



# NEWSLETTER

## Newton History Series, *Daughters of the Shtetl*



**Thursday,  
February  
22, 7:00  
pm:** Between 1882 and 1924 over one million Jewish women emigrated

from Eastern Europe to America. With them they brought the rigid role of women inherent in shtetl life; their lives had been confined to the kitchen, marriage and motherhood. Historian Herb Belkin will talk about the clash that arose between the patriarchal culture of Europe and the new freedoms that America offered Jewish girls and women. His lecture will describe how they adapted to life in America and went on to become leaders in the labor, suffragette and feminist movements, while preserving the traditions of Jewish life.

Herb Belkin has taught courses on modern Jewish history at Brandeis, Tufts and the Explorers at Salem State. He writes a column for the *Jewish Advocate* and for his blog, *Zionist Dialogue*.

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



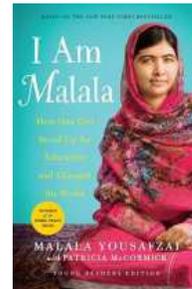
Construction begins this month at the back of the library's first floor to create two exciting new spaces.

A greatly expanded Teen Space will be created using most of the area beyond the new public computer center. It will have a great mix of study seating, booth and other relaxed seating, a program/activity space and a distinct area devoted specifically to Tweens and Tween-focused collections. The Tween focused area is an innovative feature in libraries because most do not have the scale to make it work, but our Youth Services staff have been working over the past year in defining the focus for the area and the appropriate titles for inclusion in the Tween collection.

Many libraries have had great community reaction to creating a Makerspace. Newton's library Makerspace will provide the opportunity for people to interact with creative technologies, from high tech 3D printers to traditional low tech like sewing machines. Our Maker Team is working on the equipment list now. The Makerspace will be deployed next to a new computer instruction classroom.

This project was made possible by a pair of \$50,000 donations. A Newton family donated towards the Teen Space and a Newton Family Foundation towards the Makerspace. Library Trustees added a small amount of their funds to complete the construction costs, and plan to focus all of their 2018 Spring Fling proceeds towards furnishing the Teen Space.

## One Book, One Program Reads *I Am Malala*



All library patrons are invited to join our adult English Language Learners in reading *I Am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education*. Our goal is to build

community spirit through a shared reading experience. Mark your calendars for these related events:

- *Girls' Education: A Silver Bullet for Development* with Joan Dassin of Brandeis University Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Wednesday, February 7, 7:00 pm (info p. 10)
- *Interfaith Panel Discussion Examines the Three Abrahamic Faiths*, Wednesday, March 14, 7:00 pm
- Hooked on Books Group Discusses *I Am Malala*, Thursday, March 29, 7:00 pm
- *He Named Me Malala*, Screenings and Discussions, Monday, April 2, 9:30 am and 6:30 pm

- We will be closed on Monday, February 19 for Presidents' Day
- Blood Drives will be held February 14 & 28



## Art Exhibits: february 1-27

Gallery: *Emergent Worlds: Elemental Explorations in Non-Local Consciousness* by Steve Wage

Reception: Thursday, February 1, 7:00 pm

By: S. Wage



The pieces in this show represent Steve Wage's evolving work as an artist practicing metaphysics 'with a lab' and exploring space-time and consciousness. He uses multilayer glazing and interference media to emphasize light and color and to achieve unusual luminosity that varies with light source, angle of refraction and intensity.

Main Hall: *Portrait of Birds* by Xiaobo Sheng

By: X. Sheng



A life-long lover of nature, Xiaobo Sheng's fascination with birds inspired him to spend some time capturing their beauty and diversity in photographs. Most of the images in this show were taken in local parks, wildlife sanctuaries or the artist's neighborhood. In working on this series Mr. Sheng found that there is another world of beauty out there, in the trees, on the ground and sometimes even on your hand.

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.

## February Display Cases

On view February 2-27

**Atrium Case 1:** Meet notable early 20<sup>th</sup> century women from Newton's Jewish community in Nonantum and beyond in Historic Newton's *Daughters of the Shtetl* exhibit.

**Atrium Case 2:** The library's ELL & Literacy program will be highlighting its One Program, One Book project and reading *I Am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World*. Info: 617-796-1360 or email [NewtonELL@minlib.net](mailto:NewtonELL@minlib.net).

**Three Main Hall Cases:** Learn about the Lunar New Year (also known as Spring Festival) in a display cosponsored by the Chinese American Association of Newton. Contact them at [caan-ma.org/](http://caan-ma.org/) questions.

## Third Floor Language and Literacy Center Display:

Learn about Antarctica from a display of books, CDs and DVDs!

## Help with 2017

### Income Tax Returns

**Saturdays, February 10-April 14, 9:30 am-1:00 pm, third floor Rear Arc:** The AARP® Tax-Aide™ Foundation will have trained volunteers on hand to assist with regular, non-business 2017 tax returns. Register on arrival, first come-first served.

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.) General assistance, such as answering questions, will be provided to anyone regardless of income level.

The new 2017 tax returns will be eFiled for free.

Please bring your social security card, a photo ID, a copy of last year's (2016) federal and state tax returns plus all relevant 2017 tax documents you received such as W-2 wage statement, 1099 interest statement, health insurance coverage etc. Education credits require a 1098-T and school account indicating payments made for the student.

## Teen & Tween Programs

**Anime/Manga Club, Wednesday, February 7, 4:00 pm, second floor Computer Center:** Activities range from anime screenings to discussion of our favorite series, manga share and more! Japanese snacks will be served. Grades 6-12.

**Python Workshop, Saturday, February 10, 1:00 pm, second floor Computer Center:** Novice/ beginner and seasoned open source contributors, join us for a workshop that will challenge you to think about a problem using computers with introductory and specific skill presentations, as well as guided work time. For teens in grades 7-12. Online registration (required) begins Saturday, January 20.

**Tween Crafternoon, Tuesday, February 13, 3:30 pm, second floor Teen Area:** We meet on the second Tuesday of every month to make crafts and eat snacks. This month: miniature food! Grades 5-7.

**Copper Bookmark Workshop, Wednesday, February 21, 2:00 pm, Druker Auditorium:** Learn about copper and how to create your vision on its surface with various textures and shapes, blackening with antiquing patina and more. For tweens and teens, grades 5-12. Online registration (required) begins Wednesday, January 31.

**Trivia Nite @ the Library, Wednesday, February 21, 6:30 pm, Druker Auditorium:** Join the fun! Library staff will challenge players with questions. Come alone or with friends. Refreshments will be provided. Teens and families welcome.

**Typewriter Poetry, Monday, February 26, 7:00 pm, first floor Gallery:** Get creative with the monthly Typewriter Poetry group. We'll use old-school typewriters and write poems for library patrons on the spot! Grades 7-12.

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The door to your imagination

**Books & Brownies, Tuesday, February 27, 7:00 pm, second floor Teen Area:** This month we'll be discussing *The Beast Is an Animal* by Peternelle Van Arsdale. Grades 9-12 and their adults are welcome!

### Got Questions About Teens or Tweens?

Contact Amanda Bressler, at [abressler@minlib.net](mailto:abressler@minlib.net) with questions about how Teens or Tweens can get involved at the library.

### Movies



**The LEGO Ninjago Movie, Saturday, February 3, 2:00 pm:** Rated PG. Runtime 90 minutes.

**Marshall, Monday, February 5, 6:30 pm:** Rated PG-13. Runtime 111 minutes.

**All Saints, Saturday, February 10, 2:00 pm:** Rated PG. Runtime 108 minutes.

**Breathe, Saturday, February 17, 2:00 pm:** Rated PG-13. Runtime 117 minutes.

**My Little Pony: The Movie, Saturday, February 24, 2:00 pm:** Rated PG. Runtime 99 minutes.

### Learn to Practice Meditation and Yoga



**Thursdays, February 1 & 15, 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.

**(Tax Help contd.)** Please note volunteers cannot prepare any returns:

- That involve Schedule E – income from rental housing
- For people with foreign income or assets or foreign bank accounts
- For non-resident aliens or people here on J or F visas (this can include nannies or child care workers)



**Our annual Spring Fling Gala will be held on the evening of April 7.** Join us as we honor authors Claire Messud (author of seven novels including *The Burning Girl* and *The Emperor's Children*) and *Boston Globe* film critic, Ty Burr.

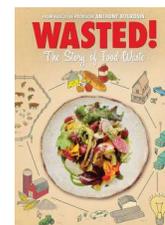
The fundraising focus of the evening is to give Newton's teens a unique state-of-the-art place to hang out in by furnishing their new Teen/Tween space with:

- Study and activity tables
- A variety of Teen & Tween appropriate seating
- Mobile shelving

We fully expect our Annual Gala to sell out. Individual sponsorships are available for \$200, \$350, \$500, \$1,000, \$2,500 or \$5,000. Ticket prices are \$150 per person. We also offer a Corporate Sponsorship program.

For more information about Spring Fling visit [newtonfreelibrary.net](http://newtonfreelibrary.net). Or, contact Ellen Eckenrode in the Development Office at 617-796-1407 or [development@newtonfreelibrary.net](mailto:development@newtonfreelibrary.net).

### Screening of *Wasted!* *The Story of Food Waste*

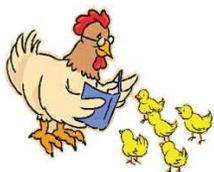


**Monday, February 26, 7:00 pm:** This documentary film explores the reasons why 1.3 billion tons of food is thrown away annually and ways to fix the problem.

Audiences will see how the world's most influential chefs make the most of every kind of food, transforming what most people consider scraps and rejects into delicious meals that feed more people and create a more sustainable food system. Time permitting, an audience discussion, led by a member of the Green Newton Board, will follow. This program is cosponsored by Green Newton. Runtime 90 minutes.

# 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):

- Saturdays, February 3, 10 and 17, 10:30 am and 11:30 am
- Mondays, February 5, 12 and 26, 10:00 am and 11:00 am

## Alphabet Soup (under 2):

Wednesdays, February 7, 14 and 28, 10:00 am and 11:00 am

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

Thursdays, February 1, 8 and 15, 10:00 am

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

Fridays, February 2, 9 and 16, 10:00 am

## 3-5s Activities

### Storytime Surprise, Thursday,

**February 1, 4:00 pm:** The theme is Friendship. Space is limited. Tickets will be available 15 minutes before the program.

### Chinese Bilingual Drop-in

**Storytime, Thursday, February 8, 4:00 pm:** A special bilingual storytime with stories, songs and movement in English and Chinese. Space is limited. Tickets will be available 15 minutes before the program.

### Storytime Surprise, Thursday,

**February 15, 4:00 pm:** The theme is Tales from Africa! Space is limited. Tickets will be available 15 minutes before the program.

## Programs and Classes:

### Scratch Club, Thursday, February 1, 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.

### Chessmates, Mondays, February 5 and 26, 6:30 pm, third floor Rear Arc:

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 Party, Tuesday, February 6, 10:00 am, Druker Auditorium:

Move and groove to the music! Kids and caregivers dance together. All ages.

### Book Bunch, Wednesdays,

**February 7 or 14, 6:30 pm:** Join our book club for beginning readers (Grades 1-2) and their grownups! Read the selected book in advance and then join us for fun book related activities and discussion. **Book Bunch 1** meets on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm on 2/7, 3/7, 4/4, 5/2 and 6/6. **Book Bunch 2** meets on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm on 2/14, 3/14, 4/11, 5/9 and 6/6. Online registration (required) is for February through June. Please register for either Book Bunch 1 OR Book Bunch 2. The book for February is *Skunked: Calpurnia Tate, Girl Vet* by Jacqueline Kelly.

### Read to a Dog at the Library, Saturday, February 10, 3:00 pm; Wednesday, February 14, 4:00 pm and Saturday, February 17, 2:00 pm:

Our canine friends Phoebe, Milani and Poppy will visit to listen to children in grades K-5 read. Appointments are for 15 minutes. Appointment times will be sent via email once you have registered. Space is limited. Online registration required.

### Sophisticated Stories, Monday,

**February 12, 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!

### Dance and Movement Class, Tuesday, February 13, 10:00 am,

**Druker Auditorium:** The Joanne Langione Dance Center presents a music and movement class for toddlers and preschoolers.

### Drop in Valentine Crafts, Tuesday, February 13, 1:30 pm, Druker Auditorium:

Come to the library for some fun Valentine crafts. Ages 2-5.

### Family Game Day, Friday, February 16, 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.

### Ed Popielarczyk's Magical Moments, Tuesday, February 20,

**2:00 pm, Druker Auditorium:** Join the fun with audience participation in this magic/comedy show where YOU are the star because you help to make the magic happen! Everyone who comes on "stage" to be a helper will receive a souvenir! Ages 3 and up.

### Winter Songfest, Wednesday, February 21, 10:00 am, Druker Auditorium:

Sing and act out songs about making snowmen, twirling around like snowflakes, sledging down hills, drinking hot chocolate and more. Clap, dance and enjoy winter-related hand play and finger play games with Jeannie! For kids through age 5.

### Adventures In Reading, Wednesday, February 21, 6:30 pm:

Children in kindergarten and their adults read the book in advance, and then join Sandy for book exploration and fun related activities. Online registration (required) begins Wednesday, January 31. When you register, you register for all 5 sessions (2/21, 3/21, 4/18, 5/16 and 6/6). The book for February is *Bird, Balloon, Bear* by Il Sung Na.

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**(Children's contd.) Baby Signing, Thursday, February 22, 10:00 am, Druker Auditorium:** Learn how to reduce frustration and give your baby/toddler the ability to communicate before he/she can speak with Baby Kneads. For birth through pre-verbal toddlers and their adults. Space is limited. Tickets will be available 15 minutes before the program.

**LEGO Club, Friday, February 23, 10:00 am, Druker Auditorium:** Come for unstructured building time. For kids who are old enough to know that Legos should not be put in their mouths.

**Matt Heaton Family Singalong, Tuesday, February 27, 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.

### Job Seeker Series: *Creating a Stand-Out Résumé*



**Thursday, February 8, 7:00 pm:** How can you ensure that your experience and skills will stand out from all the rest in today's competitive, online job market? This

session will cover current résumé best practices, including tips about what information to include, what to leave off, as well as formatting and content guidelines to give your experience more impact. Bring your résumé for the Q and A that will follow the presentation.

Presenter Elizabeth Gross is a former marketing executive at Monster.com and owner of Job Search Divas. She is passionate about helping people succeed in searching for new jobs. This program is part of the ongoing Job Seekers, Career and Professional Development series facilitated by Executive and Career Coach, Tammy Gooler Loeb.

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

### SCORE Workshop: *What Should Your Website Strategy Be?*

**Wednesday, February 7, 10:00 am:** Join independent digital marketing strategy consultant, Carol Scalzo, for a program for new or established business owners. Learn how to prioritize design efforts and how to measure the success of your website including:

- Lead generation
- eCommerce
- Branding
- Converting leads to sales and more

Register (required) at: [boston.score.org](http://boston.score.org) or call 617-565-5591.

### News From the Friends



Support the Friends of the library when you eat at O'Hara's in Newton Highlands and/or Paddy's in W. Newton on Wednesday, February 7. Both restaurants will generously donate 20% of the day's proceeds to the Friends. You must present a coupon to your server. Hard copy coupons will be available at library self-check stations and on the library's website for use with mobile phones.

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



**NEW! K2K-Kids Reading to Kids: Saturday, February 3, 9:30 am, third floor Rear Arc:** Bring your ELL children ages 4 to 7 to a fun storytime! Fourth and fifth grade kids will read to your children one-to-one. We ask that parents/caregivers stay to help out.

**Coffee, Tea and English Too! Monday, February 12, 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

**Let's Talk! Tuesdays, February 6-27, 12:30-2:00 pm & 7:00-8:30 pm, third floor Rear Arc:** Free conversation groups for all levels of adult English Language Learners. No registration is necessary. Come when you can!

### Behind the Scenes Tours of the Library



**Friday, February 23, 11:00 am, Saturday, February 24, 11:00 am and Wednesday, February 28, 7:00 pm, meets inside the parking lot entrance:** Have you ever wondered what goes on behind the scenes at the library? We will be offering tours three times a 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

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Tours last approximately one hour. Come when you can!



## Weston Wind Quintet



**Sunday, February 4, 2:00 pm:** Guest pianist Sandy Lin will join the Weston Wind Quintet for a special performance of works by Adolphe Deslandres, Pavel Haas and Ludwig Thuille.

Haas and Ludwig Thuille.

## Rasa Vitkauskaitė on Piano



**Sunday, February 11, 2:00 pm:** Patrons will be treated to a delightful afternoon of solo piano music at a concert featuring the seldom played *Piano Sonata*

*in E-flat Minor, Op. 26* by Samuel Barber, as well as works by Bach and Ravel.

## Chinese Dulcimer Guzheng Youth Band



**Sunday, February 18, 2:00 pm:** Join us for a special concert in

celebration of Chinese Lunar New Year 2018, the Year of the Dog. Students from the Boston Art School for Chinese Music will perform. The players will be:

- Cathleen Chen, dulcimer
- Kate Hui, dulcimer
- David Ma, guzheng
- Tiffany Wang, dulcimer
- Erica Wong, guzheng
- Dora Xiang, dulcimer

## Paul Speidel



**Sunday, February 25, 2:00 pm:** Join jazz/blues guitarist Paul

Speidel and his guest bass player when they bring their interpretations of the traditional styles to the stage in the duo format.



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

**Tech Time, Thursdays, February 1, 15 & 22, 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, February 1 & Monday, February 12, 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 iPhone/iPad, Tuesdays, February 6 & 20, 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.

**Books and Periodicals: Keys to Genealogical Research, Monday, February 12, 7:00-8:30 pm, Special Collections:** Come to Ginny Audet's class to find out how to figure out what resources to use in your genealogical research and where they are located. Register online.

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**Device Advice for Android, Tuesday, February 13 & 27, 2:00-3:00 pm, Study Room 2E:** Bring your Android tablet or smartphone. Patrons are welcome to sign up for one session every other week. Register online.

**eBook Help, Tuesdays, February 13 & 27, 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.

**Monthly Make: "Gal"entine's Day, Tuesday, February 13, 7:00-8:30 pm, third floor Language Center desk area:** We'll be making bath bombs and lip scrubs all while celebrating our Gal Pals. Ages 18+. No registration required.

**Cut the Cord, Wednesday, February 28, 6:30-8:30 pm, second floor Computer Center:** Learn about alternatives to cable TV like Netflix or Hulu. See demonstrations of the various ways to stream alternatives to TV and decide if you want to "cut the cord". Register online.

## Armenian Books!



We are pleased to announce the addition of Armenian language books to our collection. Look for them on the third floor.

## 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.

## Clubs and Groups

**African Literature Discussion Group, Wednesday, February 21, 7:30 pm, Room A:** They will discuss *Dance of the Jakaranda*, a novel by Peter Kimani of Kenya. In March they will discuss *The Kindness of Enemies*, a novel by Leila Aboulela of Sudan. Info contact: Anne Serafin at 617-527-1072.

**Children's Book Writers Group, Monday, February 26, 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, February 7, 7:30 pm, Room A:** They will discuss *Someone* by Alice McDermott. In March they will discuss *The Language of Flowers* by Vanessa Diffenbaugh. Info contact: Marjorie Berman at 617-965-8646.

**NEW! Deathstars and Dragons Sci-fi Fantasy Book Club, Tuesday, February 27, 7:00 pm, Room B:** They will discuss *Warbreaker* by Brandon Sanderson. In March they will discuss *Ancillary Justice* by Ann Leckie. Info contact: Erica Yuen at eyuen@minlib.net.

**Disability Awareness Book Club, Monday, February 5, 7:00 pm Room A:** They will discuss *Rosemary: The Hidden Kennedy Daughter* by Kate Clifford Larson. In March they will discuss *The Invisible Life of Ivan Isaenko* by Scott Stambach. Info contact: Jenni Acosta at jacosta@understandingourdifferences.org.

**Fiction Writing Group, Tuesday, February 6, 7:00 pm, Room A:** Pre-registration is required, space is limited. Info contact: Castellano Turner, Ph.D. at castellano.turner977@gmail.com.

**French Conversation Club: Thursdays, February 1 & 15, 7:00 pm, Room B:** Info contact Magali at magali.denispoirier@gmail.com.

**Friday Music Group, Friday, February 23, 3:00 pm, Druker Auditorium:** Drop-ins welcome! Info contact: Tai at liunienlung@yahoo.com.

**Genealogy Club, Wednesday, February 14, 7:00 pm, Special Collections Room:** Info contact: Ginny Audet at NewtonGenealogyClub@gmail.com.

**Great Books Discussion Group, Tuesday, February 13, 7:15 pm, Room A:** They will discuss *Silent Spring* by Rachel Carson. In March they will discuss *Father and Son* by Edmund Gosse. Info contact: Abra Rosenzweig at 617-964-4064.

**Hooked on Books, Thursday, February 22, 7:00 pm, third floor Rear Arc:** They will discuss *My Italian Bulldozer* by Alexander McCall Smith. Info contact: Sara Levine at bookclub@newtonfreelibrary.net.

**Memoir Writing Group, Monday, February 12, 7:00 pm, Room A:** Preregistration is required, space is limited. Info contact: Tom Yee at newton.memoir@gmail.com.

**New Evening Session Added!, Murder by the Book Club, Thursday, February 8, 7:00 pm & Tuesday, February 13, 10:00 am, Room B:** Both groups will discuss *The Last Supper* by Charles McCarry. In March both groups will discuss *Anatomy of a Murder* by Robert Traver. Info contact: Kathleen Hennrikus at khennrikus@minlib.net.

**Playwrights Group, Tuesday, February 13, 7:00 pm, Study Room 2H behind the second floor Computer Center:** Info contact: Sandra Weintraub at sgweintraub@yahoo.com.

**Sequences: A Women's Forum, Wednesday, February 14, 10:00 am, Trustees' Room:** Info contact: Robin at 617-965-2178.

**Short Story Discussion Group, Monday, February 12, 7:30 pm, Trustees' Room:** Registration is required for newcomers. (contd. right)

They will discuss two stories from the short story collection *The Refugees* by Viet Thanh Nguyen, Grove Press, New York, 2017, *Black-Eyed Women* and *I'd Love You to Want Me*. Info or to register contact: Dotty at drgonson@comcast.net or 617-547-3833.

**New! Spanish Conversation Club, Fridays, February 2 & 16, 9:30 am, Room B:** Info contact Maria at mbarvelo@gmail.com.

**Tween/Teen Book Writers Group, Wednesday, February 28, 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.

## Poetry Series and Open Mike



**Tuesday, February 13, 7:00 pm:** Dzvinia Orlowsky, Danielle Legros Georges and Kathleen

Aguero will give readings this month. 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.

NEA and Pushcart Prize winning poet, translator and a founding editor of Four Way Books, Dzvinia Orlowsky has published five poetry collections including *A Handful of Bees*. As Boston's Poet Laureate, Danielle Legros Georges serves as an advocate for poetry, language and the arts. Kathleen Aguero's most recent book of poetry is *After That*.



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## Library Hours

<b>MON</b>	<b>TUES</b>	<b>WED</b>	<b>THU</b>	<b>FRI</b>	<b>SAT</b>	<b>SUN</b>
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## Girls' Education: A Silver Bullet for Development?



**Wednesday, February 7, 7:00 pm:** This winter library patrons will be reading *I Am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education*. Our goal is to build community spirit through a shared reading experience and related programs. Join us for a special event with Joan Dassin, Ph.D., Professor of International Education and Development and Director, Master's Program in Sustainable International Development (SID), Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University. She will address:

- The current state of education for girls in developing countries
- What progress has been made in terms of access, safety, learning outcomes and more
- Successful girls' education programs and the challenges that remain
- Why girls' education is important for individuals, their families and broader development goals

Joining Professor Dassin will be several Master's Degree Candidates (SID) from the Heller School for Social Policy and Management including Rigat Keleta, Aissatou Diallo and Enet Mukurazita.

The Newton Free Library brings the community together to enjoy, explore, create and discover.

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