“The Joy of Sox: Weird Science and the Power of Intention” - Eric (Rick) Leskowitz, M.D.

Thurs., June 10th  7:00 PM

Sportscasters describe a perceptible electricity at Fenway Park for Red Sox games; fans speak of experiencing it. Rick Leskowitz has measured it. Reviewing the computer measurements he has done at Fenway, as well as a laboratory demonstration at the Institute of HeartMath, this Needham resident explains that both tests “suggest that sports fans hold the energetic key to their team’s success.” Dr. Leskowitz is Director of the Integrative Medicine Project at Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital. He is with the Department of Psychiatry of Harvard Medical School. His introduction to the inquiry into the power of large groups includes examples in music, politics, and professional sports. The history of subtle energy extends from Mesmerism and Animal Magnetism to such modern ideas as heart coherence, distant intentionality and conditioned spaces. The evening of June 10 is an away game for the Red Sox. Come learn how to become a more effective fan. Right there in the Community Room, we can try to create a positive group energy field and go for a win against Cleveland. Together, now: Go Sox! Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library, this event will begin after the Friends’ Annual Meeting at 7:00 PM.

Diane Kordas – Romper Rhythm and Puppets: Go Green with Hungry Caterpillar and Forest Folktales

Tues., June 22nd  3:00 PM

Kicking off the Summer Reading Club GO GREEN AT YOUR LIBRARY will be Diane Kordas’ Romper Rhythm and Puppets presentation of Go Green with Hungry Caterpillar and Forest Folktales. Diane weaves 3 engaging tales for younger children in this puppet production. A goofy hungry bear tries to raid a beehive in “The Bear and the Beehive,” a story of strength in numbers and “The Rabbit and the Moon,” is a charming tale of friendship, sharing, and the rewards of helping someone in need. The audience helps a caterpillar turn into a beautiful butterfly in the finale, “The Hungry Caterpillar.” Diane’s trademark humor, music, lovely puppets and effects make this fun for the family. The Summer Programs are 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...

**Children’s Programs in June**

Spanish Storytime with Claudia -
Drop-In Storytime for ages 2 and up
Fri., June 4th 10:00 AM
Featuring a Spanish storyline by Claudia

Drop-in Storytime for ages 5 and under
Wed., June 9, 23, 30 10:00 AM
Fri., June 18 11:00 AM
Stories, music, movement and more for 30 minutes.

Baby Laptime for ages 0-12 months (Prewalkers)
Fri., June 18th 10:00 AM
A low-key interactive program of simple stories,
songs, and rhymes for about 15 minutes, followed
by a 15 minute “playtime.”

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

Sing-Along with Ed Morgan
Fri., June 11th 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**
Wed., June 2nd 10:30 AM
Wed., June 16th 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., June 14th 11:00 AM
Fri., June 25th 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.

Lucy the R.E.A.D. Dog: for ages 3 and up**
Thur., June 3rd 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 and begins one
week prior to program. Sponsored by the Friends of the
Needham Public Library.

**Summer Reading Club Activities**

Mural Making for ages 4 and up**
Thu., June 10th 3:30 PM
With this summer’s reading club theme of “Go Green at
Your Library,” we will need your help to decorate a library
mural with local “flora and fauna.” We’ll provide cutouts
to glue on to the mural, and will have lots of space to
include your own drawings. Please help us as we make a
Green Scene of the Charles River to decorate Children’s
Room for the summer.  **Registration required, beginning
one week before event.

Summer Reading Club Sign-Ups begin on Thursday June 17th. Stop by or register online!
Information will be forthcoming from the Children’s Department.

Go Green: Trash to Treasure time for ages 5 - 8**
Thur., June 24th 3:30 PM
This program will have a variety of recycled materials that
you can transform into something new!
**Registration required, beginning one week before event.

**June Special Events**

Teddy Bear Tea Party for ages 2 - 5 years**
Tues., June 15th 3:30 PM
Stories and crafts about a favorite toy!
**Registration required, beginning one week before event.

Recycled Reads - Book Swap for all Ages
Mon., June 21st 6:00 - 8:00 PM
Drop-in to the library and bring 1 - 5 “gently
used books” and swap them for the same
number of books that are new to you! This is a
great way to get ready for camp and vacation!

Board Games for ages 5 and up
Tues., June 29th 3:30 PM
Join us in our air-conditioned library for
some fun with board games—Library Book
Bingo will be from 4:00 - 4:15 PM.
Toddler Movies - Summer 2010

We will once again be showing Toddler Movies – films based on storybooks, in the Community Room on Thursday mornings from 11:00 - 11:30 AM. Please join us on the following dates: June 24th, July 1st, July 8th, July 15th, July 22nd, July 29th, August 5th, August 12th, August 19th and August 26th.

Children’s Movie: Alice in Wonderland - Part Two (TV -1985, Rated G - 90 minutes)
Friday, June 25th  2:00 PM

Sometimes she’s too big. Or much too small. Sometimes things are backwards. And there’s always too much pepper in the soup! Nothing is quite right since Alice chased a very unusual White Rabbit and stumbled into an adventure that grows curioser and curioser. One of the greatest childhood fantasies is captured in Irwin Allen’s colorful production adapted from Lewis Carroll’s Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland. We will be showing Part 2 - Alice through the Looking Glass.

June Book Discussions

NPL Book Group
Tuesday, June 8th  1:00 PM
Raise High the Roof Beam, Carpenters and Seymour: An Introduction by J.D. Salinger

The author writes: The two long pieces in this book originally came out in The New Yorker - RAISE HIGH THE ROOF BEAM, CARPENTERS in 1955, SEYMOUR: AN INTRODUCTION in 1959. Whatever their differences in mood or effect, they are both very much concerned with Seymour Glass, who is the main character in my still-uncompleted series about the Glass family. It struck me that they had better be collected together, if not deliberately paired off, in something of a hurry, if I mean them to avoid unduly or undesirably close contact with new material in the series. There is only my word for it, granted, but I have several new Glass stories coming along - waxing, dilating - each in its own way, but I suspect the less said about them, in mixed company, the better. Oddly, the joys and satisfactions of working on the Glass family peculiarly increase and deepen for me with the years. I can’t say why, though. Not, at least, outside the casino proper of my fiction.

NPL Evening Book Group
Wednesday, June 16th  7:00 PM
Sarah’s Key
by Tatiana De Rosnay
Paris, July 1942: Sarah, a ten year-old girl, is brutally arrested with her family by the French police in the Vel’ d’Hiv’ roundup, but not before she locks her younger brother in a cupboard in the family’s apartment, thinking that she will be back within a few hours.
Paris, May 2002: On Vel’ d’Hiv’s 60th anniversary, journalist Julia Jarmond is asked to write an article about this black day in France’s past. Through her contemporary investigation, she stumbles onto a trail of long-hidden family secrets that connect her to Sarah. Julia finds herself compelled to retrace the girl’s ordeal, from that terrible term in the Vel d’Hiv’, to the camps, and beyond. As she probes into Sarah’s past, she begins to question her own place in France, and to reevaluate her marriage and her life.
Tatiana de Rosnay offers us a brilliantly subtle, compelling portrait of France under occupation and reveals the taboos and silence that surround this painful episode.

This Month in the Friends Gallery
Needham Artist Nancy Walton
and in the Display Case
Friends of Boston Harbor

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...

Summer Movie Schedule
(All movies at 2:00 PM)

July 2nd - Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG - 120 min.)
July 16th - Ponyo (G - 103 min.)
July 30th - Nim’s Island (PG - 96 min.)
August 4th - Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (PG - 89 min.)
August 27th - The Lion King (G - 89 min.)

July Children’s Programs

NSTAR Magic Show - “The Magic of Saving Power”
Wed., July 7th 2:30 PM
“The Magic of Saving Power” is a spellbinding showcase on the benefits of conserving energy hosted by Joules, the official NSTAR Energy Wizard. Joules will dazzle you with fun facts and will teach magic tricks to use at home to conserve energy.

Howl at the Moon with a Wild Thing Tune - Tom Sieling
Mon., July 12th 2:30 PM
Humorous, VERY participatory (sometimes even a bit athletic!) songs that engage the whole family.

Tales for the Earth – Storyteller Diane Edgecomb
Tues., July 20th 3:00 PM
A Celebration of Nature and all the simple things we can do to help. Tales for the Earth is a beloved performance that is both educational and entertaining. It explores topics such as Water Conservation, Recycling and Wildlife Protection.

Questionnaire Results
Ann MacFate, Library Director

This will be the first of several articles written in response to the Library’s Recent Use Questionnaire. All suggestions are being weighed by the Strategic Planning Committee.

- Thank you to the 754 people who filled out the Library’s Strategic Planning Committee’s recent questionnaire. Your opinions are important, as the committee formulates a plan of action for the library for the next several years.
- 95% of the respondents were Needham residents, 4% were not, and 1% did not specify. The largest group of responses came from the 40 – 59 age group (321), with the 60+ age group in second place (233). Only 54 responses came from people aged 6 – 19. 60% of the respondents have been using the library for more than 10 years. 42% used the library from 1 – 3 times each month, 31% used it 4 – 6 times, and 11% come to the library more than 10 times each month.

- The most popular materials were books (688), DVDs (488), paperbacks (351), and books-on-CD (216). Although many users borrow or use both the printed word and audiovisual items, the survey showed that customers prefer the printed word (books, magazines, newspapers) to the electronic media (DVDs, CDs, books-on-CD, downloadable audiobooks) by 54% to 46%.

- The question, “Are there library materials you would like to see added?” drew a variety of comments. Many people expressed the opinion that the library’s collection was “just fine.” One person noted that he/she was “pleased with the amount of resources that are available at the Needham Public Library. It makes me realize that I should use the library more often.” Several people were concerned that the “traditional” library materials area would be eliminated (or even reduced) to favor “electronic deliver” materials. Library users requested more and a wider variety of all formats currently available. Additionally they would like to see foreign language books, copies of new books not in the reserve system, Blu-Ray DVDs, nursing journals, video games, learning kits, high school and middle school curriculum books, sheet music, Kindle rental, artwork and sculpture, a typewriter, a Medline membership, cake pan molds, and Mac computers.

- Borrowers felt that the following materials could be dropped: Videocassettes; books-on-tape; ephemeral; trashy novels; romance novels; older books; puppets; stuffed animals; foreign media; magazines; toys for kids (too many germs); paperbacks; DVD rental section; manga; newspapers. One person felt that this question should not be asked, noting that what one person does not want to use may be used by another person.

- While 63% of library users frequently or occasionally look for books on best seller lists, only 50% find the titles they are seeking. 69% seek newly published or newly reviewed books; however only 8% frequently find the books and 53% occasionally find them.

- Comments on the new book collection ranged from, “Whoever picks the new books does an amazing job, I always find something good,” to “I never use this section because the wait list is so long.” Many people expressed praise for the reserve system.

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