



# LIBRARY NOTES

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## WGBH's Eric Jackson on Jazz Lecture Series

Eric Jackson on Jazz: Duke Ellington

Sunday, February 2, @ 2:00 PM

Eric Jackson on Jazz: Miles Davis

Sunday, February 9, @ 2:00 PM

Eric Jackson on Jazz: John Coltrane

Sunday, February 23, @ 2:00 PM



The *Friends of the Needham Public Library* invite the community to attend a three-part lecture series led by Eric Jackson, the celebrated host of *WGBH's Eric in the Evening* radio program and the "Dean of Boston Jazz Radio." Over the course of three Sundays in February, Jackson will review notable moments in jazz history, with a focus on the great artists Duke Ellington, Miles Davis and John Coltrane.

Over the years, Jackson has hosted more than 3,000 interviews with music greats ranging from Wynton Marsalis to Ornette Coleman to Dizzy Gillespie. *Eric in the Evening* debuted in 1981 and with it, his emergence as one of public broadcasting's most popular on-air personalities. Jackson is also a member of the Northeastern University faculty where he teaches The African American Experience Through Music and has been recognized by the Massachusetts College of Art as one of the 100 most culturally influential Bostonians of the 20th century. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library, with assistance from WGBH.*

## 2020 McIver Lecture Series—Glassworks!

The History of Stained Glass—Eric Mauro, of Eric Mauro Stained Glass

Sun., February 16th

2:00 PM



Eric Mauro is an artist in stained glass and has in the past been a restorer of stained glass. He will be talking about the history of stained glass art, his work, and the inspiration behind his artistry. This is the second of four lectures, and is sponsored by the Trustees of the Needham Free Public Library in memory of former director Vivian D. McIver.

## Bob Begin: Gertrude Bell—Queen of the Desert

Tues., February 18th

7:30 PM



An English woman, born into a wealthy family in 1868, Gertrude Bell would experience and witness the growth of the largest empire in the world, the British Empire. Her family was, at that time, the 6th richest in England. As a young child, she demonstrated an extraordinary thirst for learning. Books were a constant companion. Her nannies found her difficult to manage. She could be stubborn, scowling, opinionated, and fearless. These traits were present all of her life. Following her studies at Oxford where she excelled in the "all male world," she would take up climbing in the Alps. Her skills and courage enabled her to climb several of the highest peaks. Her family wealth and status allowed her to travel extensively. Her ability to learn languages was a great asset. Fluency in Arabic, Persian, and Turkish would allow her to focus on culture and history of numerous regions of the Middle East. In the early 1900s, Gertrude would travel to the Middle East to learn of the ways of the desert tribes. Here is where she would excel. She would ride a camel as well as any Bedouin, she would brave harsh conditions and dangerous tribal feuds, and would shatter traditional limitations put on women. She would gain the respect and trust of countless tribal sheikhs. All of this credibility would aid England during World War I. Following the war, she would be pivotal in helping to create a first national government for Iraq. In 1920, she was considered one of the most powerful women in the British Empire. This woman accepted no barriers or limitations as to what she would accomplish. Gertrude Bell was truly a remarkable figure.

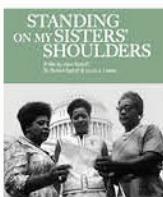
*Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.*

## Women Take Action Film Series

*Standing on My Sisters' Shoulders*—Women of the Civil Rights Movement

Tues., February 25th

7:00 PM



A compelling story of the Mississippi Civil Rights movement as told by the remarkable and courageous women who changed the course of history. Discussion will follow this presentation if time allows. *Sponsored by the The League of Women Voters of Needham and the Needham Free Public Library.*

## This Month in the Friends' Gallery

Adrienne Lederman

*Nature*

Monotypes, Monoprints, and Mezzotints

For further information about upcoming events, go to [www.needhamma.gov/library](http://www.needhamma.gov/library) or call 781-455-7559.





# Needham Free Public Library's Children's Programs

## February 2020

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Needham, MA 02494

Children's Department  
781-455-7559 Ext 204

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Sunday</b>	<div> <div>R++ = Registration Required, sign-ups begin two weeks before program</div> <div>* = Registration filled, no spots available</div> </div>		<div> <div>PROGRAM LOCATION:</div> <div>CR = Community Room</div> <div>STR = Story Time Room</div> </div>			<b>1</b> Take Your Child to the Library Day
<b>2 3</b>	<b>10:00 am</b> Preschool Palooza, 3—6 yrs <b>STR</b>	<b>4</b> <b>10:00 am</b> Terrific Toddlers, 1-2 yrs <b>STR</b> <b>11:00 am</b> Babies and Books, under 1 yr <b>STR</b> <b>6:30 pm</b> Girls Who Code grd 5+, <b>STMC</b> *	<b>5</b> <b>10:00 am</b> Make Music with Stacey Peasley, 2-5 yrs, <b>CR</b> <b>6:00 pm</b> Graphic Novel Writing Workshop, ages 8+ <b>STMC</b>	<b>6</b> <b>10:00 am</b> Preschool Craft Activity—Valentines—ages 2+ <b>CRFT</b>	<b>7</b> <b>10:30 am</b> Learn & Play Drop-In, 0-5 yrs <b>STR</b>	<b>8</b> <b>10:00</b> Family Activity, Paper Towel Birdfeeders 2+, Drop-In <b>STMC</b> <b>2:30 pm</b> Read to Annie the Dog, Grades 1+, R++, <b>STR</b>
<b>9 10</b>	<b>10:00 am</b> Preschool Palooza, 3—6 yrs <b>STR</b>	<b>11</b> <b>Singing with Sarah</b> <b>10:00 am</b> 2—5 yrs <b>CR</b> <b>11:00 am</b> 2 and under <b>CR</b> <b>3:30 pm</b> Read to Tucker the Dog, Grades 1+, R++, <b>STR</b> <b>6:30 pm</b> Girls Who Code grd 5+, <b>STMC</b> *	<b>12</b> <b>10:00 am</b> Child's Play, 0—2 yrs <b>STR</b> <b>4:00 pm</b> Lego Club, 5+yrs Drop-in <b>STMC</b> <b>6:00 pm</b> Graphic Novel Writing Workshop, ages 8+ <b>STMC</b>	<b>13</b> <b>3:30 pm</b> Afterschool Activity, Year of the Rat Crafts, 6+ yrs <b>CRTR</b> <b>6:00 pm</b> Little Labcoats, Medicine, 6-9 yrs, R++ <b>STMC</b>	<b>14</b> <b>3:00 pm</b> Ed Morgan Sing-a-Long, ages 2+ <b>CR</b>	<b>15</b> <b>3:00 pm</b> Bookventures Grades 3—5, <b>CRTR</b> R++
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<b>23 24</b>	<b>10:00 am</b> Make Music with Stacey Peasley 2—5 yrs <b>CR</b>	<b>25</b> <b>10:00 am</b> Terrific Toddlers, 1-2 yrs <b>STR</b> <b>11:00 am</b> Babies and Books, under 1 yr <b>STR</b> <b>6:30 pm</b> Girls Who Code grd 5+, <b>STMC</b> *1	<b>26</b> <b>10:00 am</b> Child's Play, 0—2 yrs <b>STR</b> <b>3:30 pm</b> Read to Annie the Dog, Grades 1+, R++ <b>STR</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>10:30 am</b> Children's Yoga, ages 5 - 9, <b>CR</b>

School Vacation Week



# Children's Program Descriptions

## Drop-In Music Programs:

**Music with Sarah:** for children 5 and under

Drop-in for a musical treat with singing, instruments, movement and lots of fun.

**Make Music with Stacey Peasley:** for ages 2-5

Join Stacey Peasley in this fun-filled music and movement class for children and their caregivers.

**Sing-a-Long with Ed Morgan:** for ages 2 and up

45 minutes sing-along. Younger siblings welcome!



## STORYTIMES:

Babies & Books—Birth to 11 months with an Adult Caregiver Drop-In

Babies and their adult caregivers enjoy songs, lap games, rhythm and sensory activities, with a story or two (20 minute storytime with following playtime)

Terrific Toddlers—1-2 years with an Adult Caregiver Drop-In

Stories mixed with songs, rhymes, fingerplays, rhythm and sensory activities.

Child's Play—0-2 with an Adult Drop-In

Songs, rhymes, lap games, books and more in this interactive program.

Pre-School Palooza—Ages 3-6 Drop-In

An interactive themed storytime with picture books, music and movement, followed by a craft. (45 min.) Children who are ready may attend independently. Caregivers are welcome to attend.

## STEAM CENTER HOURS



Mon, Wed, Thur 3:30-8:30

Tues, Friday 3:30-5:00

Saturday 9:00-4:30

Sunday 1:00-6:30

Early Release Days

1:00-8:30

Check out Ipads and robots at the Children's Desk

## Book Clubs: Bookventurers for 3rd - 5th graders

*Loot: How to Steal a Fortune* by J Watson

Saturday, February 15 at 3:00 pm

Discussion, Snacks, and Story activities

Registration Requested

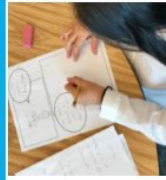
Books available at the Children's Desk



## Graphic Novel Writing Workshop

Feb 5 & 12 at 6 pm For ages 8+

Youth artists can work on developing their own graphic novel and share their work in a supportive peer group.



## Lego Club

Feb 12 at 4 pm Build with the Library's Legos

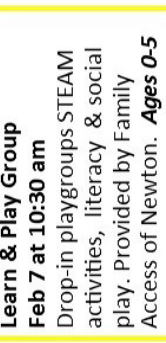
For ages 5 +



## Learn & Play Group

Feb 7 at 10:30 am

Drop-in playgroups STEAM activities, literacy & social play. Provided by Family Access of Newton. Ages 0-5



## Family Activity Morning

February 8 at 10 am

Paper Towel Birdfeeders

Make & Take Craft

All ages welcome



## Build Confidence in Reading with Annie or Tucker

trained therapy dogs. Registration Required.

Tucker a hypoallergenic Cockapoo

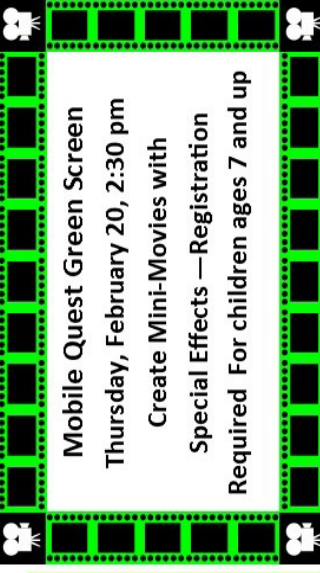
Annie a Laberdoodle

Tuesdays Feb 4 & 18 at 3:30 pm

Saturday Feb 8 at 2:30

Wednesday Feb 26 at 3:30 pm

Sign up for a 15 min time slot at the Children's Desk. For 1st Grade +



## Mobile Quest Green Screen

Thursday, February 20, 2:30 pm

Create Mini-Movies with

Special Effects —Registration

Required For children ages 7 and up



## After School Activity

Feb 13 at 3:30pm

Year of the Rat

Make & Take Crafts For ages 6+



## Children's Yoga

February 29 10:30 am

For ages 5-9

No experience necessary



## Little Labcoats

February 13 at 6 pm

Medicine! Learn

about how your body

fights disease. Discover what

happens when you're given a

shot. For ages 6 to 9

Registration Required!



## Celebrate Take Your Child to the Library Day

February 1 All Day Drop-In

Create your own book, play word games

All Ages—All Families!



## Preschool Crafts - Valentines

Thursday, Feb 6 at 10 am

Make-and-Take crafts Ages 2+

Events subject to change. For more information contact: Needham Free Public Library Children's Department

781-455-7559, Ext 204. Visit all library programs online: [www.needhamma.gov/library](http://www.needhamma.gov/library)



## Teens and 'Tweens Programs in February

### Button Art Crafternoon for Teens/'Tweens

Mon., February 3rd

3:30-5:00 PM

With buttons, canvas, and a bit of imagination, come create a beautiful work of art. Spend an hour with friends, enjoy some snacks, and craft. As always, materials, snacks, and enjoyment provided! Questions may be directed to Young Adult Librarian Erin at the Reference Desk, 781-455-7559 x2. Crafts sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.



## Y.A. Day!— All the Crafts...All the Games...All the Fun!

Wed., February 19th

1:30-4:30 PM



Calling all Young Adults ages 12 - 18! A Gaming and Crafting afternoon awaits you as materials will be brought out of their various closets! If you missed a craft program you wish you could have attended, now's your chance. Spend some time with friends, enjoy some snacks, and craft or game - or both! Ideas include but are not limited to: creating CD mandalas with discarded CDs; creating neat faux mosaics with scrap and tissue paper; making pony bead keychains and Friendship bracelets; or doing some origami. If you have a craft that you missed or



REALLY wanted to do or a game you saw and REALLY wanted to play, let us know and we'll make sure we've got the supplies. If you have questions, contact Erin at the Adult Reference Desk (781-455-7559 x2). Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.

### Game Day for 'Tweens and up

Thurs., February 27th

3:00-5:00 PM



Teens and 'Tweens are welcome to join the fun in the Needham Free Public Library's Community Room for a monthly Gaming Hour Program! There will be games and puzzles of all sorts, including a few to get you moving on the Xbox One. If there is a game that you have and want to bring with you, feel free. No registration is needed for this monthly event. If you have questions, contact Erin at the Adult Reference Desk (781-455-7559 x2). Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.

## Children's Programs in February

### Mobile Quest: Green Screen for ages 10+\*\*

Thurs., February 20th

2:30 PM

Green Screen—Future Spielbergs take to the "Green Screen" to create postcards, commercials and mini movies. You could find yourself walking on the moon, riding a roller coaster, or giving a book report in the setting of your favorite book. Mobile Quest provides the green screen, camera and props and you provide your creativity. **\*\*Registration is limited, for ages 10 and up.** This event is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.



### Children's Movie: *Pokémon Detective Pikachu* (Rated PG - 1 hour, 45 minutes)

Fri., February 21st

2:00 PM



The story begins when ace detective Harry Goodman goes mysteriously missing, prompting his 21-year-old son Tim to find out what happened. Aiding in the investigation is Harry's former Pokémon partner, Detective Pikachu: a hilariously wise-cracking, adorable super-sleuth who is a puzzle even to himself. Finding that they are uniquely equipped to communicate with one another, Tim and Pikachu join forces on a thrilling adventure to unravel the tangled mystery. Chasing clues together through the neon-lit streets of Ryme City--a sprawling, modern metropolis where humans and Pokémon live side by side in a hyper-realistic live-action world--they encounter a diverse cast of Pokémon characters and uncover a shocking plot that could destroy this peaceful co-existence and threaten the whole Pokémon universe. This event is sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.

### A Young Person's Concert With the Wellesley Symphony Orchestra

Sat., February 22nd

11:00 AM

Musicians from the Wellesley Symphony Orchestra will introduce you and your children to the insides of an orchestra. See and hear: strings, winds, brass and percussion! Listen to a string quartet and learn about the instruments. Learn about melody, counter-melody, and other concepts that make music interesting. This family-friendly introduction to music is free and open to all ages. Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.





## February Book Discussions

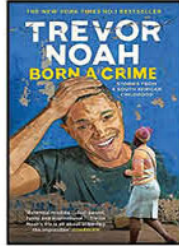
### NPL Book Group

Tuesday, February 11th

#### *Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood* by Trevor Noah

Trevor Noah's unlikely path from apartheid South Africa to the desk of *The Daily Show* began with a criminal act: his birth. Trevor was born to a white Swiss father and a black Xhosa mother at a time when such a union was punishable by five years in prison. Living proof of his parent's indiscretion, Trevor was kept mostly indoors for the earliest years of his life, bound by the extreme and often absurd measures his mother took to hide him from a government that could, at any moment, steal him away. Finally liberated by the end of South Africa's tyrannical white rule, Trevor and his mother set forth on a grand adventure, living openly and freely and embracing the opportunities won by a centuries-long struggle. *Born a Crime* is the story of a mischievous young boy who grows into a restless young man as he struggles to find himself in a world where he was never supposed to exist. \*March 10, 2020—*The Rent Collector* by Camron Steve Wright\*

1:00 PM



### NPL Evening Book Club

Wednesday, February 19th

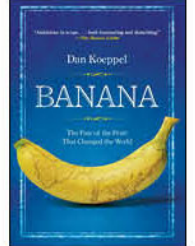
#### *Banana: The Fate of the Fruit That Changed the World*

by Dan Koepfel

To most people, a banana is a banana: a simple yellow fruit. Americans eat more bananas than apples and oranges combined. In others parts of the world, bananas are what keep millions of people alive. But for all its ubiquity, the banana is surprisingly mysterious; nobody knows how bananas evolved or exactly where they originated. But the biggest mystery about the banana today is whether it will survive. A seedless fruit with a unique reproductive system, every banana is a genetic duplicate of the next, and therefore susceptible to the same blights.

*Banana* combines a pop-science journey around the globe, a fascinating tale of an iconic American business enterprise, and a look into the alternately tragic and hilarious banana subculture (one does exist)—ultimately taking us to the high-tech labs where new bananas are literally being built in test tubes, in a race to save the world's most beloved fruit. \*March 18 2020—*The Silent Patient* by Alex Michaelides\*

7:00 PM



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### NEEDHAM COMIC BOOK CLUB!

Date: Thursday, February 13, 2020  
Time: 7:15 PM  
Location: Needham Free Public Library, Young Adult Room, 2nd Floor  
Reading: "Giant Days" Volumes 1 & 2 by John Allison

Susan, Esther, and Daisy started at university three weeks ago and became fast friends. Now, away from home for the first time, all three want to reinvent themselves. But in the face of hand-wringing boys, "personal experimentation," influenza, mystery mold, nu-chauvinism, and the willful, unwanted intrusion of "academia," they may be lucky just to make it to spring alive. What kinds of weird shenanigans will these three get themselves into in the first 2 volumes of this wonderfully animated series?

Come join us for this month's book discussion as a group. Copies of this month's title will be available at the Adult Reference desk on the Second Floor. For more info contact Erin Bassett at [ebassett@minlib.net](mailto:ebassett@minlib.net)

### BOOKVENTURERS

Saturday, February 15  
3:00pm-4:00pm

Watch out! There are wild kids on the loose and a crime spree coming...

Alfie McQuinn, the notorious cat burglar, is dying. As sirens wail in the distance, Alfie manages to get out two last words to his young son, March: "Find jewels." But March learns that his father is not talking about a stash of loot. He's talking about Jules, the twin sister March never knew he had. No sooner than the two find each other, they're picked up by the police and sent to the world's worst orphanage. It's not prison, but it feels like it. March and Jules have no intention of staying put. They know their father's business inside and out, and they're tired of being pushed around. Just one good heist, and they'll live the life of riches and freedom most kids only dream about.

**LOOT**  
HOW TO STEAL A FORTUNE  
by JUDITH WATSON

\*This is part of the monthly meeting for Bookventurers, a book club for 3rd-5th grade children! There will be a new book selection each month. Registration is requested. Books will be available for borrowing behind the Children's Desk.\*

## Diversity and Discussion Book Club

Co-sponsored by the Trustees of the Needham Free Public Library, Needham Diversity Initiative & Needham Human Rights Committee

#### *The Body Papers* by Grace Talusan

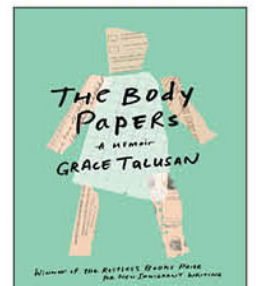
Thurs., March 12th

7:30 PM

Born in the Philippines, young Grace Talusan moves with her family to a New England suburb in the 1970s. At school, she confronts racism as one of the few kids with a brown face. At home, the confusion is worse: her grandfather's nightly visits to her room leave her hurt and terrified, and she learns to build a protective wall of silence. She also learns that they were "illegal" for a time. The abuse and trauma Talusan suffers as a child affects all her relationships, her mental health, even her relationship with her own body. She learns her family history is threaded with violence and abuse. And she discovers another devastating family thread: cancer. In her thirties, Talusan must decide whether to undergo preventive surgeries to remove her breasts and ovaries. Despite all this, she finds love, and success as a teacher. On a fellowship, Talusan and her husband return to the Philippines, where she revisits her family's ancestral home and tries to reclaim a lost piece of herself.

The author will be present at this discussion and copies of her book will be available for purchase and signing.

\*May 14, 2020—*Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet: A Novel* by Jamie Ford\*





## Upcoming Events...

**2020 McIver Lecture Series—Glassworks!**  
Global Cultural Diversity in Stained Glass, Painting and Drawing—Lyn Hovey, Lyn Hovey Studio, Inc.

Sun., March 1st 2:00 PM



Lyn Hovey, of Lyn Hovey Studio, Inc. narrates a multi-media presentation on the *Global Cultural Diversity of Stained Glass*. This is the third of four lectures, and is sponsored by the Trustees of the Needham Free Public Library in memory of former director Vivian D. McIver.

**Author Barbara Berenson: *Massachusetts in the Woman Suffrage Movement: Revolutionary Reformers***

Sunday, March 15th 2:00 PM



Massachusetts was at the center of the national struggle for women's rights. Long before the Civil War, Lucy Stone and other Massachusetts abolitionists opposed women's exclusion from political life. They launched the organized movement at the first National Woman's Rights Convention, held in Worcester. After the war, state activists founded the Boston-based American Woman Suffrage Association and Woman's Journal to lead campaigns across the country. Their activities laid the foundation for the next generation of suffragists to triumph over tradition. Come celebrate Women's History Month by learning about *Massachusetts in the Woman Suffrage Movement* from author Barbara Berenson of Newton. The book will be available for purchase and signing at the conclusion of the event. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library and the League of Women Voters of Needham.*



## Needham's Art in Bloom

Sat., March 7th 9 AM – 5 PM

Sun., March 8th 1 PM – 5 PM



Featuring 75+ displays of mixed media artwork by talented Needham High School students combined with colorful floral interpretations by members of the Beth Shalom, Needham, & Kalmia Garden Clubs.

Roche Bros. and Shark/Ninja are generously sponsoring this free event.

For more information visit: [NeedhamArtinBloom.com](http://NeedhamArtinBloom.com).

## Storyteller Jackson Gillman

Tues., March 10th

4:00 PM

Call it what you like—cabaret, vaudeville, or story/song-filled fun. Any way you slice it, Jackson Gillman's performances for families, children, and educational groups reach out and touch the audience, making them laugh, making them think, and leaving them delighted. You might find song, dance, mime, and/or sign language incorporated into his interactive and educational performances—whatever works to bring audiences of all ages along for a rollicking ride into his wildly imaginative worlds of creative adventure. This event is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.



## DID YOU KNOW...



The 2 new Platinum AWE Early Literacy Stations (ELS) are designed for children ages 2 - 8. They are focused on STREAM learning (Science, Technology, Robotics, Engineering, Art and Math) and contain over 4,000 learning activities.

*Thanks to the Friends of the Needham Public Library for providing financial assistance in the production of this Newsletter.*

## Women Take Action Film Series

***She's Beautiful When She's Angry*—The History of the Women's Liberation Movement**

Tues., March 24th 7:00 PM



A provocative, rousing and often humorous account of the birth of the modern women's liberation movement in the late 1960s through to its contemporary manifestations in the new millennium, direct from the women who lived it. Discussion will follow this presentation if time allows. *Sponsored by The League of Women Voters of Needham and the Needham Free Public Library.*