



LIBRARY NOTES

May 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.....

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

Saturday, May 3rd 3:00 PM

Zany Acts with Michael Zerphy

Michael Zerphy, with his zany style and participatory humor, has captivated audiences across the United States and Europe. 'Zany Acts' is a show for general audiences – a family concert of clowning and fun for all. Michael creates a world that continually surprises the audience – a world in which the ordinary becomes magical and failure is turned into success. Music, juggling, a wide variety of props, and even the audience are included in this versatile show that is appropriate for all ages.

This Program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

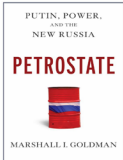


Sunday, May 4th 2:00 PM

Marshall I. Goldman - Petrostate: Petroleum, Putin and Power

The story of oil and gas in Russia is a tale of discovery, intrigue, corruption, wealth, misguidance, greed, patronage, nepotism, and power. Marshall Goldman

tells this story with panache, as only one of the world's leading authorities on Russia could. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.*



Sunday, May 18th 3:00 PM

Two Old Friends - Mac McHale & Emery

Hutchins, affectionately known as Mac & Hutch, have recently joined forces to sing and play songs from Ireland, the mountains and the sea. They will be performing some of their favorites from The Northeast Winds as well as some very old-time traditional country music. The program is sure to include some of your favorite Irish sea songs, a good amount of hot picking instrumentals and some great sing-a-longs. *Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.*



Ongoing Activities....

Appearing this month in the Friends' Gallery:
Boston Globe/Scholastic Art Award Winners
from Needham Senior High School

Tuesday, May 13th 1:00 PM

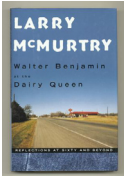
NPL Book Group

This month's selection:

Walter Benjamin at the Dairy Queen: Reflections at Sixty and Beyond by Larry McMurtry

In a lucid, brilliant work of nonfiction -- as close to an autobiography as his readers are likely to get -- Larry McMurtry has written a family portrait that also serves as a larger portrait of Texas itself, as it was, and as it has become.

Using as a springboard an essay by the German literary critic Walter Benjamin that he first read in Archer City's Dairy Queen, McMurtry examines the small-town way of life that big oil and big ranching have nearly destroyed. He praises the virtues of everything from a lime Dr Pepper and the lost art of oral storytelling to the perfect piece of pie, and describes the brutal effect of the sheer vastness and emptiness of the Texas landscape on Texans, the decline of the cowboy, the significance of small-town rodeos (and rodeo queens), the reality and the myth of the frontier.



Wednesday, May 21st

7:00 PM

NPL Evening Book Group

This month's selection:

Marley & Me: Life and Love with the World's Worst Dog by John Grogan

Is it possible for humans to discover the key to happiness through a bigger-than-life, bad-boy dog? Just ask the Grogans.

John and Jenny were just beginning their life together. They were young and in love, with not a care in the world. Then they brought home Marley, a wiggly yellow furball of a puppy. Life would never be the same. Marley grew into a barreling, ninety-seven-pound streamroller of a Labrador retriever. He crashed through screen doors, gouged through drywall, and stole women's undergarments. Obedience school did no good -- Marley was expelled. But just as Marley joyfully refused any limits on his behavior, his love and loyalty were boundless, too. Marley remained a model of devotion, even when his family was at its wit's end. Unconditional love, they would learn, comes in many forms.

Marley & Me is John Grogan's funny, unforgettable tribute to this wonderful, wildly neurotic Lab and the meaning he brought to their lives.



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

Children's Department

May Storytimes



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

Tues., May 6, 13, 27 10:00 - 10:20 AM

Wed., May 7, 21 10:00 - 10:20 AM

Toddler Time for ages 2 1/2 and up

Wed., May 7, 21, 28 10:45 AM

Thurs., May 8, 15, 22, 29 10:00 AM

Preschool Storytime for ages 4 - 5 years old

Tues., May 6, 13, 22, 27 4:00 - 4:30 PM

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

May Craft Activities



Drop-in Storycraft for ages 3 - 5

Thursday, May 1st 3:45 - 4:15 PM

Registration required, maximum of 15 children.

Mother's Day Craft for all ages

Thursday, May 8th 3:45 - 4:30 PM

No Registration required.

Creative Kids for ages 5 - 7

Thursday, May 22nd 3:45 - 4:30 PM

Registration required, maximum of 15 children.

May Music Activities



Friday, May 9th 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.

Friday, May 2nd 10:30 - 11:30 AM

Tuesday, May 20th 10:30 - 11:30 AM

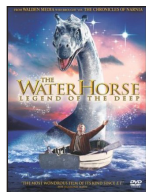
Music, Movement and Me with Sara Epstein

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. Due to its popularity and to ensure that other children have the opportunity to experience this program, registration is limited to one session only.

Friday, May 23rd 3:15 PM

Children's Movie: *The Water Horse: Legend of the Deep* (Rated PG - 112 min)

Based on a novel by Dick King-Smith, author of *The Sheep Pig* (from which *Babe* was adapted), the touching and often spectacular *The Water Horse: Legend of the Deep* ingeniously presumes to explain the truth behind "Nessie," i.e., the Loch Ness Monster. When a lonely young boy named Angus discovers a large, mysterious egg along the shores of Loch Ness, no one is prepared for what lies within. He soon discovers that the strange, mischievous hatchling inside is none other than *The Water Horse*, the loch's most mysterious and fabled creature! But with the *Water Horse* growing ten times its size every day, Angus finds it increasingly difficult to keep his new friend a secret.



Upcoming Events - June 2008

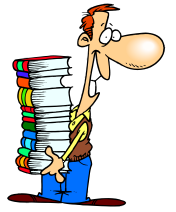
Friends Spring Book Sale -

Saturday, May 31st

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Sunday, June 1st

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM



Sunday is Bargain Day! Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.

Thursday, June 5th

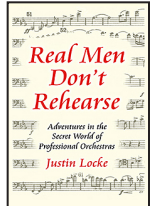
7:30 PM

Friends of the Needham Public Library

Annual Meeting & Program:

Justin Locke - *Real Men Don't Rehearse*

Real Men Don't Rehearse is an amusing inside look at the zany secret world of professional orchestras. It is illustrated with dozens of humorous tales of musician antics and concert meltdowns. Outsiders are rarely allowed such access, but at last you can have your own personal tour of the mystical and magical realm of professional orchestras and the people who play in them. It was written by Justin Locke, who spent 18 seasons as a professional freelance double bassist in Boston. He played with the Boston Symphony, the Boston Pops, as well as for ballets, operas, and Broadway shows. He is also well known in the symphonic world as the author of *Peter VS the Wolf* and *the Phantom of the Orchestra*, which are internationally acclaimed programs for orchestra family concerts.



Monday, June 23rd

3:00 PM



Where the Wild Things Really Are with Judy Pancoast

Designed as a musical complement for the 'Wild Reads' Summer Reading Club theme, this program is all about children going wild at the library, and will serve as the kickoff event of a summer of fun at the Needham Public Library. From the very first song, "Wild One" (an extension of Where the Wild Things Are), children will be moving, dancing and having a wild time! This program is filled with energetic, positive, original yet interactive songs from an acclaimed children's songwriter and performer. *Judy Pancoast* is the award winning songwriter of the hit Christmas song "The House on Christmas Street" which is played on the radio in New England each Christmas season. She has been featured in *The Boston Globe*, on National Public Radio's "Day to Day" and may be heard as a part-time deejay on Oldies 103.3 in Boston. Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham 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