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.....

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

Thursday, October 4th  7:30 PM
Needham Author Dave Zeltserman
will discuss the processes he went through to publish his latest book Bad Thoughts. Autograph Session to follow. Book available for purchase courtesy of New England Mobile Book Fair.

Sunday, October 14th  2:00 PM
“Meet Eleanor Roosevelt: Wife, Mother and First Lady” is an historical portrait in the format of a lecture tour. The one-woman show, directed by Josephine Lane of Brookline, MA, and performed by Elena Dodd of Boston, MA, is co-authored by Lane and Dodd. “Mrs. R.” talks about the four decades of her marriage to Franklin D. Roosevelt. With a frank, often humorous look at some of her struggles, she recalls her years as a timid young wife and mother, “life in a goldfish bowl” as First Lady, and her journey toward personal fulfillment. Her own story merges with that of America, because of how she used her unique position to care about all people, without discrimination. Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.

Tuesday, October 23rd  7:30 PM
Author Robin Cook

Friday, October 26th  3:30 PM
Children’s Movie: Meet the Robinsons (G - 95min)
If you think your family’s different, wait ‘til you meet the family of the future. Lewis is a brilliant inventor who meets a mysterious stranger named Wilbur Robinson. Robinson whisks Lewis away in a Time Machine. Together they team up to track down Bowler Hat Guy in a showdown that ends with an unexpected twist of fate.

Saturday, October 27th  10:00 AM
Storyteller Tim Van Egmond - “Shivers and Shudders”
Tim will be performing spell-binding tales and songs of the supernatural ranging from the spine-tingling to the rib-tickling, from various cultures and countries around the world. He’ll be accompanying himself with “spirit flute,” guitar, conga drum, and a skeleton limberjack (a wooden puppet that taps out a rhythm dancing on a paddleboard). The performance is recommended for children that are age 4 and up, with their parents.

Tuesday, October 30th  7:30 PM
Paranormal Events in Massachusetts with John Horrigan
John Horrigan is a historical weather researcher and New England folklorist who specializes in lectures and slide shows about weather events, legends, great fires and disasters. During the month of October John lectures about odd New England legends, such as ghosts and other paranormal phenomena and will be specifically talking about Massachusetts phenomena from the time of the Pilgrims to the present day. Come and join us on the night before All Hallows Eve for this unique talk.

Teen Read Week - October 14 -20, 2007
Find LOL@Needham Library as we celebrate Teen Read Week October 14-20. Humorous books, DVDs, and a presentation October 17th, 2:45-4:00 pm by the N.H.S. Anime Club await you!
Ongoing Activities....

Appearing this month in the Friends’ Gallery:
Vasilia Laskaris - “Faces and Places”
Display Cases: Carol Temkin Porcelain - Decorative and functional hand-thrown pottery

Tuesday, October 9th 1:00 PM
NPL Book Group
This month’s selection:
84, Charing Cross Road by Helene Hanff

When New York City writer Helene Hanff sends a letter to London bookshop Marks & Co. requesting good, clean copies of a few books she inadvertently begins a charming and hilarious correspondence with bookseller Frank Doel.

Wednesday, October 17th 7:00 PM
NPL Evening Book Group
This month’s selection:
The Swallows of Kabul by Yasmina Khadra

Set in Kabul under the rule of the Taliban, this extraordinary novel takes readers into the lives of two couples to offer an unflinching but compassionate insight into a society that violence and hypocrisy have brought to the edge of despair.

Children’s Department
October Activities

Drop-in Story/Craft - ages 3 and above
Thursday, Oct 4th 3:30 - 4:00 PM
No Registration required. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Craft - ages 4 and above
Thursday, Oct 11th 3:30 - 4:15 PM
Registration is required and begins Oct 4th - limited to 12 spaces. Younger siblings cannot be accommodated.

Story/Craft- ages 4 and above
Thursday, Oct 18th 3:30 - 4:15 PM
Registration is required and begins Oct 11th - limited to 12 spaces. Younger siblings cannot be accommodated.

Creative Kids Craft - ages 6 and above
Tuesday, Oct 25th 3:30 - 4:15 PM
Registration is required and begins Oct 18th - limited to 12 spaces. Younger siblings cannot be accommodated.

Upcoming Events - November 2007

Sunday November 4th 2:00 PM
The Battlefield Guide
Poetry about Gettysburg & Antietam by Rodger Martin, accompanied by traditional and original music. Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.

Saturday, November 10th 10:00 AM
Toe Jam Puppet Band
Performing 250 shows in 2006 and selling over 2000 CDs., the Toe Jam Puppet Band delivers super fabulicious kids music that grownups enjoy too! Big kids Tom and Willy bring smiles, giggles and dance to families with their unique combination of original and interactive songs and stories. The nonstop fun is contagious! Everybody will sing and dance along with the band as they entertain with a unique combination of original songs (“Barn Dance”, “Block Cheese Dance Party”, “Car Wash”, “Flying Laundry”), storytelling and just plain old good fun. Sponsored by The Library Foundation of Needham.

Sunday, November 18th 2:00 PM
Outrageous Fortune - Acoustic Music Duo

Outrageous Fortune features Chris Wells on guitar and lead vocals and Needham Native Rod Thomas on harmonica and harmony vocals. Their repertoire reflects their roots in Folk, Blues and 1930’s Jazz. Sponsored by The Library Foundation of Needham.

Friday, November 23rd 2:00 PM
Children’s Movie: Ratatouille (G - 111min)
After watching a celebrity chef on television, Remy the rat, a rodent blessed with an exquisite sense of smell and taste, dreams of becoming one himself. And soon he does, after he is accidentally swept into a storm drain, washes up near the most famous restaurant in France, and comes up with a delicious soup recipe. Teaming up with Linguini, a lowly dish boy, Remy fulfills his dream, in a funny, moving tale about fulfilling your potential against all odds.

Tuesday, November 27th 5:30 PM
Book Launch: Needham Poet Robert K. Johnson
Come and hear local poet Robert K. Johnson read selections from his latest volume of poetry. Autograph session following the reading. The book will be available for purchase.

Library Hours:
(Starting Sept 9th)
Mon. - Thurs. 9:00AM - 9:00PM
Fridays 9:00AM - 5:30PM
Saturdays 9:00AM - 5:00PM
Sundays 1:00PM - 5:00PM