



**Newton Free Library**  
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# NEWSLETTER

## Gas Leaks and Our Health

### green newton

**Monday, April 23, 7:00 pm:** Did you know that methane, a potent heat-trapping greenhouse gas, escapes from almost 600 leaks in the pipelines in Newton's streets? Join us for a panel discussion that will cover:

- How gas leaks damage the health of humans and trees
- Organized efforts to protect our families and communities at the local and state level

The panelists will be:

- Zeyneb Magavi, Research Director at HEET (Home Energy Efficiency Team)
- Curtis Nordgaard, MD, a board-certified pediatrician, cofounder of Mass Health Professionals for Clean Energy
- Nathan Phillips, Acting Director of the Sustainable Neighborhood Lab and Professor at Boston University
- Ann Berwick, Co-Director of Sustainability for the City of Newton will moderate

The event is part of the Greening Our Community Series and is cosponsored by Green Newton, Mothers Out Front, the League of Women Voters Newton and 350 MA Newton.

## Social Media for Visual Artists



**Monday, April 30, 7:00 pm:** Join Rhode Island

School of Design Adjunct Professor Clara Lieu for the first lecture in a two-part series for visual artists. This lecture will present an informed look at the various social media platforms available and provide practical, straightforward advice for how a visual artist can best harness these platforms to pursue their career goals. Participants will:

- Find out which social media platform is best suited to their needs
- Learn concrete strategies to use social media effectively
- Benefit from on-the-spot critiques of several pre-selected social media platform sites of local artists.

A Q and A session will follow. This program is part of the Newton Festival of the Arts and ArtWeek MA. Cosponsors include Newton Art Association, Newton Camera Club, Newton Cultural Alliance and Newton Open Studios.

## The Rise of Modern Jewish Literature out of the Yiddish Tradition



**Wednesday, April 11, 7:00 pm:** Join Sharon Hart-Green for a program that will address the diverse factors that led to the

creation of a Jewish literary canon in the modern period. She will discuss:

- How Yiddish language and culture played a vital role in the creation of the first poems, novels and short stories in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries
- The revival of Hebrew as a decisive factor in the evolution of Jewish literary creativity in modern times

Sharon Hart-Green received her PhD in Judaic Studies from Brandeis University and has taught Hebrew and Yiddish literature at the University of Toronto for many years. She is the author of several works including her recently published novel titled *Come Back for Me* (New Jewish Press, 2017).

- We will be closed on Sunday, April 1 for Easter and Monday, April 16 for Patriot's Day
- Blood Drives will be held April 11 & 25



# Art Exhibits: April 3-29

## Gallery: *Pentimento: A Mother-Daughter Show* by Cynthia and Kim Triedman

Reception: Thursday, April 5, 6:30 pm

By: K. Triedman



Collage is a medium that defies easy description. Artists approach it in so many unique ways, with so many different techniques and materials. Cynthia Triedman, formally trained, has been making art for most of her 83 years. Her work has always been filigree-fine -- exquisite, often painstaking and precise. Kim Triedman is both a visual artist and a writer, and her collage work takes on a decidedly narrative and whimsical bent. It's very meaningful to both artists that at this

point in their lives they can share in this endeavor. While they have this wonderful thing in common, each artist brings her unique and very personal perspective to the work.

## Main Hall: *Delicious* by Claudia Kaufman

Reception: Tuesday, April 3, 7:00 pm

By: C. Kaufman



As a contemporary realist painter, Claudia Kaufman's works are studies in observation - still life set-ups of familiar objects that are deceptively simple, yet complex. She challenges herself to translate the perceived three-dimensional world to a two-dimensional field by observing and capturing the conditions of light, form, color and space through the painterly properties of oil paint. Stopping short of photo-realism, she works to keep the signs of her hand and brushstroke in the work and

is particularly intrigued by the drama of light, transparency, reflection and shadows.

## 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.

## Display Cases On View April 3-29

**Atrium 1:** The library will be opening a Makerspace! Come see a preview of the types of tools and equipment that will soon be available for you to use.

**Atrium 2:** Learn about the Friends, a dedicated volunteer group whose members serve the library! Their book and author luncheon will take place on Friday, May 11, 2018 at the Newton Marriott Hotel. Watch for details at [newtonfreelibrary.net](http://newtonfreelibrary.net).

**Three Main Hall cases:** Enjoy a display of paintings, drawings, ceramics, and mixed-media artworks by New Art Center students of all ages. Visit [newartcenter.org](http://newartcenter.org) to sign up for classes and learn more about their current exhibitions.

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

## Opening Reception



**Wednesday, April 4, 7:00**

**pm:** Stop by for a dessert reception sponsored by Newton Open Studios (NOS). Meet dozens of artists, enjoy delicious treats and see a delightful array of the art and craft that will be exhibited at Newton Open Studio locations throughout the city on the weekend of April 7-8. Printed guides for NOS will be available. Newton Open Studios is one of the largest and longest running open studio events in the region! The library's April art exhibitors are among the 150+ artists who will participate in Newton Open Studios. Other NOS exhibitors range from well-established artists with work in many collections, to emerging artists. Visit: [newtonopenstudios.org](http://newtonopenstudios.org).

Tickets for our annual Spring Fling Gala on Saturday, April 7 should still be available at [newtonfreelibrary.net](http://newtonfreelibrary.net). Featured will be authors Ty Burr and Claire Messud in conversation with the dynamic Hank Phillippi Ryan, investigative television reporter and mystery writer.

## Teen & Tween Programs

**Anime/Manga Club, Wednesday, April 4, 4:00 pm, 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! We meet on the first Wednesday of every month. Japanese snacks will be served. Grades 6-12.

**Not Alone: Conversations About Suicide, Monday, April 9, 6:30 pm, Druker Auditorium:** The best possible way to prevent suicide is to talk about it, ask questions and listen. Join us for a screening of *Not Alone*, a 30-minute documentary about several teens who have struggled with mental health issues. The film raises awareness about warning signs and suicide prevention methods. A Q and A facilitated by local mental health experts will follow. For grades 9-12, their caring adult(s) and others in the community who work with teens. Presented in partnership with Newton Department of Health and Human Services, Newton Cares and Riverside Community Care.

**Tween Crafternoon, Tuesday, April 10, 3:30 pm, Teen Area:** We meet on the second Tuesday of every month to make crafts and eat snacks. This month: shrinky dinks! Grades 5-7.



**Trivia Nite @ the Library, Wednesday, April 18, 6:30 pm, Druker Auditorium:** Join the

fun and test your mastery of useful (and useless) information! Library staff will challenge players with 4 rounds of questions from a variety of categories. Come alone or with friends. Refreshments will be provided. Teens and families welcome.

**Typewriter Poetry, Monday, April 23, 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.

**Books & Brownies, Tuesday, April 24, 7:00 pm, Teen Area:** This month we'll be discussing *October Mourning: A Song for Matthew Shepard* by Leslea Newman. 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

**He Named Me Malala, Monday, April 2, 9:30 am & 6:30 pm:** After the Taliban tries to kill her for speaking out on behalf of girls' education, Pakistani teenager Malala

Yousafzai emerges as a leading advocate for children's rights and the youngest-ever Nobel Peace Prize Laureate. Rated PG-13. Runtime 88 minutes. Q & A follows.

**Wonder, Saturday, April 14, 2:00 pm:** *Wonder* tells the incredibly inspiring and heartwarming story of August Pullman, a boy with facial differences who enters fifth grade, attending a mainstream elementary school for the first time. Rated PG. Runtime 113 minutes.

**Thor: Ragnarok, Saturday, April 21, 2:00 pm:** Imprisoned on the other side of the universe, the mighty Thor finds himself in a deadly gladiatorial contest that pits him against the Hulk, his former ally and fellow Avenger. Rated PG-13. Runtime 103 minutes.

**Coco, Saturday, April 28, 2:00 pm:** Despite his family's generations-old ban on music, young Miguel dreams of becoming an accomplished musician like his idol Ernesto de la Cruz. Desperate to prove his talent, Miguel finds himself in the Land of the Dead. Rated PG. Runtime 109 minutes.

## ENJOY EXPLORE CREATE DISCOVER

### Tech Time

- Tuesdays, April 3, 10, 17 & 24
  - Wednesdays, April 4, 11, 18 & 25
  - Thursdays, April 5, 19 & 26, all at 3:00-4:00 pm, Study Room 2E
  - Fridays April 6, 13, 20 & 27, 10:00-11:00 am, Study Room 2E:
- Bring your devices and questions for a 30 minute one-on-one tech help session. Patrons are welcome to sign up for one session every other week. Register online.

**Language Learning Tools, Wednesday, April 4, 7:00-8:30 pm, Computer Center:** Come learn how to get started using *Mango Languages* and other language learning tools the library offers. Register online.

**Game Night for Adults, Thursday, April 5 & Monday, April 23, 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.

**iPhone 101, Monday, April 9, 10:00-11:30 am, second floor Computer Center:** Did you just get an iPhone? This class will teach you the basics of what the iPhone can do for you. Register online.

**Bare Bones Genealogy: Starting Your Family History from Scratch, Monday, April 23, 7:00-8:30 pm, Special Collections Room:** Learn how to set up your family history and how to start your research. Register online.

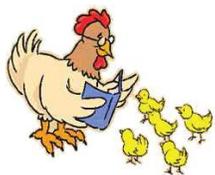
**Monthly Make: Paper Flowers, Tuesday, April 24, 7:00-8:30 pm, location TBD:** Spring is coming! Come make paper flowers and create a beautiful long-lasting bouquet.

**The World of Podcasts, Wednesday, April 25, 2:00-3:30 pm, Computer Center:** Learn how to access thousands of podcasts on dozens of topics from all over the world available for on-demand listening via your phone or tablet. Register online.

# Children's Programs

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

## Drop In Storytimes



**Make Way For Storytime (geared toward kids through age 4), space is limited, tickets will be available 15**

**minutes before the program:**

- Mondays, April 2, 9, 23 and 30, 10:00 am and 11:00 am
- Saturday, April 14, 11:30 am
- Saturdays, April 21 and 28, 10:30 am and 11:30 am

**Alphabet Soup (under 2), space is limited, tickets will be available 15 minutes before the program:**

Wednesdays, April 4, 11 and 25, 10:00 am and 11:00 am

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

Thursdays, April 5, 12 and 26, 10:00 am

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

Fridays, April 6, 13 and 27, 10:00 am

## 3-5s Activities

**Storytime Surprise, Thursday,**

**April 5, 4:00 pm:** The theme is Bugs. Space is limited. Tickets will be available 15 minutes before the program.

**Russian Bilingual Storytime,**

**Thursday, April 12, 4:00 pm:** A special bilingual storytime with stories, songs and movement in English and Russian. Space is limited. Tickets will be available 15 minutes before the program.



**Brain Building Literacy Fair, Saturday, April 7, 10:30 am, Druker Auditorium:**

Join us for a literacy fair geared towards toddlers

through kindergarten and their parents/caregivers. Jeannie Mack will give a musical performance and there will be face painting, brain building activities and a storytime. Each family will be given a bag with a book to take home! Sponsored by the Newton Community Partnerships for Children & Families and the Title I Program.

## K-2

**K-2 Fun, Thursday, April 26, 4:00 pm:** The theme is Gardens. Space is limited. Tickets will be available 15 minutes before the program.

## Programs and Classes

**Chessmates, Monday, April 2, 6:30 pm, 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, April 3,**

**10:00 am, Druker Auditorium:** Move and groove to the music! Kids and caregivers dance together. All ages.

**Growing Strong Readers, Tuesday, April 3, 7:30 pm, Room B:**

Skill building for strong readers starts accumulating from birth. Joan Kelley will present a session for parents and grandparents to explain the three types of skills children need to read well and specific ways adults can help build those skills all through the years.

**Scratch Club, Thursday, April 5,**

**7:00 pm, Computer Center:** 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.

**Read to a Dog at the Library,**

**Saturday, April 7, 3:00 pm; Saturday, April 14, 2:00 pm; and Wednesday, April 18, 4:00 pm:** Our canine friends Phoebe, Poppy and Milani 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,**

**April 9, 7:00 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, April 10, 10:00 am, Druker Auditorium:**

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



**Family Yoga Class, Saturday, April 14, 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.

**Beauty and the Beast, Tuesday, April 17, 4:00 pm, Druker Auditorium:**

The Hampstead Players present the French fairy tale of a selfless young woman who takes her father's place as prisoner in a far away castle. Recommended for ages 5 and up.

**LEGO Club, Thursday, April 19, 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.

**Rockets: There and Back Again, Thursday, April 19, 3:00 pm and 4:00 pm, Druker Auditorium:**

MOS presents a 50-minute workshop in which participants engineer, launch and return vehicles from an imaginary space journey. For ages 5+ (children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult). Space is limited. (contd. p. 5)

**(Children's contd.)** Tickets will be available 15 minutes before the program. Latex balloons will be used during the program.

**Family Game Day, Friday, April 20, 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.

**Matt Heaton Family Singalong, Tuesday, April 24, 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.

**Solve a Mystery Like a Doctor, Saturday, April 28, 10:30 am, Druker Auditorium:** Explore how doctors approach medical problem-solving through a fun, age-appropriate medical tools show-and-tell and a mystery bag exercise. For kids in grades 2-5. Space is limited. Tickets will be available 15 minutes before the program.



## News

**Coffee, Tea and English Too! Monday, April 23, 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! Wednesdays, April 4-25, 10:00-11:30 am (no class 4/18) & 12:30-2:00 pm; and Tuesdays, April 3-24, 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!

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

### Creating an Effective Online Presence

**Wednesday, April 4, 10:00 am:** Join us for an informative workshop that will provide you with practical guidelines for creating a website that builds business and connects with customers. Attendees will learn about:

- Best practices in website navigation
- Choosing the right platform for your site
- Communicating your brand presence online
- Using calls-to-action
- How to capture customer contact information

SCORE facilitator Seth Worby has ten years' experience in the Search Engine Marketing (SEM) and Search Engine Optimization (SEO) fields. He founded Champ Internet Solutions in March 2009.

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

## The Job Recruitment Process

**Thursday, April 26, 7:00 pm:** In this session Talent Acquisition Manager Jared Katz will explain the corporate recruiting process and share insights on the decisions hiring managers and recruiters make at each stage. Mr. Katz holds a Masters' in Organizational Psychology with a focus on Talent Management and Organizational Citizenship Behavior. This program is part of the Job Seekers, Career and Professional Development Series facilitated by Career and Executive Coach Tammy Gooler Loeb.

### 21st Century Résumé

**Monday, April 30, 9:30 am:** Learn how to optimize your résumé for the computerized Applicant Tracking Systems (ATS) that screens all résumés to determine whether hiring managers get to read them. Increase your odds of avoiding the black hole. Workshop facilitator, Janice McQuaid, GCDF, CWDP, Transition/Career Coach, has over 10 years' experience as a Career Advisor in Workforce Development. This program is cosponsored by the Framingham One Stop Career Center.

### Help with 2017 Income Tax Returns

**Saturdays, through 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.



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## Concert for Cello and Piano



**Sunday, April 8, 2:00 pm:** Join Sara Wilkins, cello, and

Sandy Lin, piano, for a performance of *Vocalise* by Rachmaninov, *Sonata in F# minor* by Martucci, *Sonata in D minor* by Debussy and *Le Grande Tango* by Piazzolla. The concert is cosponsored by All Newton Music School.

## Kimball Gallagher on Piano



**Sunday, April 15, 2:00 pm:** Join Kimball Gallagher for a concert

that will include a sonata by Haydn, a selection of Chopin études, Liszt's epic *Piano Sonata*, and stories and music from India, Afghanistan and Tunisia. Mr. Gallagher will include short, spoken introductions to each piece of music to deepen the audience's engagement.

## Forte New York Chamber Music



**Sunday, April 22, 2:00 pm:** Vicky HyunJin Lee, violin, YuMi Bae, cello, and Hyojin Rhim, piano, will

perform Beethoven's *Piano Trio in D major*, Op.70 No.1 "Ghost" and Paul Schoenfield's *Café Music for Piano Trio*.

## Kaleidoscope Chamber Ensemble



**Sunday, April 29, 2:00 pm:** Formed in 1996, Kaleidoscope Chamber

Ensemble performs a wide musical repertoire from Baroque to the most recent 21<sup>st</sup> century compositions. Join them for a concert that will include Malcolm Arnold's *Quartet Op. 61 for Oboe and Strings*, Sir Arthur Bliss' *Conversations for Flute, Oboe/English Horn, Violin, Viola, Cello*, Beethoven's *String Trio Op. 3* and Katherine Hoover's *Divertimento for Flute, Violin, Viola and Cello*.

## You and Your Financial Future Series: Gifting, Trusts and Family Asset Preservation

**Tuesday, April 17, 6:30 pm:** Are you on track to achieve your financial goals now and throughout your life? Join our expert panelists at this three-part series where you will learn about a variety of important money-related topics. In this session:

- David Griswold, President and Founder, Vantage Point Financial and Senior Lecturer in the Department of Finance and Economics at BU Questrom School of Management will contextualize the program as a moderator and panelist
- Attorneys Laurin Johnson and Mary Clements Pajak will discuss estate planning, gifts, trusts and family asset preservation

The series is cosponsored by the City of Newton Department of Senior Services.

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

## Resistance Then and Now: Learning from the Dutch



**Thursday, April 19, 7:00 pm:** After discovering that Jews had been hidden in the Amsterdam apartment where she was staying, Mary Fillmore embarked on a 13-year journey during

which she did research to re-create their world and their dilemmas. Their consummately civil city allowed 80% of its Jewish population to be rounded up and murdered - the highest percentage in Western Europe. Then as now, most people colluded. This program will focus on the lessons of the Netherlands under the Nazis through the lens of Ms. Fillmore's award-winning historical novel, *An Address in Amsterdam*, about a young Jewish woman who joins the resistance. Ms. Fillmore will discuss:

- What did the path of resistance look like then?
- How does it speak to us now?
- What are the actual parallels between Nazi times and ours, and the warnings we should be heeding?

## Behind the Scenes Library Tour

**Fridays, April 6, 13, 20 & 27, 11:00 am, meet inside the parking lot entrance:** Have you ever wondered what goes on behind the scenes at the library? We'll be offering tours every Friday 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. Come when you can!

## Clubs and Groups

**African Literature Discussion Group, Wednesday, April 18, 7:30 pm, Room A:** They will discuss *Stay With Me*, a novel by Ayobami Adebayo of Nigeria. In May they will discuss *Born a Crime*, a memoir by Trevor Noah of South Africa. Info contact: Anne Serafin at 617-527-1072.

**Children's Book Writers Group, Monday, April 23, 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. Info contact: John Bell at 617-733-5711.

**Contemporary Books Discussion Group, Wednesday, April 4, 7:30 pm, Room A:** They will discuss *The Sound of Things Falling* by Juan Gabriel Vásquez. In May they will discuss *Elizabeth is Missing* by Emma Healey. Info contact: Marjorie Berman at 617-965-8646.

**NEW! Deathstars and Dragons Sci-fi Fantasy Book Club, Tuesday, April 17, 7:00 pm, Room B:** They will discuss *Every Heart a Doorway* by Seanan McGuire. In May they will discuss *The Paper Menagerie* by Ken Liu. Info contact: Erica Yuen at eyuen@minlib.net.

**Disability Awareness Book Club, Monday, April 9, 7:00 pm Room A:** They will discuss *The Point of Vanishing: A Memoir of Two Years in Solitude* by Howard Axelrod. In May they will discuss *A Piece of the World: A Novel*, by Christina Baker Kline. Info contact: Jenni Acosta at jacosta@understandingourdifferences.org.

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

**French Conversation Club: Thursdays, April 5 & 19, 7:00 pm, Room B:** Info contact Magali at magali.denispoirier@gmail.com.

**Friday Music Group, Friday, April 27, 3:00 pm, Druker Auditorium:** Info contact: Tai at liunienlung@yahoo.com.

**Genealogy Club, Wednesday, April 11, 7:00 pm, Special Collections Room:** Info contact: Ginny Audet at NewtonGenealogyClub@gmail.com.

**Great Books Discussion Group, Tuesday, April 10, 7:15 pm, Room A:** They will discuss a passage from *Anatomy of Revolution* by Brinton. In May they will discuss *The Great Debate* by Levin. Info contact: Abra Rosenzweig at 617-964-4064.

**Hooked on Books, Thursday, April 26, 7:00 pm, third floor Rear Arc:** They will discuss *Fortune Smiles: Stories* by Adam Johnson. Info contact: Sara Levine at bookclub@newtonfreelibrary.net.

**Memoir Writing Group, Monday, April 9, 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, April 10, 10:00 am & Thursday, April 12, 7:00 pm, Room B:** Registration is required for newcomers for the morning session. Both groups will discuss *Wife of the Gods* by Kwei Quartey. In May they will discuss *Morbid Taste for Bones* by Ellis Peters. Info or to register contact: Kathleen Hennrikus at khennrikus@minlib.net.

**NEW! Now What? Coffee, Tea & Conversation for 55+, Wednesday, April 11, 10:00-11:30 am, Meeting Room B:** An informal group for people age 55+ to socialize and engage in conversation on topics that are most important to them. Meetings will continue on the second Wednesday of the month on April 11, May 9 and June 13. Cosponsored by the City of Newton Department of Senior Services. Info contact: Margaret Leipsitz, 617-796-1665 or mleipsitz@newtonma.gov.

**Playwrights Group, Tuesday, April 10, 7:00 pm, Study Room 2H behind the second floor Computer Center:** 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.

**Sequences: A Women's Forum, Wednesday, April 11, 10:00 am, Trustees' Room:** Spark your creativity in an inspiring, intergenerational group for women. Read, converse and write in response to poems, essays and personal stories. Info contact: Robin at 617-965-2178.

**Short Story Discussion Group, Monday, April 9, 7:30 pm, Trustees' Room:** Registration is required for newcomers. They will discuss Raymond Carver's *Cathedral* from *Cathedral* and Ben Marcus' *Cold Little Bird*. Info or to register contact: Dotty at drgonson@comcast.net or 617-547-3833.

**New! Spanish Conversation Club, Fridays, April 6 & 20, 9:30 am, Room B:** Learn about Spanish language and culture in a conversation club that is geared towards adults with intermediate speaking skills. Info contact Maria at mbarvelo@gmail.com.

**Tween/Teen Book Writers Group, Wednesday, April 25, 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: Josh at chapter11studios@gmail.com.

### Learn to Practice Meditation and Yoga



**Thursdays, April 5 & 19, 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. Facilitator Janhavi Wadhvani has taught students and faculty at Boston College, MIT and more.



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## Celebrate National Poetry Month!



**Tuesday, April 10, 7:00 pm:** Bert Stern, Richard Hoffman, Mary Buchinger Bodwell and Michael Casey 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.

Bert Stern has published two poetry collections, *Silk and the Ragpicker's Grandson* and *Steerage*. Richard Hoffman has published four volumes of poetry including *Without Paradise*, *Gold Star Road*, *Emblem* and his new collection *Noon Until Night*. Mary

Buchinger Bodwell is Professor of English and Communication Studies at MCPHS University in Boston. She is co-President of the New England Poetry Club. Michael Casey's journal of his military experience became the book, *Obscenities* (Yale University Press). His book, *Millrat*, on blue collar work in a textile mill dye house, was published by Adastra Press.

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