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LIBRARY NOTES

January 2013

Bob Begin: Something Old, Something New — Pirates!

Thurs., January 3rd

7:30 PM

Bob Begin has presented several well received historical lectures here at the Library over

with Paul Jones. This time, Bob will be talking about the history of piracy and how it relates to modern day

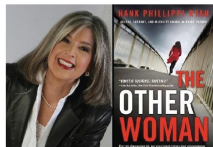


Program Cancelled - Will be rescheduled at a later date.

The Other Woman: The World of Fact & Fiction—Author Hank Phillippi Ryan

Sun., January 13th

2:00 PM



A former US Senate staffer and political campaign aide, **Hank Phillippi Ryan** is the investigative reporter for WHDH-TV 7News, and has won twenty-seven Emmys and ten Edward

R. Murrow awards. A bestselling author of four mystery novels, Ryan has won the Agatha, Anthony, and Macavity awards. She's on the national board of directors of *Mystery Writers of America* and *Sisters in Crime*. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.

eBooks @ Your Library: From Overdrive to your Device

Thurs., January 24th

7:30 PM



Just got an e-reader for the holidays and want to know how to download free eBooks from the Library's Digital Media Catalog? Join us for this 2 hour course and learn how to locate a book in Overdrive, check it out, and load it onto your Kindle/Nook/iPad/Galaxy/etc. Please bring your e-reader device with you. As space is limited, sign-up will begin one week before the event at the Reference Desk. This program is sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.

Dr. Gary Hylander: Salem Witch Trials – 1692

Tues., January 22nd

7:30 PM

"An army of devils," warned Reverend Cotton Mather, was on its way to afflict the men and women of the Massachusetts Bay Colony for their sinfulness and wicked ways. New Englanders believed in the "Old Deluder" and the malevolent powers of his "Invisible World." When rumors of Tituba's conjuring of spirits in the household of Reverend Parrish surfaced, powerful witchcraft hysteria seized Salem Village and neighboring towns. By the time the Salem witchcraft trials were suspended, 19 of the accused, mostly women, had been hanged for the crime of witchcraft.



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2013 McIver Lecture Series

Author Norman Miller: *Beer Lover's New England*

Sunday, January 27th

2:00 PM



Norman Miller, author of *Beer Lover's New England*, a guide to the Best Breweries, Brew Pubs & Beer Bars in New England, will present the first of this year's McIver Series lectures. Miller writes the popular *Beer Nut* column that appears weekly in the *MetroWest Daily News* and the daily *Bear Nut* blog on wickedlocal.com. Sponsored by the Trustees of the Needham Free Public Library.

Newbery Award Winning Authors Clare Vanderpool and Jerry Spinelli

Thurs., January 10th

7:00 PM



Event sponsored by Wellesley Books and the Needham Free Public Library.



Books will be available for purchase and autographing following event.

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

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

Children's Programs in November

Drop-in Storytimes for ages 5 and under



Wed., January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 10:00 AM
Fri., January 18 10:30 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**



Mon., January 7 10:30 AM
Tues., January 22 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., January 15 11:00 AM
Tues., January 29 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.

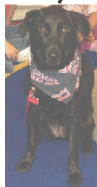
Sing-Along with Ed Morgan



Fri., January 11 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., January 3 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., January 10, 24 11:00 AM
Short films based on popular storybooks—shown in the Community Room.

All Drop-In Craft Programs feature three crafts that are related to the theme. There will be 25 of each craft, so be sure to come early for first choice.

Children's Craft Programs in November

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



Thurs., January 3 3:30 PM
Mon., January 7 4:00 PM

Drop-In "Winter Wonderland" Crafts for ages 2-6



Tues., January 8 10:30 AM
Thurs., January 10 3:30 PM

Drop-In "Clothing" Crafts - Celebrate Hat Day and More! for ages 2-6



Thurs., January 17 10:30 AM
Tues., January 22 4:00 PM

Drop-In "Winter Nature and Sports"



Crafts for ages 2-6
Thurs., January 24 3:30 PM
Fri., January 25 10:30 AM



Drop-In "Alphabet" Crafts for ages 2-6

This month—ABC
Thurs., January 31 3:30 PM

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



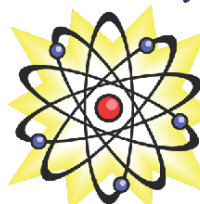
Due to space limitations, the program is limited to 24 children, ages 6+.

Tuesday, January 15 4:30 - 5:30 PM

Sign-up for program begins one week before the event. You can sign up by phone or in person.

Young Sprouts Science Fun - Ages 5-8**

Mon., January 14 4:00 PM



Young Sprouts is something new for "budding" scientists, ages 5-8. Join us as we use hands-on activities, including at least two STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) ways to explore our world. This month's program is "Backyard Birds." ****Please sign up beginning one week in advance, by phone or in person.**

Children's Movie – Ice Age 4: Continental Drift (Rated PG - 88 minutes)

Fri., January 25

3:30 PM



Scrat's nutty pursuit of the cursed acorn, which he's been after since the dawn of time, has world-changing consequences - a continental cataclysm that triggers the greatest adventure of all for Manny, Diego and Sid. In the wake of these upheavals, Sid reunites with his cantankerous Granny, and the herd encounters a ragtag menagerie of seafaring pirates determined to stop them from returning home.

Game Day for ages 12+

Friday, January 4th

3:00 PM

Join us one Friday a month for an afternoon of board and card games. Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library, with assistance from the NHS Anime Club.



Airborne Jugglers

Sat., January 12th

10:30 AM

The Airborne Jugglers are unforgettable! Their astounding team juggling will amaze your eyes, as upbeat music fills your ears. You'll erupt into riotous laughter as audience members are plucked from the crowd and become the stars of the show. This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.



January Book Discussions

NPL Book Group

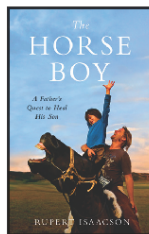
Tuesday, January 8th

Horse Boy: a Father's Quest to Heal His Son

by Rupert Isaacson

Rowan Isaacson was two years old when he was diagnosed with autism. His father, Rupert, a lifelong horseman, was devastated. Would he ever be able to communicate with his son, much less share the wonder of horses with him? Then something extraordinary happened. Rowan encountered Betsy, a neighbor's testy mare, and a new, profound calm fell over him. Rupert saw that his distant, unreachable son had a real connection with the horse. When he took Rowan riding on Betsy, the boy began to improve remarkably. Rupert wondered: What if they took that connection further? What if they traveled to a place where

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horses and healing come together? *The Horse Boy* is the heart-wrenching and triumphant tale of the Isaacson family's journey to Outer Mongolia and to new ways of healing. This inspiring true story shows how even in our darkest moments we can discover joy, and how hope can arrive in the most unexpected of ways.

NPL Evening Book Group

Wednesday, January 16th

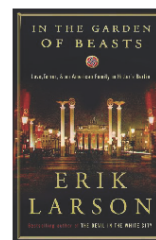
In the Garden of Beasts: Love, Terror and an American Family in Hitler's Berlin

by Erik Larson

The time is 1933, the place, Berlin, when William E. Dodd becomes America's first ambassador to Hitler's Germany in a year that proved to be a turning point in history.

A mild-mannered professor from Chicago, Dodd brings along his wife, son, and flamboyant daughter, Martha. At first Martha is entranced by the parties and pomp, and the handsome young men of the Third Reich with their infectious enthusiasm for restoring Germany to a position of world prominence. Enamored of the "New Germany," she has one affair after another, including with the surprisingly honorable first chief of the Gestapo, Rudolf Diels. But as evidence of Jewish persecution mounts, confirmed by chilling first-person testimony, her father telegraphs his concerns to a largely indifferent State Department back home. Dodd watches with alarm as Jews are attacked, the press is censored, and drafts of frightening new laws begin to circulate. As that first year unfolds and the shadows deepen, the Dodds experience days full of excitement, intrigue, romance—and ultimately, horror, when a climactic spasm of violence and murder reveals Hitler's true character and ruthless ambition.

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This Month in the Friends' Gallery

Natalia Shapirovsky

Heaven and Earth

Library Hours:

Mon. - Thurs.

9:00am - 9:00pm

Fridays

9:00am - 5:30pm

Saturdays

9:00am - 5:00pm

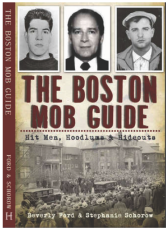
Sundays

1:00pm - 5:00pm

Upcoming Events...

Co-authors Beverly Ford and Stephanie Schorow: *The Boston Mob Guide: Hit Men, Hoodlums & Hideouts*

Sun., February 10th 2:00 PM



The capture of notorious mobster James "Whitey" Bulger closed an infamous chapter in Boston history. Yet the city's criminal underworld has a long and bloody rap sheet that stretches back to the beginning of the twentieth century. Boston journalists Beverly Ford and Stephanie Schorow reveal the underbelly of Boston through profiles of ruthless gangsters like Charles "King" Solomon, the Angiulo brothers, Joseph "The Animal" Barboza, Stephen "The Rifleman" Flemmi and many more. Ford and Schorow navigate the backrooms and seedy hangouts where deadly hits and lucrative heists were hatched to guide readers to the real story of Boston's gangster past. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.

National Marionette Theatre's Hansel and Gretel

Sat., February 23rd 2:00 PM



The story of Hansel and Gretel has captured the imagination of audiences for generations. In the National Marionette Theatre's adaptation of this classic tale, two master puppeteers bring the most famous of the Grimm Brother's stories to life. Featuring exquisitely crafted marionettes, scrolling scenery and the beautiful music of Engelbert Humperdinck, Hansel and Gretel is sure to delight audiences of all ages! National Marionette Theatre is one of the oldest continually-running marionette theaters in the United States. Founded in 1967 by artistic director David A. Syrotiak, this award-winning company has been entertaining and amazing audiences around the world with their imaginative productions for over forty years. This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

Dr. Gary Hylander: Darrow for the Defense - The Leopold and Loeb Trial

Tues., February 19th 7:30 PM



Join us for a presentation on one of the most famous murder trials in American history. Caught up in the lawlessness of the Jazz Age, Nathan Leopold and Richard Loeb plotted to commit a brutal murder for the thrill of the experience. After their arrest, their families hired Clarence Darrow, the most famous criminal attorney in America, to defend them.



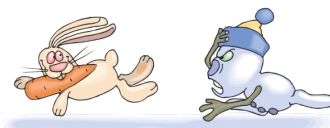
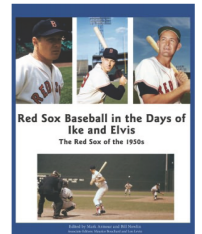
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2013 McIver Lecture Series

Red Sox Baseball in the Days of Ike & Elvis: the Red Sox of the 1950's

Sunday, Late February (Date TBA)

As we get ready for a new season of baseball, join the editors and contributors of *Red Sox Baseball in the Days of Ike & Elvis* as they talk about the Red Sox teams of the 1950's. This is the second McIver Series lecture of 2013. Presented by the Trustees of the Needham Free Public Library.



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