

Duxbury Free Library

Program Notes

The Duxbury Free Library has another season of exciting adult programs scheduled throughout the coming months. Free tickets are available for all events two weeks prior to the program date. Author programs are co-sponsored with Westwinds Bookshop.

January

Sunday, January 2nd 2:00 p.m. **Newport: A Virtual Tour.** Well-known local tour guide Heide Hasselmann returns to the library with a presentation rich in historical facts, details and stories. Heide has been conducting tours of the greater Boston area for years and her slide show tours are becoming extremely popular.

Sunday, January 9th, 2:00 p.m. **Half an Hour a Day on Foot with John Galluzzo.** John is a noted naturalist, historian and author who will discuss his book but also provide a visual slideshow presentation of the same name, subtitled *An Obsessive Exploration of the Nature of the Northeast*. This travelogue will take us through all seasons in 365 different places. An excellent inspiration for walking in the New Year!

Thursday, January 13th, 7:00 p.m. **Poetry Circle.** All poetry lovers welcome.

Sunday, January 23rd, 2:00 p.m. **Piping Plovers as an Umbrella Species for the Barrier Beach Ecosystem.** Scott Hecker will present a program about how the diminutive piping plover has served as an ‘umbrella species’ and its conservation has led to greater protection of barrier beaches from Newfoundland to the Caribbean. The piping plover is still one of the rarest shorebirds in the world. Mr. Hecker will emphasize the history and success of the work in Massachusetts and conclude with his current focus as Executive Director at the Goldenrod Foundation.

Sunday, January 30th, 2:00 p.m. **Lisa Genova** returns! The author of *Still Alice* will speak about her newest work, *Left Neglected*, a powerful tale about a young mom recovering from traumatic brain injury. Genova’s novel *Still Alice* is still being read and discussed by bookgroups everywhere. This program is sure to be ‘standing room only.’ Get your tickets early.

February

Sunday, February 6th, 2:00 p.m. Author **Judith Campbell.** The self-proclaimed “sinister minister” will discuss her newest mystery novel, *A Deadly Mission*. Books will be available for sale and signing courtesy of Westwinds Bookshop.

Thursday, February 10th, 7:00 p.m. **Poetry Circle.** All poetry lovers welcome.

Sunday, February 27th, 2:00 p.m. **Cozies on a Cold Winter Day.** A panel of mystery writers from **Sisters in Crime** will discuss the process of mystery writing and the distinguishing features of a cozy in the broader mystery genre. Leslie Meier, Cynthia Riggs and Susan Oleksiw will speak. Books will be available for sale and signing courtesy of Westwinds Bookshop.

March

In March we’ll be shining a light on **short fiction**. Watch for displays of short stories!

Sunday, March 6th, 2:00 p.m. Educator **Mary Conway** will lead the audience through some self-expressive writing activities. This workshop is limited so sign up early.

Thursday, March 10th, 7:00 p.m. **Poetry Circle**. All poetry lovers welcome.

Sunday, March 13th, 2:00 p.m. **Kim Goggin** of the **Manomet Center for Conservation Sciences** will lead a presentation based on journal entries written by family and friends who visited the Widewater Estate, home of the Ernst family and now headquarters for this renowned center. During the early 1900's, the Widewater Estate was an inviting summer retreat for spirited men and women who were making distinct contributions to society. The Manomet Center now plays a leadership role in bird conservation and natural capital, climate change and energy.

Sunday, March 20th. **Friends of the Library Mini Golf**. More details will be forthcoming!

Sunday, March 27th, 2:00 p.m. **Grub Street** author **Tara Masih** will read from and discuss her impressive debut collection of short stories entitled *Where the Dog Star Never Glows*. Books will be available for sale and signing courtesy of Westwinds Bookshop.

April

Sunday, April 3rd, 2:00 p.m. **Virtual tour of the Mount Auburn Cemetery with Heide Hasselmann**.

Did you know that Mount Auburn Cemetery has been designed a National Historic Landmark by the Dept. of the Interior, recognizing it as one of the country's most significant cultural landscapes? Founded in 1831, it was the first large-scale designed landscaped cemetery open to the public in the United States. Today its beauty, historical associations and horticultural collections are internationally renowned.

Thursday, April 7th, 7:00 p.m. Special Event. **Marianne Leone**, author of *Knowing Jesse: A Mother's Story of Grief, Grace and Everyday Bliss*. Tickets will be required, more details will be forthcoming.

Thursday, April 14th, 7:00 p.m. **Poetry Circle**. All poetry lovers are welcome.