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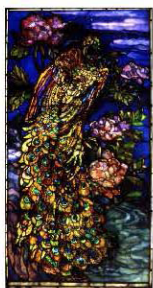
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2020 McIver Lecture Series—Glassworks!

The Art of Stained Glass—Elizabeth Fox, Curatorial Assistant in American Art at the Worcester Art Museum

Sun., January 5th 2:00 PM



Previously on exhibit at the WAM were two sets of exquisite memorial windows created by *Louis C. Tiffany* and *John La Farge*, which have not been on view for more than 40 years. Originally commissioned for Boston's Mount Vernon Congregational Church in the late 1890's, the large stained-glass works were donated to WAM in 1975 when the church vacated its building. Elizabeth Fox,

who has served as curatorial assistant of American Art at the Worcester Art Museum since January 2019, will speak about this extraordinary exhibit. Currently, her projects involve the reinstallation of WAM's American Galleries which will explore the cost of luxury in early American visual and material culture.

This is the first of four lectures, and is sponsored by the Trustees of the Needham Free Public Library in memory of former director Vivian D. McIver.



Movie: *Where'd You Go, Bernadette* (PG-13–2 hours, 10 minutes) ****Rescheduled****

Thurs., January 9th 7:00 PM

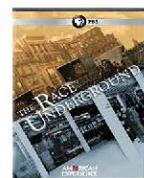


Bernadette has a great life. At least, that's what it seems like. She's got a loving husband and a brilliant daughter. Something about it isn't satisfying to her, though. Despite it all, she finds herself longing for the creative passions of her younger years, when she was an acclaimed architect. In a sudden, life-changing decision, she disappears from home and begins work on an architectural project in Antarctica... This event is sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.

Documentary: *American Experience—The Race Underground* (NR–60 minutes)

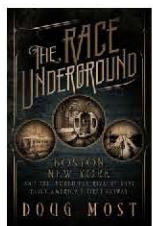
Mon., January 13th 7:30 PM

*In the late 19th century, as America's teeming cities grew increasingly congested, the time had come to replace the nostalgic horse-drawn trolleys with a faster, cleaner, safer, and more efficient form of transportation. Ultimately, it was Boston—a city of so many firsts—that overcame a litany of engineering challenges, the greed-driven interests of businessmen, and the great fears of its citizenry to construct America's first subway. Based in part on Doug Most's acclaimed book of the same name, *The Race Underground* tells the dramatic story of an invention that changed the lives of millions. Part of PBS' American Experience, this event is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.*



Needham Author Doug Most—*The Race Underground: Boston, New York, and the Incredible Rivalry That Built America's First Subway*

Sun., January 12th 2:00 PM



Needham author Doug Most will bring Boston history alive based on his book, *The Race Underground: Boston, New York, and the Incredible Rivalry That Built America's First Subway*. It all started with the Blizzard of 1888 and two hyper-competitive brothers—*Henry Melville Whitney* of Boston and *William Collins Whitney* of New

York City—both of whom pursued the dream of having his city being the first American metropolis to have a subway—and the great race was on. The competition between Boston and New York was played out in an era not unlike our own, one of economic upheaval, job losses, bitter political tensions, and the question of America's place in the world.

Books will be available for purchase and signing. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.*



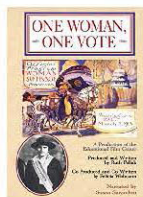
Author Doug Most

Women Take Action Film Series

One Woman, One Vote

Tues., January 28th 7:00 PM

This program documents the struggle which culminated in the passing of the 19th Amendment in the U.S. Senate by one vote. Witness the 70-year struggle for women's suffrage. Discover why the crusaders faced entrenched opposition from men and women. Discussion will follow this presentation if time allows. *Sponsored by the The League of Women Voters of Needham and the Needham Free Public Library.*



FRIENDS' WINTER BOOKSALE

Friday, January 24th
12:30 - 4:00 PM

Saturday, January 25th
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM


Sunday, January 26th
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 or call 781-455-7559.

January 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>R++ = Registration Required, sign-ups begin two weeks before program * = Registration filled, no spots available</p>		<p>1 Closed for New Years</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 10:00 am Storytime in Chinese, 2-5 yrs STR 10:30 am Children's Yoga, Drop-In, CR</p>
5	<p>6 10:00 am Make Music with Stacey Peasley 2-5 yrs CR</p>	<p>7 10:00 am Terrific Toddlers, 1-2 yrs STR 11:00 am Babies and Books, under 1 yr STR 6:30 pm Girls Who Code grd 5+, STMC * 4:00 pm Dana & Friends Ventriloquist & Magician, ages 4+, CR</p>	<p>8 10:00 am Child's Play, 0-2 yrs STR 4:00 pm Lego Club, ages 5+ Drop-in STMC</p>	<p>9 10:00 am Preschool Craft Activity, Puffy Painting, ages 2+ CRFT 6 pm Little Labcoats, 6-9 years, R++ STMC</p>	<p>10 3:00 pm Ed Morgan Sing-a-Long, ages 2+ CR</p>	<p>11 10:00 Family Activity, Decorate Gingerbread Men, ages 2+, Drop-In STMC 3:00 pm Bookventures Grades 3-5, CFTR R++</p>
12	<p>13 10:00 am Preschool Palooza, 3-6 yrs STR</p>	<p>14 Singing with Sarah 10:00 am 2-5 yrs CR 11:00 am 2 and under CR 3:30 pm Read to Tucker the Dog, Grades 1+, STR R++</p>	<p>15 10:00 am Make Music with Stacey Peasley, 2-5 yrs CR</p>	<p>16 10:30 am Ed Morgan Sing-a-Long, ages 2+ CR 3:30 pm Afterschool Make and Take Craft—Bird Feeders, 6+ yrs CFTR</p>	<p>17 10:30 am Learn & Play Drop-In, 0-5 yrs STR</p>	<p>18 2:30 pm Read to Tucker the Dog, Grades 1+, R++, STR</p>
19	<p>20  Library Closed </p>	<p>21 10:00 am Terrific Toddlers, 1-2 yrs STR 11:00 am Babies and Books, under 1 yr STR 6:30 pm Girls Who Code grd 5+, STMC *</p>	<p>22 10:00 am Child's Play, 0-2 yrs STR</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 2:00 pm Movie: Abominable, rated PG, CR</p>	<p>25 Happy Chinese New Year  </p>
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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 to 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

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 I pads, Bee Bots,
and Codeapillers at
Children's Desk

Book Clubs: Bookventurers for 3rd to 5th Grade

El Deafbo Cece Bell **Saturday, January 11, 3:00 pm**

Superpowers are needed when you're the new kid at school wearing a bulky hearing aid.

Discussion, Snacks, and Activities

Registration Requested

Books available at Children's Desk

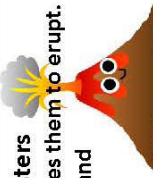


Little Labcoats Workshop—Natural Disasters

Discover how volcanoes form and what causes them to erupt.

Learn the different stages of an earthquake and the effects of wildfires. For ages 6 to 9.

Registration Required! January 9 at 6 pm



Learn & Play Group

January 17 & 31
10:30—11:15 am

Drop-in playgroups for caregivers & children. STEAM activities, literacy & social play.

Provided by Family Access of Newton.

Ages 0 to 5

How to Create a

Graphic Novel

Learn the elements of a story, panel planning, & thumbnail stretching with Illustrator Jonathan Todd.

Registration Required!

Wednesday, January 29

6 to 7:30 pm Ages 8+



Build Confidence in Reading with Tucker

a trained, hypoallergenic, therapy dog. Sign up for a 15 minute time slot at the Children's Desk

Jan 14

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Jan 18



Storytime in Chinese for Ages 2 to 5 January 4 at 10:00 am

for a drop-in program and craft organized by the International

Chinese Reading Association

Drop-In STORYTIMES:

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

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

Terrific Toddlers—1 to 2 years with an Adult Caregiver

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

Child's Play—0 to 2 with an Adult

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

Pre-School Palooza—Ages 3 to 6

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



Lego Club

January 8

4 pm

Drop-In

Ages 6+



Family Activity Morning

January 11 at 10 am

Decorate

Gingerbread Men

Make & Take

Cookies

All ages

welcome



Dana & Friends Ventriloquist & Magician

Tuesday, January 7, 4 pm

Puppets, juggling and

mind-boggling magic tricks

Staring Pee-Wee the Bird!

Drop-in for children ages

4 and up and families



Children's Yoga

January 4 at

10:30 am

For ages

5 to 9

No

experience

necessary



Afterschool Activity Ages 6+

January 16 at 3:30 pm

Birdfeeders—Paper roll, yarn, shortening, & seeds



Preschool Activity

January 9 at 10 am

Puffy Painting

For 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 January

Teen/'Tween Crafternoon

Mon., January 6th

3:30-5:00 PM

Come learn how to Knit, Crochet, Loom Knit, or just have fun and be creative with yarn! Create your own homemade warmth. This DIY Craft program is for ages 10 - 18. Others are welcome to join and sit on the sidelines to work on their own projects. Snacks and drinks provided along with all materials needed to get you started. Attendees will be able to take home supplies so they may continue working on their crafts long after the program is over. 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.



Game Day for 'Tweens and up

Thurs., January 16th

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.*

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NEEDHAM COMIC BOOK CLUB!

Date: Thursday, January 09, 2020
Time: 7:15 PM
Location: Needham Free Public Library, Young Adult Room, 2nd Floor
Reading: "Blankets: an illustrated novel" by Craig Thompson

Blankets is the story of a young man coming of age and finding the confidence to express his creative voice. This poignant graphic memoir plays out against the backdrop of a Midwestern winterscape. The illustrations pull together a portrait of small town life, a rigorously fundamentalist Christian childhood, and a lonely, emotionally mixed-up adolescence. Under an engulfing blanket of snow, Craig and Raina fall in love at winter church camp, revealing to one another their struggles with faith and their dreams of escape. Over time though, their personal demons resurface and things begin to fall apart. 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@minilib.net

This Month in the Friends' Gallery

NFPL Art Class/ Ramune Jauniskis

Children's Programs in January

Dana Perkins—Ventriloquist

Tues., January 7th

4:00 PM

Dana Perkins presents his family friendly program of tricks, juggling, paper cutting and at least 3 ventriloquist puppets, including a giant bird puppet "Pee Wee Rainbow" (almost 6 feet tall)! *This event is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.*



BOOK VENTURERS

Saturday,

January 11

3:00pm-4:00pm



NY Times Bestseller & Newbery Honor Winner

Going to school and making new friends can be tough. But going to school and making new friends while wearing a bulky hearing aid strapped to your chest? That requires superpowers! In this funny, poignant graphic novel memoir, author/illustrator Cece Bell chronicles her hearing loss at a young age and her subsequent experiences with the Phonic Ear, a very powerful—and very awkward—hearing aid. The Phonic Ear gives Cece the ability to hear—sometimes things she shouldn't—but also isolates her from her classmates. She really just wants to fit in and find a true friend, someone who appreciates her as she is. After some trouble, she is finally able to harness the power of the Phonic Ear and become "El Deafo, Listener for All."

*This is part of the monthly meeting for Bookventurers, a book club for 2nd-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.

Children's Movie: *Abominable* (Rated PG—1 hour, 37 minutes)

Fri., January 17th

3:30 PM

When teenage Yi encounters a young Yeti on the roof of her apartment building in Shanghai, she and her mischievous friends, Jin and Peng, name him "Everest" and embark on an epic quest to reunite the magical creature with his family at the highest point on Earth. But the trio of friends will have to stay one-step ahead of Burnish, a wealthy man intent on capturing a Yeti, and zoologist Dr. Zara to help Everest get home. This event is sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.



Children's Movie: *The Lion King* (2019) (Rated PG—1 hour 58 minutes)

Wed., January 29th

2:00 PM

A young lion prince takes an unforeseen journey to find his way into a new life after the untimely death of his father. Instead of ascending the throne at a young age, Simba is forced out of his home in fear that his uncle will reveal that he is the reason the king is dead. Years after his disappearance, Simba is reintroduced to his childhood friend and realizes his mistakes that led to the downfall of his kingdom. He must face the challenges of coming to terms with the reality of his father's death to save his kingdom and his family. This event is sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.



January Book Discussions

NPL Book Group

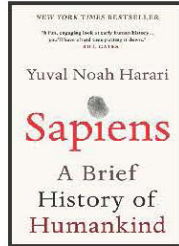
Tuesday, January 14th

Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind by Yuval Noah Harari

100,000 years ago, at least six human species inhabited the earth. Today there is just one. *Us*. *Homo sapiens*.

In *Sapiens*, Dr. Yuval Noah Harari spans the whole of human history, from the very first humans to walk the earth to the radical—and sometimes devastating—breakthroughs of the Cognitive, Agricultural and Scientific Revolutions. Drawing on insights from biology, anthropology, paleontology and economics, he explores how the currents of history have shaped our human societies, the animals and plants around us, and even our personalities. Have we become happier as history has unfolded? Can we ever free our behaviour from the heritage of our ancestors? And what, if anything, can we do to influence the course of the centuries to come? Bold, wide-ranging and provocative, *Sapiens* challenges everything we thought we knew about being human: our thoughts, our actions, our power ... and our future. *February 11, 2020—*Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood* by Trevor Noah*

1:00 PM



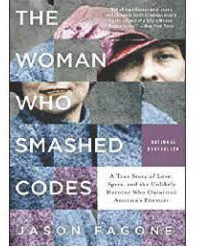
NPL Evening Book Club

Wednesday, January 15th

The Woman Who Smashed Codes: A True Story of Love, Spies, and the Unlikely Heroine Who Outwitted America's Enemies by Jason Fagone

Author Jason Fagone chronicles the life of Elizebeth Smith, who played an integral role in our nation's history—from the Great War to the Cold War. He traces Elizebeth's developing career through World War I, Prohibition, and the struggle against fascism. She helped catch gangsters and smugglers, exposed a Nazi spy ring in South America, and fought a clandestine battle of wits against Hitler's Reich, cracking multiple versions of the Enigma machine used by German operatives to conceal their communications. And through it all, she served as muse to her husband, a master of puzzles, who astonished friends and foes alike. Inside an army vault in Washington, he worked furiously to break Purple, the Japanese version of Enigma—and eventually succeeded, at a terrible cost to his personal life. Fagone unveils America's codebreaking history through the prism of one remarkable woman's life, bringing into focus the events and personalities that shaped the modern intelligence community. *February 19, 2020—*Banana: The Fate of the Fruit That Changed the World* by Dan Koeppel*

7:00 PM

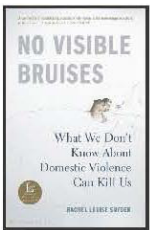


DVAC One Book Event Book Discussion

No Visible Bruises: What We Don't Know About Domestic Violence Can Kill Us by Rachel Louise Snyder

Wed., January 29th

7:30 PM



In *No Visible Bruises*, journalist Rachel Louise Snyder gives context for what we don't know we're seeing. She frames this urgent and immersive account of the scale of domestic violence in our country around key stories that explode the common myths—that if things were bad enough, victims would just leave; that a violent person cannot become nonviolent; that shelter is an adequate response; and, most insidiously, that violence inside the home is a private matter, sealed from the public sphere and disconnected from other forms of violence. Through the stories of victims, perpetrators, law enforcement, and reform movements from across the country, Snyder explores the real roots of private violence, its far-reaching consequences for society, and what it will take to truly address it. Books available to borrow were purchased by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.

Co-Sponsored by the Needham Domestic Violence Action Committee and the Needham Free Public Library.

Diversity and Discussion Book Club

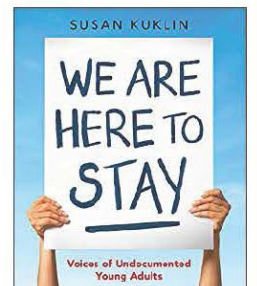
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We Are Here to Stay by Susan Kuklin

Thurs., January 30th

7:30 PM

Meet nine courageous young adults who have lived in the United States with a secret for much of their lives: they are not U.S. citizens. They came from Colombia, Mexico, Ghana, Independent Samoa, and Korea. They came seeking education, fleeing violence, and escaping poverty. All have heartbreaking and hopeful stories about leaving their homelands and starting a new life in America. And all are weary of living in the shadows. *We Are Here to Stay* is a very different book than it was intended to be when originally slated for a 2017 release, illustrated with Susan Kuklin's gorgeous full-color portraits. Since the last presidential election and the repeal of DACA, it is no longer safe for these young adults to be identified in photographs or by name. Their photographs have been replaced with empty frames, and their names are represented by first initials. We are honored to publish these enlightening, honest, and brave accounts that encourage open, thoughtful conversation about the complexities of immigration—and the uncertain future of immigrants in America. *March 12, 2020—*The Body Papers* by Grace Talusan*



Upcoming Events...

WGBH's Eric Jackson on Jazz Lecture Series

Sun., February 2, 9, 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.

Bob Begin: Gertrude Bell—Queen of the Desert

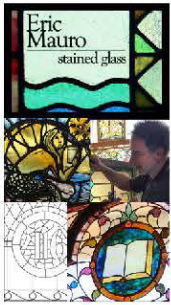
Tues., February 18th 7:30 PM

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.*



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.

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.

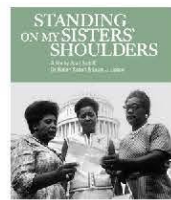
See and hear: strings, winds, brass and percussion! Listen to a string quartet and learn about the instruments. Learn about melody, counter-melody, and other concepts that make music interesting. This family-friendly introduction to music is free and open to all ages. *Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.*



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.

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