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LIBRARY NOTES

March 2016

Boston Jazz Voices

Sun., March 13th

2:00 PM

Boston Jazz Voices (BJV) is an 18-voice a cappella ensemble performing jazz standards, contemporary music and holiday programming. The ensemble specializes in sophisticated arrangements with unexpected harmonies and stylings, to transform familiar tunes into something new. The singers come from all over the greater Boston area (2 are from Needham), and are directed by Tsunenori "Lee" Abe, a professor at the Berklee College of Music. **This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Library.**



Presidential Elections with Dr. Gary Hylander

Tues., March 15th

7:30 PM



Lecture Three: Lincoln: "A House Divided Against Itself Cannot Stand"

Lincoln's election to the presidency in November, 1860 resulted in the secession of eleven southern slave states from the Union and the bloodiest conflict in American history. In this important presidential election year, please join Dr. Hylander in reviewing five critical presidential elections. **This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.**

Bob Begin: Antarctic Explorers of the Early 20th Century

Tues., March 22nd

7:30 PM

Scott, Amundsen and Shackleton all have a permanent place in the history of exploration of the Antarctic. They were colleagues and rivals. They strove to gain fame not only for themselves, but equally for their country. The terrain they struggled with was barren, lifeless, and hostile. They met no indigenous peoples there to assist or guide them. All they had were themselves, each pushing themselves to their own human limits. Death was an ever-present consequence. They knew the risks involved, and committed themselves to the challenges. Some would fail, some would be lucky, and some would demonstrate incredible leadership and courage. Join Bob Begin as he examines the leadership style and organizational skills of each explorer and discoverer, and what led each of them to their achievements and failures. *This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.*



NATURE TALKS: Making the Most of Your Garden: Plant Propagation

Sun., March 20th

2:00 PM

Learn how to stretch your garden budget by taking advantage of nature's generosity. Kristin Green is a Blithewold horticulturist and author of *Plantiful: Start Small, Grow Big with 150 Plants that Spread, Self-Sow, and Overwinter*. She will present a gardener's guide to opportunism followed by a demonstration on how to root tip cuttings using a Forsythe pot. This propagation tool is simpler than an expensive greenhouse mist system, more reliable than glasses of water on the windowsill, and can be easily made from stuff stashed in the potting shed. **This event is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham and the Friends of the Needham Public Library.**



2016 McIver Series

Tomorrow's Technology Today—Enchanted Objects with Dr. David Rose

Tues., March 29th

7:30 PM



Some believe the future will look like more of the same—more smartphones, tablets and screens embedded in every conceivable surface. David Rose has a different vision: technology that atomizes, combining itself with the objects that make up the very fabric of daily living. He believes that the enchanted objects of fairy tales and science fiction will enter real life.

David Rose is an award-winning entrepreneur, author, and instructor at the MIT Media Lab. His research focuses on making the physical environment an interface to digital information. His book, *Enchanted Objects*, focuses on the future of the internet of things, and how these technologies will impact the ways we live and work.

This is the last of three programs sponsored by the Trustees of the Needham Free Public Library in honor of former library director Vivian D. McIver.

Don't Forget: Needham's Art in Bloom



Sat., March 5th

9am – 5pm

Sun., March 6th

1pm - 4pm

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

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

Children's Story Times in March

Terrific Toddlers for ages 1-2 years

Tues., March 1, 15, 22, 29 10:00 AM

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

Babies & Books for Pre-walkers Under One

Tues., March 1, 15, 22, 29 11:00 AM

Babies and their adult caregivers enjoy songs, lap games, baby sign language, rhythm and sensory activities, with a story or two.

Drop-In Child's Play for ages 0-2 years

Wed., March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 10:00 AM

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

Pre-School Palooza for ages 3-4 years

Mon., March 7, 14, 21, 28 10:00 AM

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

Lucy the R.E.A.D. Dog for ages 3-6**



Fri., March 11 10:00 AM

Storytime with Lucy the R.E.A.D. Dog

****Registration required, starting one week before event. Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.**



Spring Crafts for ages 2-6 years

Thurs., March 24 10:30 - 11:30 AM

Spring Crafts for Ages 6+

Thurs., March 24 4:00 - 5:00 PM

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



Tues., March 8

4:00 - 5:00 PM

FAMILY ACTIVITY MORNING

Sat., March 19 10:00-11:30 AM



Families are invited to the Children's Room where together they can explore an arts/crafts project, work on a construction assignment and play games that enhance literacy, logic or math skills. All ages are welcome. This will be an ongoing event on the third Saturday of every month from 10-11:30 AM.

Children's Programs in March

Ready, Set...Move with Cici Hunt: for ages 3-5**



Wed., March 2 11:00 AM

Mon., March 21 11:00 AM

Join Cici Hunt in this fun-filled music and movement class for children and their caretakers. ****Registration is required, beginning one week prior to the start of the program. One session per month only please.**

Sing-Along with Ed Morgan



Fri., March 11 3:00 PM

Thurs., March 17 10:30 AM

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

Music with Sarah for ages 5 and under



Tues., March 8 (ages 2-5) 10:00 AM

Tues., March 8 (ages 2 and under) 11:00 AM

Fri., March 25 (ages 2-5) 10:00 AM

Fri., March 25 (ages 2 and under) 11:00 AM

Join Sarah Gardner and bring your little ones to play instruments, sing & dance along. Become part of our little library band!

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

Fun Flicks for 2-5 year olds



Thurs., March 10 11:00 AM

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

Children's Movie: The Peanuts Movie (Rated G, 93 Minutes)

Fri., March 25th

3:30 PM

Snoopy gears up for an epic aerial battle against his longtime enemy, the Red Baron. They face off against each other again and again, but this time, the stakes are especially high and the beagle needs some help if he is going to defeat him. Meanwhile, Charlie Brown is about to finally undertake the all-important and daunting task of telling the little red-haired girl just how he feels about her. In the midst of these major challenges are many small moments of triumph and despair with longtime friends Linus, Lucy, Sally, Marcie, Peppermint Patty, Franklin, Schroeder, Violet and Pig-Pen. This program is sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.



Skype with Jennifer Chambliss Bertman, author of the *Book Scavenger* **



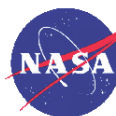
Sat., March 12 3:00 - 4:15 PM

This is the first monthly meeting for our all new book club for children in Grades 3-5! There will be a new book selection each month, with titles to be decided upon. **Registration is required.

- Read the book • Discuss it with other kids
- Participate in book themed activities • Make new friends!
- Skype Q&A with the author • Enjoy book themed snacks!

Virtual Chat with a NASA Engineer

Tues., March 22 4:00 PM



Children in grades 3-5 are invited to chat through Skype with a NASA Engineer developing the transportation systems that will take us beyond Earth orbit and into deep space.

These are engineers who are building the Orion Spacecraft, the Space Launch System (SLS) and the Spaceport of the future at Kennedy Space Center. The virtual chat will last 45 minutes to an hour and occur in the Community Room.

Magic & Beyond with Magician David Garrity

Thurs., March 24 4:00 PM

Magic & Beyond is a one-man illusion show that features unique, theatrical and visual magic, audience participation, comedy and a custom-edited musical soundtrack. In this performance, you may see a table mysteriously float, objects that appear and disappear in the blink of an eye and witness a Houdini-style Escape Challenge! You will never forget this unique theatrical entertainment experience! *This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.*



Teen Crafternoon—Scratch Board Art!

Mon., March 7 4:00 PM

New! Every 1st Monday of the month in the Young Adult Room. This month participants can join in with some Scratch Board Art and create fun images using wooden tools. You don't have to be a serious artist to have some serious fun! Join for the crafts, free snacks, and socializing with friends!



Pokémon League

Saturdays 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM



Come and meet people who are interested in the Pokémon Card Game. Exchange cards and build up your decks! This will occur in the Young Adult Room on the second floor, and is sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.

March Book Discussions

NPL Book Group

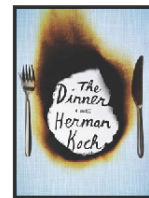
Tuesday, March 8th

1:00 PM

The Dinner

by Herman Koch

Two brothers and their wives meet for dinner at a fashionable restaurant in Amsterdam. Behind their polite conversation, terrible things need to be said, and with every forced smile and every new course, the knives are being sharpened. Each couple has a fifteen-year-old son. The two boys are united by their accountability for a single horrific act; an act that has triggered a police investigation and shattered the comfortable, insulated worlds of their families. As the dinner reaches its culinary climax, the conversation finally touches on their children. As civility and friendship disintegrate, each couple shows just how far they are prepared to go to protect those they love.



*April 12, 2016 Book—*Everything I Never Told You* by Celeste Ng*

NPL Evening Book Group

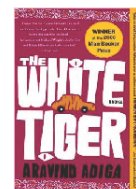
Wednesday, March 16th

7:00 PM

The White Tiger

by Aravind Adiga

The White Tiger follows a darkly comic Bangalore driver Balram Halwai, a poor Indian villager whose great ambition leads him to the zenith of Indian business culture, the world of the Bangalore entrepreneur. On the occasion of the president of China's impending trip to Bangalore, Balram writes a letter to him describing his transformation and his experience as driver and servant to a wealthy Indian family, which he thinks exemplifies the contradictions and complications of Indian society.



*April 27, 2016—*The Kitchen House* by Kathleen Grissom*

For The Love of Food:
A Cookbook Club for Foodies

Mon., March 28

7:00 PM

Enjoy a new nighttime cook book club with books and food as a central focus.

Next Meeting: May 2, 2016



This Month in the Friends' Gallery

Nan Daly

Library Hours:

Mon. - Thurs.

9:00 am - 9:00 pm

Fridays

9:00 am - 5:30 pm

Saturdays

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Sundays

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Upcoming Events...

New Program Beginning in March!



JOY OF COLORING
AT THE NEEDHAM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Join us for this new monthly program as we explore the Joys of Coloring for Adults. The Library will supply all you need (pencils, markers, coloring sheets) as well as a few snacks. Come for the coloring and conversations with your fellow coloring enthusiasts! Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

Thurs., March 10th 2:00-4:00 PM
Thurs., March 10th 7:00-9:00 PM

Acrobat Li Liu

Wed., April 20th

11:00 AM

The performance will include hand balancing, plate spinning, trick cycling, foot juggling, ribbon dancing and Chinese water bowl manipulation. Li will also touch upon various aspects of Chinese language, geography and culture while sharing her work and travel experiences with the audience. **This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.**



Eyes on Owls—Owls of the World—Who's Watching You?

Sun., April 24th

3:00 PM

Everyone loves owls! Yet, how many of us have ever seen a live owl up close? Perhaps you've glimpsed the shadowy form of a Great Horned Owl in the headlights as you've traveled a back road at night. Ever scanned a frozen saltmarsh or farmer's meadow in winter, hoping to find that Arctic hunter, the Snowy Owl? How about a mob of noisy crows circling a white pine tree—have they found an owl? Join naturalist Marcia Wilson and photographer Mark Wilson in sharing their passion for owls! *"Eyes on Owls—Owls of the World—Who's Watching You?"* will introduce you to the owls of New England and beyond. **This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.**



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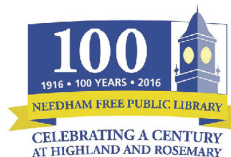
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Lecture Four: FDR's New Deal

In the presidential election year of 1932, FDR promised the American people a New Deal. He assured anxious voters that his greatest primary task was to put the American people back to work. And that in the present crisis "the only thing we have to fear is fear itself."

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Saturday,
April 30, 2016

Featured Events:

10:00 AM



Nappy's Puppets: Father Goose Tales

Shadow Puppet Show featuring Puppeteer Jim Napolitano

12:00 PM



Ensemble Aubade: Chamber Music from 1916

Peter H. Bloom, Flute; Francis Grimes, Viola; Mary Jane Rupert, Harp

2:00 PM



Alejandro's Olde Tyme Magik Show

Starring Magician Andrew Pinard

There will be ongoing activities throughout the day, and light refreshments served. Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Free Public Library and the Library Foundation of Needham.

Children's Movie: The Good Dinosaur (Rated PG, 101 Minutes)

Fri., April 22nd

2:00 PM

Even a young dinosaur can find himself a misfit until he meets a new friend who understands him. In a fantastical world where dinosaurs didn't go extinct and instead became farmers, an outcast Apatosaurus gets separated from his family and befriends a human boy who also feels alone and misunderstood. Setting out on a quest to find home, the dinosaur and boy find friendship, adventure and their own unique strengths that show them how important they are to their families and communities. This program is sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.



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