



LIBRARY NOTES

March 2012

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Welcome to *Library Notes*, a monthly publication of the Needham Free Public Library. *Library Notes* describes both the monthly events at the Library and the ongoing services...

Needham's Art in Bloom 2012

Saturday, March 3 9 am – 5 pm

Sunday, March 4 1 pm – 4 pm



There will be 25+ colorful floral interpretations of art by members of the Beth Shalom Garden Club. Next to each floral design will be a creative piece of artwork provided by talented Needham High School students.

Author Alan Jay Zaremba - *The Madness of March: Bonding and Betting with the Boys in Las Vegas*

Thur., March 8th

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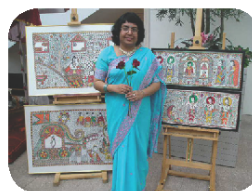


Every spring, the first four days of the NCAA men's basketball tournament attracts a horde of basketball bettors to Las Vegas. From the tip-off of the tournament's first game on Thursday morning to the final whistle on Sunday, throngs of bettors--overwhelmingly male--sit in smoky casinos obsessively watching as many as forty-eight college basketball games. This book immerses readers in that action. In *The Madness of March: Bonding and Betting with the Boys in Las Vegas*, Alan Jay Zaremba travels The Strip and gives us a front-row view of the betting culture that surrounds the frenzied first weekend of the tournament. Alternating between humorous accounts of gamblers' exploits and cultural theories on sports in society, Zaremba provides an engaging analysis of the sporting ritual that such gambling has become. With forays into the history of the tournament, the background of sports betting, and a little betting of his own, Zaremba raises the question of whether this subculture of March Madness is a blessing or a curse--and what, finally, it all means. This Program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

Folk Art of India Workshop with Artist Sunanda Sahay

Sun., March 11, 2012

2:00 PM



Sunanda Sahay specializes in a style of folk painting originating in the Madhubani region of North India. Women artists have passed down the tradition of painting with natural dyes, decorating their houses with designs drawn from mythology and nature. Sunanda, named a Massachusetts Cultural Council Finalist in the Traditional Arts in 2010, has exhibited her Madhubani artwork in area museums, including the Museum of Fine Art, the Peabody Essex, the Danforth, and local libraries. The workshop is free, but limited to fifteen participants. Please Register at the Reference Desk at the Needham Free Public Library. Sponsored by Friends of the Needham Public Library.

Storyteller Diane Edgecomb: *Fairy Legends of Ireland* accompanied by Celtic Harp

Sat., March 10th

10:30 AM

There is plenty of laughter and delight in this animated retelling of Ireland's best-loved gems. The storytelling includes Irish favorites like Gilly Blackfoot "a young lad's aversion to washing his feet causes him to fall in with a fairy band." Cloaks of Invisibility and magic spells abound, as hapless Gilly sets out to help free the Princess of France. Diane Edgecomb is known for her vivid comedic style and brings delight to her interpretations of these classic Irish favorites. For children ages 5 and up. This Program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.



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 March

Drop-in Storytimes for ages 5 and under



Wed., March 7, 14, 21, 28 10:00 AM
Sat., March 10 11:00 AM
Mon., March 26 10:00 AM

Stories, music, movement and more.

Storytimes are drop-in—no registration required. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Wee Hands Baby Signing - ages 2 and under w/Angela**



Mon., March 19 10:30 AM
At this presentation, caregivers will learn the basics of signing with their babies and toddlers through songs, stories and familiar nursery rhymes. ****Registration is required, one week in advance of program.**

Music, Movement and Me with Sara Epstein**



Tues., March 6 10:30 AM
Tues., March 20 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., March 13 11:00 AM
Fri., March 30 11:00 AM
Join Cici Hunt in this fun-filled music and movement class for children and their caretakers.

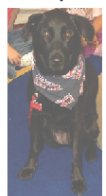
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Sing-Along with Ed Morgan



Fri., March 9 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., March 8 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., March 15, 29 11:00 AM
Short films based on popular storybooks—shown in the Community Room.

Children's Craft Programs in March

Drop-In "Dr. Seuss' Birthday" Crafts for ages 2+



Thurs., March 1 4:00 PM

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



Mon., March 5 10:30 AM
Thurs., March 8 4:00 PM

Drop-In "Green" Crafts for ages 2+



Mon., March 12 10:30 AM
Thurs., March 22 4:00 PM

Drop-In "Alphabet" Crafts for ages 2+



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Thurs., March 29 4:00 PM

Drop-In Craft Programs usually last for approximately 45 minutes, depending upon your child(ren). Three crafts related to the theme will be offered for our creative young patrons. Please arrive during the first half hour of the program.

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



Because of space limitations, we will be able to accommodate 24 children total, ages 6+. Please sign up for only one session per month.

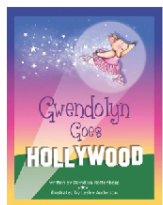
Sunday, March 11 3:00 - 4:00 PM
Tuesday, March 20 4:30 - 5:30 PM

You **MUST** sign up in advance for a LEGO program even if you attended a previous session.

Ballet and Books: Author David Ira Rottenberg - Gwendolyn Goes Hollywood

Thurs., March 15th

3:30 PM



Enjoy an afternoon of ballet fun for the budding dancers and story lovers in your family, when children's book author David Ira Rottenberg and his ballerina friends take center stage. While Mr. Rottenberg reads his latest picture book, *Gwendolyn Goes Hollywood*, dancers will present a ballet interpretation of the story. After the performance, the dancers will give an age-appropriate mini-dance lesson, and Mr. Rottenberg will answer questions and sign copies of his book.

Children's Movie: *Puss in Boots* — Rated PG - 90 minutes

Fri., March 30th

3:30 PM

In this fractured fairy tale, Jack and Jill have the magic beans and Humpty Dumpty, with the aid of Kitty Softpaws, convinces his old friend Puss in Boots to help him steal the beans so they can climb the beanstalk to get to the golden eggs. Never mind that Humpty Dumpty and Puss in Boots had a falling out years ago, or that Jack and Jill are completely preoccupied by their squabbling over whether or not to have a child--and regardless that Puss in Boots is a wanted cat who's sworn off his thieving ways, and Kitty Softpaws is a cat burglar who works alone. Comedy abounds in this film, not only in the twists and turns of some classic fairy tales gone awry, but also with scenes that range from a litter-box dance fight between crowds of cats to Jack expressing his paternal instincts by strapping on a baby carrier filled with a piglet in a diaper; and, of course, Puss in Boots' crafty use of his famous sad eyes to get just what he wants.



March Book Discussions

NPL Book Group

Tuesday, March 13th

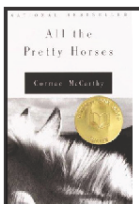
All the Pretty Horses

by Cormac McCarthy

This National Book Award winner tells the story of John Grady Cole who, at 16, finds himself at the dying end of a long line of Texas ranchers, cut off from the only life he has ever imagined for himself.

John Grady Cole is verging on manhood, and over the course of this riveting novel, he takes the plunge. The time is immediate post-World War II; the place, West Texas. Cole is from rancher stock; he'd grown up loving the land and horses and appreciating his intended purpose in life: to follow in the footsteps of

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father and grandfather. But marital discord between his parents disenfranchises Cole from that purpose; and with a chum, he sets off on other pursuits--namely, to find his fortune across the river in Mexico. In the process, Cole finds affection of the female sort, a circumstance followed by arrest and jail under deplorable conditions. His release is his final passage into a fully adult existence.

NPL Evening Book Group

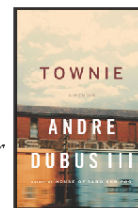
Wednesday, March 21st

Townie: A Memoir

by Andre Dubus III

After their parents divorced in the 1970s, Andre Dubus III and his three siblings grew up with their exhausted working mother in a depressed Massachusetts mill town saturated with drugs and everyday violence. To protect himself and those he loved, Andre started pumping iron and learned to use his fists so well that he became the kind of man who could send others to the hospital with one punch, and did. Irresistibly drawn to stand up for the underdog, he was on a fast track to getting killed or killing someone else. Nearby, his father, an eminent author, taught on a college campus and took the kids out on Sundays. The clash of worlds between town and gown, between the hard drinking, drugging, and fighting of townies and the ambitions of well-fed students debating books and ideas, couldn't have been more stark or more difficult for a son to communicate to a father. Only by finally putting pen to paper himself did young Andre come into his own, discovering the power of empathy in channeling the stories of others and ultimately bridging the rift between his father and himself. An unforgettable book, *Townie* is a riveting and profound meditation on physical violence and the failures and triumphs of love.

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This Month in the Friends' Gallery Sunanda Sahay

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...

Employment Workshop: Resume Writing Review

Thur., April 5th

7:30 PM



Presented in a round table group format, we will discuss resume writing in general, including how to address key word search techniques. We will also dissect both chronological and functional resume samples. Participants are encouraged to bring their existing resume for a confidential one-on-one analysis. Gary Gekow is a Senior Employment Specialist with 21 years of recruiting experience in the Boston staffing industry. He works closely with client companies in many industries and job seekers in various specialties. This program is sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.

Oman and Yemen - Historic Land of the Queen of Sheba, a slide show by Barry Pell

Tues., April 10th

7:30 PM

Oman and Yemen form the southern coastal edge of the Arabian Peninsula. Their ancient cities have a long sea going history, which has contributed to the mixing of African, Arabic and Indian influences. The culture and way



of life of the people, from their clothing and customs, to their 500-year old buildings built of mud and brick, have created a "living museum" which has been little changed over the centuries. With photography from the lecturer's travels, this presentation will convey a sense of the region's adventure, its connection to ancient ways, and its hospitable, generous and genial people who are proudly steadfast to their Biblical roots when the Queen of Sheba ruled their empire. This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

Children's Movie: Hugo — Rated PG - 126 minutes

Fri., April 20th

2:00 PM



After his clockmaker father perishes in a museum fire, Hugo goes to live with his Uncle Claude, a drunkard who maintains the clocks at a Paris train station. When Claude disappears, Hugo carries on his work and fends for himself by stealing food from area merchants. In his free time, he attempts to repair an automaton his father rescued from the museum, while trying to evade the station inspector, a World War I veteran with no sympathy for lawbreakers. When Georges, a toymaker, catches Hugo stealing parts for his mechanical man, he recruits him as an assistant to repay his debt. While Georges is guarded, his open-hearted ward, Isabelle, introduces Hugo to a kindly bookseller, who directs them to a motion-picture museum, where they meet film scholar René. In helping unlock the secret

of the automaton, they learn about the roots of cinema, starting with the Lumiere brothers, and give a forgotten movie pioneer his due, thus illustrating the importance of film preservation.

Alejandro's Olde Tyme Magik Showe starring Magician Andrew Pinard

Sat., April 21st

3:00 PM

This is the production that started it all! Performed in a style reminiscent of the Vaudeville era, Alejandro's Olde Tyme Magik Showe is a wonderful one-man stand-up show with an emphasis on audience participation, visual magic, and physical comedy guaranteed to enchant and amuse the whole family. Blending classic magic and comedy with a little help from volunteer assistants, Pinard draws spectators into his zany world of wonder. Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.



The Man Behind Lemonade Mouth, the Book. Mark Peter Hughes -- his books, his Disney Channel adventure

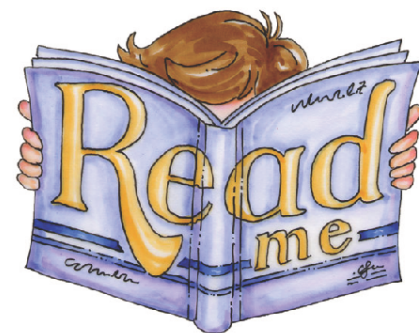
Sun., April 29th

1:30 PM



Mark Peter Hughes, author of *Lemonade Mouth*, will talk about the story and characters of his 2007 novel, and their adaptation into the hit movie

Lemonade Mouth, which premiered on the Disney Channel in April 2011. Five freshmen initially share nothing more than misery in detention for vastly different infractions. The band they form triumphs over many odds, many of their own making. Great music in the telling of the tale! **Please note the earlier than usual beginning time: 1:30 PM.** This presentation will be followed by a showing of the Disney Channel Original Movie Presentation of *Lemonade Mouth*. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.



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