



LIBRARY NOTES

March 2009

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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.....

Mike the Hatman

Sat., March 7th 10:30 AM



An energetic interactive performance: using an electric guitar, a "drum machine" synthesizer, and lots of funny surprises to keep everyone singing, dancing, and laughing. For the grand finale,

Mike stays to make everyone a silly balloon hat! *Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.*

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2008 - 2009

Tea with Mary Cassatt - A Play in One Act written, directed and starring Laura R. Duggan

Sun., March 8th 2:00 PM

This one act play opens in the year 1912. The setting is the salon of *Le Grand Hotel in Paris*, and Mary Cassatt is awaiting the arrival of a Monsieur Achilles Segard who plans to write the first biography on the famous artist...and he is late! Join us for Tea with the only American Artist to ever be invited to exhibit with the Impressionists! This is the fourth and last of the *Living History Portrayals*, sponsored by the *Trustees of the Needham Free Public Library.*



Investigating Sherlock Holmes in the Sesquicentennial of Arthur Conan Doyle's Birth

Sun., March 15th 2:00 PM

Daniel M. Polvere, Esq., of the Speckled Band of Boston (founded in 1940) – the Boston Chapter of the Baker Street Irregulars, will talk about the life of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. 2009 is the 150th anniversary of his birth, and Mr. Polvere will discuss how Conan Doyle's life experiences helped to shape the creation of his master detective, Sherlock Holmes. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.*



A Evening with the Danforth Museum of Art

Mon., March 30th 7:30 PM



The Danforth Museum of Art in Framingham is one of the hidden gems of the art community. Please join Board Trustee Susan Gebbie

and Head Docent Needham's own Lynn Hamlin for a multimedia presentation about the permanent collection, educational programs, the teen docent program, and much, much, more.... We will be offering door prizes at the end of this presentation.



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

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

March Story times

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

Wed., Mar. 18, 25 10:00 - 10:20 AM

We read stories, sing songs, do rhymes and finger plays for about 20 minutes.



Toddler Time for ages 2 - 4

Thurs., Mar. 12, 19, 26 10:00 AM

We read stories, sing songs, and more for 30 minutes



Preschool Stories for ages 3 - 5

Tues., Mar. 3, 10, 31 10:00 AM

We read stories, sing songs, and play games for about 30 minutes



Stories from around the world for PreK - Gr.2

Tues., Mar. 10, 17, 24, 31 4:00 - 4:30 PM

We will be reading stories from around the world for about 30 minutes.



Family Story Time for all ages

Fri., Mar 6 10:00 AM

Bring your parents, grandparents, or caregivers and enjoy stories, songs and more for 30 minutes.



Story times are drop-in - no registration required.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

March Craft Activities

Creative Kids' Craft: for ages 5 - 7

Thurs., Mar. 12th 4:00 PM

Registration required - maximum of 15 children.



Little Hands' Craft for ages 2-5

Thurs., Mar 4th 11:00 AM

Registration required - maximum of 15 children.



St. Patrick's Day Craft for all ages

Wed., Mar. 11th 4:00 PM

Registration required - maximum of 15 children.



March Music Activities

Sing-Along with Ed Morgan

Fri., Mar. 13th 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., Mar. 17th 10:30 AM

Tues., Mar. 24th 10:30 AM

An interactive music and movement program for children under 4 and adults. Registration required - max. 20 children & accompanying adult. Registration begins approx. 1 week before program and is limited to one session only.



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



Fri., Mar. 13th 11:00 AM

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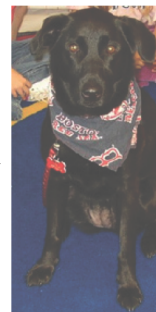
Join Cici Hunt in this fun-filled music and movement class for children and their caretakers. Registration is required- max. 20 children & accompanying adult.

March Reading Clubs

Lucy the R.E.A.D. Dog

Mon., Mar. 2nd 6:30 PM

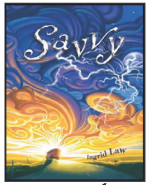
Join Lucy, a black lab, and Pat Howes (first grade teacher at Newman) for a great program that encourages children to read! Registration is required and limited to 15 children ages 3 and up. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.*



Online Book Club for Grades 3 - 5

Mon., Mar. 9th

6:30 PM



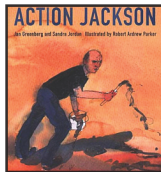
This month's book is *Savvy* by Ingrid Law. For generations, the Beaumont family has harbored a magical secret. They each possess a "savvy"—a special supernatural power that strikes when they turn thirteen. Grandpa Bomba moves mountains, her older brothers create hurricanes and spark electricity . . . and now it's the eve of Mib's big day... Discussion will take place online at: <http://nfplchildrens.pbwiki.com>. Registration is required for new members, sign-up at the Children's Desk or request access by visiting the above website.

Read-Aloud Book Club for 1st & 2nd Graders

Thur., Mar. 19th

3:30 PM

Action Jackson by Jan Greenberg & Sandra Jordan



"Action Jackson" was Jackson Pollock's nickname, and this slim, picture-book biography describes how this "athlete with a paintbrush" made one of his most famous works: the "drip painting" titled *Lavender Mist*. Using spare, lyrical words, the authors layer the exciting story with deep observations about what art is, how it is made, and why Pollock was so extraordinary. Registration is required and limited to 15 members. Grade level restrictions apply. Please bring an old t-shirt or smock as we will be using paint for the activity to follow

March Programs In the Community Room

Childrens Movie: Bolt (Rated PG - 96 min.)

Thur., Mar. 26th

3:30 PM

Bolt is the star of the biggest show in Hollywood. The only problem is, he thinks the whole thing is real. When the super dog is accidentally shipped to New York City and separated from Penny, his beloved co-star and owner, Bolt springs into action to find his way home. Together with his hilarious new sidekicks Rhino – Bolt's #1 Fan – and a street-smart cat named Mittens, Bolt sets off on an amazing journey where he discovers he doesn't need super powers to be a hero.



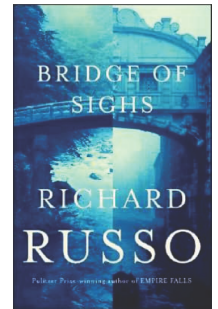
NPL Book Group

Tuesday, Mar. 10th

1:00 PM

This month's selection:
Bridge of Sighs by Richard Russo

From the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of "Empire Falls" comes a new story that expands on all the details of small-town existence and the claims of family, especially the ties that bind fathers and sons. Louis Charles Lynch (also known as Lucy) is sixty years old and has lived in Thomaston, New York, his entire life. He and Sarah, his wife of forty years, are about to embark on a vacation to Italy. Lucy's oldest friend, once a rival for his wife's affection, leads a life in Venice far removed from Thomaston. Perhaps for this reason Lucy is writing the story of his town, his family, and his own life that makes up this rich and mesmerizing novel, interspersed with that of the native son who left so long ago and has never looked back.

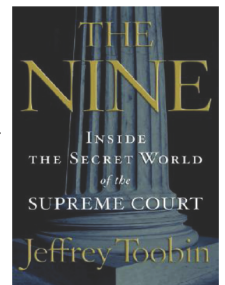


NPL Evening Book Group

Wednesday, Mar. 18th 7:00 PM

This month's selection:
The Nine: Inside the Secret World of the Supreme Court by Jeffrey Toobin

With the whip-smart analysis for which he is known, Toobin shows how—since Reagan—conservatives were long-thwarted in their attempts to control the Court by some of the very justices they pressured Presidents to appoint. That struggle ended with the recent appointments of John Roberts and Samuel Alito to the Court, and Toobin relays the behind-the-scenes drama in fascinating detail, as well as the ensuing 2007 Court term.



In the Friends' Gallery:

Penny Vaughn ~

Favorite Places, Favorite Things

In the Display Cabinets:

Senior Studio - NHS Class of 2009

Altered Books

Upcoming Events...

Author Frank Shirley — *New Rooms for Old Houses: Beautiful Additions for the Traditional Home*

Sun., April 5th

2:00 PM

*The most popular American house styles today are still the classics from yesterday--Capes, Bungalows, Victorians and Federals. The perennial struggle we all seem to face is how to best live in them with our changing needs. Often we need more space. The likely solution? Add on. The challenge? How to do it right. Renowned Architect Frank Shirley, the author of *New Rooms for Old Houses*, will offer us an in-depth look at making the most of a traditionally inspired addition. Book will be for sale courtesy of New England Mobile Book Fair. Event sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.*



Poetry/Fiction Reading — JoAnne Preiser and Kevin McIntosh

Tues., April 14th

7:30 PM



Join us as local poet JoAnne Preiser and short fiction writer Kevin McIntosh read selections from their latest works. Preiser's poetry has been published in numerous

journals including: Alehouse Press, The Ledge and Memoir(and). In 2006 she won Inkwell's poetry competition and in the summer of 2008 her first chapbook, *Confirmation*, was published by Finishing Line Press. JoAnne teaches at Dover Sherborn High School and resides in Needham with her husband. Kevin McIntosh's short stories have appeared in the Beloit Fiction Journal, American Literary Review, Potomac Review and have been nominated for Best New American Voices. During the past twenty years he has taught writing in public schools in New York City, Oakland and the Boston area.

Kevin currently lives in West Newton with his wife and two children.

Fun and Discovery with Bubbles — Mike the Boston Bubble Guy

Sat., April 25th

10:30 AM



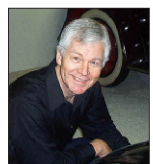
Mike Dorval, The Boston Bubble Guy, will present his award-winning performance, "Fun and Discovery with Bubbles." Mike

has been performing out on the West Coast and is now treating Boston-area audiences to this great show! Join us for this fun, family event. *Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.*

Richard Hughes' Silent Movie Show

Tues., April 28th

7:30 PM



Silent movie master pianist Richard Hughes will take you on a trip into the past when films were black and white and there were no sound

tracks. The movie industry put plenty of charm and personality into these old films, using skillful pantomime acting. Join us, as Richard provides the accompaniment to that classic of the silent screen, *The Mark of Zorro* (1920) starring Douglas Fairbanks. *Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.*



Library Hours:

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

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