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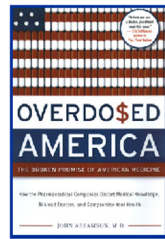
Welcome to *Library Notes*, a monthly publication of the Needham Free Public Library. *Library Notes* describes both the monthly events at the Library and the ongoing services...

Dr. John Abramson-

Overdo\$ed America: The Broken Promise of American Medicine

Sunday, November 1st 2:00 PM

John Abramson, in his book *Overdo\$ed America*, warns about pharmaceutical and medical practices which are unnecessary or which put people at risk. His experiences as a physician began in Appalachia, changed to small-town private practice, then to the Lahey Clinic. He is presently on the clinical faculty at Harvard Medical School. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and autographing. *This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Library.*



Mrs. Jack at Fenway Court - featuring Laura Duggan

Sunday, November 15th 2:00 PM



The year is 1903, and Mrs. Isabella Stewart Gardner is holding a party on the first evening of the New Year to celebrate the opening of her house, Fenway Court... Actress Laura Duggan, tells the story of this most remarkable woman,

who built Boston's most endearing, art-filled Italian palazzo, as she moves back and forth in time in this new, one-act play. Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

Singer/Songwriter Les Julian - Do the Dragon Dance



Saturday, November 21st 10:30 AM



Did you know that dragons love to dance and respect those of us willing to dance with their scary selves? An upbeat, participatory family friendly show featuring original animal songs filled with dragons (Do

The Dragon Dance), frogs, snakes, turtles and alligators (There's a Frog in My Throat), ants (Crumbs), elephants (Walkin' in an Elephant's Shoes), centipedes (The Centipede Parade), whales (Who's Watchin' Who?), goats (I'm a Kid at Heart), cows (Jump Right Over The Moon), dino-snores (Dino-snores), dinosaurs (Zoomin'), donkeys (Donkey in a Ditch), slugs falling in love (Imelda and Harry) and almost every animal you've ever heard of (Animal Questions). Rock and roll, Swing, Celtic, Tango, Marching, Novelty --this is a set of songs that will have the kids and their parents laughing, singing and dancing. Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.



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

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

November Activities

Sing-Along with Ed Morgan

Fri., November 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., November 17th 10:30 AM

Tues., November 24th 10:30 AM

An interactive music and movement program for children under 4 and adults. Registration required - max. 20 children & accompanying adult, and limited to one session only.



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

Mon., November 9th 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.



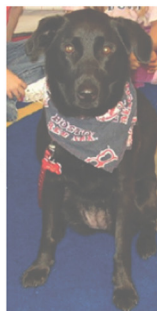
Lucy the R.E.A.D. Dog

Wed., November 4th 10:00 AM

Wed., November 18th 6:30 PM

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 is required.

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Children's Programs in November

Children's Movie: Up (Rated PG - 96 min)

Friday, November 27th 10:00 AM



*Up follows the uplifting tale of 78-year-old balloon salesman Carl Fredrickson, who finally fulfills his lifelong dream of a great adventure when he ties thousands of balloons to his house and flies away to the wilds of South America. But he discovers all too late that his biggest nightmare, an overly optimistic 8-year-old Wilderness Explorer named Russell, has stowed away on the trip. Their journey to a lost world, where they encounter some strange, exotic and surprising characters, is filled with hilarity, emotion and wildly imaginative adventure. Also showing : **Dug's Special Mission** and **Partly Cloudy**.*



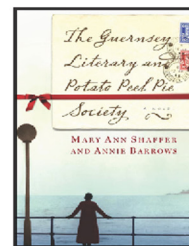
November Book Discussions

NPL Book Group

Tuesday, November 10th 1:00 PM

***The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*
by Mary Ann Shaffer and
Annie Fiery Barrows**

It's January, 1946, and London is emerging from the shadow of World War II. Author Juliet Ashton is



having a terrible time finding inspiration for her next book when she gets a letter from Dawsey Adams from Guernsey, a British island that had been occupied by the Nazis. He finds her address in a used Charles Lamb volume and wonders if she might be able to help him learn more about the author. As Juliet and Dawsey exchange letters, she learns about the Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society, a unique book club formed on the spur-of-the-moment, as an alibi to protect its members from arrest by the Germans. Captivated, Juliet sets sail for Guernsey, and what she finds there will change her life forever.

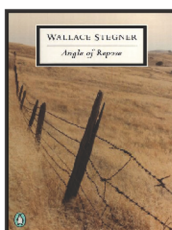
NPL Evening Book Group

Wednesday, November 18th 7:00 PM

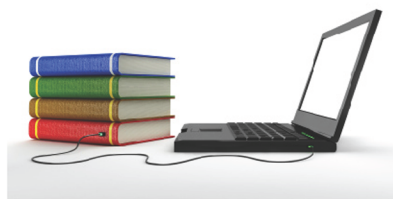
Angle of Repose

by Wallace Stegner

Angle of Repose tells the story of Lyman Ward, a retired professor of history and author of books about the Western frontier, who returns to his ancestral home of Grass Valley, California, in the Sierra Nevada. Wheelchair-bound with a crippling bone disease and dependent on others for his every need, Ward is, nonetheless, embarking on a search of monumental proportions -- to rediscover his grandmother, now long dead, who made her own journey to Grass Valley nearly a hundred years earlier. Like other great quests in literature, Lyman Ward's investigation leads him deep into the dark shadows of his own life.



Overdrive has Arrived!!!



The Needham Public Library is pleased to announce the addition of a new online database, **Overdrive**. Overdrive is taking the place of the Recorded Books database. With **OverDrive**, you will be able to download audio-books and ebooks to your home computer and portable devices. You can also browse the website featuring Minuteman's collection of digital resources and check out titles, or place a request for titles currently "checked out."

The service is compatible with both MP3 and WMA formatted devices (including iPods), as well as being downloadable to either your computer (as an Adobe EPUB eBook or Adobe PDF eBook) or to a Sony Reader (Mobipocket eBooks format).

Some of the titles also allow you to burn them to CD, for use with a portable device or in the car. Usage of this database is restricted to residents of Minuteman Network Communities, and can only be accessed from your home computer.

Contact the Reference Department if you have any other questions either by e-mail at neemail1@minlib.net or by phone at 781-455-7559 x2.

In the Friends' Gallery:

***Needham Art
Association***

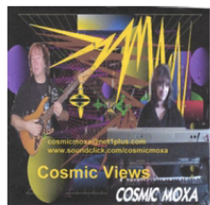
Library Hours:

<i>Mon. - Thurs.</i>	<i>9:00am - 9:00pm</i>
<i>Fridays</i>	<i>9:00am - 5:30pm</i>
<i>Saturdays</i>	<i>9:00am - 5:00pm</i>
<i>Sundays</i>	<i>1:00pm - 5:00pm</i>

Upcoming Events...

Cosmic Moxa

Sunday, December 6th 2:00 PM

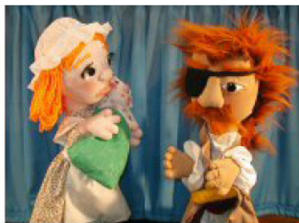


Cosmic Moxa is the dynamic duo of John Salonen, maestro of the guitar, keys and killer fiddle, who was born in Finland and comes from a familial musical background, and American born Nancy Valois, who is awesome on vocals as well as an inspired keyboard player. COSMIC MOXA was formed in 1970 and has gone on to create over 50+ CDs of original music, with more coming all the time. From Rock to Jazz, Trance to Funk, Acoustic to such diverse and interesting instrumentation as the Japanese Koto, and Irish Dulcimer, COSMIC MOXA pleases the ear and the spirit with their original sound. Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.

Diane Kordas - Romper Rhythms and Puppets presents Pirates Ahoy!

Saturday, December 11th 3:00 PM

Romper Rhythm and Puppets produces quality theater performances that entertain and educate audiences.



Diane's puppet shows feature beautifully crafted stages and well designed gorgeous puppets. *Pirates Ahoy!* features three short vignettes: Blackbeard and His Legendary Treasure on the Isle of Shoals, The story of Ocean Born Mary, and an excerpt from "Treasure Island." There is neither gore nor sword fights - Diane's trademark humor and audience participation are the highlights of this show. This performance is geared for ages 5 and up. *Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.*

Children's Movie:

Night at the Museum - Battle of the Smithsonian (Rated PG - 105 min)

Monday, December 28th 2:00 PM



In this 2nd installment of the Night at the Museum saga, Larry Daley faces a battle so epic it could only unfold in the corridors of the world's largest museum. Now, Larry must try to save his formerly inanimate friends from what could be their last stand amid the wonders of the Smithsonian, all of which, from the famous paintings on the walls to the rocketships in the halls, suddenly have a mind of their own.

New Years Needham Schedule December 31, 2009

Tiny Tots Film Festival 10:00 AM
- storybook short films

Movie: G-Force (PG-88min) 10:30 AM



G-Force, an elite team of highly trained guinea pigs, race against the clock to save the world.

**Pumpernickel Puppets presents
The Frog Prince**

1:30 PM

Classic story of an enchanted frog and the princess who can change him back into a prince, if only she will give him a kiss...



Magician Christopher Bolter

3:00 PM

3:45 PM

4:30 PM

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