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LIBRARY NOTES

October 2012

The Lucky Bob Show: A Magic/Juggling Experience

Sat., October 20th 10:30 AM



The Lucky Bob Show is a versatile one man show with more energy and audience appeal than any other. Lucky Bob has been an entertaining professional for 10 years, and grew up on scenic Cape Cod.

But state lines and even country borders know no bounds for Lucky Bob who performs throughout the United States, Canada, Singapore and Japan. He is looking forward to one day performing in every corner of the world. His art form is known as prop comedy, a modern day 10 in 1 if you will. His skills include juggling, magic, comedy, mind reading, rola bola, balancing, mesmerizing and so much more. Many have hosted his show and will tell you he is like a human magnet, drawing in an audience and holding them from start to finish. This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

Employment Workshop: Cover and Thank You Letter Review

Thurs., October 18th 7:30 PM



A group setting analysis of various letter writing samples, and a review of acceptable formats will be included in this discussion. 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.

Dr. Gary Hylander: Sacco and Vanzetti Trial

Tues., October 16th 7:30 PM



Tried for the murders of a paymaster and guard of a Braintree shoe factory, the case of Sacco and Vanzetti developed into one

of the nation's great trials and became an international "cause célèbre." Were the defendants guilty because of their unpopular political beliefs and immigrant backgrounds, or did the weight of the evidence presented to a Dedham jury warrant their convictions and death by electrocution? Dr. Gary Hylander, adjunct professor at Framingham State University and Stonehill College, will discuss the case, still controversial after all these years. This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

Dr. James D. Livingston: Mission to Mars

Thurs., October 25th 7:30 PM



Mankind has been fascinated by Mars since earliest times, but it is only since the 1960s that we have sent interplanetary spacecraft missions to explore the red planet.

Starting in 1964 with a fly-by mission, further missions have included orbiters, landers, and landers with rovers. In addition to providing increasingly detailed photographs of the Martian surface, the missions have explored the science of the rocks, soil, and atmosphere, and sought evidence for past or present water and life. The Mars Science Laboratory, the largest rover yet, landed successfully on Mars this summer. This presentation considers the characteristics of Mars, such as size, orbit, atmosphere, and gravity, as well as what the various missions to Mars have discovered. This program is sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.

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 October

Drop-in Storytimes for ages 5 and under



Mon., October 1 10:30 AM

Wed., October 3, 10, 17, 24 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**



Tues., October 16 10:30 AM

Mon., October 22 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., October 9 11:00 AM

Tues., October 23 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., October 12 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., October 4 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., October 4, 18 11:00 AM

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



Drop-In Slightly Scary Storytime for ages 5 and under

Tues., October 30 10:30 AM

Children's Craft Programs in October

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



Tues., October 2 10:30 AM

Thurs., October 4 4:00 PM



Drop-In "Dinosaur Month" Crafts for ages 2-6

Thurs., October 11 4:00 PM



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

Mon., October 15 10:30 AM

Thurs., October 18 4:00 PM



Drop-In "Wildlife/Rainforest Week" Crafts for ages 2-6

Thurs., October 25 4:00 PM



Drop-In "Slightly Scary" Crafts for ages 2-6

Mon., October 29 10:30 AM

Tues., October 30 4:00 PM

Drop-In Craft Programs usually last for approximately 30 minutes, depending upon your child(ren). Three crafts related to the theme will be offered for our creative young patrons.

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



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

Tuesday, October 16 4:30 - 5:30 PM

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

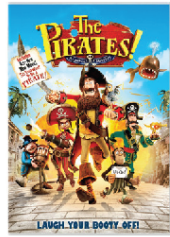
Children's Movie: The Pirates! Band of Misfits (Rated PG - 88 Minutes)

Fri., October 26th

3:30 PM

The Pirate Captain is a boundlessly enthusiastic, if somewhat less-than-successful, terror of the High Seas.

With a rag-tag crew at his side, and seemingly blind to the impossible odds stacked against him, the Captain has one dream: to beat his bitter rivals Black Bellamy and Cutlass Liz to the much coveted Pirate Of The Year Award. It's a quest that takes our heroes from the shores of exotic Blood Island to the foggy streets of Victorian London. Along the way they battle a diabolical queen and team up with a haplessly smitten young scientist, but never lose sight of what a pirate loves best: adventure! This program series is sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.



Game Day for ages 12+

Friday, October 5th

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.



October Book Discussions

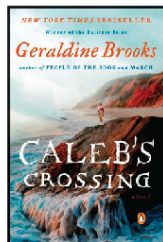
NPL Book Group

Tuesday, October 9th

Caleb's Crossing

by Geraldine Brooks

1:00 PM



Brooks, winner of the Pulitzer Prize for her Civil War novel, *March* (2006), here imagines the life of Caleb Cheeshahteumack, the first Native American to graduate from Harvard. The story is told by Bethia Mayfield, the daughter of a preacher who traveled from England to Martha's Vineyard to try and "bring Christ to the Indians." In 1660, when Bethia is 12, the family takes Caleb, a Wampanoag Indian, into their home to prepare him for boarding school. Bethia is a bright scholar herself, and though education for women is discouraged, she absorbs the lessons taught to Caleb and her brother Makepeace like a sponge. She struggles through the deaths of her mother, a younger

sister, another brother, and her father. When Caleb and Makepeace are sent to Cambridge, Bethia accompanies them as an indentured servant to a professor. She marries a Harvard scholar, journeys with him to Padua, and finally returns to her beloved island. In flashbacks, Brooks relates the woes of the Indian Wars, the smallpox epidemic, and Caleb's untimely death shortly after his graduation with honors. (Booklist)

NPL Evening Book Group

Wednesday, October 17th

7:00 PM

She's Not There:

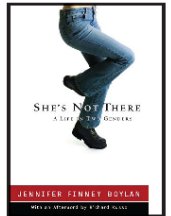
A Life in Two Genders

by Jennifer Finney Boylan

She's Not There is the story of a person changing genders, the story of a person bearing and finally revealing a complex secret; above all, it is a love story.

By turns funny and deeply moving, Jennifer Finney Boylan explores the remarkable territory that lies between men and women, examines changing friendships, and rejoices in the redeeming power of family. *She's Not There* is a portrait of a loving marriage – the love of James for his wife, Grace, and against all odds, the enduring love of Grace for the woman who becomes her "sister," Jenny.

As James evolves into Jennifer in scenes that are by turns tender, startling, and witty, a marvelously human perspective emerges on issues of love, sex, and the fascinating relationship between our physical and our intuitive selves. Through the clear eyes of a truly remarkable woman, *She's Not There* provides a new window on the often confounding process of accepting ourselves.



This Month in the Friends' Gallery

Darshana Thakore

Oil Paintings

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...

Pat Piper and Nancy Sporborg: *It's Not About the Hike*

Sun., November 4th 2:00 PM



It's Not About the Hike presentation is for **EVERYONE**--hikers and non-hikers, people who are sedentary or active, outdoor enthusiasts and indoor homebodies, 10 year olds and 90 year olds and everyone in between. This presentation is not about the hike; it is an inspirational and motivational program about pushing ourselves outside of our comfort zones, overcoming our own fears, finding our passions and living our lives to the fullest.

This hour-long program is a multi-media presentation including movies, music and photographs. It is both humorous and touching, as the speakers share from their hearts about their personal lives in a way that makes the message and learning universal. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.

Bari Koral in Concert

Sat., November 17th

3:00 PM

Dubbed the "IT girl" in kids/family music" by *NY Magazine* and the "Sheryl Crow for kids" by the *NY Post*, Bari's songs are a huge hit with children and adults. Her catchy, pop friendly tunes, interactive live shows & heavy rotation radio play have gained her literally thousands of young (and not so young!) fans. Her debut full length album *Rock and Roll Garden* won the *Nappa Gold* and *Parents' Choice Awards* and was picked as top 10 kids album of the year by *Time Out Kids*. **This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.**



Children's Movie: Disney/Pixar's *Brave* (Rated PG - 93 Minutes)

Fri., November 23rd

10:00 AM



Take a heroic journey with Merida, a skilled archer and headstrong daughter of King Fergus and Queen Elinor. Determined to carve her own path in life, Merida defies an age-old custom sacred to the unruly and uproarious lords of the land. When Merida's actions inadvertently unleash chaos in the kingdom, she must harness all of her skills and resources – including her clever and mischievous triplet brothers – to undo a beastly curse before it's too late, and discover the meaning of true bravery. Bursting with heart, unforgettable characters and Pixar's signature humor, **Brave** is incredible entertainment for the whole family. **This program series is sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.**

Employment Workshop: Changing Careers: Reinventing Oneself in Today's Job Market

Thurs., November 8th 7:30 PM

Transitioning into a new profession can be a challenging and daunting undertaking. Gary will discuss and explore various strategies to help make the transition from one industry to another a smooth one. This is a group discussion where everyone's experiences and opinions are welcomed. 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.**



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