



LIBRARY NOTES

March 2008

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LIBRARY**

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.....

March Events in the Community Room at the Needham Free Public Library...

Sunday, March 2nd 2:00 PM

Author Joyce Antler - "You Never Call, You Never Write, A History of the Jewish Mother"



Library Journal said: "More than a history of Jewish motherhood, this book offers a fresh perspective on Jewish history, women's history, and the history of popular culture that is both informative and entertaining.... Readers will finish the book with a fuller and more nuanced understanding of the history of the Jewish mother--and mothers in general."

Come and join Joyce Antler for a delightful presentation on her book. Book will be available for purchase and autographing courtesy of N.E. Mobile Book Fair. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Library.*

Thursday, March 6th 7:00 PM

What is It? - Alice Walsh

What is IT? ---that piece of glass that Grandmother left you and the funny glass thing Jane bought in Brimfield...Where did our dining room crystal come from...How old is"?



For the answers to these and other burning questions come and hear a short talk about the wonderful world of Glass by Alice Walsh, past president of the Founders Chapter of the National American Glass Club and current editor of *Glass Shards*, the newsletter of the N.A.G.C.. Please bring your own prized works in and experts from the Founders Chapter of the N.A.G.C. will identify it for you.

Sunday, March 9th 2:00 PM

Schmoozin' with Sophie Tucker featuring Linda Myer



In the era of John D. Rockefeller and Andrew Carnegie, entertainer Sophie Tucker rose above her humble beginnings as the daughter of Jewish Russian immigrants in Boston's North End to become an international showbiz star. Actress, playwright, teacher, and independent historian Linda Myer uses stories, songs, and jokes to bring Sophie Tucker, the self-proclaimed "last of the red-hot mamas," to life in her cabaret-style show. *Part of the McIver Series, sponsored by the Trustees of the Needham Free Public*

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

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Saturday, March 22nd 10:30 AM

Debbie O'Carroll - The Irish Magic Show

...blends favorite Irish tales of the last century with contemporary stage magic as Debbie introduces the audience to a clan of classical characters from Irish children's literature. They will meet a comical, ghostly pooka and participate in an Irish language poem about a banshee. They will discover the secrets of the Salmon of Knowledge meet an elusive sea serpent called the Ollphéist and encounter the mischievous headless dullahan. Ages 4 to 12 will enjoy sharing the humor and charm of magical Ireland. *Sponsored by The Library Foundation of Needham.*



Saturday & Sunday - March 29th & 30th

**Library Foundation of Needham & The
Needham Concert Society Present -**



10th Annual Piano Festival

Sat., March 29th - Student Recitals 2:00 & 3:30 PM

Sun., March 30th - 2:00 PM

Needham pianists Soomi Lee and Steve Sussman will present a program of 20th century compositions by Debussy and Rachmaninoff as well as Jazz selections.

Ongoing Activities....

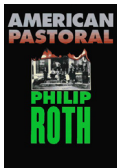
Appearing this month in the Friends' Gallery:
Walter S. Krawczyk - "The Poetry of Light"

**Display Cases: Glassware - Members of the
Founders Chapter of the National American
Glass Club**

Tuesday, February 12th 1:00 PM

NPL Book Group

This month's selection:



American Pastoral by Philip Roth

American Pastoral is the story of a fortunate American's rise and fall - of a strong, confident master of social equilibrium overwhelmed by the forces of social disorder. Seymour "Swede" Levov - a legendary high school athlete, a devoted family man, a hard worker, the prosperous inheritor of his father's Newark glove factory - comes of age in thriving, triumphant postwar America. But everything he loves is lost when the country begins to run amok in the turbulent 1960s. Not even the most private, well-intentioned citizen, it seems, gets to sidestep the sweep of

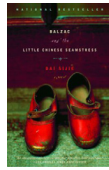
Wednesday, March 19th 7:00 PM

NPL Evening Book Group

This month's selection:

Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress by Sijie Dai

Set during the Chinese Cultural Revolution, the novel tells the story of two hapless city boys sent to a remote mountain village for reeducation. Struggling to stave off despair, the boys find salvation in two discoveries: the charming daughter of the local tailor and a trove of forbidden Western classics in Chinese translation.



Children's Department

March Storytimes

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

Tues., Mar 4, 11, 18, 25 10:00 - 10:20 AM

Wed., Mar 5, 12, 19, 26 10:00 - 10:20 AM

Toddler Time for ages 2 1/2 and up

Wed., Mar 5, 12, 19, 26 10:45 AM

Thurs., Mar 6, 20, 27 10:00 AM

Preschool Storytime for ages 4-5 years old

Tues., Mar 4, 11, 18, 25 4:00 - 4:30 PM

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



March Craft Activities

Drop-in Storycraft for ages 3 - 5

Thursday, March 6th 3:45 - 4:15 PM

No Registration required.

Drop-in Craft for ages 3 - 5

Thursday, March 20th 3:45 - 4:15 PM

No Registration required.

Creative Kids for ages 4-7

Thursday, March 27th 3:45 - 4:15 PM

Registration required - Limited to 15. Registration begins Mar 13th.

March Music Activities

Friday, March 14th 3:00 - 3:45 PM

Sing-Along with Ed Morgan for children 2.9-5 years accompanied by an adult. This is a drop-in program - please arrive on time.

Monday, March 24th 10:30 - 11:30 AM

Music, Movement and Me with Sara Epstein

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.

Friday, March 21st 10:00 AM

Children's Movie: Enchanted (Rated PG - 107 min)



The tale follows the beautiful princess Giselle as she is banished by an evil queen from her magical, musical animated land--and finds herself in the gritty reality of the streets of modern-day Manhattan. Shocked by this strange new environment that doesn't operate on a "happily ever after" basis, Giselle is now adrift in a chaotic world badly in need of enchantment. But when Giselle begins to fall in love with a charmingly flawed divorce lawyer who has come to her aid--even though she is already promised to a perfect fairy tale prince back home--she has to wonder: can a storybook view of romance survive in the real world?



Upcoming Events - April 2008

Sunday, April 6th 2:00 PM

1948 Boston Braves and Red Sox Season

From Rounder Books, just in time for opening day - the authors of this forthcoming book will talk about our favorite teams (and our national pastime). Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.



Tuesday, April 22nd 2:00 PM

Jeff Nathan: Before and Laughterwords

Just in time for Poetry Month - humorous poetry, music, laughter and fun abound in this magical session for elementary school aged kids and their families.



Saturday, April 26th 10:30 AM

Johnny the K



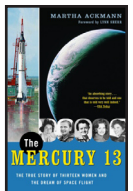
John Kelleher, an award winning children's performer cleverly and humorously interacts with his audiences along with the help of his 12-string guitar and a trunk full of zany hats and disguises. From calypso to rock'n roll & rap, from ballad to country, John chooses

songs that combine various styles of music with lyrics that stimulate the imagination and provide fun for all. Throughout this fast paced, fun filled musical concert, John will have people on the edge of their seats singing, dancing, and clapping. Audiences are encouraged to create a silly hat or wear a favorite one to the performance. *This Program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.*

Sunday, April 27th 2:00 PM

Author Martha Ackmann - The Mercury 13: The True Story of Thirteen Women and the Dream of Space Flight

In 1961, just as NASA launched its first man into space, a group of thirteen extraordinary women pilots underwent secret astronaut testing. They passed the same battery of tests as did the famed Mercury 7 astronauts. But at the eleventh hour--just as the women were to begin the final phase of testing--NASA pulled the plug and abruptly stopped the secret project...Come and learn more about this forgotten piece of history as Martha Ackmann relates the stories of the early women pioneers of America's space program. *Part of the McIver Series, sponsored by the Trustees of the Needham Free Public Library.*



LIBRARY HOURS:

MON. - THURS. 9:00AM - 9:00PM

FRIDAYS 9:00AM - 5:30PM

SATURDAYS 9:00AM - 5:00PM

SUNDAYS 1:00PM - 5:00PM