

NEWSLETTER

The Many Faces of Newton: Our Students Speak Out About Race and Racism



**Wednesday,
January 24,
7:00 pm:**
Believe it or
not, racism
exists in
Newton! In

2017 a group of high school Students of Color performed original theatre pieces they had written as part of *The Monologue Project*. Join them for an eye-opening experience as they take to the stage to speak out about their experiences of race and racism in our city. A Q and A moderated by Beau Stubblefield-Tave of the Center for Culturally Fluent Leadership will follow. Refreshments will be served. Cosponsors include:

- Center for Culturally Fluent Leadership
- Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries
- First Unitarian Universalist Society in Newton
- Newton Department of Senior Services
- Newton Health and Human Services/Youth Services
- Newton Human Rights Commission
- Newton Theatre Company

This program is supported by a grant from the Foundation for Racial, Ethnic and Religious Harmony.

Songs of Resistance



Tuesday, January 30, 7:00 pm: Now more than ever music celebrating resistance can be a driving force for change. Join us for an inspiring performance of political and protest songs, serious and satirical, from the 1950s to the present day. Featured songwriters will include Bob Dylan, Phil Ochs, Woody Guthrie and many more. The performers will be:

- Ian Goldstein, mandolin, guitar, bass, vocals
- Paul D. Lehrman, guitar, bass, piano, electronics, vocals
- Jeffrey A. Summit, banjo, bass, vocals
- Beth Bahia Cohen, violin, tambura
- Michael McLaughlin, accordion
- Sharon Kennedy, vocals
- Adina Schecter, vocals
- Other Special Guests

Five Myths about North Korea



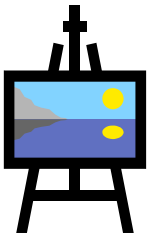
**Tuesday,
January 16,
7:00 pm:** Can we live with a nuclear North Korea? Join Sung-Yoon Lee, Kim Koo-Korea Foundation Professor

of Korean Studies and Assistant Professor at The Fletcher School, Tufts University for a compelling presentation on North Korea. In 2017 North Korea reached several menacing milestones including the nation's most powerful nuclear test to date and successful intercontinental ballistic missile tests. While the U.S. and its allies have vacillated for 25 years between indecisive diplomacy and half-hearted sanctions, Pyongyang's nuclear and missile threat capability has grown markedly. How much longer can the status quo hold?

Dr. Lee has testified as an expert witness in congressional hearings and advised senior officials, including the President of the U.S.

The library will be closed:

- Monday, January 1 for New Year's Day
- Monday, January 15 for MLK Day



Art Exhibits: January 2-30

Gallery: *A Little Local Color* by Joanne Bergen

Reception: Wednesday, January 10, 7:00 pm

By: J. Bergen



Joanne Bergen's goal as an artist is to provide images that bring joy. Her work reflects the influences Edward Hopper, David Hockney and Fairfield Porter. A trained textile and graphic artist, she brings her love of saturated color and bold forms to her paintings. Local rural scenes and images from travels are the subjects of her work. She believes that art

can speak to a part of the psyche not accessed by words, which in turn feeds the soul.

Ms. Bergen is a graduate of Rhode Island School of Design. Visit: joannebergen.com.

Main Hall: *Small Works* by Michael William

By: M. William



Michael Williams's intentions for this series are to paint on a small scale, to spend only a few days on each piece and to choose subjects that are simple. He views these exercises as genuine expressions of the pleasure of seeing, and consciously tries to focus on the innate beauty of the subject. These works represent placeholders for the stray observations and in-between moments throughout the artist's past.

The collection gives him a sense of peace and perspective on his life.

A graduate of Montserrat College of Art, Michael William has exhibited his work in numerous venues around the Boston area.

Teen Gallery: *North and South, Newton High Schools Student Showcase*

By: J. Champion



The show features photographs on the gallery walls and ceramics in the free-standing display cases with representation from both Newton North (NNHS) and Newton South (NSHS) high schools. The library wishes to extend its gratitude to Eric Blomster of Abraxis Framing Co. in Newton, who generously provided the frames cost-free. On view through spring 2018.

January Display Cases On view January 2-30

Atrium Case 1: Learn about the January 24, 7:00 pm *Many Faces of Newton: Our Students Speak About Race and Racism* program. (program info. p. 1).

Atrium Case 2: A look at Volante Farm's 100 years of history courtesy of Historic Newton (program info. below)

Three Main Hall Cases: View a series of handmade Stamp Art Wood Blocks created by print-maker and stamp collector Susan Radonsky.

Third Floor Language and Literacy Center Country Display: Learn about Pakistan from a display of books, CDs and DVDs!

Vision Board 101



Wednesday, January 10, 6:30 pm, third floor Rear Arc:
Do you have a vision for

yourself or a direction that you want to go in life? By using visualization and the law of attraction, you can add another dimension to your idea by physically creating a scene that attracts what you seek. Join Senior Library Assistant, Roxanne, for this hands-on program and learn to create a vision board. Magazines will be provided. Or, if you prefer, bring your own magazine that can be cut up. For ages 16+. Registration is required.

100 Years of History



Thursday, January 25, 7:00 pm: Join us for an inside look at Volante Farm, a business that has lasted for 100 years! Through much of Newton's history, Oak Hill was an agricultural area.

Using historic photos and family artifacts, Peter Volante will discuss the organization of the farm, his grandfather's famous celery, the first retail stand and farm workers from around the world. This program is part of the Newton History Series and is cosponsored by Historic Newton.

Teen Programs

Anime/Manga Club, Wednesday, January 3, 4:00 pm, second floor Computer Center: Activities range from anime screenings, to discussion of our favorite series, manga share and swap, anime-themed crafts, cosplay workshops, art trades and more! Japanese snacks will be served. Grades 6-12.

Teen Crafterhours, Monday, January 8, 7:00 pm, second floor Teen Area: This month we'll make steampunk jewelry. Snacks will be served. Grades 7-12.

Books & Brownies, Tuesday, January 16, 7:00 pm, second floor Teen Area: This month we'll discuss *Fangirl* by Rainbow Rowell. Grades 9-12 and their adult are welcome!

Typewriter Poetry, Monday, January 22, 7:00 pm, first floor Gallery: Join us as we get together and use old-school typewriters to write poems for library patrons on the spot! Grades 7-12.



Discover Gap Year, Monday, January 22, 7:00 pm, Druker Auditorium: Katherine Stievater, a gap year advisor and founder of Gap Year Solutions, will explain different gap year options, how the gap year relates to college planning and explain how any student can benefit from a gap year.

Got Questions About Teens or Tweens?

Contact Amanda Bressler, at abressler@minlib.net with questions about how Teens or Tweens can get involved at the library.



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Teens and Tweens, Learn to Play the Ukulele, Saturday, January 6,

1:30 pm, Druker Auditorium: We will provide ukuleles for this workshop that will include ukulele fundamentals and a demonstration of songs you can play with the same four chords. Julie Stepanek, an accomplished singer, songwriter and musician, will facilitate. For tweens and teens in grades 5-12. Online registration required.

Tween Crafternoon, Tuesday, January 9, 3:30 pm, second floor Teen Area: This month we'll make fizzy cupcake bath bombs! Snacks will be served. Grades 5-7.

Learn to Practice Meditation and Yoga



Thursdays, January 4 & 18, 7:15-8:30 pm, third floor Rear Arc: Participate

in gentle yoga poses, breathing practices and guided meditation. Use a chair or sit on the floor. No previous experience required. Come on a light stomach and bring a water bottle. Patrons age 14 and older are welcome.

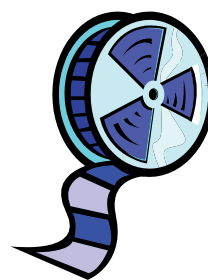
News from the Friends



Support the Friends of the Library when you eat at Brewers

Coalition, Wednesday, January 17: 20% of your purchase will be donated to the Friends of the Library when you bring a Friends/Brewers Coalition card to the restaurant (available at library self-check stations), or show them the online version (available from the library's homepage).

Movies



Stronger, Monday, January 8, 6:30 pm: Rated R. Runtime 120 minutes.

The Incredibles, Saturday, January 13, 2:00 pm: Rated PG. Runtime 116 minutes.

Victoria and Abdul, Saturday, January 20, 2:00 pm: Rated PG-13. Runtime 112 minutes.

Despicable Me 3, Saturday, January 27, 2:00 pm: Rated PG. Runtime 96 minutes.

Behind the Scenes Tour of the Library



Friday, January 26, 11:00 am, meets inside the parking lot entrance:

Have you ever wondered what goes on behind the scenes at the library? We will be offering tours on the last Friday of each month that will:

- Show you where and how we process new materials
- Introduce you to some of our talented staff members that help make the library such a special part of the community
- Get you up close to the sorter machine
- Fill you in on some of the little known details of our wonderful library

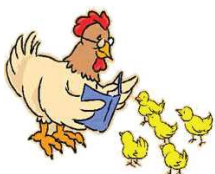
Tours last approximately one hour.

Pad Checkout is Here!

Patrons can now check out up to five items at the same time using our new Pad Checkout system. Located at the Circulation Desk self-check stations, the pads will help you check out materials more swiftly by simply scanning your library card and placing a stack of library materials on the pad. Try it!

Children's Programs

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



Drop In Story-times: Space is limited. Tickets will be available 15 minutes before the program.

Make Way for Storytime (geared towards kids through age 4):

- Tuesdays, January 2, 9 and 16, 10:00 am and 11:00 am
- Saturdays, January 6, 13, 20 and 27, 10:30 am and 11:30 am
- Mondays, January 8, 22 and 29, 10:00 am and 11:00 am

Alphabet Soup (under 2 only):

Wednesdays, January 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, 10:00 am and 11:00 am

iStorytime (geared towards kids through age 4), Druker Auditorium:

Thursdays, January 4, 11, 18 and 25, 10:00 am

Stories and Craft (geared towards kids through age 4), Druker Auditorium:

Fridays, January 5, 12, 19 and 26, 10:00 am

3-5s Activities

Storytime Surprise, Thursday, January 4, 4:00 pm:

The theme is Bears. Space is limited. Tickets will be available 15 minutes before the program.

Puppet Pals, Monday, January 8, 2:00 pm:

Join Morgan for a puppet-filled storytime! There will be songs, stories and lots of puppet friends. A craft will follow. Space is limited. Tickets will be available 15 minutes before the program.

Spanish Bilingual Drop-in Storytime, Thursday, January 11, 4:00 pm:

A special bilingual storytime with stories, songs and movement in English and Spanish. Space is limited. Tickets will be available 15 minutes before the program.

(3-5 contd.) **Storytime Surprise, Thursday, January 18, 4:00 pm:** The theme is Moon Stories! Space is limited. Tickets will be available 15 minutes before the program.

K-2

K-2 Fun, Thursday, January 25, 4:00 pm:

The theme is A Winter's Night. Space is limited. Tickets will be available 15 minutes before the program.

Programs and Classes

Scratch Club, Thursday, January 4, 7:00 pm, second floor Computer Center:

In our monthly Scratch Club, kids come for an hour to explore and work with Scratch (a free programming language designed at MIT) to create games, animation and stories. For grades 3 and 4. Space is limited. Tickets will be available 15 minutes before the program.



Kids! Learn To Play the Ukulele, Saturday, January 6, 11:30 am, Druker Auditorium:

We will provide ukuleles for this workshop that will include ukulele fundamentals and a demonstration of songs you can play with the same four chords. Julie Stepanek will facilitate. For kids ages 8-10. Online registration required.

Read to a Dog at the Library, Saturday, January 6, 2:00 pm; Saturday, January 13, 3:00 pm; and Wednesday, January 24, 4:00 pm:

Our canine friends Poppy, Phoebe and Milani will visit to listen to children in grades K-5 read. Appointments are for fifteen minutes. Appointment times will be sent via email once you have registered. Space is limited. Online registration required.



Crazy 8s Math Club, Mondays, January 8, 22 and 29, 4:00 pm, Druker Auditorium:

Crazy 8s makes math fun through hands-on projects and games that teach basic math concepts. For grades K-2. When you register (required), you register for ALL 8 sessions (1/8, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2/26, 3/5 and 3/12).



Sophisticated Stories, Monday, January 8, 7:30 pm:

Storytime for older kids! Enjoy cool, strange, weird and wacky picture books. And brownies! For kids in grades 3 and up - you're never too old for picture books!

Animal Camouflage, Tuesday, January 16, 4:00 pm, Druker Auditorium:

Come learn about animals that are able to vanish in plain sight by blending like magic into their environment. Presented by Hands On Nature. For ages 3+.

Family Game Day, Friday, January 19, 3:00 pm:

Drop in for family games and activities time with your child(ren) and your neighbors. Games, building materials and other activities for all ages will be available.

Chessmates, Monday, January 22, 6:30 pm, first floor Periodicals 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.

Dance and Movement Class, Tuesday, January 23, 10:00 am, Druker Auditorium:

The Joanne Langione Dance Center presents a music and movement class for toddlers and preschoolers.

KIBO Robots, Saturday, January 27, 10:30 am, Druker Auditorium:

Children make their ideas physical and tangible by programming and decorating their own robots. For kids in grades K-2; accompanying adults required. Space is limited to 8 spots. Tickets will be available 15 minutes before the program.



Matt Heaton Family Singalong, Tuesday, January 30, 10:00 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.



Introductory Workshop for Tutors, Thursday, January 11, 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 informative meeting to find out how you can get involved.

NEW! K2K: Kids Reading to Kids, Monday, January 8, 4:00-4:30 pm, third floor Rear Arc: Bring your ELL kindergarten aged children to a fun storytime! Fourth and fifth grade kids will read to your children one-on-one. Parents/caregivers, please plan to stay to help out.

Free ELL Winter Classes

Classes are held weekly in Meeting Room A and last 1½ hours unless otherwise specified. Space is limited. Online registration (required) begins on January 8. No registration is needed for Let's Talk! and Coffee, Tea and English Too!

Coffee, Tea and English Too!

Mondays: January 29, February 12, March 19, 10:00 am, Druker Auditorium

Reading Plays and Poetry Aloud,

10 Tuesday sessions begin January 16, 9:30 am, third floor Rear Arc

Let's Talk! 8 Tuesday sessions begin January 16, 12:30 pm, third floor Rear Arc

Let's Talk! 8 Tuesday sessions begin January 16, 7:00 pm, third floor Rear Arc

Six Great American Speeches, 6 Tuesday sessions begin February 6, 10:30 am

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New Ideas from Great People: Discussing TED Talks Videos, 8 Wednesday sessions begin January 17, 12:30 pm

Short Stories in English, 6 Wednesday sessions begin January 17, 1:00 pm, Meeting Room B

Everyday Life in the U.S., 8 Thursday sessions begin January 18, 11:00 am

American Government and the Media, 6 Thursday sessions begin January 18, 7:00 pm

For info: contact Susan Bécam, at 617-796-1360 or NewtonELL@minlib.net.

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. Currently we are focused on interviewing veterans, relatives of veterans and immigrants in Newton. If you would like to be interviewed please call the Newton Senior Center at 617-796-1670. For general questions please contact Kim Hewitt at 617-796-1376.

Zoning Redesign: Parking

Thursday, January 18, 6:30 – 8:00 pm, Druker Auditorium: The City of Newton is working to make a new zoning code that is effective, responsive, predictable and fair. Discussion topics will include:

- How much parking should be required with new buildings, if any at all
- The design of parking lots
- Other transportation solutions that can come with new development

Get involved in the conversation! RSVP www.courbanize.com/newtonzoning/about. This is a City of Newton Program.

Ongoing Help for Area Small Business Owners



Every Thursday, every second Wednesday and every fourth Tuesday

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.

SCORE Workshop Funding Your Startup or Small Business

Tuesday, January 9, 10:00 am: Join Riley Rodgers, SCORE Mentor and Principal at Valia Investments, for a session that will give participants an overview of financing sources for startups and small businesses. He will cover debt, equity and alternative options. A company may need to raise capital to get off the ground or to fuel growth, and understanding the options is crucial to determining the best funding mechanism. Register (required) at: boston.score.org or call 617-565-5591.

Jobseekers Workshop

Monday, January 22, 9:30 am-1:00 pm: Lisa Rosen, Career Advisor at the One-Stop Career Center in Framingham, will facilitate a workshop to help job seekers develop an organized plan to manage and keep track of their search efforts. Attendees will also learn the ABC's of networking and how to use their current connections to develop new ones. Space is limited, registration is required. Call 508-861-7993 to secure a seat.



Lucy Tan in Concert



Sunday, January 7, 2:00 pm: Join Lucy Tan as she performs a series of works for piano including Robert Schumann's *Kreisleriana*, Op. 16, Frédéric

Chopin's *Scherzo No. 4 in E major*, Op. 54 and Maurice Ravel's *La Valse*.

Rags and Romances



Sunday, January 14, 2:00 pm: Join Russian-American pianist and composer Sasha Papernik with her trio for a concert that will include works by Berlin, Gershwin, Joplin, Rachmaninov,

Tchaikovsky and reimagined arrangements of Slavic dances and romances. The performers will be Sasha Papernik: piano, vocals; Justin Poindexter, guitar, banjo vocals and Kyle Saulnier, upright bass.

Untamed Trios



Sunday, January 21, 2:00 pm: The Thoreau Piano Trio's performances are described as passionate,

imaginative, eloquent and powerful. Join trio members Susan Jensen, violin, Darry Dolezal, cello and Paul Jacobs, piano, for a concert that will include Beethoven's *Piano Trio in G Major*, Op. 1, No. 2 and *Piano Trio in C Minor*, Op. 1, No. 3.

Liana Paniyeva on Piano



Sunday, January 28, 2:00 pm: Join Liana Paniyeva, winner of

the American Protégé International Competition of Romantic Music, for a concert of works by Rachmaninoff and Mussorgsky. Ms. Paniyeva has performed at international festivals in Norway, Hungary, Syria, Italy and Israel.



Sign up for any of the following sessions to explore, create and discover at the Newton Free Library. Sessions are led by our Public Services Department.

Device Advice for iPhone/iPad, Tuesday, January 2 & 16, 2:00-4:00 pm, Study Room 2E: Sign up for a 30-minute one-on-one session where we will give advice about your device or show you how to download eBooks from the library. Bring your iPad or iPhone. Patrons are welcome to sign up for one session every other week. Register online.

Tech Time, Thursdays, January 4, 18 & 25, 2:00-4:00 pm, Study Room 2E: Each person gets 30 minutes for advice. Our sessions are for educational and informational help only. Patrons are welcome to sign up for one session every other week. Register online.

Game Night for Adults, Thursday, January 4 & Monday, January 22, 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.

Device Advice for Android, Tuesday, January 9 & 23, 2:00-3:00 pm, Study Room 2E: Sign up for a 30-minute one-on-one session where (contd. right)

we will give advice about your device or show you how to download eBooks from the library. Bring your Android tablet or smartphone. Patrons are welcome to sign up for one session every other week. Register online.

eBook Help, Tuesday, January 9 & 23, 3:00-4:00 pm, Study Room 2E: Sign up for a one-on-one session with one of our eBook specialists to learn how to get eBooks from the library. Bring your device, library card and passwords. Register online.

Email 101, Wednesday, January 10, 10:00-11:30 am, second floor Computer Center: This class will cover the basics of email including setting up a free account and sending and receiving messages and photos. If you already have an email account please bring the login and password information with you. Register online.

Monthly Make: Perler Beads, Wednesday, January 17, 7:00-8:30 pm, third floor Language Center desk area: Join us to make your very own nerdy pixel art magnet with Perler Beads. Use provided templates for characters or items from the likes of Harry Potter, Star Wars, Mario and more. Or use your imagination to make your own design. Ages 18+. No registration required.

Web Search 101, Monday, January 22, 10:00-11:30 am, second floor Computer Center: Learn strategies to easily find what you're looking for on the Internet. Basic and advanced Google techniques including how to search for specific phrases, limit to recent pages by date and other helpful hints will be covered. Register online.

Hands-On Genealogy Research, Monday, January 22, 7:00-8:30 pm, second floor Computer Center: Come with questions regarding specific ancestors you are researching and what you hope to discover about them. Use our PCs or bring your laptop. Ginny Audet, our resident genealogist, will be available for questions. Register online.

Seating is limited at our concerts and programs and is provided on a first come, first served basis.

Clubs and Groups

African Literature Discussion Group, Wednesday, January 17, 7:30 pm, Room A: They will discuss *The Book of Memory*, a novel by Petina Gappah of Zimbabwe. In February they will discuss *Dance of the Jakaranda*, a novel by Peter Kimani of Kenya. Info contact: Anne Serafin at 617-527-1072.

Children's Book Writers Group, Monday, January 22, 7:00 pm, Room A: Pre-registration is required. The group is for adult writers who are working on picture books, easy readers and other work for younger children. Contact: John Bell at 617-733-5711.

Contemporary Books Discussion Group, Wednesday, January 3, 7:30 pm, Room A: They will discuss *The Silent Sister* by Diane Chamberlain. In February they will discuss *Someone* by Alice McDermott. Info contact: Marjorie Berman at 617-965-8646.

NEW! Deathstars and Dragons Sci-fi Fantasy Book Club, Tuesday, January 16, 7:00 pm, Room B: They will discuss *The Long Way to a Small, Angry Planet* by Becky Chambers. In February they will discuss *Warbreaker* by Brandon Sanderson. Info contact: Erica Yuen at eyuen@minlib.net.

Disability Awareness Book Club, Monday, January 8, 7:00 pm Room A: They will discuss *The Speed of Dark* by Elizabeth Moon. In February they will discuss *Rosemary: The Hidden Kennedy Daughter* by Kate Clifford Larson. Info contact: Jenni Acosta at jacosta@understandingourdifferences.org.

Fiction Writing Group, Tuesday, January 2, 7:00 pm, Room A: Each month two members submit a 15-25 page draft from a short story or novel to be read and critiqued by the class. Pre-registration is required, space is limited. Info contact: Castellano Turner, Ph.D. at castellano.turner977@gmail.com.

NEW! French Conversation Club: Thursdays, January 4 & 18, 7:00 pm, Room B: Learn about French language and culture in a conversation club that is geared towards adults with intermediate speaking skills. Info contact Magali at magali.denispoirier@gmail.com.

Friday Music Group, Friday, January 12, 3:00 pm, Druker Auditorium: We sing and play songs of the season, some show tunes, popular standards and favorites that you suggest. Drop-ins welcome! Info contact: Tai at liunienlung@yahoo.com.

Genealogy Club, Wednesday, January 10, 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 9, 7:15 pm, Room A: They will discuss selections from *The Invention of Nature: Alexander Von Humboldt's New World* by Andrea Wulf. In February they will discuss *Silent Spring* by Rachel Carson. Info contact: Abra Rosenzweig at 617-964-4064.

Hooked on Books, Thursday, January 25, 7:00 pm, third floor Rear Arc: They will discuss *Brain on Fire: My Month of Madness* by Susannah Cahalan. Info contact: Sara Levine at bookclub@newtonfreelibrary.net.

Memoir Writing Group, Monday, January 8, 7:00 pm, Room A: Preregistration is required, space is limited. The group is open to those interested in writing a memoir or autobiography. Info contact: Tom Yee at newton.memoir@gmail.com.

New Evening Session Added!, Murder by the Book Club, Tuesday, January 9, 10:00 am & Thursday, January 11, 7:00 pm, Room B: Both groups will discuss *The Hound of the Baskervilles* by Arthur Conan Doyle. In February both groups will discuss *The Last Supper* by Charles McCarry. Info contact: Kathleen Hennrikus at khennrikus@minlib.net.

Playwrights Group, Tuesday, January 9, 7:00 pm, Study Room 2H behind the second floor Computer Center: If you would like to try your acting chops or write a play, we invite you to join our group. Info contact: Sandra Weintraub at sgweintraub@yahoo.com.

Sequences: A Women's Forum, Wednesday, January 10, 10:00 am, Trustees' Room: Read, converse and write in response to poems, essays and personal stories. Info contact: Robin at 617-965-2178.

Short Story Discussion Group, Monday, January 8, 7:30 pm, Trustees' Room: Registration is required for newcomers. They will discuss Alistair MacLeod's *The Lost Salt Gift of Blood* from *Island*, W.W.Norton and Co., 2001 and E.L.Doctorow's *Edgemont Drive* from *The New Yorker*, April 26, 2010. Info or to register contact: Dotty at drgonson@comcast.net or 617-547-3833.

Tween/Teen Book Writers Group, Wednesday, January 24, 7:00 pm, Room A: Pre-registration is required. The group is for adult writers who have work in progress focusing on Tween and Teen novels. Info contact: Laya Steinberg at lasword@rcn.com.

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that will include ukulele fundamentals and a demonstration of songs you can play with the same four chords. Julie Stepanek will facilitate. For adults, ages 18+. Online registration required.

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



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