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LIBRARY NOTES

January 2014

2014 McIVER LECTURE SERIES

THE FUTURE OF THE FOURTH ESTATE

The Current State of News Reporting —

Asst. Professor Dan Kennedy, Northeastern University

Sunday, January 12th

2:00 PM



Dan Kennedy is an assistant professor of journalism at Northeastern University in Boston and a nationally known media commentator who writes for the *Nieman Journalism Lab*, *The Huffington Post* and other publications. He is a panelist on “*Beat the Press*,” an award-winning weekly media roundtable on WGBH-TV (Channel 2). A former media columnist for *The Guardian* and *The Boston Phoenix*, he is a past winner of the *National Press Club’s Arthur Rowse Award for Press Criticism*. His most recent book, *The Wired City: Reimagining Journalism and Civic Life in the Post-Newspaper Age* (University of Massachusetts Press, 2013), tells the story of the *New Haven Independent*, a nonprofit community website at the leading edge of reinventing local journalism. His blog, *Media Nation*, is online at dankennedy.net. This is the first in a series of three lectures, discussing the present and future of gathering and disseminating the news. This series is sponsored by the Trustees of the Needham Free Public Library.

Storyteller Mary Jo Maichuck—King Frost & More Chilly Tales & Tunes for Chilly Children

Saturday, January 25th

10:30 AM

Celebrate the crackle of ice with *King Frost and Chilly Tales for Chilly Children*. This delightful family show is just right when you want to celebrate wonderful winter with tales, poetry, tunes—even a dance & story for the audience to act out. Kids LOVE *King Frost*, a Russian fairy tale. Will the kind girl get a treasure of diamonds, of rubies warm as kind hearts? Will the nice little dog ever get his blini? You bring the cocoa! All interactive and fun! This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.



World War I—A Series of Lectures by Dr. Gary Hylander

Tuesday, January 21st

7:30 PM



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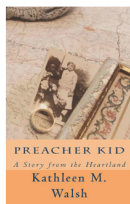
Are You Ready to Find Your Family Story?

Kathleen M. Walsh — *Preacher Kid: A Story from the Heartland*

Sunday, January 26th

2:00 PM

Learn how accessible your genealogy is in today's information sharing age. Hear how Needham resident and author, Kathy Walsh, discovered her far-flung roots through the library's research database service and other online search tools. With minimal travel, she pieced together her heritage and turned her discoveries into a self-published book. Explore the world of *Ancestry.com*, get introduced to our local National Archives branch, and hear how she self-published her book, *Preacher Kid: A Story from the Heartland*, on a shoestring budget. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Library.



FRIENDS' WINTER BOOK SALE



Saturday, February 1st

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Sunday, February 2nd

1:00 - 4:00 PM

Sunday is Bargain Day:
all items are half-price and
a brown bag is \$8.00.

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 January

Drop-in Storytimes for ages 5 and under



Wed., January 8, 15, 22, 29 10:00 AM

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Fri., January 3, 17, 31 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 6 10:30 AM

Mon., January 27 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 14 11:00 AM

Tues., January 28 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



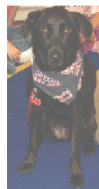
Fri., January 10 3:00 PM

Thurs., January 16 10:30 AM

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

Funding for Music Enrichment Programs provided by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.

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



Thurs., January 2 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.*



"Fun Flicks" Movies for ages 2-5

Thurs., January 9, 23 11:00 AM

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

Children's Craft Programs in January

Drop-In "New Year's Get into Shapes" Crafts for ages 2-6



Mon., January 6 4:00 PM

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



Mon., January 13 4:00 PM

Tues., January 21 10:30 AM



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

Mon., January 27 4:00 PM

Thurs., January 30 10:30 AM

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

Growing Readers: Story/Crafts for Ages 4-6

Wed., January 8 12:45 PM

Wed., January 22 12:45 PM



Join us for this combination storytime and craft session.

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



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

Tuesday, January 21 4:30 - 5:30 PM

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

Children's Movie:

***Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters* — Rated PG,
106 minutes**

Fri., January 24th

3:30 PM

The magical, mythical adventures of teenager Percy Jackson—son of the Greek god Poseidon—continue in this heroic, action-packed thrill ride! Out to prove he's not just a "one-quest wonder," Percy and his demigod friends embark on an epic, cross-country journey into the treacherous Sea of Monsters, where they battle terrifying creatures, an army of zombies, and the ultimate evil. With time running out, Percy must find and bring home the fabled Golden Fleece, which has the power to save his world...and save us all!



January Book Discussions

NPL Book Group

Tuesday, January 14th

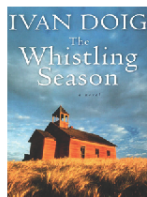
The Whistling Season

by Ivan Doig

"Can't cook but doesn't bite." So begins the newspaper ad of a woman seeking housekeeping employment in the fall of 1909. To a widowed father and his three boys in rural Montana, the ad spells salvation, and soon the ever-capable Rose and her unannounced brother, Morris, arrive in the town of Marias Coulee. When the local schoolmarm runs off to be married, the inimitable Morris is pressed into service, setting the stage for an idiosyncratic education. A paean to a vanished way of life, *The Whistling Season* is Ivan Doig at his evocative best.

*February 11, 2014 Book: *The Given Day* by Dennis Lehane *

1:00 PM



NPL Evening Book Group

Wednesday, January 15th

***The Pink Lady: The Many Lives of
Helen Gabagan Douglas***

by Sally Denton

Acclaimed author Sally Denton brings to life every dimension of the extraordinary Helen Gabagan Douglas in *The Pink Lady*, a compelling account of Douglas's incomparable life as stage star, politician, and public intellectual. A three-term congresswoman who ran for the U.S. Senate against Richard Nixon just thirty years after women gained the right to vote, Douglas was also a Broadway star, opera prima donna, friend of FDR, lover of LBJ, and passionate New Dealer. Tagged "The Pink Lady" during a brutal 1950 Senate campaign waged by Nixon and brought

7:00 PM



down by the same McCarthyist anti-Red hysteria that was sweeping Hollywood, Douglas is restored through Denton's rich narrative to her rightful place as a pioneer in American politics and torchbearer for progressive ideals

*February 26, 2014 Book: *Isaac's Storm: A Man, a Time and the Deadliest Hurricane in History* by Erik Larson *

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This Month in the Friends' Gallery

Randa Khuri
A Taste of Life

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...

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THE FUTURE OF THE FOURTH ESTATE

Investigative Reporting with Professor Walter Robinson of Northeastern University

Sunday, February 9th

2:00 PM

With his background of many years of investigative reporting for the *Boston Globe* and his current work with students and their work on investigative reporting in conjunction with the *Boston Globe*, Northeastern University Professor Walter Robinson is in a unique position to discuss the future of investigative reporting in the current economic climate for daily newspapers.

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Magic by Scott Jameson

Saturday, February 22nd

10:30 AM



See the show audiences are calling "Superb!", "A blast!", and "Heartwarming fun for the whole family." Join magician and juggler Scott Jameson for an extraordinary performance that will have you laughing out loud and perched on the very edge of your seat. Umbrellas will be plucked from thin air, a drawing will come to life, basketballs will be spun and juggled, and the audience will travel through time. Don't miss it! This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

Created Equal: America's Civil Rights Struggle — Film Screenings and Scholar-Led Discussion

Film Showing: The Abolitionists (3 hrs)

Sunday, February 23rd 1:30 PM

Discussion: Led by Dr. Barbara Lewis, Director of the William

Monroe Trotter Institute for the Study of Black History and Culture, UMASS Boston

Thursday, February 27th

7:00 PM



The Abolitionists: A small group of moral reformers in the 1830s launched one of the most ambitious social movements imaginable: the immediate emancipation of millions of African Americans held in bondage, at a time when slavery was one of the most powerful economic and political forces in the United States. Produced and directed by Rob Rapley. Sharon Grimberg, executive producer for American Experience, WGBH.

Dr. Barbara Lewis is the Director of the William Monroe Trotter Institute for the Study of Black History and Culture, UMASS Boston and will lead this discussion.

Created Equal: America's Civil Rights Struggle, is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Humanities that uses the power of documentary films to encourage scholar-led, community discussions of America's civil rights history. The Created Equal film set is made possible through a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, as part of its Bridging Cultures initiative, in partnership with the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History.

Children's Movie:

Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2 — Rated PG, 95 minutes

Fri., February 28th

3:30 PM



Inventor Flint Lockwood thought he saved the world when he destroyed his most infamous invention—a machine that turned water into food causing cheeseburger rain and spaghetti tornadoes. But Flint soon learns that his invention survived and is now creating food-animals—"foodimals!" Flint and his friends embark on a dangerously delicious mission to battle hungry tacodiles, shrimpanzees, hippotatomuses, cheespiders and other foodimals to save the world—again!

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