



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...

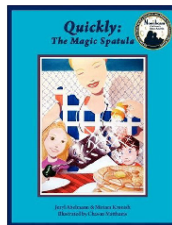
Needham Author Miriam Kronish -

Quickly: The Magic Spatula

Sat., January 8th

10:30 AM

Co-written with fellow educator Jeryl Abelmann, former Eliot School Principal Miriam Kronish brings the enchanting story of *Quickly: The Magic Spatula* to life. This warm childhood memory becomes a touching family story. Quickly is discovered in the upstairs attic in an old dusty box. This seemingly magical spatula brings the warmth of Mommy's kitchen to life. What is the real secret of Mommy's Sunday morning pancakes? How did Quickly get its name? A story for children of all ages, Quickly will bring a smile to your lips and tug at your heart. This universal story celebrates those heartfelt family moments that become treasured with time. Come and join us for this unique family presentation.



Wingmasters Presents *The World of Owls*

Sat., January 22nd

3:00 PM

Owls are not evil spirits, wise little philosophers, or Walt Disney creations. Nor do they wing about carrying messages, despite the way they're depicted in the Harry Potter books. In fact, owls are probably more misunderstood than any other kind of bird. These are hunting birds, yet their sharp beaks and talons are partly hidden under feathers. Owls have more and softer feathers than other birds, and this unique plumage gives them a plump, rounded look. Add an upright posture and huge eyes set in front like ours, and you have what looks irresistibly like a small, bemused person wearing a fur



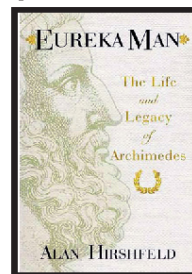
coat. In reality, owls are superbly adapted nocturnal hunters. This program, for ages 5 and up, shows how owls use their specialized powers of sight, hearing and flight to survive and thrive. A wealth of fact and folklore about these masters of the dark explains the natural and unnatural history of owls. A variety of live owls provides the focus of the presentation. This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

Dr. Alan Hirshfeld Speaks about *Eureka Man: The Life and Legacy of Archimedes*

Sun., January 23rd

2:00 PM

The millennia since Archimedes lived seems to fade away in the telling of his story by Hirshfeld, Professor of Physics, at the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth. Archimedes was acknowledged as brilliant by his third century B.C. peers. Today, his mathematical understanding of basics, such as buoyancy, levers, and screws, is taken for granted, but still applied. Professor Hirshfeld shows the relationship between sensational feats credited to Archimedes in the ancient world, and modern marvels, such as mechanical cardiac assist systems or wastewater treatment plants.



Professor Hirshfeld is also the author of *The Electric Life of Michael Faraday* and *Parallax: The Race to Measure the Cosmos*. Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.

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 January

Drop-in Storytime for ages 5 and under



Wed., January 5, 12, 19, 26 10:00 AM

Fri., January 7 10:00 AM

Fri., January 21 10:30 AM

Stories, music, movement and more for 30 minutes.

Baby Laptime for ages 0-12 months (Prewalkers)

Fri., January 21st 10:00 AM

A low-key interactive program of simple stories, songs, and rhymes for about 15 minutes, followed by a 10 minute "playtime."



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

Sing-Along with Ed Morgan

Fri., January 14th 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**



Tues., January 11th 11:00 AM

Fri., January 28th 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**

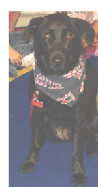
Tues., January 4th 10:30 AM

Tues., January 25th 10:30 AM

An interactive music and movement program for adults and children under 4. ****Registration required – max. 20 children & accompanying adult.**



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



Thur., 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 required.**

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

Toddler Movies



Thurs., January 6, 20 11:00 AM

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



January Craft & Special Events

Drop-In Science Fiction Crafts for ages 2 - 6 years

Thurs., January 13th 4:00 PM



January 2nd, Isaac Asimov's Birthday, is the actual "Science Fiction Day," but we can celebrate Science Fiction any time! Join us for 4 crafts with a science fiction theme.

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

Tues., January 18th 4:00 PM

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



Drop-In Cozy Crafts for ages 2 - 6 years



Thurs., January 20th 4:00 PM

Drop-In Fairy Tale Crafts for ages 2 - 6 years

Thurs., January 27th 4:00 PM

Charles Perrault, who collected fairy tales such as Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood and Sleeping Beauty was born on January 12, 1628. Jakob Grimm, one of the two Brothers Grimm, was born on January 4, 1785. Join us for 4 crafts with fairy tale themes.



Children's Movie: Disney's The Sorcerer's Apprentice (Rated PG - 109 minutes)

Fri., January 21st

3:30 PM

Who doesn't wish they could unleash fire from their fingertips and make mops come to life? The Sorcerer's Apprentice enjoyably captures this fantasy as a young physics student named Dave learns that he's the inheritor of the powers of Merlin—and suddenly finds himself in the middle of a war between two of Merlin's protégés, Balthazar and Horvath.



January Book Discussions

NPL Book Group

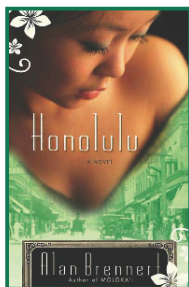
Tuesday, January 11th

1:00 PM

Honolulu

by Alan Brennert

Honolulu is the richly imagined story of Jin, a young "picture bride" who leaves her native Korea—where girls are so little valued that she is known as Regret—and journeys to Hawaii in 1914 in search of a better life.



Instead of the prosperous young husband and the chance at an education she has been promised, Jin is quickly married off to a poor, embittered laborer who takes his disappointments out on his new wife, forcing her to make her own way in a strange land.

Struggling to build a business with the help of her fellow picture brides, Jin finds both opportunity and prejudice, but ultimately transforms herself from a naive young girl into a resourceful woman. Prospering along with her adopted city, which is fast growing from a small territorial capital to the great multicultural city it is today, Jin can never forget the people she left behind in Korea, and returns one last time to make her peace with her former life.

Library Hours:

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

NPL Evening Book Group

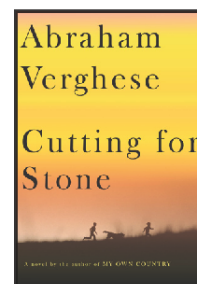
Wednesday, January 19th

7:00 PM

Cutting for Stone

by Abraham Verghese

A sweeping, emotionally riveting first novel—an enthralling family saga of Africa and America, doctors and patients, exile and home. Marion and Shiva Stone are twin brothers born of a secret union between a beautiful Indian nun and a brash British surgeon at a mission hospital in Addis Ababa. Orphaned by their mother's death in childbirth and their father's disappearance, bound together by a preternatural connection and a shared fascination with medicine, the twins come of age as Ethiopia hovers on the brink of revolution. Yet it will be love, not politics—their passion for the same woman—that will tear them apart and force Marion, fresh out of medical school, to flee his homeland. He makes his way to America, finding refuge in his work as an intern at an underfunded, overcrowded New York City hospital. When the past catches up to him—nearly destroying him—Marion must entrust his life to the two men he thought he trusted least in the world: the surgeon father who abandoned him and the brother who betrayed him. An unforgettable journey into one man's remarkable life, and an epic story about the power, intimacy, and curious beauty of the work of healing others.



This Month in the Friend's Gallery

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and in the Display Cases

Altered Books

N.H.S. Art Students

Upcoming Events...

Friends Winter Book Sale



Saturday, January 29th

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Sunday, January 30th

1:00 - 4:00 PM

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: Advertising and Products 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 her luminous and unforgettable debut novel, Michelle Hoover explores the polarization of the human soul in times of hardship and the instinctual drive for self-preservation by whatever means necessary. *The Quickening* "stands as a novel of lyrical precision and historical consequence, reflecting the resilience and sacrifices required even now in our modern troubled times." Please join us for this fascinating talk. **This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Library.**

Did You Know...



The Needham Public Library is pleased to announce the addition of the online database, OverDrive, which takes the place of the Recorded Books database. With OverDrive, you will be able to download audiobooks and ebooks to your home computer and portable devices. You can also browse the website featuring the Minuteman Library Network's collection of digital resources and check out titles, or place a request for titles currently "checked out."

The service is compatible with most MP3 and WMA formatted devices (including iPods), as well as being downloadable to either your computer (as an Adobe EPUB eBook or Adobe PDF eBook), to a Sony Reader (Mobipocket eBooks format), and via a newly available App, to your Android or Blackberry phones. Some of the titles also allow you to burn them to CD, for use with a portable device or in the car. Usage of this database is restricted to residents of Minuteman Network Communities, and can only be accessed from your home computer.

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