



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...

Learn, Laugh and Let Go: A Comic Stress Management Show with Robert Rivest

Thursday, June 9

7:00 PM



The Stress Management Show is a humorous look at the many ways we stress ourselves out. Through comedy, insight, and interaction, Robert Rivest shares his tried and true methods of stress reduction. This series of mime stories

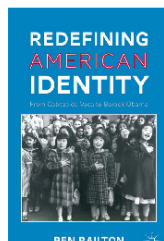
offers both comic relief and practical stress relieving techniques. Robert Rivest keeps the audience entertained and enthralled as he explores how to build concentration, calm the body and quiet the mind. With Robert's down-to-earth sense of humor and engaging style, audiences of all ages will find stress reduction natural and easy. Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Library—this program will be preceded by the Friends Annual Meeting.

Needham Author Benjamin Railton—What Links Cabeza de Vaca, Barack Obama, and My Sons: Redefining American Identity

Sunday, June 12th

2:00 PM

Redefining American Identity emphasizes, in contrast to both the traditional and multicultural narratives, a third possibility for what has been at the core of America since the first moments of contact: cross-cultural transformation. By that phrase, author Benjamin Railton means the way individuals and groups begin as part of relatively fixed cultural identities but experience complex shifts and transformations, across or



through or toward other identities and cultures. The book examines five personal narratives of individuals who experienced such transformations, one from each century of post-contact America. This approach allows for both in-depth analyses of each text as well as broader connections to other contemporaneous figures and texts and across these fundamentally American lives. Benjamin Railton is an Assistant Professor of American and Ethnic Literature at Fitchburg State College.

Author Barry Ahern—*Birthright*

Tuesday, June 28th

7:30 PM



Author Barry Ahern will be reading and speaking about his new book *Birthright*: "With the evening's black strangle, slowly smothering all that's left in the day, Zachary falls to his knees, holding his head in pain. Oblivious to this first glimpse at life as a Viscent; he curls up in a ball, as the cold surface of the road pushes against his face. With his eyes closed and face clenched, the realization that he has a unique gift brewing inside of him is beyond his wildest dreams. However to earn this gift, to be a Viscent, he will soon learn that he must blindly travel to three different worlds, overcome the snare of the challenges within, and the darkness that chases him. Zachary must quickly realize his Birthright, or crumble under the curse of his destiny." Books will be available for purchase and autographing following the presentation.

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

Drop-in Storytime for ages 5 and under



Wed., June 1, 22, 29 10:00 AM

Wed., June 8, 15 11:00 AM

Fri., June 17 10:00 AM

Stories, music, movement and more.

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

Sing-Along with Ed Morgan

Fri., June 10th 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., June 7th 11:00 AM

Tues., June 21st 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**

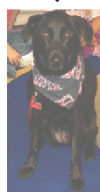
Fri., June 3rd 10:30 AM

Mon., June 13 10:30 AM

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



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



Thur., June 2nd 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 Need-**

ham Public Library.

Toddler Movies



Thurs., June 9, 30 11:00 AM

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

June Craft & Special Events

Drop-In "Crafts of the Month" for ages 2-5 years



Thurs., June 2nd 4:00 PM

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



Thurs., June 16th 4:00 PM

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

Drop-In "Zoo and Aquarium Month" Crafts for ages



2-6 years
Thurs., June 9th 4:00 PM



Drop-In "Summer Crafts" for ages 2-6 years
Thurs., June 23rd 4:00 PM



Drop-In "Summer Crafts" for ages 2-6 years
Fri., June 24th 10:00 AM

(same as June 23rd program)

Drop-In Craft Programs usually last for approximately 45 minutes, depending upon your child(ren). Four or five crafts related to the theme will be offered for our creative young patrons.

Summer Reading Club Events



Summer Reading Program Begins on June 13th —Stop by and Join our Summer Reading Program or Register Online!



Drop-In Summer Reading Bulletin Board
Decorating

Tues., June 14th 4:00-4:45 PM

Drop-In "One World, Many Animals" Crafts for ages



2 and up
Thurs., June 30th 4:00 PM

Wayne from Maine Show

Wednesday, June 22nd

3:00 PM



The Wayne from Maine Show is a 45 minute interactive musical experience for the young and young at heart. Wayne along with his percussionist Jimmy James, the KoongaBoonga Man, invite volunteers to the stage to play various percussive instruments or sing into a wireless microphone. Wayne has been performing and recording children's music for over a decade and has traveled up and down the East Coast delighting audiences with his very own brand of "Edu-Tainment." The Friends of the Needham Public Library are the sponsors of this Kick-Off event for the One World, Many Stories Summer Reading Club programs.

Movie: Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows–Part 1 (Rated: PG-13, 146 minutes)

Friday, June 24

2:00 PM

Harry, Ron and Hermione set out on their perilous mission to track down and destroy the secret to Voldemort's immortality and destruction – the Horcruxes. On their own and on the run, the three friends must now rely on one another more than ever...but Dark Forces in their midst threaten to tear them apart. Meanwhile the wizarding world has become a dangerous place. The long-feared war has begun and the Dark Lord has seized control of the Ministry of Magic and even Hogwarts, terrorizing and arresting all who might oppose him. The Chosen One has become the hunted one as the Death Eaters search for Harry with orders to bring him to Voldemort...alive.



Library Hours:

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

June Book Discussions

NPL Book Group

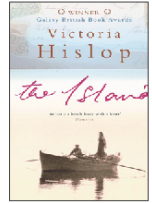
Tuesday, June 14th

The Island

by Victoria Hislop

Alexis Fielding longs to find out about her mother's past. But Sofia has never spoken of it. All she admits to is growing up in a small Cretan village before moving to London. When Alexis decides to visit Crete, however, Sofia gives her daughter a letter to take to an old friend.... Arriving in Plaka, Alexis is astonished at its proximity to the deserted island of Spinalonga-Greece's former leper colony. Then she finds Fortini, and hears the tale of her great-grandmother Eleni and her daughters, and a family rent by tragedy, war and passion. She discovers how intimately she is connected with the island, and how secrecy holds them all in its powerful grip...

1:00 PM



NPL Evening Book Group

Wednesday, June 15th

Matterhorn

by Karl Marlantes

Matterhorn is one of those countless hills in Vietnam that makes young men's lives so cheap. In this case, it's the Marines of Bravo Company and the hardened NVA (North Vietnamese Army) soldiers. The story revolves around a young Marine lieutenant, Waino Mellas, who must quickly learn the difference between officer candidate school and the reality of life in the bush. Lt. Mellas tries to straddle the line between being "one of the guys" and a platoon commander. This division between the troops and a low-ranking officer like Mellas (who is only a few years older than his men) can become too vague if he is overly friendly. In combat, that can be disastrous.

7:00 PM



This Month in
the
Friends' Gallery

Pamela Getz

Upcoming Events...

Summer of the Sequels Film Festival

This summer we will be showing a twin bill of sequels to classic Disney animated films. Movies will be shown starting at 2:00 PM, with a ten minute break between each film, in the order listed below:

July 1st

Tarzan II: The Legend Begins - 72 minutes

Lion King II : Simba's Pride - 81 minutes



July 22nd

The Rescuers Down Under - 77 minutes

The Little Mermaid II: Return to the Sea - 75 minutes



July 29th

Bambi 2 - 72 minutes

101 Dalmatians II: Patch's London Adventure - 70 minutes



August 5th

Mulan II - 79 minutes

Aladdin and the King of Thieves - 81 minutes



August 26th

The Brave Little Toaster to the Rescue - 74 minutes

Toy Story 2 - 92 minutes

Glue and Go Costumes with Holly Cleeland

Mon., July 11th

3:30 PM

Holly Cleeland is the author of the book *Glue & Go Costumes for Kids: Super-Duper Designs*. Holly has been featured on the Carol Duvall Show, The View, View from the Bay (SF), and The Rachel Ray Show.



She will be demonstrating how to make costumes from everyday items found in the home and will make at least 3 costumes, based on this summer's reading club theme of *One World, Many Stories* that can be taken home by the chosen participant(s).

Otha Day - Drum to the Beat

Wed., July 27th

11:00 AM



Celebrate this joyful event with your family and experience the thrill of making music together by participating in a highly interactive Community Drum and Rhythm Circle. Using African hand drums, shakers, bells and claves we will play exciting rhythms from many cultures in addition to our own improvised rhythms. No experience is necessary. All ages can participate together. "If you have a heartbeat, you have rhythm and you can drum!"

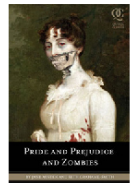
Trustee Pick of the Month

This month's trustee recommendations are from Margaret Pantridge who writes on the topic of Themes and Variations.



It is a truth universally accepted, that *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen is one of the greatest novels of all time. I delighted in it upon first acquaintance, when I was 14 and swept away by the romance between the opinionated Miss Elizabeth Bennet and the proud Mr. Darcy. I delight in it still, though in middle age I revel in the author's good-natured social satire and sparkling wit. To died-in-the-wool Janeites like myself, the book bears reading at least once per decade of life. You'll learn as much about your changing self as about the social mores of landed gentry in the Regency era. If you haven't read P&P, you must. If you have, then read it again.

It is another truth universally accepted, that success begets imitations, variations and sequels. One of the most absurd spawned by Jane Austen's masterpiece is *Pride and Prejudice and Zombies*, under the authorship of "Jane Austen and Seth Grahame Smith." Suffice to say that Mr. Darcy is not only entranced by Elizabeth Bennet's fine eyes, but also by the expert Ninja swordplay in which she and her sisters have been trained by their father to fight an infestation of the living dead. The first few chapters are a hoot but when the novelty wears off, it's Austen's original shining through that keeps you turning the pages.



Remarkable Creatures: A Novel by Tracy Chevalier takes Jane Austen's interest in the political economy of marriage and stands it on its head. The action takes place in the early 19th century in Lyme Regis, an English seaside town where a friendship grows between two spinsters from different social strata who both become serious fossil collectors. An examination of the political economy of spinsterhood, instead of marriage, is at the heart of the story. Where Austen's social commentary was comic, Chevalier's is deadly serious.

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