author Walter Hunt - Past Views of the Future: Science Fiction's Peek Over the Horizon

Sunday, January 10 2:00 PM

Join Science Fiction Author Walter Hunt (*The Dark Wing* Series) as he talks about the mind-expanding ways that writers past and present answer the important question, "What if?"



The science fiction genre embraces many forms of exploration — from the credible to the incredible, the known to the unknown. Hunt's 2008 book, *A Song in Stone*, casts a twenty-first century personality into a Friday the 13th challenge...in the year 1307. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.*

StoryPlay with Author Jason Edwards

Saturday, January 23rd 10:30 AM



Children's Author **Jason Edwards**, author of *Will Allen and the Great Monster Detective*, presents this imaginative program, designed to accommodate a wide variety of ages and number of participants.

StoryPlay is as limitless and creative as a child's imagination! This program is designed so that children of all ages and levels of ability can personally take part in a storytelling activity by creating characters and making up their own lines in an interactive adventure with **Jason Edwards** as our facilitator/storyteller. Any child old enough to talk can participate because no reading or writing skills are required. *This program is sponsored by The Library Foundation of Needham.*

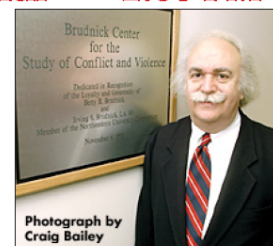
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Serial Murder: Up Close and Personal with Jack Levin

Sunday, January 24th 2:00 PM

Jack Levin is Brudnick Distinguished Professor in the Sociology and Anthropology department at Northeastern University and director of the Brudnick Center on Violence



and Conflict at Northeastern. His research specialties are mass/serial murder, hate crimes, youth and school violence, and workplace murder. Author of 28 books including *Serial Killers and Sadistic Murderers*, he has been interviewed on national television hundreds of times and on the radio over a thousand times. *Sponsored by the Trustees of the Needham Free Public Library.*

Friends Winter Book Sale

Saturday, January 30th

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Sunday, January 31st

1:00 - 4:00 PM



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

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

January Activities

Sing-Along with Ed Morgan

Fri., January 15th 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., January 12th 10:30 AM

Wed., January 27th 10:30 AM

An interactive music and movement program for adults and children under 4. Registration required - max. 20 children & accompanying adult, and limited to one session only.



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



Mon., January 11th 11:00 AM

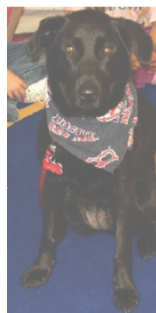
Mon., January 25th 11:00 AM

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

Lucy the R.E.A.D. Dog

Wed., January 6th 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! Registration is required. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.*



Drop-in Story time

Thurs., January 7th 10:00 AM



Come and join us for this drop-in story time for all ages. Please note that all children must be accompanied by an adult.

Children's Programs in January

Children's Movie: Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs (PG - 90 min)

Friday, January 22nd 3:30 PM



Ever since he was a child, Flint Lockwood has dreamed of becoming a great scientist whose inventions would change the world. When he constructs a synthesizer that can change water into food his dream comes true, and as the sky rains down cheeseburgers, pizza, ice cream, and more, Flint finally achieves the adoration and respect he's always desired. But when the greedy town mayor demands an ever-increasing assortment of cuisine, the machine overloads, bringing down mountains of meatballs and cyclones of pasta. Now it's up to Flint, his pet monkey, and nerdy weather girl Sam Sparks to save the world from certain extinction by eatables.

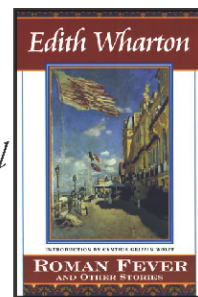
January Book Discussions

NPL Book Group

Tuesday, January 12th 1:00 PM

***Roman Fever and other stories* by Edith Wharton**

In addition to her Pulitzer Prize-winning talent as a novel writer, Edith Wharton also distinguished herself as a short story writer, publishing more than seventy-two stories in ten volumes during her lifetime. The best of her short fiction is collected here in "Roman Fever and Other Stories." From her picture of erotic love and illegitimacy in the title story to her exploration of the aftermath of divorce detailed in "Souls Belated" and "The Last Asset,"



Wharton shows her usual skill “in dissecting the elements of emotional subtleties, moral ambiguities, and the implications of social restrictions,” as Cynthia Griffin Wolff writes in her introduction. “Roman Fever and Other Stories” is a surprisingly contemporary volume of stories by one of our most enduring writers.

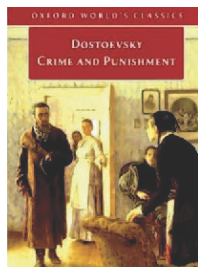
NPL Evening Book Group

Wednesday, January 20th 7:00 PM

Crime and Punishment

by Fyodor Dostoyevsky

Crime and Punishment focuses on the mental anguish and moral dilemmas of Rodion Romanovich Raskolnikov, an impoverished man who formulates and executes a plan to kill an unscrupulous pawnbroker seemingly for her money, thereby solving his financial problems and at the same time, ridding the world of an evil parasite. Raskolnikov also strives to be an extraordinary being, believing that murder is permissible in pursuit of a higher purpose. *Crime and Punishment* is considered by many as the first of Dostoevsky's cycle of great novels, which would culminate with his last completed work, “*The Brothers Karamazov*,” shortly before his death.



Reading Into the Future: Books, Libraries and Electronic Content Delivery

Saturday, January 23rd 2:00 PM



What will the library of the future look like? Will everyone be reading on electronic devices, rather than reading books or magazines? Will the reference department be replaced by multiple online databases? What will our beloved Needham Free Public Library look like in 5, 10, or 20 years?

The Needham Free Public Library's Strategic Planning Committee invites you to “Reading into the Future: Books, Libraries and Electronic Content Delivery.” At this January 23rd panel discussion, you will learn how libraries have already adopted these new technologies and ways to deliver content successfully. You will hear the lessons learned by academic libraries that have made the transition of their reference and serials/periodicals collections to electronic versions only. You will also learn how public libraries are managing this transition and the role the library will continue to have in the community.

A question and answer period will follow the presentation. Members of the audience will be asked to anonymously complete a brief questionnaire expressing their interest in electronic content delivery at the Needham Library. The Strategic Planning Committee will use this feedback, as it deliberates the library's course of action for the next several years.

Speakers will include experts in both academic and public libraries: Library Consultant Nancy Rae, formerly Assistant Director to the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners; Amira Aaron, academic librarian and library consultant; and Susan McAlister, Executive Director of the Minuteman Library Network, which includes Needham and thirty-four other public and seven college libraries in the Metrowest region.

This Month in the Friends Gallery

Alexander Korman

New England Landscapes

and in the Display Cases

Altered Books

by

NHS Art Students

Library Hours:

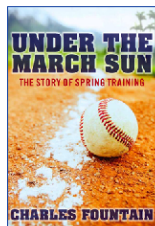
Mon. - Thurs.	9:00am - 9:00pm
Fridays	9:00am - 5:30pm
Saturdays	9:00am - 5:00pm
Sundays	1:00pm - 5:00pm

Upcoming Events...

Author Charles Fountain - *Under the March Sun*

Tuesday, February 16th 7:30 PM

Under the March Sun recounts for the first time the full and fascinating history of spring training and its growth from a shoestring-budget road trip to burn off winter calories into a billion-dollar-a-year business.



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Debbie and Friends

Thursday, February 18th 10:30 AM



Debbie and Friends concerts are fun for the whole family. Parents and kids join in this interactive "variety show," which includes a diverse array of styles including rock, pop, country, reggae, and Broadway-esque

tunes. You'll become the Big Bad Wolf and blow the house down, fix Rosie's wrong rhymes, test your skills with the Simon Sez Song, and share a special moment with your loved ones singing "Love Is a Family."

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Rory Raven - Brainstorming: An Act of Mentalism!

Sunday, February 21st 2:00 PM



Rory Raven will read your mind, bend your spoon, and leave you talking about it for the rest of your life. Not a psychic, not a magician, his knowledge of the inner workings of the mind allows him to perform amazing shows about

the powers of the mind, both real and imagined.

Rory insists he's not psychic but you might not be so sure! Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.

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Everyday Crime and You

Sunday, February 28th 2:00 PM

We are all the potential victims of crime and Bruce Dean and Bonnie Michelman will talk about the details of contemporary crime and how real crime is part of everyday existence in the 21st century. Topics will include workplace violence and trends in crime based on the economic turndown. Identity theft will also be discussed. *Sponsored by the Trustees of the Needham Free Public Library.*



Bruce Dean, a Needham Native, is a specialist in fraud deterrence, detection, and investigation. A lawyer, former Asst. D.A., and the former Chief of the Special Prosecu-

tion Unit in Suffolk County, he now works as a security management consultant and is a licensed Private Investigator.

Bonnie Michelman is Director of Police, Security and Outside Services at Mass. General Hospital in Boston. She has the responsibility of making sure that all hospital facilities are safe for the 35,000 annual patients, one million outpatient visits, and 23,000 staff while allowing thousands of people to visit the hospital each day.



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