



LIBRARY NOTES

April 2012

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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...

Employment Workshop: Resume Writing Review

Thurs., April 5th

7:30 PM



Presented in a round table group format, we will discuss resume writing in general, including how to address key word search techniques. We will also dissect both chronological and functional resume samples.

Participants are encouraged to bring their existing resume for a confidential one-on-one analysis.

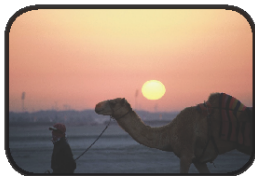
Gary Gekow is a Senior Employment Specialist with 21 years of recruiting experience in the Boston staffing industry. He works closely with client companies in many industries and job seekers in various specialties. This program is sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.

Oman and Yemen - Historic Land of the Queen of Sheba, a slide show by Barry Pell

Tues., April 10th

7:30 PM

Oman and Yemen form the southern coastal edge of the Arabian Peninsula. Their ancient cities have a long sea-going history, which has contributed to the mixing of African, Arabic and Indian influences. The culture and way of life of the people, from their clothing and customs, to their 500-year old buildings built of mud and brick, have created a "living museum" which has been little changed over the centuries. With photography from the lecturer's travels, this presentation will convey a sense of the region's adventure, its connection to ancient ways, and its hospitable, generous and genial people who are proudly steadfast to their Biblical roots when the Queen of Sheba ruled their empire. This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.



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

Alejandro's Olde Tyme Magik Showe starring Magician Andrew Pinard

Sat., April 21st

3:00 PM



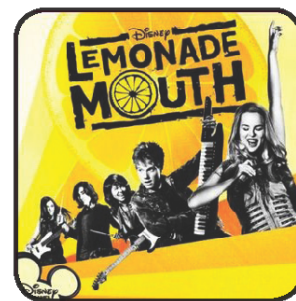
This is the production that started it all! Performed in a style reminiscent of the Vaudeville era, *Alejandro's Olde Tyme Magik Showe* is a wonderful one-man stand-up show with an emphasis on audience participation, visual magic, and physical comedy guaranteed to enchant and amuse the whole family. Blending classic magic and comedy with a little help from volunteer assistants, Pinard draws spectators into his zany world of wonder. This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

The Man Behind *Lemonade Mouth*, the Book. Mark Peter Hughes -- his books, his Disney Channel adventure

Sun., April 29th

1:30 PM

Mark Peter Hughes, author of *Lemonade Mouth*, will talk about the story and characters of his 2007 novel, and their adaptation into the hit movie *Lemonade Mouth*, which premiered on the Disney Channel in April 2011. Five freshmen initially share nothing more than misery in detention for vastly different infractions. The band they form triumphs over many odds, many of their own making. Great music in the telling of the tale! **Please note the earlier than usual beginning time: 1:30 PM.** This presentation will be followed by a showing of the Disney Channel Original Movie Presentation of *Lemonade Mouth*. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.



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

Children's Programs in April

Drop-in Storytimes for ages 5 and under



Wed., April 4, 11, 18, 25 10:00 AM

Stories, music, movement and more.

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

Music, Movement and Me with Sara Epstein**



Tues., April 17 10:30 AM

Mon., April 30 10:30 AM

An interactive music and movement program for adults and children under 4. **Registration is required, one session per month only please.

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



Tues., April 10 11:00 AM

Fri., April 20 11:00 AM

Join Cici Hunt in this fun-filled music and movement class for children and their caretakers. **Registration is required, one session per month only please.

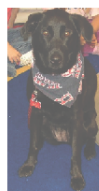
Sing-Along with Ed Morgan



Fri., April 13 3:00 PM

For children 2 years and up accompanied by an adult. This is a drop-in program—please arrive on time.

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



Thurs., April 5 10:00 AM

Join Lucy, a black lab, and Pat Howes 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.*



Toddler Movies

Thurs., April 5, 12, 19 11:00 AM

Short films based on popular storybooks—shown in the Community Room.

Drop-In Craft Programs usually last for approximately 45 minutes, depending upon your child(ren). Three crafts related to the theme will be offered for our creative young patrons. Please arrive during the first half hour of the program.

Children's Craft Programs in April

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



Thurs., April 5 4:00 PM

Mon., April 9 10:30 AM



Drop-In "National Library Week" Crafts for ages 2-6

Thurs., April 12 4:00 PM



Drop-In "Earth Day" Crafts for ages 2-6

Thurs., April 19 4:00 PM

Mon., April 23 10:30 AM



Drop-In "Spring Sports" Crafts for ages 2-6

Thurs., April 26 4:00 PM

LEGO Club! Needham Free Public Library's BLOCK PARTY!



Because of space limitations, we will be able to accommodate 24 children total, ages 6+. Please sign up for only one session per month.

Tuesday, April 3 4:30 - 5:30 PM

Wednesday, April 18 3:00 - 4:00 PM

Sunday, April 22 3:00 - 4:00 PM

You **MUST** sign up in advance for a LEGO program even if you attended a previous session.

This month will be the last LEGO time until next October, except for a special event this summer. "Dream Big," will be the subject of a LEGO program on August 1, from 4:00-5:30 PM. Check future calendars for additional information.

Children's Movie: *Hugo* — Rated PG
126 minutes

Fri., April 20th

2:00 PM



After his clockmaker father perishes in a museum fire, Hugo goes to live with his Uncle Claude, a drunkard who maintains the clocks at a Paris train station. When Claude disappears, Hugo carries on his work and fends for himself by stealing food from area merchants. In his free time, he attempts to repair an automaton his father rescued from the museum, while trying to evade the station inspector, a World War I veteran with no sympathy for lawbreakers. When Georges, a toymaker, catches Hugo stealing parts for his mechanical man, he recruits him as an assistant to repay his debt. While Georges is guarded, his open-hearted ward, Isabelle, introduces Hugo to a kindly bookseller, who directs them to a motion-picture museum, where they meet film scholar René. In helping unlock the secret of the automaton, they learn about the roots of cinema, starting with the Lumière brothers, and give a forgotten movie pioneer his due, thus illustrating the importance of film preservation.

April Book Discussions

NPL Book Group

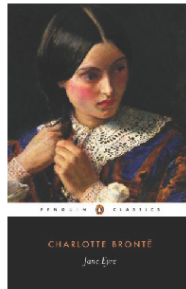
Tuesday, April 10th

1:00 PM

Jane Eyre

by Charlotte Bronte

Jane Eyre is the story of a small, plain-faced, intelligent, and passionate English orphan. Jane is abused by her aunt and cousin and then attends a harsh charity school. Through it all she remains strong and determinedly refuses to allow a cruel world to crush her independence or her strength of will. A masterful story of a woman's quest for freedom and love. *Jane Eyre* is partly autobiographical, and Charlotte Brontë filled it with social criticism and sinister Gothic elements. A must read for anyone wishing to celebrate the indomitable strength of will or encourage it in growing children.



NPL Evening Book Group

Wednesday, April 25th

7:00 PM

The Things They Carried

by Tim O'Brien

The Things They Carried depicts the men of Alpha Company: Jimmy Cross, Henry Dobbins, Rat Kiley, Mitchell Sanders, Norman Bowker, Kiowa, and of course, the character Tim O'Brien who has survived his tour in Vietnam to become a father and writer at the age of forty-three. They battle the enemy (or maybe more the idea of the enemy), and occasionally each other. In their



relationships we see their isolation and loneliness, their rage and fear. They miss their families, their girlfriends and buddies; they miss the lives they left back home. Yet they find sympathy and kindness for strangers (the old man who leads them unscathed through the mine field, the girl who grieves while she dances), and love for each other, because in Vietnam they are the only family they have. We hear the voices of the men and build images upon their dialogue. In the way they tell stories about others, we hear them telling stories about themselves.

With the creative verve of the greatest fiction and the intimacy of a searing autobiography, *The Things They Carried* is a testament to the men who risked their lives in America's most controversial war. It is also a mirror held up to the frailty of humanity. Ultimately *The Things They Carried* and its myriad protagonists call to order the courage, determination, and luck we all need to survive.



Library Tours

Saturday April 28, 2012

9:30 - 10:30 AM

Join us for a behind-the-scenes look at the Needham Library! Enjoy learning

about this town treasure and tidbits that make it so special. Please meet at the Circulation Desk (first floor). Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

This Month in the Friends' Gallery

Needham Open Studios

&

NHS Senior Studio

Altered Books &

Clay Head Busts

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...

Employment Workshop:

Online Job Search and Resume Submittal

Thurs., May 10th

7:30 PM



Gary Gekow will lead a discussion on how to analyze some of the numerous online search strategies currently available, including job alerts, job boards, job aggregators, and company employment pages.

Gary will also show you how to best utilize these web sites for submitting one's resume.

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Nappy's Puppets presents Father Goose Tales

Sat., May 12th

10:30 AM

Trouble in the nursery.... Mother Goose has taken the day off and Father Goose must do all her chores, including the story-telling! Try as he might, Father Goose just can't get the stories right... *Father Goose's Tales* is a modern retelling of nursery rhymes, stories and children's songs that will entertain the whole family.

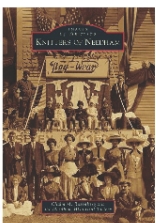


For thousands of years, man has manipulated puppets for a variety of reasons: religion, education, and entertainment. One of the oldest and most wonderful forms of puppetry is shadow puppetry. Jim Napolitano, who has been featured on the award-winning PBS show *Between the Lions* brings his unique presentation to Needham. This event is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

Author Chaim M. Rosenberg - The Knitters of Needham

Tues., May 15th

3:30 PM



In the 19th century, knitters from the Midlands of England, made poor by the increasing flow of work into factories, brought their craft to America. Many of them settled in Highlandville, a village of Needham. Working out of their homes, they knitted socks, mittens, gloves, underwear, and jackets, using hand and foot

operated frame machines they brought from England. The more enterprising of them, like William Carter, John Moseley, and Joseph Thorpe, built large mills using steam-powered machinery. The knitters carried the quiet farming town of Needham into the industrial age, attracting hundreds of immigrants to work in their mills. With a strong sense of civic responsibility, the knitters helped build schools, churches, town libraries, parks, and even a cricket field. Early in the 20th century, faced with stiff competi-

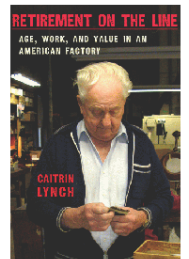
tion from abroad, the knitters of Needham followed the general trend of the textile industry by consolidating and moving production to the South. Chaim M. Rosenberg has long studied the Massachusetts industrial age and is the author of *The Great Workshop: Boston's Victorian Age* and several other works. The images in *Knitters of Needham* come from the author's private collection as well as from the archives of the Needham Historical Society and the Needham Free Public Library. Books will be available for purchase and autographing courtesy of Wellesley Books. Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.

Olin Prof. Caitrin Lynch - Retirement on the Line: Age, Work and Value in an American Factory

Wed., May 23rd

3:30 PM

In an era when people live longer and want (or need) to work past the traditional retirement age, the Vita Needle Company of Needham, Massachusetts, provides inspiration and important lessons about the value of older workers. In *Retirement on the Line*, Caitrin Lynch explores what this unusual company's commitment to an elderly workforce means for the employer, the workers, the community, and society more generally. Benefiting from nearly five years of fieldwork at Vita Needle, Lynch offers an intimate portrait of the people who work there, a nuanced explanation of the company's hiring practices, and a cogent analysis of how the workers' experiences can inform our understanding of aging and work in the twenty-first century. This program is sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.

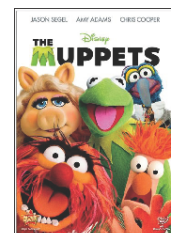


Children's Movie: The Muppets—Rated PG

103 minutes

Fri., May 25th

3:30 PM



While on vacation in Los Angeles, Walter, the world's biggest Muppet fan, his brother Gary, and friend Mary uncover the diabolical plot of a greedy oil millionaire to destroy the Muppet Theater. Now, the Muppet-loving trio must reunite Kermit, Miss Piggy, Fozzie Bear and their friends to stage the greatest Muppet telethon ever and save their beloved theater. The gang is back together again in a movie full of irresistible music and family fun.

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