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LIBRARY NOTES

March 2013

125th Birthday Celebration of the Needham Free Public Library — Saturday, March 16th



10:30 AM Peter Boie — Magician for Non-Believers

Peter started learning magic at age 11 from a magic book he checked out of his local library. That interest turned into a career as a professional magician that has taken him around the country. He tells that story at every library where he performs, the story of how his local library empowered him to change his life. This show is for ages 4 - 104, and is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

1:30 PM Cake Cutting and Remarks

Come celebrate the Library's 125th Birthday with a cake specially created for the day by *Amazing Cakes by Joanne*.



3:30 PM Concert — The New England String Quartet

Established in Boston, Massachusetts in 2007, the New England String Quartet (NESQ) is dedicated to expanding the contemporary chamber music tradition through performances, recordings, broadcasts, educational activities and community outreach projects. This performance is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

Introduction to Chinese Brush Art — Acton-Boxborough Chinese Brush Art Painting Group

Sun., March 10th

2:00 PM



Members of the Acton-Boxborough Chinese Brush Painting Group share painting skills and knowledge in a family-oriented session. Following a video introduction, participants can try their hand at brush art. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the

Needham Public Library.

David Wray — *Forgotten Images of Early Christianity*

Tues., March 12th

7:30 PM

Beginning with the the earliest Jewish followers of Jesus, how did Christians use images to distinguish Christianity from other religious movements? Can you distinguish Christian iconography from Jewish and pagan images?

This presentation explores the birth of Christian iconography from its aniconic Jewish origins into the rich symbolic universe of the ancient Roman Empire. This program is sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.



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

Tues., March 19th

7:30 PM



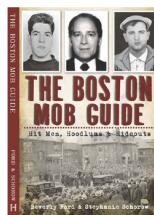
Join us for a presentation on one of the most famous murder trials in American history. Caught up in the lawlessness of the Jazz Age, Nathan Leopold and Richard Loeb plotted to commit a brutal murder for the thrill of the experience. After their arrest, their families hired Clarence Darrow, the most famous criminal attorney in America, to defend them. Dr. Gary Hylander, adjunct professor at Framingham State University and Stonehill College, will discuss this case, the third in a series of five lectures on famous trials in American history. This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.



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

Sun., March 24th

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 guide readers to the real story of Boston's gangster past by navigating the backrooms and seedy hangouts where deadly hits and lucrative heists were hatched. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public 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 6, 13, 20, 27 10:00 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., March 4 10:30 AM

Tues., March 19 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 5 11:00 AM

Tues., March 26 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.

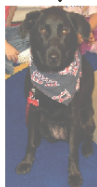
Sing-Along with Ed Morgan



Fri., March 8 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 7 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 7, 14, 28 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 March



Drop-In "Dr. Seuss" Crafts for ages 2-6

Thurs., March 7 3:30 PM

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



Tues., March 12 10:30 AM

Thurs., March 14 3:30 PM

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



Thurs., March 21 3:30 PM

Fri., March 22 10:30 AM

Drop-In "75th Anniversary of the Caldecott Award" Crafts for ages 2-6



Mon., March 25 4:00 PM

Thurs., March 28 3:30 PM



125th Birthday of the Needham Free Public Library — Sat., March 16th

Children's Events all day including crafts and games from the 1880s.

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



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

Tuesday, March 12

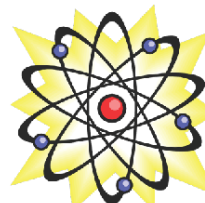
4:30 - 5:30 PM

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., March 4

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 "Are You

Lucky?" **Please sign up beginning one week in advance, by phone or in person.

Storyteller Susie Magoozy – *Spring Fever (Hope you're not allergic to silliness!)*

Sat., March 23rd

10:30 AM

Are you looking for excitement? Enthusiasm? Wild rants of singing and dancing?? Or maybe you just like furry puppets! Join us as Storyteller Susie Magoozy returns with silly stories just in time for Spring! This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.



Game Day for ages 12+

Fri., March 15

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.



Children's Movie – *Rise of the Guardians* (Rated PG - 97 minutes)

Fri., March 29

2:00 PM



Based on William Joyce's the Guardians of Childhood book series, *Rise of the Guardians* is a gorgeously animated film about Boogeyman Pitch Black's attempts to spread darkness and fear throughout the world and the guardians' attempts to foil him. Charged with the duty of watching over the children of the world, guardians Sandman, North, Tooth, and E. Aster Bunnymund are loved by children everywhere. When the Man in the Moon appoints Jack Frost to be the newest guardian, the other guardians doubt that Jack can be of much help against Pitch, especially considering that the children don't even believe in Jack Frost's existence. But when Pitch prevents Tooth from collecting the children's teeth, keeps E. Aster Bunnymund from hiding eggs on Easter, and turns the children's happy dreams into nightmares, the guardians realize that they're going to need all the help they can get. The children stop believing in the guardians one by one, and the question that remains is what can one fun-loving, somewhat immature boy with the power to freeze everything he touches possibly do to counteract the fear and darkness enveloping the world?

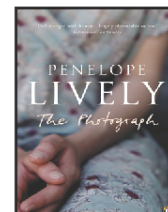
Library Hours:

Mon. - Thurs.	9:00am - 9:00pm
Fridays	9:00am - 5:30pm
Saturdays	9:00am - 5:00pm
Sundays	1:00pm - 5:00pm

March Book Discussions

NPL Book Group Tuesday, March 12th *The Photograph*

1:00 PM



by Penelope Lively

Searching through a little-used cupboard at home, TV historian Glyn Peters chances upon a photograph he has never seen. Taken in high summer, many years before, it shows his wife, Kath, holding hands with another man. Glyn's mind fills with questions. Who was the man? Who took the photograph? Where was it taken? When? Worst of all: had Kath planned for him to find out all along? *The Photograph* is a literary, psychologically complex novel of suspense that brings acclaimed author Penelope Lively's talents to a whole new level.

NPL Evening Book Group Wednesday, March 20th

7:00 PM



Zeitoun

by Dave Eggers

In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, longtime New Orleans residents Abdulrahman and Kathy Zeitoun are cast into an unthinkable struggle with forces beyond wind and water. In the days after the storm, Abdulrahman traveled the flooded streets in a secondhand canoe, passing on supplies and helping those he could. A week later, on September 6, 2005, Zeitoun abruptly disappeared--arrested and accused of being an agent of al Qaeda.

eBooks @ Your Library: From Overdrive to your Device

Thurs., March 14th

7:30 PM



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.

This Month in the Friends' Gallery
**Acton-Boxborough Chinese
Brush Art Painting Group**

Upcoming Events...

Bob Begin: Something Old, Something New — Pirates!

Mon., April 1st

7:30 PM

Bob Begin has presented several well received historical lectures here at the Library over the years with the most recent being **John Paul Jones**.

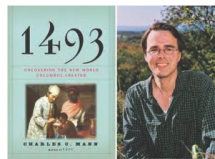
This time, Bob will be talking about the history of piracy and how it relates to modern day piracy occurring in the Indian/Pacific Oceans. **This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.**



Author Charles C. Mann — *1493: Uncovering the New World Columbus Created*

Sun., April 21st

2:00 PM



Presenting the latest research by biologists, anthropologists, archaeologists, and historians, author Charles C. Mann shows how the post-Columbian network of ecological and economic exchange fostered the rise of Europe, devastated imperial China, convulsed Africa, and for two centuries made Mexico City—where Asia, Europe, and the new frontier of the Americas dynamically interacted—the center of the world. In this history, Mann uncovers the germ of today's fiercest political disputes, from immigration to trade policy to culture wars. In 1493, Mann has again given readers an eye-opening scientific interpretation of our past, unequaled in its authority and fascination. **This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.**

Dr. Gary Hylander: The Nuremberg Trials

Tues., April 16th

7:30 PM



After the end of World War II, the Allies conducted the trials of 22 leaders of Nazi Germany in this infamous Bavarian city. Join us for this presentation and discussion on the closing coda for World War II.

Gary Hylander, adjunct professor at Framingham State University and Stonehill College, will discuss this case, the fourth in a series of five lectures on famous trials in American history. **This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.**

Author Larry Ruttman — *American Jews and America's Game: Voices of a Growing Legacy in Baseball*

Thurs., April 25th

7:30 PM

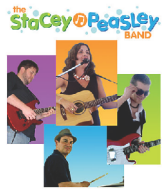


Most fans don't know how far the Jewish presence in baseball extends beyond a few famous players such as Greenberg, Rosen, Koufax, Holtzman, Green, Ausmus, Youkilis, Braun, and Kinsler. In fact, its presence extends to the baseball commissioner Bud Selig, labor leaders Marvin Miller and Don Fehr, owners Jerry Reinsdorf and Stuart Sternberg, officials Theo Epstein and Mark Shapiro, sportswriters Murray Chass, Ross Newhan, Ira Berkow, and Roger Kahn, and even famous Jewish baseball fans like Alan Dershowitz and Barney Frank. The life stories of these and many others, on and off the field, have been compiled from nearly fifty in-depth interviews. Their stories tell, as no previous book has, the history of the larger-than-life role of Jews in America's pastime. **This program is sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.**

Stacey Peasley Band — in Concert

Thurs., April 18th

10:30 AM



A professional singer for 15 years and a local music teacher for 10, Stacey's debut CD, *Together*, was awarded *Creative Child Magazine's* 2012 "CD of the Year Award."

Her songs are slices of childhood that will get young and old boppin', singin', clappin' and dancin'. Stacey performed solo at this year's NYN event, and we are delighted to be bringing her back, this time with the full band! **This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.**

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

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