



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...

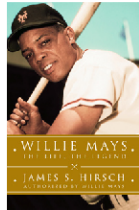
Needham Author James S. Hirsch — *Willie Mays: The Life, The Legend* with NPR's Bill Littlefield

Thursday, March 11th 7:30 PM

Authorized by Willie Mays, THE definitive biography of one of the greatest baseball players of all time written by a New York Times bestselling author and Needham Resident **James Hirsch**

—featuring exclusive first-time interviews with friends, family members, and teammates.

Bill Littlefield, an author in his own right, makes an appearance in this book. He is also the host of NPR's **Only a Game**. Join us as they have a discussion about one of the best outfielders to play the game of baseball. Books will be available for purchase and signing, courtesy of the **Wellesley Booksmith**.



Spring Valley Puppets Presents Jack and the Beanstalk

Saturday, March 13th 11:00 AM



Can beans make wishes come true? They can and do in *Jack and the Beanstalk*, a puppet production of Michael Graham's **SPRING VALLEY PUPPET**

THEATER. This popular classic tale features beautifully crafted hand puppets, colorful scenic design, and an original script in which Jack is truly a hero. The program is recommended for Ages 5 and up. *Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham*.

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

Understanding Manga and Anime with Robin Brenner

Sunday, March 21st 2:00 PM

Here is an opportunity to learn about manga and anime from the author of a highly regarded book about them; the title of the program and the book are the same. Robin Brenner will explain the basics about manga, which refers to serialized Japanese comics, and anime, which spans every genre of animation imaginable. She will provide visual examples along with her commentary, which includes a brief history of Japanese comics and a description of the cultural differences accounting for the pervasive presence of manga and anime in Japan, relative to their niche market in the U.S. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library*.



2010 McIver Series

Contemporary Crime

CRIMINAL INTENT: CRIME IN FICTION

Sunday, March 28th 2:00 PM



Linda Barnes is the author of 16 mystery novels, including 12 *Carlotta Carlyle* mysteries set in Boston. Her Boston and her characters deal with daily questions of good and evil. Her 6'1" redheaded Boston private eye confronts crime on a daily basis and manages to keep a moral center in spite of her brushes with evil. *Sponsored by the Trustees of the Needham Free Public Library*.

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

Children's Programs in March

Baby Laptime for ages 0-15 months



Fri., March 5, 26 10:00 AM

Mon., March 15 10:00 AM

15 minute low-key programs of simple rhymes, song and stories followed by a 15 minute "playtime."

Terrific Toddlers for ages 16 months to 3 years old



Fri., March 5, 26 11:00 AM

Mon., March 15 11:00 AM

20 minutes of giggles, wiggles, songs, stories and surprises!

Preschool Pals Storytime for ages 3-5

Wed., March 10th 10:00 AM

Tues., March 23rd 4:00 PM



30 minutes of songs, stories and a simple "take home" activity.

Drop-in Storytime for all ages

Wed., March 17, 31 10:00 AM

Thur., March 18 10:00 AM



Stories, music, movement and more for 30 minutes.

Pajama Storytime for all ages

Tues., March 16th 7:00 PM



Story times are drop-in - no registration required.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Sing-Along with Ed Morgan



Fri., March 12th 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., March 2th 10:30 AM

Wed., March 24th 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**



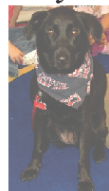
Mon., March 8th 11:00 AM

Mon., March 22nd 11:00 AM

Join Cici Hunt in this fun-filled music and

movement class for children and their caretakers. Registration is required.

Lucy the R.E.A.D. Dog**



Wed., March 3rd 10:00 AM

Join Lucy, a black lab, and Pat Howes (recently retired first grade teacher at Needham) for a great program that encourages children to read! Registration is required.

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March Craft Activities

Storycraft Program for ages 5-8**



Thurs., March 11th 4:00 PM

Tues., March 30th 4:00 PM

Sign-up is required for this 45 minute, bimonthly program. Each month, we will read stories related to the month and do a craft project! Please sign up for just one program per month.

Spring Crafts for ages 5-8**

Wed., March 24th 4:00 PM

Spring Crafts for ages 2-5**

Thurs., March 25th 4:00 PM



**Registration required and begins one week prior to event. Limit 20.

March Activities

Meet a Firefighter @ your library! for ages 2-5**



Mon., March 1st

10:00 AM

Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration for ages 4-7**

Thurs., March 4th

4:00 PM



St. Patrick's Day Storytime for ages 4-7**

Wed., March 17th

4:00 PM



**Registration required and begins one week prior to event. Limit 20.

Please join us for milk and cookies following the Jack and the Beanstalk Puppet Show on March 13th as we dedicate our new Puppet Theater in the Children's Room.

Children's Movie: Disney's *The Princess and the Frog* (G - 98min.)

Friday, March 26th 3:30 PM



The Princess and the Frog moves the classic fairy tale to a snazzy version of 1920's New Orleans. Tiana is not a princess, but a young woman who hopes to fulfill her father's dream of opening a restaurant to serve food that will bring together people from all walks of life.

Tiana may wish upon a star, but she believes that hard work is the way to fulfill your aspirations. Her dedication clashes with the cheerful idleness of the visiting prince Naveen. A voodoo spell cast by Dr. Facilier, in a showstopping number by composer Randy Newman initiates the events that will bring the mismatched hero and heroine together. However, the animation of three supporting characters--Louis, a jazz-playing alligator; Ray, a Cajun firefly; and 197-year-old voodoo priestess Mama Odie--is so outstanding, it nearly steals the film.

March Book Discussions

NPL Book Group

Tuesday, March 9th

1:00 PM

The Space Between Us by Thrity Umrigar

Poignant and compelling, evocative and unforgettable, *The Space Between Us* is an intimate portrait of a distant yet familiar world. Set in modern-day India and witnessed through two compelling and achingly real women, the novel shows how the lives of the rich and the poor are intrinsically connected yet vastly removed from each other, and vividly captures how the bonds of womanhood are pitted against the divisions of class and culture.



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, March 17th

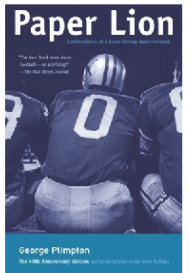
7:00 PM

Paper Lion: Confessions of a Last-String Quarterback by George Plimpton

In the mid-'60s, Plimpton joined the Detroit Lions at their pre-season camp as a 36-year-old rookie quarterback wannabe, and stuck with the club through an intra-squad game before the paying public a month later.

The result is a literary masterpiece about professional football that not only elevated the art of participatory journalism to an art form, but also remains one of the most insightful and hilarious books ever written on the game.

The Detroit Lions agreed to permit Plimpton - wearing Number 0 - to join them for four weeks of training camp, and to culminate his apprenticeship by calling a series of plays in an intra-squad game in Pontiac Stadium. No holds are barred in this memorable, on-the-field look at football and how the professionals play it.



This Month in the Friends Gallery

Beth Hoffer
Close to Home

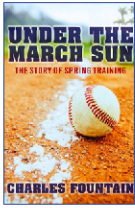


The Needham Free Public Library's Strategic Planning Committee will be issuing a questionnaire to the public, both online and at the library this month. Your feedback is needed as the information gathered will be used to help develop a new five year plan for the library.

Upcoming Events...

Author Charles Fountain - *Under the March Sun*

Thursday, April 1st 7:30 PM



Rescheduled from February (due to snow), *Under the March Sun* recounts for the first time the full and fascinating history of spring training and its growth from a shoestring-budget road trip to burn off winter calories into a billion-dollar-a-year business. *Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.*

Magic with Scott Jameson

Saturday, April 24th 10:30 AM

In 'Magic with Scott Jameson' classic magic and juggling routines have been given a fresh new look and are seamlessly interlaced with new, innovative routines written, designed, and crafted by Scott. He has choreographed many pieces to a broad selection of music with styles ranging from classical, to world, to modern R&B, with the rest of the show being comprised of smart, 'stand-up' style routines, many of which either involve an audience member's on stage assistance, or elicit interaction from the audience as a whole. Training in a wide variety of disciplines including acting, gymnastics, storytelling, mime, comedy, and dance has helped him to create dynamic programs that delight children, their parents, and their parent's parents. Whether juggling basketballs, plucking huge umbrellas from mid-air, or interacting with the audience, Scott Jameson presents a show you won't soon forget. *Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.*



"Where have all the good movies gone?"

Tuesday, April 27 7:30 PM

Ty Burr is a film critic for *The Boston Globe*. For eleven years prior, he worked for *Entertainment Weekly* as the magazine's chief video critic and also covered movies, books, theater, music, and the Internet. He began his career at



Home Box Office as an in-house "film evaluator." While at *Entertainment Weekly*, Burr wrote *The Hundred Greatest Movies of All Time* and co-authored *The Hundred Greatest Stars of All Time* (with Alison Gwinn). He has also written about film and other subjects for *The New York Times*, *Spin*, the *Boston Phoenix*, and other publications.

Ty will be presenting commentary about current offerings on the silver screen. With five more films added to the usual five nominees for best film, the Oscar ceremonies in March aspire to being more inclusive. What do this year's ten, and the winner, indicate about the state of the art? Come compare your views with Ty's. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.*

April Vacation Week Film

Children's Movie: *Fantastic Mr. Fox* (Rated PG - 87 minutes)

Thursday, April 22nd 2:00 PM



Mr. and Mrs. Fox live an idyllic home life with their son Ash and visiting young nephew Kristopherson. But after 12 years, the bucolic existence proves too much for Mr. Fox's wild animal instincts. Soon he slips back into his old ways as a sneaky chicken thief and in doing so, endangers not only his beloved family, but the whole animal community. Trapped underground and with not enough food to go around, the animals band together to fight against the evil Farmers -- Boggis, Bunce and Bean -- who are determined to capture the audacious, fantastic Mr. Fox at any cost

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