



LIBRARY NOTES

May 2011

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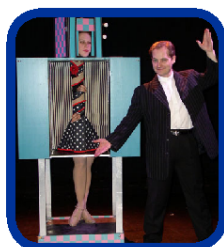
Welcome to *Library Notes*, a monthly publication of the Needham Free Public Library. *Library Notes* describes both the monthly events at the Library and the ongoing services...

Magic & Beyond with Magician David Garrity

Saturday, May 14

3:00 PM

Magic & Beyond is a one-man illusion show that features unique, theatrical and visual magic, audience participation, comedy and a custom-edited musical sound track. In this performance, you will see a table mysteriously float, objects that appear and disappear in the blink of an eye, and witness the difficult and suspenseful "Straightjacket Challenge!" Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.



Waterfall Production's Courtship Tea starring Rita Parisi

Sunday, May 15

2:00 PM



Courtship during Victorian times was the only acceptable way young ladies and gentleman could get acquainted with each other. As the character of Mrs. Gordon, a middle class lady from 1908, Rita will recount how her husband courted her during the 1890's, as well as discuss a "new" trend called dating. Rita Parisi has been entertaining audiences for over 14 years in the New England area. In 2002, she founded Waterfall Productions, to create shows that highlight her passion for theatre as well as history, literature and costuming. She has had the pleasure of performing these shows all over New England. The Needham Free Public Library is delighted to welcome her back with another one of

her Teas in Time productions. This event is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

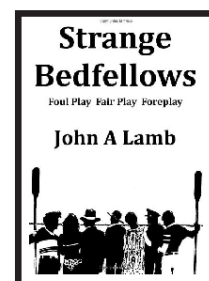
Local Author John A. Lamb – Strange Bedfellows: Foul Play Fair Play Foreplay

Tuesday, May 17

7:30 PM

Ever wonder what happens to your trash? You might be surprised to know the government sent some on an all expense-paid Southern cruise. Strange Bedfellows is not that ship's log but, while truth is often stranger than fiction, it's rarely as much fun.

So come aboard and meet tugboat captain Elliot, investigative reporter Alexandra, and a motley assortment of politicians, social-climbers, and crooks. John A. Lamb was born in 1921 and raised during the depression of the 1930s. He worked as a private investigator and assembled machine guns before joining the Air Corps to navigate B-24 Bombers in World War II. Employed by B.B.D. & O and Young & Rubicam advertising agencies, he later joined Arthur D. Little consultants, and subsequently cofounded an investment banking firm. At retirement, he studied painting before returning to his earlier interest in writing. He is the author of an autobiography and two previous novels.



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

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

Children's Programs in May

Drop-in Storytime for ages 5 and under



Wed., May 4, 18

10:00 AM

Fri., May 20

10:00 AM

Stories, music, movement and more.

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

Sing-Along with Ed Morgan

Fri., May 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., May 3rd

10:30 AM

Mon., May 16th

10:30 AM

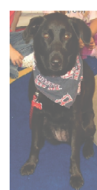
An interactive music and movement program for adults and children under 4. ****Registration required—maximum 20 children & accompanying adult.**



Lucy the R.E.A.D. Dog: for ages 3 and up**

Thur., May 5th

10:00 AM



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.**

May Craft & Special Events

Drop-In "Crafts of the Month" for ages 2-5 years



Fri., May 6th

10:00 AM

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



Thurs., May 12th

4:00 PM

(same as May 6th program)

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



Drop-In Children's Book Week Crafts for ages 2-6 years

Tues., May 10th

4:00 PM



Drop-In "Be Kind to Animals" Crafts for ages 2-6 years

Thurs., May 19th

4:00 PM

Drop-In "Transportation Crafts" for ages 2-6 years

Thurs., May 26th

4:00 PM

Drop-In "Transportation Crafts" for ages 2-6 years

Fri., May 27th

10:00 AM

(same as May 26th program)

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., May 5, 12, 26

11:00 AM

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

Community Helper's Fair

Wed., May 25th 10:00 - 11:00 AM



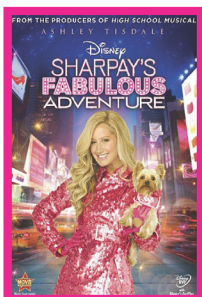
Come and visit with some of our Community Helpers/Heroes. Most Town Departments will be participating, in addition to people from the Post Office. Children will get a "passport" stamped at each Community Helpers station. There will also be crafts and other activities related to our Hometown Heroes. Bring your Camera!



Children's Movie: Sharpay's Fabulous Adventure (Rated: NR, 89 minutes)

Friday, May 27

3:30 PM



Just how fabulous do you have to be to make it big in the Big Apple? One aspiring diva is about to find out...the hard way! After a talent scout spots her performing with her dog Boi at a charity gala, Sharpay Evans sets off for the bright lights of NYC, convinced instant fame and fortune are in the bag (designer bag, that is). But theatre is a dog-eat-dog world, as she and Boi discover when they encounter the devious owner of a pampered pooch named "Countess" and a scheming Broadway starlet who will do anything to crush the competition. Fortunately, Sharpay also meets Peyton, a handsome student filmmaker who finds Sharpay nearly as fascinating as she finds herself.

May Book Discussions

NPL Book Group
Tuesday, May 10th

1:00 PM

The Lacuna

by Barbara Kingsolver

In her most accomplished novel, Barbara Kingsolver takes us on an epic journey from the Mexico City of artists Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo to the America of Pearl Harbor, FDR, and J. Edgar Hoover. "The Lacuna" is a poignant story of a man pulled between two nations as they invent their modern identities.



NPL Evening Book Group

Wednesday, May 18th

7:00 PM

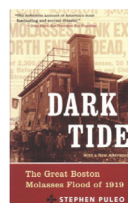
Discussion of next year's titles

Library Hours:

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

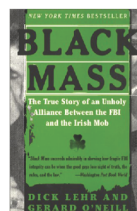
Trustee Pick of the Month

This month's trustee recommendations are from Rose Doherty, who notes that Boston's history is hardly perfect and endlessly fascinating.



Dark Tide: The Great Molasses Flood of 1919 by Stephen Puleo tells the story of the molasses tank collapse in the North End. Were immigrant Italian anarchists, the outsiders of the era, responsible for the tidal wave of molasses that killed 21 people? Or was negligence by the tank's owner, the cause of this disaster? Victims, lawyers, businessmen, policemen, and politicians give a full picture of the social, political, and economic tensions in Boston as World War I was ending.

The Given Day by Dennis Lehane can be read as a companion piece to *Dark Tide*. The novel has the police strike of 1919, the flu epidemic, race and ethnic relations in Boston at the beginning of the century, and engaging characters trying to create a place for themselves in the Hub.



Globe reporters Dick Lehr and Gerard O'Neill tell the story of Whitey Bulger and FBI agent John Connelly in *Black Mass*, a true crime story about drug dealing, racketeering, and scandal in the FBI.

This Month in the
Friend's Gallery
Needham High School
Scholastic Art Winners

Upcoming Events...

Learn, Laugh and Let Go: A Comic Stress Management Show with Robert Rivest

Thursday, June 9

7:00 PM



The Stress Management Show is a humorous look at the many ways we stress ourselves out. Through comedy, insight, and interaction, Robert Rivest shares his tried and true methods of stress reduction.

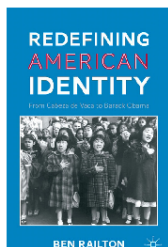
This series of mime stories offers both comic relief and practical stress relieving techniques. Robert Rivest has the audience entertained and enthralled as he explores how to build concentration, calm the body and quiet the mind. With Robert's down-to-earth sense of humor and engaging style, audiences of all ages will find stress reduction natural and easy. Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Library—this program will be preceded by the Annual Meeting.

Needham Author Benjamin Railton—What Links Cabeza de Vaca, Barack Obama, and My Sons: Redefining American Identity

Sunday, June 12th

2:00 PM

Redefining American Identity emphasizes, in contrast to both the traditional and multicultural narratives, a third possibility for what has been at the core of America since the first moments of contact: cross-cultural transformation.



By that phrase, author Benjamin Railton means the way individuals and groups begin as part of relatively fixed cultural identities but experience complex shifts and transformations, across or through or toward other identities and cultures. The book examines five personal narratives of individuals who experienced such transformations, one from each century of post-contact America; this approach allows for both in-depth analyses of each text as well as broader connections to other contemporaneous figures and texts and across these fundamentally American lives. Benjamin Railton is an Assistant Professor of American and Ethnic Literature at Fitchburg State College.

2011 Summer Reading Club Event

Wayne from Maine Show

Wednesday, June 22nd 3:00 PM



The Wayne from Maine Show is a 45 minute interactive musical experience for the young and young at heart. Wayne along with his percussionist JimmyJames, the KoongaBoonga Man, invite volunteers to the stage to play various percussive instruments or sing into a wireless microphone. Wayne has been performing and recording children's music for over a decade and has traveled up and down the East Coast delighting audiences with his very own brand of "Edu-Tainment." The Friends of the Needham Public Library are the sponsors of this Kick-Off event for the One World, Many Stories Summer Reading Club programs.

Author Barry Ahern - Birthright

Tuesday, June 28th

7:30 PM

Author Barry Ahern will be reading and speaking about his new book *Birthright*: "With the evening's black strangle, slowly smothering all that's left in the day, Zachary falls to his knees, holding his head in pain. Oblivious to this first glimpse at life as a Viscent; he curls up in a ball, as the cold surface of the road pushes against his face. With his eyes closed and face clenched, the realization that he has a unique gift brewing inside of him is beyond his wildest dreams. However to earn this gift, to be a Viscent, he will soon learn that he must blindly travel to three different worlds, overcome the snare of the challenges within, and the darkness that chases him. Zachary must quickly realize his *Birthright*, or crumble under the curse of his destiny." Books will be available for purchase and autographing following the presentation.



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