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...

Ben Rudnick and Friends  
Sat., October 16th  10:30 AM  
Ben Rudnick and Friends concerts feature a celebratory quality equally inviting to the toddler, older folks and everyone in between. A multiple award winner in family music, Ben Rudnick and Friends plays an adventurous, high-energy blend of happy, upbeat acoustic music. Come join us as Ben Rudnick and Friends make a return visit to the Library. This event is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

Islam in America: a candid discussion of myths and realities - Dr. Mohamed Lazzouni and Nancy Khalil  
Sun., October 17th  2:00 PM  
Join us as Dr. Mohamed Lazzouni and Nancy Khalil discuss the myths and realities of Islam in America. This event is cosponsored by the Needham Human Rights Commission, Needham Free Public Library and the Newton Human Rights Commission.

Third Annual Black, White and Read Library Gala  
Saturday, October 23rd  7:00 - 10:00 PM  
Join your friends and neighbors at the third annual Black, White & Read All Over gala. Music, libations, festive dress, hors d’oeuvres and desserts, silent and live auctions will make the library the place to be on October 23. Proceeds from the Gala are dedicated to building the Library Foundation of Needham’s permanent fund for the Library. For information about tickets, sponsorship, or donations to the Gala, visit www.ifnonline.org. Tickets may be purchased online or at the Library’s circulation desk.

Mclver Lecture Series 2011  
Needham’s Path to 300  
Author Michael Tougias – Exploring The Hidden Charles (A Charles River Chronicle)  
Tues., October 26th  7:30 PM  
There is much more to the Charles River than perspiring college kids sculling to the insistent chant of the coxswain. The Charles River is an integral part of the landscape in many towns and cities in Eastern Massachusetts. Michael Tougias has been loving and exploring the Charles, all 80 miles of it, for more than 20 years now, finding secluded towns, coves, marshes, and woodland of remarkable beauty along its banks. Come and learn more about the Charles River with Michael Tougias, author of Exploring the Hidden Charles. Join us for this first of three programs in this year’s Mclver Lecture Series. This Program is sponsored by the Trustees of the Needham Free Public Library.

For further information about upcoming events, go to www.needhamma.gov/library.
What’s happening this month in the Children’s Room...
October Book Discussions

NPL Book Group
Tuesday, October 12th  
1:00 PM

**The Help**
by Kathryn Stockett

Set in Jackson, Mississippi, in 1962, *The Help* is told through three voices: Aibileen, an older black woman who has been taking care of white families since she was 13; Minny, a younger black woman who finds it difficult to curb her sharp tongue around her white employers; and Skeeter, a privileged white girl fresh out of college, who wants more from life than marriage to the first presentable young man her mother can produce.

NPL Evening Book Group
Wednesday, October 20th  
7:00 PM

**Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet**
by Jamie Ford

In the opening pages of Jamie Ford’s stunning debut novel, *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*, Henry Lee comes upon a crowd gathered outside the Panama Hotel, once the gateway to Seattle’s Japantown. It has been boarded up for decades, but now the new owner has made an incredible discovery: the belongings of Japanese families, left when they were rounded up and sent to internment camps during World War II. As Henry looks on, the owner opens a Japanese parasol... Set during one of the most conflicted and volatile times in American history, *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* is an extraordinary story of commitment and enduring hope. In Henry and Keiko, Jamie Ford has created an unforgettable duo whose story teaches us of the power of forgiveness and the human heart.

This Month in the Friends Gallery

Fred Tuveson
Four Decades of Painting

In the Display Cases
100th Anniversary of the Needham VNA

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...

Friends of the Needham Library Fall Book Sale

Sat., October 2nd
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Sun., October 3rd
1:00 - 4:00 PM
Sunday is Bargain Day!

Awesome Magic Show with Magician Matt Roberts

Sat., November 6th
10:30 AM
An interactive and unforgettable performance that will knock your socks off, featuring hilarious clean comedy, astonishing original magic, and lots of fun audience participation. Included in the show are routines Matt has performed on national television, a cool demonstration of “mind reading,” and a “how-to” magic lesson where everyone learns a simple magic trick they can try at home! Kids AND adults of all ages will really enjoy the performance. This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

Author Clara Silverstein: A White House Garden Cookbook

Sun., November 14th
2:00 PM
Clara Silverstein will discuss how she researched her book about healthy ways to cook with the kinds of vegetables and fruits grown in the White House garden and fun facts about White House gardens, past and present. She will also show photos from her two visits. A White House Garden Cookbook will be available for purchase and autograph. Clara Silverstein is author of The Boston Chef’s Table and coauthor of The New England Soup Factory Cookbook. Her articles appear in The Boston Globe, Prevention, and Runner’s World. She directs the Chautauqua Writers’ Center. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.

Gill Solomon, Sachem of the Massachusetts-Ponkapoag Tribal Council

Sun., November 21st
2:00 PM
Did you know that the native people of our area are the Massasuchwek? The newcomers said Massachusset, and our state is now Massachussetts. Gill Solomon, who is also called Feather-on-the-Moon or Nanepashmequin, is sachem of the Massachusetts-Ponkapoag Tribal Council. Feather-on-the-Moon will talk about Native ways of looking at our world such as the creation of the earth, the Native people’s relationship with nature, the traditional ways of life, and the concepts of spirituality. “As Native people to this land, we live with the earth and all creatures. We celebrate all life.” This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

Children’s Movie: Disney/Pixar’s Toy Story 3 (Rated G - 103 minutes)

Fri., November 26th
10:00 AM
As Andy gets ready to leave for college, Woody, Buzz, Jessie and the rest of the gang wonder if this is the end of the line. But, when a mix up lands them in the Sunnyside Day Care Center where they meet 14 new toys, they soon discover that a wild new adventure is just beginning! Take an amazing journey with some of the most beloved characters in movie history and discover what being a friend is truly all about.

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