



LIBRARY NOTES

March 2011

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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's Art In Bloom 2011

Sat., March 5th 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sun., March 6th 1:00 - 4:00 PM

Kenneth Gloss – Is There Value In Your Old And Rare Books?

Thurs, March 10th

7:30 PM



Kenneth Gloss, Proprietor of the Brattle Book Store, will discuss the joys of being in the antiquarian book business, as well as the history of his venerable bookstore. He will also talk about some of the remarkable "finds" he's made over the years, and some that "got away!" as well as relate stories about the books, authors, and collectors he has dealt with. Ken will also be bringing examples to share with the audience. Following this presentation, Mr. Gloss will be happy to give free verbal appraisals of any books brought in. *This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.*

McIver Lecture Series 2011

Parish And Town: From Puritans to Pluralism – The Rev. John Buehrens, Minister – First Parish in Needham

Sun., March 13th

2:00 PM

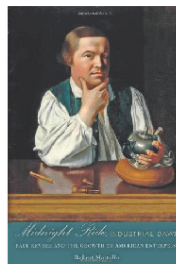


Needham could not have been organized as a town in 1711 until it had a parish church. First Parish is therefore the oldest organization in the community. For 140 years it was the only house of worship in Needham. John Buehrens, the Minister of First Parish since 2002, is a graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Divinity School, where he is an adjunct member of the faculty. Buehrens also served as President of the *Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations* from 1993 to 2001. His lecture will not only describe the origins of the parish and town, but also the coming of religious pluralism to the community. *This event is sponsored by the Trustees of the Needham Free Public Library and is the second of three programs on Needham's Path to 300.*

Author Robert Martello, Ph.D., speaks about *Midnight Ride, Industrial Dawn: Paul Revere and the Growth of American Enterprise*

Sun., March 27th

2:00 PM



Paul Revere aspired to success as an entrepreneur in the young Republic. The talented silversmith developed innovations in metal-processing but was disappointed in efforts to secure loans and contracts necessary to expand his business. Come hear Martello, Associate Professor of the History of Science and

Technology at Olin College, as he delves into social and other factors that frustrated the business plan of this prominent American.

This program is sponsored by Friends of the Needham Public Library.



Native American Communities in the 21st Century: What you need to know...

Sat., March 12th

2:00 PM



What are their cultural beliefs? How does Native American culture influence Western Culture and our local community? Come learn and participate in a lively discussion and presentation of the music, art and stories of the Native American tradition with Claudia A Fox Tree of the Massachusetts Center for Native American Awareness, Arawak-Taino Nation. *Cosponsored by the Needham Human Rights Committee and the Needham Free Public Library.*

Senator Richard Ross and Representative Denise Garlick will attend a Special Meeting of the Library Board of Trustees on Monday, March 21, 2011, at 7:00 p.m., in the library's Community Room. Please join us to talk about growth at the Needham Free Public Library, the challenges Needham and libraries across the Commonwealth face, and hear our elected officials' responses to these challenges.

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

Children's Programs in March

Drop-in Storytime for ages 5 and under



Wed., March 9, 16, 30	10:00 AM
Wed., March 23	10:30 AM
Fri., March 4	10:00 AM
Fri., March 25	10:30 AM

Stories, music, movement and more for 30 minutes.

Baby Laptime for ages 0-12 months (Prewalkers)



Fri., March 25th	10:00 AM
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A low-key interactive program of simple stories, songs, and rhymes for about 15 minutes, followed by a 10 minute "playtime."

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

Sing-Along with Ed Morgan



Fri., March 11th	3:00 PM
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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., March 8th	11:00 AM
Thur., March 31st	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.**

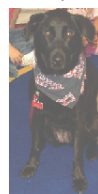
Music, Movement and Me with Sara Epstein**



Tues., March 1st	10:30 AM
Tues., March 15th	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**



Wed., March 2nd	10:00 AM
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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 Needham**

Public Library.

March Craft & Special Events

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



Thurs., March 3rd	4:00 PM
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Drop-In Green Crafts for ages 2-6 years



Thurs., March 17th

4:00 PM

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

Drop-In "Signs of Spring" Crafts for ages 2-5 years



Fri., March 18th

10:00 AM

Drop-In Caldecott Crafts for ages 2-6 years



Thurs., March 24th

4:00 PM

Crafts related to Caldecott winning books, in honor of Randolph Caldecott's 165th birthday!

Drop-In Circus Crafts for ages 2-6 years



Tues., March 29th

4:00 PM

In observance of the 130th anniversary of the forming of the "Greatest Show on Earth!"

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.

Toddler Movies



Thurs., March 3, 17, 31

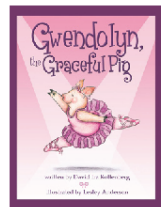
11:00 AM

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

Ballet and Books: Author David Ira Rottenberg – *Gwendolyn, the Graceful Pig*

Thurs., March 10th

3:30 PM



Enjoy an afternoon of ballet fun for the budding dancers and story lovers in your family, when children's book author David Ira Rottenberg and his ballerina friends take center stage. While Mr. Rottenberg reads his new picture book, *Gwendolyn, the Graceful Pig*, dancers will present a ballet interpretation of the story. After the performance, the dancers will give an age-appropriate mini-dance lesson, and Mr. Rottenberg will answer questions and sign copies of his book.



Caravan Puppets Presents The Emerald Isle

Sat., March 26th

10:30 AM

Celebrating the culture of Ireland, with folklore, puppetry and music, Caravan Puppets highlights the joys of creativity, imagination and reading in its library performances.

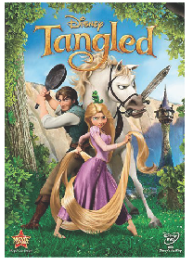
With unique hand-made puppets, Caravan's programs engage a wide diversity of puppetry styles, exciting stories, interactive skits and original music. *This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.*



Children's Movie: Tangled (Rated PG - 100 minutes)

Thurs., March 31st

3:30 PM



Rapunzel, a girl with long magical hair, has lived her entire life imprisoned in a tower by her greedy mother. Naturally optimistic and acquiescent, Rapunzel rarely complains about her circumstances, but for her 18th birthday she longs to leave the tower to see the floating lights that appear every year on her birthday. Her mother refuses her request, but

when thief Flynn Ryder climbs the tower to escape his pursuers, Rapunzel (once she's conked him on the head with a skillet multiple times) impulsively decides to trust the young man and convinces him to help her escape to see the floating lights. Thus begins a journey that alternates quite schizophrenically between optimistic excitement and guilty remorse that will ultimately change Rapunzel's and Flynn's lives forever.

Trustee Pick of the Month

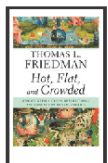


Library Trustee Lois Sockol recommends *Washington Rules* by Andrew Bacevich, a retired colonel of the U.S army and present professor of international relations at Boston University. In

Washington Rules, Mr. Bacevich's ably describes how the link between the industrial military complex, the pentagon, and the American proclivity for global intervention leads us on a path to permanent war. Pulitzer Prize winner Thomas L. Friedman's latest best seller, *Hot, Flat and Crowded* is a rich, analytical and clear-



thinking view of the world. Mr. Friedman brings a fresh perspective to the issues of destabilizing climate change and rising competition for energy and their potential to poison our world if we do not act quickly and cooperatively. His arguments and common sense suggestions speak to all who are concerned about the state of America and our global future. Although a dense read, it is worth the effort. These non-fiction, adult books, are informative, interesting and provocative. In every way, good reads!



Teens, check this out:

<https://sites.google.com/site/1139highland/>

March Book Discussions

NPL Book Group

Tuesday, March 8th

1:00 PM

Major Pettigrew's Last Stand

by Helen Simonson

Edgecombe St. Mary, a small village in the English countryside is filled with rolling hills, thatched cottages, and contains a cast of characters both hilariously original and as familiar as the members of readers' own families. Their interactions are both hilarious and heartbreaking.



NPL Evening Book Group

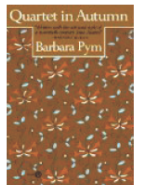
Wednesday, March 16th

7:00 PM

Quartet in Autumn

by Barbara Pym

This is Pym's poignant story of four elderly single people who work in the same office. Their work is their chief point of contact with each other and with the outside world. When the two women retire, the equilibrium of the quartet is upset. Quartet in Autumn is a gently compelling story of human dignity in the midst of hopelessness.



Special Presentation - Ramona Quimby

Saturday, March 26th

3:00 PM



A short reading and excerpt performance of Ramona Quimby, followed by a moderated Q&A with the characters. Co-sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library and the Needham Community Theatre.

This Month in the Friend's Gallery

George Marks

and in the Display Cases

First Parish Church

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...

McIver Lecture Series 2011

Needham's Baker Estate – Gloria Greis, Executive Director – Needham Historical Society

Sunday, April 10th

2:00 PM

Hardly anyone outside Needham and Wellesley remembers anymore, but 120 years ago, Ridge Hill Farms was known far and wide. Ridge Hill, also known as the Baker Estate, was the home and creation of William Emerson Baker, founder of the Grover and Baker Sewing Machine Company. After taking an early retirement at age 40, the now phenomenally rich Baker purchased nearly 800 acres in the southwest corner of Needham. In the twenty years that followed, Baker filled his summer estate with over 100 amusements, attractions and exhibits. These included a museum of industry, two bear pits for his pets, an underground crystal grotto featuring the Forty Thieves, a pleasure lake, saloons and restaurants, and a 225-room luxury hotel. Gloria Greis will be speaking on the fascinating Baker Estates and their unique place in Needham's history. A discussion will follow. *This event is sponsored by the Trustees of the Needham Free Public Library and is the third of three programs on Needham's Path to 300.*



Dr. Richard Pollack - Insects and Ticks That Find Us Attractive

Tuesday, April 26th

7:30 PM



Springtime brings melting of snow, sprouting of flowers, and the emergence of ticks and mosquitoes to take our minds off the bed bugs and head lice that occupy us year round. Dr. Pollack will talk about

creatures that find us attractive, how they locate us, the risks we incur, and what we can do about them. He will place specimens under a microscope, and project them for us to identify.

Dr. Pollack has earned degrees in entomology and parasitology, and served as a public health entomologist for more than two decades at the Harvard School of Public Health. This Needham resident represents Norfolk County on mosquito and mosquito control matters, operates a local consulting company, is on the faculty at Boston University, and conducts research worldwide. *This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.*

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

Vanessa Trien and the Jumping Monkeys

Saturday, April 23rd

10:30 AM



Boston-based singer-songwriter and children's performer, Vanessa Trien, has become a local rock star among the young and young at heart. The "Nessa Groupies" sing and dance in the aisles at her packed shows with her lively band,

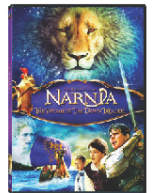
the Jumping Monkeys, flock to her infant and toddler music education classes, and can't get enough of her two award-winning children's CDs 'Carnival Day' and 'Hot Air Balloon.' Vanessa is also Boston's best-kept secret because her rise in children's music coincided with her starting a family which, up until recently, has kept her relatively close to home. But watch out because Vanessa and the Jumping Monkeys are broadening their touring circuit! *This Program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.*

Children's Movie: The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader (Rated PG - 113 minutes)

Friday, April 22nd

2:00 PM

Return to the magic and wonder of C. S. Lewis' epic world in this third installment of the beloved Chronicles of Narnia fantasy-adventure series. When Lucy and Edmund Pensive, along with their cousin Eustace, are swallowed into a painting and transported back to Narnia, they join King Caspian and a noble mouse named Reepicheep aboard the magnificent ship *The Dawn Treader*. The courageous voyagers travel to mysterious islands, confront mystical creatures, and reunite with the Great Lion Aslan and a mission that will determine the fate of Narnia itself!



****SPECIAL EVENT****

Children's Author Erin Hunter

Thursday, April 14th

Cosponsored by the Needham Free Public Library and The Wellesley Booksmith. Books will be available for Purchase and Autographing. See Next Month's Newsletter for more information.

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