



# LIBRARY NOTES

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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...

## An Evening with the Danforth Museum of Art

Wednesday, October 7th 7:00 PM

Spend an evening with the Danforth Museum of Art and learn more about the Museum's rich permanent collection of American Art, more than 25 annual changing exhibits of the best in contemporary art, an award winning Museum School and unique educational programs through an engaging multi-media presentation.



## Driftwood Fire — From Appalachia to Jazz – A fun filled musical journey!

Sunday, October 11th 3:00 PM

Colorado based **Driftwood Fire** – Lynn Scharf (on vocals) and Charlotte Formichella (on guitar and banjo) will perform original songs, as well as American standards. Beginning in the Scottish based traditions of Appalachian music and following American history, through 1920's jazz, **Driftwood Fire** explores the continued influence of roots music on contemporary folk, rock and country. Join them for a warm and inviting performance as they take us on a musical journey. *Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.*



## Second Annual Black, White & Read All Over Gala

Saturday, October 17th 7:00 PM

The gala, a fundraiser for the Needham Library through the Library Foundation of Needham endowment, will be a festive, informal evening of black, white and red attire, enjoyable conver-



sation, fine food and libations, music and auctions. It will include special tributes to Needham's many authors, including a champagne reception with honorary gala co-chairs Dan Shaughnessy of The Boston Globe and Gail Huff of Channel 5.

## Author Ric Wasley

Tuesday, October 20th 7:30 PM

Author Ric Wasley makes a return visit to the Needham Public Library to discuss his latest work *The Scrimshaw* – featuring private investigator Mick McCarthy from his previous novel, *Shadow of Innocence*.



## Author Mahendra Meghani

### *The Gandhi Story: In His Own Words*

Wednesday, October 21st 7:30 PM



Mahendra Meghani, 86, has been a prominent author, editor, magazine/book publisher, and bookseller in India's western state of Gujarat. Son of the renowned Gujarati litterateur Jhaverchand Meghani, Meghani grew up during the prime of Mahatma Gandhi's life and he himself lives his personal life following Gandhi's principles. Join us for a fascinating evening of discussion about the life of Gandhi.

For further information about upcoming events, go to [www.needhamma.gov/library](http://www.needhamma.gov/library).

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

## October Activities

### *Sing-Along with Ed Morgan*

Fri., October 16th 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*

Wed., October 14th 10:30 AM

Tues., October 27th 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., October 5th 11:00 AM

Mon., October 19th 11:00 AM

Join Cici Hunt in this fun-filled music and movement class for children and their caretakers. Registration is required.

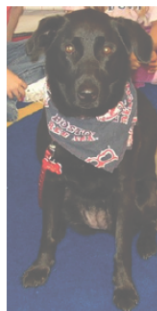
### *Lucy the R.E.A.D. Dog*

Wed., October 21st 10:00 AM

Wed., October 28th 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 October

### **Magician Tommy James -**

### **The Halloween Magic Show**

**Saturday, October 24th 10:30 AM**



*This 45 minute performance for ages 5 and up has it all; a very spooky magic wand, a haunted Jack-O-lantern, and a skull that takes on a life of its own and floats all over the stage! There are ghosts and goblins*

*and a visit from Tommy's dear friend Bunnacula the Vampire Bunny, a real live bunny appearing from his magic castle! It will be a Spooktacular Event that you won't want to miss! **Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.***

### **Children's Movie: Monsters vs. Aliens**

**(Rated PG - 94 min)**

**Friday, October 30th 3:30 PM**

*When Susan Murphy is unexpectedly clobbered by a meteor full of outer space gunk, she mysteriously grows to 49-foot-11-inches tall and is instantly labeled a "Monster" named Ginormica. The military jumps into action, and she is captured by General W.R. Monger and held in a secret government compound filled with other "monsters" like herself. This ragtag group consists of the brilliant but insect-headed Dr. Cockroach, Ph.D.; the macho half-ape-half-fish The Missing Link; the gelatinous and indestructible B.O.B. ; and the 350-foot grub called Insectosaurus. Their confinement time is cut short however, when a mysterious alien robot lands on Earth and the motley crew of Monsters is called into action to save the world from imminent destruction.*



## October Book Discussions

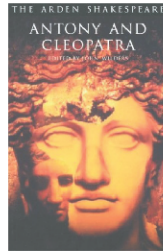
### NPL Book Group

Tuesday, October 13th

1:00 PM

*Antony & Cleopatra*

by William Shakespeare



*A magnificent drama of love and war, this riveting tragedy presents one of Shakespeare's greatest female characters--the seductive, cunning Egyptian queen Cleopatra. The Roman leader Mark Antony, a virtual prisoner of his passion for her, is a man torn between pleasure and virtue, between sensual indolence and duty . . . between an empire and love. Bold, rich, and splendid in its setting and emotions, "Antony And Cleopatra" ranks among Shakespeare's supreme achievements.*

### NPL Evening Book Group

Wednesday, October 21st

7:00 PM

*The Optimist's Daughter*

by Eudora Welty



*Written late in life, The Optimist's Daughter is a quietly moving short novel that finds Eudora Welty coming to grips with her father's death -- and that of her own childhood. A young woman who has left the South returns to New Orleans several years later when her father is dying. After his death, she and her young stepmother go back to the small Mississippi town where she grew up. Alone in the old house, Laurel finally comes to an understanding of the past and herself.*

*In the Friends' Gallery:*

*Floral Portraits*

*Karen Hawkins*

*Watercolor/Goache*

## **Attention Job Seekers!!**

The Needham Public Library announces the addition of a new online database called ***Career Transitions***. Available to all Needham residents at home, and non-residents at the library, this database can be used to explore new career options for those entering or re-entering the job market.

Jobseekers can create resumes using a six-step "wizard," edit resumes online, allowing you to print or email them to prospective employers. In the Explore Careers Section, you can learn about and target careers, industries, and states. Going to the Find Jobs section, you can search geographically by keyword across the major job boards and company websites. The links to the actual job postings are also found there. In the Improve My Chances section, you will find articles about industries or employment sectors linked to your profile. Also in this section you'll find listings of trade associations in your field, as well as distance learning courses available to you.



**"Find a job you love  
and you will never  
have to work  
a day in your life."**

— Confucius

In order to create an account you'll need is your email address and a password. Contact the Reference Department if you have any other questions either by email at [neemail1@minlib.net](mailto:neemail1@minlib.net) or by phone at 781-455-7559 x2.

### *Library Hours:*

*Mon. - Thurs.*

*9:00am - 9:00pm*

*Fridays*

*9:00am - 5:30pm*

*Saturdays*

*9:00am - 5:00pm*

*Sundays*

*1:00pm - 5:00pm*

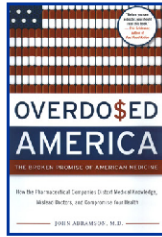
# Upcoming Events...

**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.**

## ***Children's Programs***

**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 drag-

ons (***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.**



**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 Fredricksen, 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.***



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