



# NEWSLETTER

## *Civil Rights: How Far We Have Come, How Far We Have to Go, 2017*

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**Monday, February 13, 7:00 pm:** Look to the past and to the future of the

struggle for equal rights for all as we honor Black History Month with an interactive panel discussion, moderated by Beau Stubblefield-Tave, Principal of the Center for Culturally Fluent Leadership. The panel will be comprised of local civil rights leaders including:

- Keynote speaker, Professor Tricia Rose, Brown University. She is currently working on a project called *How Structural Racism Works*.
- Pastor Brandon T. Crowley, Senior Pastor, Myrtle Baptist Church
- Rev. Dr. Michelle Walsh, U.U. Minister and Independent Clinical Social Worker
- Tim Wells, First Unitarian Society in Newton Black Lives Matter Working Committee

The program is cosponsored by The Center for Culturally Fluent Leadership, First Unitarian Society in Newton, Myrtle Baptist Church and Newton Human Rights Commission.

## Help With 2016 Income Tax Returns



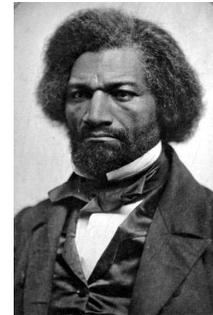
**Saturday Mornings February 11 through April 15, 9:30 am-1:00 pm, third floor Rear Arc:**  
The AARP® Tax-

Aide™ Foundation will have trained volunteers on hand to assist with 2016 tax returns. Please proceed to the third floor area where you will be asked to register on arrival and will be assisted on a first come-first served basis.

All of the volunteers are IRS certified and will be ready to answer questions related to personal (non-business) taxes. Please bring a copy of your 2015 federal and state tax returns plus all relevant 2016 tax documents you have received such as your W-2 wage statement, 1099 interest statement, health insurance coverage etc. The new 2016 tax returns will be eFiled for free.

Volunteers will prepare tax returns for people with moderate or low income (less than \$40,000 if single and less than \$60,000 if filing a joint return.) Volunteers cannot prepare any returns that involve Schedule E – income from rental housing. General assistance, such as answering questions, will be provided to anyone regardless of income level.

## Newton History Series: Frederick Douglass' America



**Thursday, February 23, 7:00 pm:** Join Harvard University scholar and award-winning author, John Stauffer, for a talk that will focus on the

significance of Frederick Douglass' 1852 address *What to the Slave is the 4th of July?* and why it continues to resonate today. A former slave and leading abolitionist in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, Frederick Douglass inspired antislavery activists in Newton and throughout the nation – and his influence continues. Douglass' speech contributed to his stature as one of the nation's greatest writers and orators, who converted countless readers and listeners to the antislavery cause.

**● IMPORTANT DATES ●**

- The Library Trustees will meet February 15
- We will be closed on February 20 for Presidents' Day
- Blood Drives will be held February 8 & 22



## Art Exhibits: february 2-27

Gallery: *Mississippi: Back Roads, Small Towns* by Alan Strassman

Reception: Tuesday, February 7, 7:00 pm

By: A. Strassman



**On view February 2-27, Gallery:** In August 1955, 14-year-old Emmett Till allegedly insulted a white woman at Bryant's Grocery Store in Money, Mississippi. Three weeks later, in the Sumner, Mississippi Courthouse, an all-white jury acquitted his two killers after little more than an hour of deliberation. On January 24, 1956, *Look Magazine* published the confessions of the two killers who

were reportedly paid \$4,000 for their interview.

As a high school senior Alan Strassman wrote a prize-winning essay about the acquittal of Emmett Till's killers. Sixty years later, he made a pilgrimage to the trial site - Sumner Courthouse and the Mississippi Delta - where he photographed back roads and crumbling small towns where cotton is no longer king.

### Main Hall: *Anima Mundi* by Angela Mark

By: A. Mark



**On view February 2-27, Main Hall:** Latin for The Soul of the World, *Anima Mundi* is a pure ethereal spirit spread throughout all nature, the divine essence where all of life's energy, past, present and future, reside. The idea originated with Plato and similar concepts exist in eastern philosophy and with the alchemists.

Intrigued by the concept of the world having a soul, Angela Mark embarked on this series of paintings. As with people, she imagined the world soul as one of both purity and conflict. When pure, the world soul is strong and radiant. When in conflict the world soul is weak and

slowly losing its life force. For the spirit plants and trees the *Anima Mundi* is a means of survival and a way for them to communicate with one another.

In the last century as the world experiences climate change, the *Anima Mundi* is in conflict and it could well disappear completely if the ecosystem becomes too unbalanced. It is an integral part of the world without which it cannot exist.

### Second Floor Teen Gallery

By: M. Haider



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

### Displays Cases:

On view February 2-27

**Atrium Cases One:** Learn about Frederick Douglass' extraordinary life and his connections to the local antislavery movement in a display organized by Historic Newton. Come to the related program on Thursday, February 23 at 7:00 pm (info p. 1)

**Atrium Case Two:** Find out about the May 7, 2017 Walk for Hunger. Info: [projectbread.org](http://projectbread.org).

**Three Main Hall Cases:** Learn about the Sierra Club. Founded by legendary conservationist John Muir in 1892, the Sierra Club is now the nation's largest and most influential grassroots environmental organization. Info: [sierraclub.org/massachusetts](http://sierraclub.org/massachusetts).

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

### Poetry Series

Tuesday, February 14,

7:00 pm: The Poetry Series continues with readings by Pamela Gemme, Steve Ablon and E. M. Janik. An open mike will follow with a limit of one poem per person. Come early to sign up for the open



mike; limited slots are available, time permitting. The series is facilitated by Doug Holder of Ibbetson Street Press.

Pamela Gemme has several online/print publications including *Contemporary American Voices*. She writes with Barbara Helfgott Hyett.

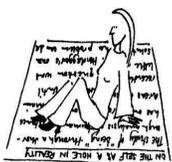
Steve Ablon's poetry books include *Tornado Weather*, *Flying Over Tasmania*, *Blue Damsels* and *Night Call*.

E. M. Janik has recent work in *December* magazine, where she was a finalist for the 2015 Jeff Marks Memorial Poetry Prize. Her poems have appeared in *Visions International*, *The New Mexico Humanities Review* and *Soundings East* among others.

## Teen Programs

**Python Workshops, Wednesdays, February 1, 8 & 15, 4:00 pm, second floor Computer Center:** The Python series continues this month. We will work individually and as a class to write a few fun applications in Python. No prior coding experience is necessary. Grades 7-12. Online registration begins three weeks before each session. Learn to write the following programs:

- 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



HARRIET WAS STILL IN THE MIDDLE OF HER ESSAY.

**Gap Year, Wednesday, February 1, 7:00 pm, Druker Auditorium:** Learn about some of the benefits of taking

a year off before entering college from Katherine Steivater, Founder of Gap Year Solutions. Katherine will help students explore options, discuss budget and examine some exciting possibilities! For teens and adults.

**Teen Coding Meetups, Sunday, February 5, 12 & 26, 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: March 12 & 26, April 9 & 23, May 7 & 21 and June 4.

**Teen Crafterhours, Monday, February 13, 6:30 pm, second floor Teen Area:** We meet on the second Monday of every month to make crafts and eat snacks. Come make DIY slime and eat brownies! Grades 7-12.

**Computer Science for Tweens and Teens, Thursday, February 16, 7:00 pm, Druker Auditorium:** Ever wondered why it's a good idea to learn computer science early? Instructors from KByte, a local startup founded by several Cornell University Computer Science grads who teach tweens and teens computer programming, will come to discuss what opportunities are available for middle and high school students as they learn computer science and how they can prepare for college education. A Q&A will follow. Tweens, teens and adults welcome.

**Trivia Nite @ the Library, Wednesday, February 22, 6:30 pm, Druker Auditorium:** Are you a genius at Jeopardy!? A consumer of crossword puzzles? Come join the fun and test your mastery of useful (and useless) information! Players will be challenged with 4 rounds of questions from a variety of categories. Stretch your brain and win great prizes! Come alone or with friends. Teams can be up to 6 people and we can match you with fellow devotees. Refreshments will be provided. Teens and adults welcome.



Bonnie-Sue Hitchcock. Grades 9-12 and their adult.

### Contact Liz!



Contact Teen Librarian, Liz Rowland, at [teens@newtonfreelibrary.net](mailto:teens@newtonfreelibrary.net) with questions about how Teens or Tweens can get involved at the library.



**TWIG, Tuesday, February 7, 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.



**Anti-Valentine's Day, Thursday, February 9, 4:00 pm, second floor Teen Area:** Love stinks! Un-celebrate Valentine's Day with

cranky projects and snarky snacks. Grades 5-7.

**Tween Crafternoons, Tuesday, February 14, 3:30 pm, second floor Teen Area:** We meet on the second Tuesday of every month to make crafts and eat snacks. This month: cookie decorating! Grades 5-7.

**3D Printing, Tuesday, February 21, 3:00 pm, second floor Computer Center:** Learn how 3D printing works by designing your own three-dimensional creation! Grades 5-7. Register online.



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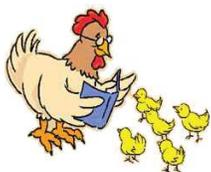
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# Children's Programs

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, February 6, 13 and 27, 10:00 am and 11:00 am
- Tuesdays, February 7 and 14, 10:00 am and 11:00 am
- Tuesday, February 28, 10:00 am
- Wednesdays, February 1 and 15, 10:00 am and 11:00 am
- Wednesday, February 8, 10:00 am
- Thursday, February 9, 10:00 am and 11:00 am

## Songs and Stories for All Ages

- Saturdays, February 4 and 11, 10:30 am and 11:30 am
- Saturday, February 18, 11:30 am

## iStorytime

- Thursdays, February 2 and 16, 10:30 am

**Alphabet Soup (Under 2):** Fridays, February 3, 10 and 17, 10:00 am

## 3-5s Activities

**Storytime Surprise, Thursday, February 2, 4:00 pm:** This week's theme is groundhogs. Space is limited. Tickets will be available ½ hour before the program.

**Puppet Pals, Wednesday, February 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. Ages 3-5. Space is limited. Tickets will be available ½ hour before the program.

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**Chinese Bilingual Storytime, Thursday, February 9, 4:00 pm:** A special bilingual storytime with stories, songs and movement in English and Chinese. Ages 3-5. Space is limited. Tickets will be available ½ hour before the program.

**Storytime Surprise, Thursday, February 16, 4:00 pm:** This week's theme is winter bingo. Space is limited. Tickets will be available ½ hour before the program.

## Programs and Classes



**Book Bunch, Wednesdays, February 1 and 8, 6:30 pm:** Join our book club for beginning readers (grades 1-2) and their grownup! Read the selected book in advance and then join us for fun book related activities and discussion. We meet on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. Online registration (required) begins Wednesday, January 18. When you register, you register for all 5 sessions (2/1, 3/1, 4/5, 5/3 and 6/7; or 2/8, 3/8, 4/12, 5/10 and 6/7). You may register for Book Bunch 1 OR Book Bunch 2. The book for February 1 and 8 is *A Horn For Louis* by Eric A. Kimmel.

**Picture Books on Film, Fridays, February 3, 10, 17 and 24, 11:00 am, Druker Auditorium.**



**Read to a Dog at the Library, Saturday, February 4, 3:00 pm; Saturday, February 11, 3:45 pm; and Tuesday, February 21, 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, January 28.

**'Little Ones' Story/Craft Time, Mondays, February 6 and 27, 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.



**Chessmates, Mondays, February 6 and 27, 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.

**Sophisticated Stories, Monday, February 6, 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!



**Dance and Movement Class, Wednesday, February 8, 11:00 am, Druker Auditorium:** The Joanne Langione Dance Center presents a music and movement class for toddlers and preschoolers.

**Drop In Valentine Crafts, Monday, February 13, 1:30 pm, Druker Auditorium:** Come to the library for some fun Valentine crafts. Ages 2-5. No registration required.

**Adventures in Reading, Wednesday, February 15, 6:30 pm:** Let's take a look at books! For children in kindergarten with a care giver. Adults and children read the book in advance and then join Sandy for book exploration and fun related activities. Online registration (required) begins Wednesday, February 1. When you register, you register for all 5 sessions (2/15, 3/15, 4/26, 5/17 and 6/14).

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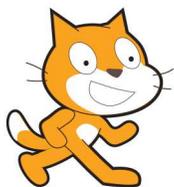
**Family Game Day, Friday, February 17, 3:00 pm:** Drop in for family games and activities! This is an opportunity to spend quality time with your child(ren) and with other patrons. Games, building materials and other activities for all ages will be available.



**Family Yoga Class, Saturday, February 18, 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.

**Alex the Jester, Thursday, February 23, 3:00 pm, Druker Auditorium:** Laugh 'til you cry with Alexander, King of Jesters. He's dazzled audiences on *Showtime*, *America's Got Talent* and Off-Broadway in NY. This medieval fool's wild sight gags, amazing stunts and playful spirit will take you to another world. For Ages 5+.



**Scratch Club, Thursday, February 23, 7:00 pm, second floor Computer Center:** Please 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 Thursday, February 2.

**Matt Heaton Family Singalong, Tuesday, February 28, 11:00 am, Druker Auditorium:** Peppered with well-known classics and a few soon-to-be classics, and performed with panache on guitar and banjo, Matt makes music for parents and kids alike. Appropriate for all ages.

## Movies



***The Little Mermaid*, Saturday, February 4, 2:00 pm:** The title character is a precocious teenager named Ariel, the daughter of Triton, King of the Sea. Rated G. Runtime 83 minutes.

***The Accountant*, Monday, February 6, 6:30 pm:** Christian Wolff (Ben Affleck) is a mathematical genius who works as a financial consultant for criminal organizations eager to hide their dirty money. Rated R. Runtime 128 min. Enjoy light refreshments courtesy of the library.

***The Light Between Oceans*, Saturday, February 11, 2:00 pm:** An Australian World War I veteran (Michael Fassbender) takes a job as a lighthouse keeper on an isolated island. PG-13. Runtime 132 minutes. Enjoy light refreshments courtesy of the library.

***The Jungle Book*, Saturday February 18, 2:00 pm:** The final animated feature produced under the supervision of Walt Disney is a lively neo-swing musical, loosely based on the tales of Rudyard Kipling. Rated G. Runtime 78 minutes.

***The Queen of Katwe*, Saturday February 25, 2:00 pm:** This biopic of Ugandan chess prodigy Phiona Mutesi (Madina Nalwanga) traces her journey from the Kampala slum of Katwe, where she is forced to abandon her formal schooling at the age of nine, to the upper echelons of the chess world after she develops an interest in the game at a youth-outreach program run by Robert Katende (David Oyelowo). Rated PG. Runtime 124 minutes. Enjoy light refreshments courtesy of the library.



## News

**Let's Talk! 8 Tuesday sessions begin January 17, 12:30 pm or 7:00 pm (no class on February 14), third floor Rear Arc:** Free conversation groups for all levels of adult English Language Learners. No registration is necessary. Come when you can!

**Coffee, Tea and English Too! Monday mornings: January 23, February 27, March 27, 10:00-11:30 am, Druker Auditorium:**

- A free informal social gathering for adult English Language Learners
- Interact and make friends
- Speak English in a relaxed setting
- No registration is needed
- Refreshments courtesy of Whole Foods

For info contact Susan Bécam, Program Coordinator at [NewtonELL@minlib.net](mailto:NewtonELL@minlib.net).

## Save the Date! Spring Fling is April 8

Join Hosts Tom Ashbrook and Hank Phillippi Ryan as we honor authors Elizabeth Berg and Wally Lamb. Elizabeth Berg, best known for her novels *Durable Goods* and *Range of Motion*, has written 15 other novels as well as a number of non-fiction works. Wally Lamb is a four-time *New York Times* best-selling author and is best known for *I Know This Much is True* and *She's Come Undone*.

We fully expect our annual gala to sell out. Individual sponsorships are available for \$200, \$350, \$500, \$1,000, \$2,500 and \$5,000. Ticket prices are \$150 per person. We also offer a corporate sponsorship program. For more information please visit [newtonfreelibrary.net](http://newtonfreelibrary.net) or contact Ellen Eckenrode in Development at 617-796-1407 or [development@newtonfreelibrary.net](mailto:development@newtonfreelibrary.net).

## 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.

### **Tech Time, Thursdays, February 2, 9, 16 & 23, 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. Register online.

**Game Night for Adults, Thursday, February 2 & Monday, February 27, 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.

### **Introduction to Computers Part 1, Monday, February 6, 10:00-11:30 am, second floor Computer Center:**

Learn the basics of computer use in a hands-on, structured environment. We will go over what computers are and how they can be useful to you including special terminology to help you get to know your technology. We will also cover how to interact with computers using the mouse and keyboard. Register online.

### **Mango Languages: Choose Your Own Adventure, Monday, February 6, 3:00-4:00 pm, second floor Computer Center:**

Whether you're taking an international vacation or getting to know your neighbor, *Mango Languages* provides a great interactive way to master a new language. In this class we'll show you how to use this library web tool to follow foreign language lessons plans, watch foreign movies, test your accent with voice recognition and much more! Register online.

### **Starting Your Genealogy Research Online with Census and Vital Records, Monday, February 6, 7:00-8:30 pm, second floor Computer Center:**

When researching your family online, documents you'll usually encounter include U.S. census records (generated by the federal government) and birth, marriage and death records (generated locally). Resident genealogist, Ginny Audet, will discuss these documents and give tips relating to online genealogical research in general. Register online.

### **Device Advice for iPhone, Tuesday, February 7, 2:00-4:00 pm and Wednesday, February 15, 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. Register online.

### **Device Advice for Android, Wednesday, February 8, 10:00 am-12:00 pm and Tuesday, February 14, 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. Register online.

### **Adult Coloring, Thursday, February 9, 6:30-8:30 pm, third floor Language Center desk area:**

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.

**Introduction to Computers Part 2: File Management Basics, Monday, February 13, 10:00-11:30 am, second floor Computer Center:** The second installment of the Computer (contd. right)

Basics series covers basic navigation. You will learn how to create and organize your files and folders on a personal computer. We will also talk about computer programs. Register online.

### **Best Apps: Fitness/Health, Tuesday, February 14, 3:00-4:00 pm, second floor Computer Center:**

We'll be talking about health and fitness apps you can add to your smart phone or tablet such as MyFitnessPal, Couch to 5k and more. Register online.

### **Monthly Make: Gal-entines Day, Tuesday, February 14, 7:00-8:30 pm, third floor Language Center desk area:**

Who needs a date for Valentine's Day? We'll be doing crafts including something to make your baths more luxurious. No registration required.

### **Introduction to Word, Thursday, February 16, 9:30 am-1:00 pm, second floor Computer Center:**

An overview of basic word processing including entering, editing and formatting text, etc. **PREREQUISITE:** Basic computer and MS Windows experience, good mouse skills (clicking, double-clicking, right-clicking and selecting text), familiarity with the keyboard, scrollbars, opening and closing documents and applications. Offered by Employment & Training Resources (ETR), a MA One-Stop Career Center. To register (required) call ETR: 508-766- 5700.

### **Social Media for Business, Thursday, February 16, 7:00-8:30 pm, second floor Computer Center:**

Branch out in this hour-long session and learn how different social media platforms can help you reach new customers. We will cover Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and more. Register online.

### **Monthly Make: Cupcake Decorating, Tuesday, February 21, 7:00-8:30 pm, third floor Language Center desk area:**

Have you ever wanted to learn cake decorating but didn't want to invest in all the equipment? Here's your chance to practice on cupcakes! Join one of our librarians as they show off their cake decorating hobby by teaching you some skills. You'll get a sweet treat along with it. No registration required.

**Best Apps: Calendar/Task Management, Wednesday, February 22, 3:00-4:00 pm, second floor Computer Center:** Don't let your resolutions slip! Stay on top of your To Dos with the help of these free apps! We will be taking a quick look at Wunderlist, Calendar5, Awesome Calendar, Planner Pro, TeuxDeux and Todoist. Register online.

**Introduction to Computers Part 3: Internet and Browsing, Monday, February 27, 10:00-11:30 am, second floor Computer Center:** After reinforcing terminology from the previous weeks, we will learn about the Internet including how computers use it, with a particular focus on web browsing and how it can be helpful to you. Register online.

**Lynda.com: Monday, February 27, 3:00-4:00 pm, second floor Computer Center:** Lynda.com is an online learning site that hosts a constantly growing library of over 3,000 courses that include over 130,000 videos. Courses cover a variety of topics and software that can help you pursue personal and professional goals. Come find out how you can start learning today! Register online.

**Introduction to Computers Part 4: Email, Tuesday, February 28, 10:00-11:30 pm, second floor Computer Center:** Keep in touch with family and friends through the Internet. 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 with you. You can also stay in touch with people using online social networks. We will talk briefly about what they are and which ones you can choose from. Register online.

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

## 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](http://boston.score.org) or call 617-565-5591.

## Applying for Federal Jobs



**Thursday, February 9, 9:30 am-1:00 pm:** The Federal Government is the largest employer in the U.S. Job seekers may find that applying for a federal job can be a daunting task. This workshop will teach you the basics of the USAJobs.gov website, including their résumé builder, and provide many tricks and tips to landing the federal job you are looking for.

Workshop facilitator Darren Bradshaw is a Veterans Employment Representative at 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.

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## Financial Statements for Small Businesses



**Wednesday, February 15, 10:00 am-12:00 pm:** A surprising number of business

owners are missing critical skills for understanding the financial aspects of their business. Join us for this down-to-earth workshop that explains what you need to know about planning, profits and cash flow. The program will be facilitated by John Kogan, SCORE Mentor. Cosponsored by SCORE Boston. Register (required) at: [boston.score.org](http://boston.score.org) or call 617-565-5591.

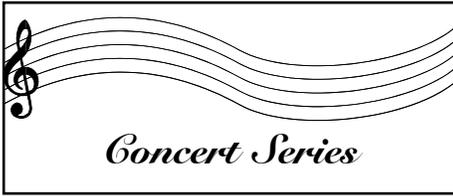
## Three Keys to Unlocking Personal and Professional Transformation



**Tuesday, February 21, 7:00 pm:** Join us for a panel discussion with three of the authors who contributed to *Coaching for Powerful Change*. They will share valuable

exercises to help you navigate your professional transition, recognize your significant professional accomplishments, connect with your purpose and learn how to promote your value in negotiations. A book sale and signing will follow. Program facilitator, Tammy Gooler Loeb, will moderate. The panelists will be:

- Deb Elbaum, MD, CPCC, ACC, a coach, author and speaker who helps men and women in career transition create change with confidence.
- Heidi Werther, CPCC, a certified professional coach, mediator, consultant and HR professional who helps empower clients in transition to embrace positive change.
- Mamak Charepoo, an inspirational speaker, presenter and workshop leader. She is the CEO and Founder of Charepoo Coaching and Consulting.



## Concert for Flute and Piano



**Sunday, February 5, 2:00 pm:**  
James Winn, flute, and

David Kopp, piano, will return for an afternoon concert. The program will include music by J. S. Bach, C. P. E. Bach, Franz Schubert, Ralph Vaughan Williams and Aaron Copland.

## Irish, Scottish and English Folk Music



**Sunday, February 12, 2:00 pm:**  
Colleen White (vocals, flute, tin whistle) and Sean

Smith (vocals, guitar, bouzouki, bodhran) will perform vocal and instrumental music from the Irish, Scottish and English folk traditions. As a duo they incorporate modern influences into their arrangements of songs and tunes that have been handed down through many generations, enhancing this old/new dynamic by including works from contemporary folk music songwriters such as Kate Rusby, Karine Polwart and Steve Tilston, among others.

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

## Languages of Love



**Sunday, February 19, 2:00 pm:**  
Join David Won, tenor, and Timothy Steele, piano, for a delightful

afternoon concert. The performance will include works such as *Pieta Signore* by A. Stradella, the world premiere of *Alma, I Want You to Be Mine* from *Alma* by Lina Tonia, *E lucevan le stelle* from *Tosca* by Giacomo Puccini and more.

## Paul Speidel Jazz Duo



By: Eric Antoniou

**Sunday, February 26, 2:00 pm:** Join jazz/blues guitarist Paul

Speidel and his bass player when they bring their interpretations of the traditional styles to the stage in the duo format. Jazz and blues are simultaneously old and new styles of music. Every time a new generation discovers the language, styles, musical forms and rhythms of old, they add their voice to the chorus of those that preceded them.

## Call for Artists



The library is seeking proposals of two-dimensional, original work by local artists for January-June 2018 shows. Exhibiting policy at [newtonfreelibrary.net](http://newtonfreelibrary.net)

under the Events tab. Deadline: **Friday, July 14, 2017 at 12 noon.** Questions? Contact Ellen at [emeyers@minlib.net](mailto:emeyers@minlib.net) or call 617-796-1410.

## Learn Meditation and Yoga



**Thursdays, February 2 & 16, 7:00 pm, third floor Rear Arc:**  
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. Patrons age 14 and older are welcome. Come on a light stomach and bring a water bottle.

## 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 are now interviewing relatives of veterans and immigrants 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.

Sign up for weekly library event reminders on our website at [www.newtonfreelibrary.net](http://www.newtonfreelibrary.net) on the Events page.

## Clubs and Groups

**African Literature Discussion Group, Wednesday, February 15, 7:30 pm, Room A:** They will discuss *The Translator*, a novel by Leila Aboulela, from Sudan. In March they will discuss *The Return*, a memoir by Hisham Matar of Libya. The group explores the rich variety of writings from Africa. Info contact: Anne Serafin at 617-527-1072.

**Children's Book Writers Groups, Monday, February 27, 7:00 pm, Room A and Wednesday, February 22, 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, February 1, 7:30 pm, Room A:** They will discuss *Tales of Burning Love* by Louise Erdrich. In March they will discuss *After the Parade* by Lori Ostlund. Info contact: Marjorie Berman 617-965-8646.

**Disability Awareness Book Club, Monday, February 6, 7:00 pm, Room A:** They will discuss *If At Birth You Don't Succeed* by Zach Anner. In March they will discuss *Carry On: A Story of Resilience, Redemption and An Unlikely Family* by Lisa Fenn. Info contact: Jenni Acosta, Program Director at Understanding Our Differences, at jacosta@understandingourdifferences.org.

**Fiction Writing Group, Tuesday, February 7, 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, February 24, 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, February 8, 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, February 14, 7:15 pm, Room A:** They will discuss *Thus Spoke Zarathustra*\*\* by Nietzsche. In March they will discuss *Absalom, Absalom!* by Faulkner. \*\*Reading is from *Great Books Foundation publication, Fifth Series, Volume 2*. Info contact: Abra Rosenzweig at 617-964-4064.

**Hooked on Books, Thursday, February 23, 7:00 pm, third floor Rear Arc:** They will discuss *Never Let Me Go* by Kazuo Ishiguro. Info contact: bookclub@newtonfreelibrary.net.

**Memoir Writing Group, Monday, February 13, 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, February 9, 10:00 am, third floor Rear Arc:** They will discuss *China Trade* by S.J. Rozan. In March they will discuss *Original Sin* by P.D. James. The group discusses books with a mystery theme. Info contact Kathleen Hennrikus at khennrikus@minlib.net.

**Playwrights Group, Tuesday, February 21, 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, February 15, 6:30 pm, Trustees' Room:** They will be discussing *Terminal Man* by Michael Crichton and watching the movie adaptation. 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, February 8, 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, February 13, 7:30 pm, Trustees' Room:** Registration is required for newcomers. They will discuss Maile Maloy's *Madame Lazarus* from *Best Short Stories of 2015* and Willa Cather's *Double Birthday* from *Best Short Stories of the Century*. 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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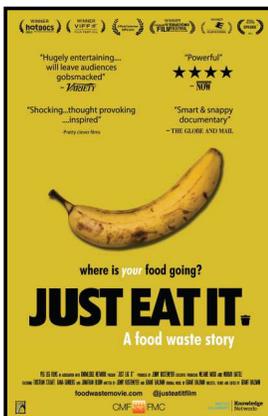
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## Greening Our Community Series



**Monday, February, 27, 7:00 pm:** Join us for a screening of *Just Eat It*, a documentary about food waste and food rescue. The film features interviews with TED lecturer, author and activist Tristram Stuart and acclaimed author Jonathan Bloom. The movie looks at our systemic obsession with expiry dates, perfect produce and portion sizes, and reveals the core of this seemingly insignificant issue that is having devastating consequences around the globe. *Just Eat It* brings farmers, retailers, inspiring organizations and consumers to the table in a cinematic story that is equal parts education and delicious entertainment.

The film will be followed by discussion with Laurie "Duck" Caldwell, Executive Director, Boston Area Gleaners, harvesting for the hungry since 2004. They distribute high quality, local produce to food pantries and meal programs by working closely with farmers, providing volunteer labor to harvest what would otherwise be plowed under.

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