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 Omerett 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 she 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
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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!

**STEAM CENTER HOURS**
Mon, Wed, Thur: 3:30-8:30
Tue, Fri: 3:30-5:00
Sat: 9:00-4:30
Sun: 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+

**Lego Club**
Feb 7 at 10:30 am - Drop-in playgroups STEAM activities, literacy & social play. Provided by Family Access of Newton. Ages 0-5

**Learn & Play Group**
Feb 8 at 2:30 pm - Special Effects - Registration Required - For children ages 7 and up

**Children’s Yoga**
February 29
10:30 am - For ages 5-9
No experience necessary

**Mobile Quest Green Screen**
Thursday, February 20, 2:30 pm - Create Mini-Movies with Special Effects - Registration Required - For children ages 7 and up

**Celebrate Take Your Child to the Library Day**
February 1 - All Day Drop-In
Make & Take Crafts - For ages 6+
Create your own book, play word games
All Ages - All Families!

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

**Family Activity Morning**
February 8 at 10 am - Paper Towel Birdfeeders
Make & Take Craft
All ages welcome

**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!

**Preschool Crafts - Valentines**
Thursday, February 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
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.

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.

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.

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**
1:00 PM
**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

**NPL Evening Book Club**
**Wednesday, February 19th**
7:00 PM
**Banana: The Fate of the Fruit That Changed the World** by Dan Koeppel
To most people, a banana is a banana: a simple yellow fruit. Americans eat more bananas than apples and oranges combined. In other 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

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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, influence, mystery novels, nu-christianity, 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 comic?

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 information contact Tricia Bassett at tbassett@mil.lib.net

**BOOKVENTURES**
**Saturday, February 15**
3:00pm-4:00pm
**Watch out! There are wild kids on the loose and a crime space coming...**

**THE BODY PAPERS**
**A Memoir 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

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**Diversity and Discussion Book Club**

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

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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.

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.

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.

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...

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.

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.

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