



NEWSLETTER

Genetically Modified (GM) Food



**Wednesday,
January 11, 7:00 pm:** Did you know that genetically modified food is not new and that it's been around for centuries? Join Mike Cross,

department chair of Natural Sciences at Northern Essex Community College (NECC), for a presentation that will explore the world of GM food, including how it's created and how abundant it is in our food supply. In addition to being department chair, Mike holds Ph.D. in organic chemistry and teaches chemistry and forensic science. The program is cosponsored by the NECC Speaker's Bureau.

Support Your Library!

There's still time to donate to our annual appeal. Checks can be made payable to The Trustees of the Newton Free Library and mailed to Newton Free Library, Development Office, 330 Homer St., Newton, MA 02459. Or visit www.newtonfreelibrary.net and click on the Donate button. Thanks, your support makes a difference.

Living My Dream: Challenging FEAR by Cycling Across America



**Tuesday,
January 31, 7:00 pm:** Entrepreneur, social enterprise philanthropist, photo-

grapher and speaker Dick Simon embarked on a cross country bike trip in the summer of 2016, a summer of political polarization, media accounts of police shootings and escalating conflict in Syria. The trip was the combination of a lifelong "bucket list" dream, an immense physical test, an opportunity to overcome fears and revel in solitude, as well as a kNOW THEM challenge of Simon's own preconceived notions of THEM, those who live differently and have differing political views. Over the course of three months he pedaled 3,957.5 miles through ten states including Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, New York and Massachusetts, as well as 300 miles in Canada. Join him for an illustrated talk about this incredible journey.

Dick Simon shares the untold human stories behind the headlines in regions of conflict around the world, bridging the gap between "us" and "them". In 2012 Simon launched the kNOW THEM Initiative, raising individual and collective awareness about what he calls the most dangerous four-letter word in the English language, THEM, for its ability to marginalize, dehumanize and create conflict.

Brexit: How Did We Get Here and What Does It Mean for the Future?



**Tuesday,
January 24,
7:00 pm:** On June 23, 2016,

after 43 years of membership, the UK voted to leave the EU. This is an unprecedented step and challenges both the UK and the EU to redefine both their regional and global purpose. Boston College visiting professor Peter Maloney will give a talk that covers the political tensions present throughout the UK's membership, the long and short-term causes of the referendum vote and the choices that now face all interested parties. In particular he will explore the reasons behind Britain's "awkward" relationship with Europe, the flash points of tension between the UK and its EU partners and the consequences of Brexit for the UK, the EU and the U.S.

Peter Maloney studies the evolution of modern international governance, focusing on the EU and its forerunner the European Economic Community (EEC). He has published articles in the *Irish Times*, *CNBC.com*, *Vox.com* and *IrishCentral.com*.

● IMPORTANT DATES ●

- The Library Trustees will meet January 18
- We will be closed on January 1, 2 and 16
- Blood Drives January 4 and 25



Art Exhibits: January 4-30

Gallery: *The Surreal Art of Cynthia Brody: Familiar/Impossible Images of Women*

Reception: Saturday, January 7, 1:00 pm

By: C. Brody



On view January 4-30: Cynthia Brody combines photo imagery with acrylic paints and found materials to create allegorical stories and moods. For this show she has created pieces that depict Victorian era women, often in surreal surroundings. She enjoys giving a new life to these women who are no longer alive as she casts them in unusual environments. It is only upon closer inspection that the

viewer recognizes the foreign elements. Her works incorporate elements of beauty contrasted with the strong statements and pensive attitudes of the women depicted. In most cases the stories develop around the character, as do the clothing and position. It is all a mystery, even to the artist, until completed.

Main Hall: *Seasonal Bouquets: Wild and Cultivated* by Leann Shamash

Reception: Thursday, January 5, 7:00 pm

By: L. Shamash



On view January 4-30: Leann Shamash uses the wordless language of photography as a way to share the world as she sees it. This series of photos, taken in more or less chronological order from April through November, documents the foliage and flowers in the artist's yard (and in some cases nearby yards). Through her art, Ms. Shamash hopes to share the beauty, diversity, strength, color and wonder of these plants.

Second Floor Teen Gallery

An accurate reflection of the work produced by Newton North visual arts students will be on view through spring 2017. Thanks to Eric Blomster of Abraxis Framing Co. who provided the frames cost-free.

By: M. Haider



January Display Cases

Atrium Case One: Find out about the library's ELL & Literacy program including opportunities for volunteer tutors and learners. Info: 617-796-1364 or email NewtonELL@minlib.net. Visit us at ell.newtonfreelibrary.net. On view January 4-30.

Atrium Case Two: Learn about Newton's Sister City Project (SCP) in San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua. Since 1989 the project has been working to improve education and public health there and sending volunteers from Newton North and South High Schools. In that time the Newton SCP has financed nearly 18 one-room schoolhouses in rural communities, and supported the highly successful Free High School for Adults, with 1001 graduates since 2002. Thanks to Newton, hundreds of families now have efficient Ecostoves with chimneys that get smoke out of rural houses and BioSand Filters, that rid contaminated well water of harmful bacteria and parasites. Find out about volunteer opportunities at: sanjuandelsursistercityproject.wordpress.com/volunteer/ or email david.gullette@simmons.edu. On view January 4-30.

Three Main Hall Cases: *Hail to the (New) Chiefs* traces the history of elections and inaugurations in Newton. Learn about some of the city's most illustrious elected officials through their campaign materials including the first mayor, James F.C. Hyde, and the first female alderman, Adelaide Ball. See artifacts from the Newton Women's Suffrage League and quilt patterns influenced by politics. Consider how a wooden box once used to collect paper ballots compares to our electronic systems today. Presented by Historic Newton. On view January 4-30.

Third Floor Language and Literacy Center Country Display: Learn about Cambodia from a display of books, CDs and DVDs! On view January 4-30.

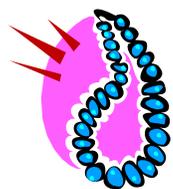
Teen Programs

Sweet Reads, Tuesday, January 3, 7:30 pm, second floor Teen Area:

Kids in grades 7-8 and their parents come together to talk about a new book each month and enjoy desserts! All are expected to read the book in advance in order to discuss it together in the book group. We meet once a month on 1/3, 2/7, 3/7, 4/4, 5/2 and 6/6. Online registration (required) is for all months.

Teen Coding Meetups, Sunday, January 8 & 22, 2:30-4:30 pm, Meeting Room A:

Do you know the basics of coding? Are you looking to extend your skill set while meeting like-minded teens in an informal environment? Keep on coding at our new series for teens in grades 6-12. Open to any teen with an understanding of the core elements of coding: variables, conditionals, loops and functions. No registration required, just drop by! We have a limited number of laptops, so please bring one if you can. Upcoming Meetups: February 5, 12 & 26, March 12 & 26, April 9 & 23, May 7 & 21 and June 4.



Teen Crafterhours, Monday, January 9, 6:30 pm, second floor Teen Area: We meet on the second Monday of every month to make crafts

and eat snacks. Come make paper beads! Register online.

Python Workshops, Wednesdays, January 18 & 25 and February 1, 8 & 15, 4:00 pm, second floor Computer Center:

Join us for a series of five workshops where we will work individually and as a class to write a few fun applications in Python. No prior coding experience is necessary. Students who attend at least 4 out of 5 sessions will receive a certificate of completion. Grades 7-12. Online registration begins three weeks before each session. Learn to write the following programs:

- 01/18: To generate a random password

- 01/25: Let the user play a text-based adventure game
- 02/01: Test mental math skills (this program, if time permits, may include database basics)
- 02/08: Automatically read the article headlines from a popular news website
- 02/15: Make a poem from a random set of the words in said headlines



Typewriter Poetry, Monday, January 30, 7:00 pm, second floor Teen Area:

Get creative with the monthly Typewriter Poetry group. We'll be getting together to use old-school typewriters to write poems for library patrons on the spot! Grades 7-12.

Books & Brownies, Tuesday, January 31, 7:00 pm, second floor Teen Area:

Join us for the parent/guardian and teen book club and enjoy brownies! The group will discuss *March* by John Lewis. Grades 9-12 and their adult.



TWIG, Tuesday, January 3, 4:00 pm, second floor Teen Area:

Newton TWIG (Tween Interest Group) is a group of

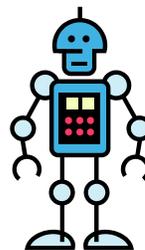
tweens (kids in grades 5-7) interested in contributing ideas and having a voice about Newton Free Library programs, services, collection and more! Basically it's you telling us how best to serve you! Get in on the conversation, have fun and enjoy snacks.

Winter Scarf Workshops, Wednesdays, January 4, 11, 18 & 25, 4:00 pm, second floor Teen Area:

Ever wanted to knit or crochet a scarf? The beginning of the year is a great time to try something new! Join us for a four-part series where we'll attempt to finish a scarf. We will provide the needles or hooks and yarn. Refreshments will be served. Open to ages 10 and up. Registration is for all four workshops.

Tween Crafternoon, Tuesday, January 10, 3:30 pm, second floor Teen Area:

We meet on the second Tuesday of every month to make crafts and eat snacks. This month we'll be making snow globes. Grades 5-7.



Art Robots, Thursday, January 12, 4:00 pm, Druker Auditorium:

Join us for a Science Club for Girls workshop. Attendees will become electrical engineering artists through the challenge of constructing an art-creating robot from simple circuits. Girls will learn and discuss elements of electrical engineering and different forms of art, and will design and build a "robot" that autonomously creates art using littleBits. For girls in grades 5-7. Register online.

LEGO WeDo, Thursday, January 12, 7:00 pm & Tuesday, January 31, 3:00 pm, second floor Computer Center:

Awaken kids' curiosity and their interest in problem solving! Kids build LEGO models and then program them to move and react. Sign up for one or both workshops! For grades 5-6. Registration begins three weeks before the workshop.

STEM Workshop: Build Bridges, Saturday, January 14, 1:00 pm, Druker Auditorium:

Come have fun at a Moms as Mentors® program that offers interactive team-building, hands-on STEM and bonding activities for girls and moms. Leave with take-home tools to help nurture an interest in STEM! For girls in grades 6-8 with their parent or caregiver (the accompanying adult does not have to be a mom). Online registration (required) began on Thursday, December 1.

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Contact Liz!



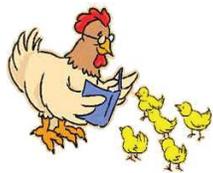
Contact Youth Services Librarian, Liz Rowland, at teens@newtonfreelibrary.net with questions about how Teens or Tweens can get involved at the library.

(Tween contd.) Tinker Club, Thursday, January 19, 4:00 pm, second floor Computer Center: Hang out and play with our Code Newton grant robotics equipment, such as littleBits, Hexbugs, LEGO WeDo or Finch Robots. Grades 5-7. Register online.

3D Printing, Tuesday, January 17, 2:00 pm, second floor Computer Center: Learn how 3D printing works by designing your own three-dimensional creation! Grades 5-7. Online registration (required) started on Thursday, December 8.

Children's Programs

All programs are held in the Children's Room unless otherwise noted.



Drop In Storytimes: Space is limited. Tickets will be available ½ hour before the program.

Songs and Stories for Ages 0-4

- Mondays, January 9, 23 and 30, 10:00 am and 11:00 am
- Tuesdays, January 3, 10, 17 and 31, 10:00 am and 11:00 am
- Tuesday, January 24, 10:00 am
- Wednesdays, January 11, 18 and 25, 10:00 am and 11:00 am
- Wednesday, January 4, 10:00 am
- Thursdays, January 5 and 12, 10:00 am and 11:00 am

Songs and Stories for All Ages

- Saturdays, January 7, 14 and 28, 10:30 am and 11:30 am
- Saturday, January 21, 11:30 am

iStorytime

- Thursdays, January 19 and 26, 10:30 am

Alphabet Soup (Under 2): Fridays, January 6, 13, 20 and 27, 10:00 am

3-5s Activities

Puppet Pals, Wednesday, January 4, 2:00 pm: Join Morgan for a puppet-filled storytime! There will be songs, stories and lots of puppet friends. A craft will follow. Ages 3-5. Space is limited. Tickets will be available ½ hour before the program.

Storytime Surprise, Thursday, January 5, 4:00 pm: This week's theme is winter. Space is limited. Tickets will be available ½ hour before the program.



Spanish Bilingual Storytime, Thursday, January 12, 4:00 pm: A special bilingual storytime

with stories, songs and movement in English and Spanish. Ages 3-5. Space is limited. Tickets will be available ½ hour before the program.

Storytime Surprise, Thursday, January 19, 4:00 pm: This week's theme is We Are Family. Space is limited. Tickets will be available ½ hour before the program.

STEAM Ahead, Thursday, January 26, 4:00 pm, Druker Auditorium: A storytime for 3-5 year olds and their care givers to explore math, science and the arts with children's books and related activities. Space is limited. Tickets will be available ½ hour before the program.

Programs and Classes



Dance and Movement Class, Wednesday, January 4, 11:00 am, Druker Auditorium: The Joanne Langione Dance Center

presents a music and movement class for toddlers and preschoolers.



Math Game Workshops, Thursdays, January 5, 12, 19 and 26, 1:00 pm: Studio of Engaging Math invites children (ages 4-5)

and their parents for math games workshops. During these one-hour classes, children will play math and developmental games, solve logic puzzles and explore geometry by building models. Your kids will have a blast and you will be introduced to the rich world of mathematical and developmental games that can be played at home. When you register, you register for ALL 4 classes on 1/5, 1/12, 1/19 and 1/26. Parents are encouraged to attend with their kids. Online registration required.

Picture Books on Film, Fridays, January 6, 13, 20 and 27, 11:00 am, Druker Auditorium.



Read to a Dog at the Library, Saturday, January 7, 3:00 pm; Saturday, January 21, 3:45 pm; and Tuesday, January

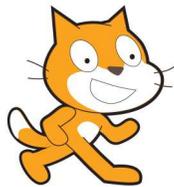
24, 3:00 pm: Our canine friends Leo, Xena and Riley will visit to listen to children read. Appointments are for fifteen minutes. Appointment times will be sent via email once you have registered. Space is limited. Online registration (required) for children in grades K-5 begins Saturday, December 31.

'Little Ones' Story/Craft Time, Mondays, January 9 and 30, 2:00 pm: Listen to a story, sing some songs and make a craft. For kids ages 2 to 4. Space is limited. Tickets will be available ½ hour before the program.

Matter and Slime, Thursday, January 12, 3:00 pm, Druker Auditorium: Kids will get messy and have fun making Oobleck (cornstarch and water mixture) and learn more about the behavior of liquids and solids, in particular viscosity. This workshop will be led by Science Club for Girls. For kindergartners. Space is limited. Tickets will be available ½ hour before the program.

Build Bridges, Saturday, January 14, 10:00 am, Druker Auditorium:

A Mini-Workshop that promotes bonding and STEM enthusiasm, presented by Moms as Mentors®, features an enjoyable hands-on STEM activity. Come have fun with your daughter and leave with take-home tools to help nurture her interest in STEM! For girls in grades 3-5. The accompanying adult doesn't have to be a mom. Online registration (required) began on Thursday, December 1.



Scratch Club, Thursday, January 19, 7:00 pm, second floor Computer Center:

Join us for the monthly Scratch club! Kids in grades 3 and 4 come for an hour to explore and work with Scratch (a free programming language designed at MIT) to create games, animation and stories. Online registration (required) begins on Thursday, December 29.

Make It and Take It, Friday, January 20, 2:00 pm:

Drop-in to spend quality time with your child(ren) and with other patrons. Make a craft, read a book, schmooze and relax a little. Open to all ages.



Family Yoga Class, Saturday, January 21, 10:30 am, Druker Auditorium:

Poses and games in this class are designed for children ages 3-12 and their caregiver(s). No yoga experience required.

Chessmates, Monday, January 23, 6:30 pm, second floor Teen Area:

Have fun playing chess with general instruction and open play. All levels welcome. Chess sets, puzzles and strategy will all be provided. For ages 6-9.



Matt Heaton Family Singalong, Tuesday, January 24, 11:00 am, Druker Auditorium:

Peppered with well-known classics and a few soon-to-be classics, and performed with panache on guitar & banjo, Matt makes music for parents and kids alike. Appropriate for all ages.

Sophisticated Stories, Monday, January 30, 7:30 pm: Storytime for older kids! Enjoy cool, strange, weird and wacky picture books. For kids in grades 3 and up - you're never too old for picture books!

Sign up for weekly library event reminders on our website at www.newtonfreelibrary.net on the Events page.



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Movies



Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2, Saturday, January 7, 2:00 pm:

The battle between good and evil forces of the wizarding world escalates into an all-out war. Rated PG-13. Runtime 130 minutes.

Sully, Monday, January 9, 6:30 pm:

Tom Hanks stars in this portrait of airline pilot Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger, which depicts his successful emergency landing of an Airbus A320 on the Hudson River in January 2009. Rated PG-13. Runtime 96 min. Enjoy light refreshments courtesy of the library!

Storks, Saturday, January 14, 3:00 pm:

Eager to have a younger sibling, a lonely kid beseeches the storks to deliver a baby to his workaholic parents -- despite the fact that the birds have long since gotten out of the baby business and now courier packages for an Internet merchant. Rated PG. Runtime 89 minutes. Enjoy light refreshments courtesy of the library.

The Secret Life of Pets, Saturday January 21, 2:30 pm:

This animated comedy from Illumination Entertainment asks the question: What do our pets do all day when we're not home? For the critters living in a Manhattan apartment building, the answer is: whatever they want! Rated PG. Runtime 90 minutes.

The Princess and the Frog, Saturday January 28, 2:00 pm:

Set in New Orleans at the beginning of the 20th century, an African American waitress named Tiana has a knack for cooking and dreams of opening her own restaurant. Rated G. Runtime 95 minutes.

Workshops



Sign up for any of the following workshops which are taught by our Public Services Department or Employment and Training Resources

(ETR), a MA One-Stop Career Center. When registration is required, for info contact: NewtonReference@minlib.net, register online or call 617-796-1380, unless otherwise noted.

Device Advice For iPhone, Tuesdays, January 3 & 17, 2:00-4:00 pm, and Wednesdays, January 11 & 25, 10:00 am-12:00 pm, Study Room 2H behind the second floor Computer Center: Are you having trouble with your mobile devices? Want to know more about downloading eBooks from the library? Sign up for a 30-minute one-on-one session where we will give advice about your device! Bring your iPad or iPhone. Patrons are welcome to sign up for one session every other week. Registration is required.

Device Advice for Android, Wednesdays, January 4 & 18, 10:00 am-12:00 pm and Tuesdays, January 10 & 24, 2:00-4:00 pm, Study Room 2H behind the second floor Computer Center: Are you having trouble with your mobile devices? Want to know more about downloading eBooks from the library? Sign up for a 30-minute one-on-one session where we will give advice about your device! Bring your Android tablet or smartphone. Patrons are welcome to sign up for one session every other week. Registration is required.

Tech Time, Thursdays, January 5, 12, 19 & 26, 2:00-4:00 pm, Study Room 2H behind the second floor Computer Center: Each person gets 30 minutes for advice. Our sessions are for educational and informational help only. For example, if your question is, "What can I do to make my computer run faster?" we can help you. We don't do repairs (i.e. we cannot fix a broken computer). Patrons are welcome to sign up for one session every other week. Registration is required.

Game Night, Thursday, January 5, 6:00-8:30 pm, third floor Language Center desk area: Drop in and play board games! Bring your own or use ours! Ages 16+ please. No registration required.

Your New iPad and You: Part I, Monday, January 9, 2:00-3:30 pm, second floor Computer Center: This class is for beginners. We cover very basic functions of the iPad starting with identifying all of the buttons and learning terminology. We navigate some settings then walk through Contacts, Messages and Mail. The objective is to make new iPad users more comfortable with their device. To get the most out of this class please have iOS 10 installed on your device. Attendees must bring their Apple ID and password. Registration is required.

Bare Bones Genealogy for Beginners: Starting from Scratch, Monday, January 9, 7:00-8:30 pm, Special Collections Room: The emphasis of this first genealogy class of the New Year will be on setting up your family history and how to start your research. Ginny Audet will begin by explaining family group sheets and then expand from there. This is not a computer-based class. You will be introduced to the idea of organization, citing living people as sources and where to look for more information that you (or someone in your family) may already have. Registration is required.

Monthly Make: Paint Swatch Calendar Making, Tuesday, January 17, 7:00 – 8:30 pm, third floor Language Center desk area: Ever wondered what to do with all those paint swatches laying around in your junk drawers? We've got you covered! Join us for our Monthly Make where we show you how to turn paint swatches and a picture frame into a one-of-a-kind dry erase calendar. Ages 16+. No registration required.

eBooks, Movies, Music, eAudiobooks & More from the Library, Wednesday, January 18, 2:00 – 3:00 pm, third floor Language Center desk area: Come learn what you can stream from the library onto your computer, tablet or smart phone! Registration is required.

Adult Coloring, Thursday, January 19, 6:30-8:30 pm, third floor Language Center: It's not just for kids! Drop in anytime for an evening of coloring. Bring your own coloring book or use some of our coloring sheets and colored pencils! No registration required.

Your New iPad and You: Part II, Monday, January 23, 2:00 – 3:00 pm, second floor Computer Center: This class will focus on some useful tips for navigating through your iPad. We will cover Siri, Spotlight Search, Control Center, iCloud and Find My iPhone. To get the most out of this class please have iOS 10 installed on your device. Attendees must bring their Apple ID and password. Registration is required.

iPad and iPhone Best Apps for Entertainment (Movies, Music and More), Wednesday, January 25, 3:00 – 4:00 pm, second floor Computer Center: Before you find yourself snowed in this winter come and learn how to instantly borrow digital movies, music and more, 24/7 with your library card! We'll discuss how to use the Netflix app and listen to music through Pandora, Spotify or iTunes. To get the most out of this class, please have iOS 10 installed on your device. Attendees must bring their Apple ID and password. Registration is required.

Introduction to Android, Thursday, January 26, 3:00 – 4:00 pm, second floor Computer Center: Apps and tips for your Android device. Registration is required.



News

Become a Tutor! Join us at our Introductory Workshop, Thursday, January 12, 2:00 pm, Trustees' Room:

The library's ELL & Literacy program provides free tutoring services for adult English Language Learners. Volunteer tutors are needed for this rewarding work. Just an hour a week of your time can make a real difference. No experience or foreign language skill is necessary. Tutor training workshops are offered at the library. Come to this introductory meeting to find out how you can get involved.

Preparing for U.S. Citizenship, 10 Tuesday sessions begin January 10, 7:00-8:30 pm, Trustees' Room:

For this free class students will need basic skills in reading, writing and understanding spoken English. We will cover basic U.S. history and government. Students will also practice answering interview questions. Space is limited. Online registration begins on December 28.

Let's Talk! 8 Tuesday sessions begin January 17, third floor Rear Arc. Join the 12:30 pm or 7:00 pm groups.

- Free conversation groups for all levels of adult English Language Learners
- No registration is necessary
- Come when you can

Coffee, Tea and English Too!

- A free informal social gathering for adult English Language Learners
- Interact and make friends
- Speak English in a relaxed setting
- Monday mornings: January 23, February 27, March 27, 10:00-11:30 am, Druker Auditorium
- No registration is needed
- Refreshments courtesy of Whole Foods

For info contact Susan Bécam, Program Coordinator, 617-796-1364, NewtonELL@minilib.net.

Ongoing Help for Area Small Business Owners



Every Thursday SCORE volunteers will provide area small business

owners with free, one-hour counseling and advice sessions. SCORE (mentors for small businesses), America's premier source of free and confidential small business advice for entrepreneurs and small businesses, is a nonprofit association dedicated to entrepreneur education and the formation, growth and success of small business nationwide. Register (required) at boston.score.org or call 617-565-5591.

Talk to Us!



Newton Talks is an oral history project that is being conducted through the

collaborative efforts of the library, the Newton Senior Center, Historic Newton and Crossing Generations. In addition to continuing our work with veterans, we will begin to interview relatives of veterans, immigrants and community members who want to share stories about their village in Newton. If you would like to have a packet mailed to you, call the Newton Senior Center at 617-796-1670. For general questions please contact Kim Hewitt at 617-796-1376.

All events are free and open to the public. Parking is free. We are an accessible facility.

Using Age to Your Advantage in a Job Search

Employment & Training Resources
Framingham · Norwood

Thursday, January 12, 9:30 am-1:00 pm: Job seekers will learn techniques for using age as an advantage rather than an obstacle to becoming employed. This workshop will be facilitated by Ms. Donna LaMontagne, a Certified Professional & Executive Résumé Writer/Career Advisor with Employment and Training Resources (ETR), a MA One Stop Career Center. Space is limited, registration is required. Call the Framingham ETR Career Center at 508-766-5700 to secure a seat.

Wolves of the Forest Floor with Brooks Mathewson



Wednesday, January 18, 7:00 pm: Participation in ecological studies is a tremendous

way for students to engage in inquiry-based learning while developing a deep appreciation for the environment. With this in mind, ecologist Brooks Mathewson has been working with local schools to set up long-term studies of terrestrial salamanders, the most abundant vertebrates in our forests and excellent indicators of forest health. As top-level predators of the forest floor, salamanders reduce soil decomposition rates through their predation on soil invertebrates, and help to increase the amount of carbon stored in forest soils. In this talk Brooks will discuss the research he is conducting on terrestrial salamanders at Cabot Woods with the help of students from Newton North High School.

Brooks Mathewson is an ecologist, photographer and educator with a Master's Degree in Forest Science from Harvard University. His research on terrestrial salamanders has been published in peer-reviewed journals and his photography has been featured in the *Boston Globe*, *Northeastern Naturalist*, *Wildlife Professional* and *Massachusetts Wildlife*.



Ornithology: The Music and Life of Charlie Parker



Sunday, January 8, 2:00 pm: Ornithology chronicles the revolutionary music and

meteoric life of alto saxophonist Charlie Parker. Pianist Matt Marcus, alto saxophonist John Purcell and their rhythm section will recreate Parker's own compositions such as *Yardbird Suite*, as well as jazz standards Parker made famous, including *Just Friends*, *Cherokee* and *Lover Man*. Brief biographical vignettes will accompany the compositions.

Bacharach Before and Beyond



Sunday, January 15, 2:00 pm: Join Russian-American pianist Sasha Papernik and her trio as they explore the songbook of Burt Bacharach and Hal David. The

program will also include music influential to Bacharach's style from the lyricism of Peter Tchaikovsky to the ragged rhythms of Scott Joplin and original music informed by Bacharach's legacy. The performers will be:

- Sasha Papernik, piano/vocals
- Justin Poindexter, guitar/vocals
- Kyle Saulnier, upright bass

An Afternoon of Classical Music



Sunday, January 22, 2:00 pm: Young Sin Choi, viola, SoYoung Gwon, violin, Yoo Sun Na, soprano and Tae Kim, piano, will perform

works of George Frideric Handel, Johannes Brahms, George Enesco and Rebecca Clarke.

Young Sin Choi won numerous competitions in South Korea and Germany. SoYoung Gwon has won numerous competitions and awards, including prestigious top prizes from the Korea Daily Competition and the American Protégé International Competition. Yoo Sun Na made her Carnegie Hall debut as the winner of the Barry Alexander International Vocal Competition. Tae Kim has been hailed as a "highly skilled improviser" by the *New York Times* and "prickly and explosive" by the *Montreal Gazette*.

Chinese Dulcimer Guzheng Youth Band



Sunday, January 29, 2:00 pm: Join us for a special concert

in celebration of Chinese Lunar New Year 2017, the year of the Rooster. Students from the Boston Art School for Chinese Music will perform. The players will be Kate Hui, dulcimer, Angela Dai, guzheng, Tiffany Wang, dulcimer, Yuetian Zhang, guzheng and Francesca Mei, dulcimer.

Ping Li founded the Boston Art School for Chinese Music in 2000. Since then she has taught both Chinese and American students. She has been a professional yangqin (Chinese dulcimer) and guzheng performer for almost 30 years. Info: pinglimusic.com.

Learn Meditation and Yoga



Thursdays, January 5 & 19, 7:00 pm, third floor Rear Arc: We will be offering

sitting meditation and yoga sessions every other week. Breathing and meditation practice helps cleanse the body mind complex enhancing the feeling of well-being, bringing clarity and calmness within. Participate in gentle yoga poses, breathing practices and guided meditation. Use a chair or sit on the floor. Bring your own yoga mat or cushion if you prefer. No previous experience required.

Over the past seventeen years facilitator Janhavi Wadhvani has taught students and faculty at Boston College, MIT and more. She completed her Teacher Training with the Art of Living Foundation in 1999. Patrons age 14 and older are welcome. Come on a light stomach and bring a water bottle.

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Clubs and Groups

African Literature Discussion Group, Wednesday, January 18, 7:30 pm, Room A: They will discuss *God's Bits of Wood*, a novel by Ousmane Sembene of Senegal. In February they will discuss *The Translator*, a novel by Leila Aboulela, from Sudan. The group explores the rich variety of writings from Africa. Info contact: Anne Serafin at 617-527-1072.

Children's Book Writers Groups, Monday, January 23, 7:00 pm, Room A and Wednesday, January 25, 7:00 pm, Room A: Pre-registration is required. The groups are for writers who have work in progress. Monday group contact: John Bell, 617-733-5711. Wednesday group contact: Laya Stein, lasword@rcn.com.

Contemporary Books Discussion Group, Wednesday, January 4, 7:30 pm, Room A: They will discuss *Orhan's Inheritance* by Aline Ohanesian. In February they will discuss *Tales of Burning Love* by Louise Erdrich. Info contact: Marjorie Berman 617-965-8646.

Disability Awareness Book Club, Monday, January 9, 7:00 pm, Room A: They will discuss *The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simsion. In February they will discuss *If At Birth You Don't Succeed* by Zach Anner. The purpose of the club is to engage in thought-provoking discussion centered on books across genres with a disability theme. Info contact: Jenni Acosta, Program Director at Understanding Our Differences, at jacosta@understandingourdifferences.org.

Fiction Writing Group, Tuesday, January 3, 7:00 pm, Room A: Pre-registration is required, space is limited. The group is for serious writers pursuing publication. Each month two members submit a 15-25 page draft from a short story or novel to be read and critiqued by the class. Info contact: Castellano Turner, Ph.D. at castellano.turner977@gmail.com.

Friday Music Group, Friday, January 20, 3:00 pm, Druker Auditorium: Join in our 90-minute session to begin your weekend joyfully with song. We sing and play songs of the season, some show tunes, popular standards and favorites that you suggest. Bring your instruments if desired; drop-ins welcome! Info contact: Tai at liunienlung@yahoo.com.

Genealogy Club, Wednesday, January 11, 7:00 pm, Special Collections Room: Participants are encouraged to bring records and problems from their own research for discussion. Info contact: Ginny Audet at NewtonGenealogyClub@gmail.com.

Great Books Discussion Group, Tuesday, January 10, 7:15 pm, Room A: They will discuss *Of Personal Identity* by Hume. In February they will discuss *Thus Spoke Zarathustra* by Nietzsche. Readings are from *Great Books Foundation publication, Fifth Series, Volume 2* (most of which are available at the library). Info contact: Abra Rosenzweig at 617-964-4064.

Hooked on Books, Thursday, January 26, 7:00 pm, third floor Rear Arc: They will discuss *When Breath Becomes Air* by Paul Kalanithi. Info contact: bookclub@newtonfreelibrary.net.

Memoir Writing Group, Monday, January 9, 7:00 pm, third floor Rear Arc: Preregistration is required, space is limited. The group is open to those interested in writing a memoir or autobiography. Meetings begin with time for writing followed by reading and sharing of work. Group members offer each other encouraging feedback. Facilitator Tom Yee is a licensed high school English teacher and Content Development Manager for a local publisher. Info contact: Tom Yee at newton.memoir@gmail.com.

Murder by the Book Club, Thursday, January 12, 10:00 am, third floor Rear Arc: They will discuss *Test of Wills* by Charles Todd. In February they will discuss *China Trade* by S.J. Rozan. The group discusses books with a mystery theme. Info contact Kathleen Hennrikus at khennrikus@minlib.net.

Playwrights Group, Tuesday, January 17, 7:00 pm, Room A: If you would like to try your acting chops or write a play, we invite you to join our group. We write plays, some short, some long, read them aloud and then offer feedback on how to improve our work. Info contact: Sandra Weintraub at sgweintraub@yahoo.com.

Old School SciFi Book and Movie Club, Wednesday, January 18, 6:30 pm, Trustees' Room: They will be discussing *The Midwich Cuckoos* by John Wyndham and watching *The Village of the Damned* (1960). The group meets to discuss works of science fiction and view movie adaptations. Intended for adults. Info contact: khewitt@minlib.net.

Sequences: A Women's Forum, Wednesday, January 11, 10:00 am, Trustees' Room: The group is led by Robin Mayer Stein, poet and journalist. Spark your creativity in an inspiring, intergenerational group for women. Read, converse and write in response to poems, essays and personal stories. Meet interesting people while savoring literary treats. Info contact: Robin at 617-965-2178.

Short Story Discussion Group, Monday, January 9, 7:30 pm, Trustees' Room: Registration is required for newcomers. They will discuss two stories by Asako Serizawa, *The Visitor* from *The O. Henry Prize Stories, 2013* and *Train to Harbin* from *The O. Henry Prize Stories, 2016*. The group is led by Dotty Gonson and Frannie Moyer, both of whom taught at Newton South High School. Info or to register contact: Dotty at drgonson@comcast.net or 617-547-3833.



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