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## Nevins Memorial Library



### *Nevins News*

#### Greetings!

April is a time for celebration for us, and we hope you'll come and join our celebration of libraries during National Library Week (April 16-20). Stop by and get a library card, learn how to use Overdrive to download ebooks, reserve a museum pass, use an online database or computer to check your email or write a paper. Find resources to help your kids with their homework, or borrow music, movies, magazines, and books to expand your horizons. Don't forget, all of these activities are available free of charge! We look forward to seeing you.

Best Wishes,  
Nevins Memorial Staff

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### Spring Tea: A Victorian Afternoon

Sunday April 7th -- 2pm

Join the Friends of the Nevins Library for a lovely afternoon tea on Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. A performance by historic reenactor Jessa Piaia will bring famed Civil War Nurse and founder of the American Red Cross, Clara Barton, alive on our stage. Tea and elegant refreshments will be served to our guests of all ages. Tickets are \$20 for adults/\$15 for children 12 & under. Call Carla at 978-686-4080 ext 33 for more information. Tickets are available at the Library's Main Desk. All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Nevins Library, and are used to fund Summer Reading and other programs for children and teens.



### Spring Fine Amnesty Week is coming ... Celebrate National Library Week - April 16-20

Do you have outstanding fines or fees due to overdue or lost books?



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Mailing List

Help us reduce postage, and save a few trees, by sending us your e-mail to keep up to date on the latest events at your local library!

The Nevins Memorial Library wants to welcome you back to the Library and help wipe your slate clean during our Spring Amnesty Week from April 16th-20th. The Library is offering this one-time only opportunity to help respond to the economic downturn and reduce further pressure to people who may have library fines or fees, and welcome them back to the Library!

**How it works. If you have:**

**Fines or Fees:** Ask Library staff to wipe your record clean. They will do so, no questions asked. If your card is inactive, staff will issue you a new card at no charge. We cannot, however, waive any collection fees you may have incurred.

**A lost book or Materials:** If you have lost a book or other library materials, bring a replacement of that title to the library or you may pay the cost of the material to the Library if you choose. No fines will be charged.

Take advantage of this opportunity to use your library card and visit the Library! We look forward to seeing you!

## The Underground Railroad in the Merrimack Valley

### Methuen Remembers the Civil War: The Underground Railroad April 18th at 7pm

The Nevins Memorial Library in Methuen, MA will host a talk and slide show on the history of the Underground Railroad on Thursday, April 18th at 7pm. The presentation will be given by Eleanor Strang, retired director of the Kelley Library in Salem.

The Underground Railroad was the secret network in the years before the Civil War which assisted fugitive slaves as they escaped to freedom. Ms. Strang's presentation will focus on the history of this network on a national level, and then on the abolitionist movement and Underground Railroad activities in New England, particularly New Hampshire and Massachusetts. Some of the people involved are quite well known, but many are not. One of the things Ms. Strang most enjoys about doing this presentation is the opportunity to raise awareness of the lesser known heroes who played a significant role in this critical movement.



Ms. Strang was a librarian at the Kelley Library (the public library of Salem, New Hampshire) for over 30 years, and was its director for 15 years. Since retiring, she has pursued her interest in American history, and has presented this lecture at a variety of historical societies and public libraries. Admission to the presentation is free, and the public is invited.

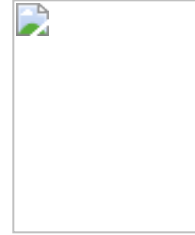
[Please click here to register](#)

**Civil War flicks @ the Nevins Library --an academy award nominated film this year about one**

## of our most important and easily recognizable presidents...you know you know it!

### Thursday, April 11 at 6pm

President Lincoln has a monumental task ahead of him, to pass the amendment abolishing slavery before the end of the war. If the Southern states rejoin the Union before it is passed his greatest legacy will not come to pass and all the political wrangling will have been for naught.



[Click here to Register](#)

## Young Adult Happenings in April

Teen Advisory Group Meeting April 4th at 4pm: Summer will be here before you know it, so help Anna the YA librarian plan the summer programs you want to have! Also, help us buy books and other materials, and talk about using TAG as volunteer hours. Contact Anna at 978-686-4080 x 35 or at [nevinsteens@gmail.com](mailto:nevinsteens@gmail.com) for more information.



When Seconds Count Babysitting Course: April 16th and 18th from 1 - 5pm.

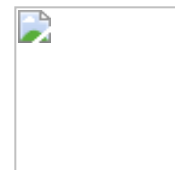
Open for students in grades 6 - 9 who are looking to learn about babysitting and become certified. The program lasts two days and students must attend both dates. The cost is \$80 payable to Nevins Memorial Library at the Main Desk before the class starts. Students will learn basic childcare and other skill necessary to being a great and safe babysitter. Please call the Main Desk at a978-686-4080 x 16 or visit Event Keeper to sign up.



Teen Iron Chef, April 22nd at 4pm: Do you have what it take to be a great 'Iron Chef?' Test yourself with our snack and dessert challenges with secret ingredients and culinary fun. Please inform me when you sign up with you have any food allergies. We also need a few teens to be judges, so if you're not interested in cooking, you can decide the winners! Contact Anna at 978-686-4080 x 35 or [nevinsteens@gmail.com](mailto:nevinsteens@gmail.com) for more information.

## Celebrate Libraries and Reading April 16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> Vacation and National Library Week Together!!

Come celebrate school vacation week at the Nevins Memorial Library. Sign up for a variety of preschool programs to celebrate the Week of the Young Child (infants to 5 years old). School-aged children can attend Civil War Days to learn about the time period by playing games, making toys, breaking codes, and sampling treats of the era. There will be a bucket of take home crafts, Nevins Ink, Story & Craft and more. For more information or to sign up for the program, please call (978) 686-4080, x26 or



[Click here to Register.](#)

## Literacy Volunteers of Methuen Needs YOU!!

**Literacy Volunteers of Methuen** is a program of the Nevins Memorial Library which trains and matches volunteer tutors with students who wish to learn to read, write and speak English. To be a tutor you need only to have a high school diploma and be willing to work one-on-one with another adult to help them learn. We have a long waiting list of students who are eager to learn...would you consider giving some of your time to help them?

Come to an Orientation Meeting to find out more about this rewarding and challenging volunteer opportunity. Orientations are scheduled in early April, and the next

Tutor-Training course begins on April 17<sup>th</sup>.



### **ORIENTATIONS**

- Tuesday, April 2nd, 2013, 7-8pm
- Thursday, April 4th, 2013, 10-11am
- Saturday, April 6th, 2013, 10-11am
- Tuesday, April 9th, 2013, 7-8pm

### **TUTOR TRAINING COURSE ( 18 Hours of Training)**

- Wednesday, April 17th, 2013, 6:30-9:30pm
- Wednesday, April 24th, 2013, 6:30-9:30pm
- Wednesday, May 1st, 2013, 6:30-9:30pm
- Wednesday, May 8th, 2013, 6:30-9:30pm
- Wednesday, May 15th, 2013, 6:30-9:30pm
- Wednesday, May 22nd, 2013, 6:30-9:30pm

Call Sue Jefferson to sign up for an Orientation 978 686-4080 x32

## **Gator Pit Night @ the Lowell Spinners**

The **Friends of the Nevins Library** are sponsoring a wonderful event at the Lowell Spinners. The Friends have reserved spaces in the "**Gator Pit**" before the game on Tues. July 23. Come to the park before the game and enjoy an all you can eat meal in the "**Gator Pit**" under the grandstands. The meal will be held from 5:30-7pm and the Game starts at 7:05pm



Adults: \$28  
Kids (12 and under) \$23  
Price includes game and meal

Contact Ralph Prolman for info and to buy tickets:  
Home: 978 682:5697 Cell: 978 884-2653

At Nevins Memorial Library, we have something for everyone to read! We also have a collection of movies, TV shows, music, and games that patrons can easily access. I hope to see you soon! As always, be sure to check our website for more exciting programs for all ages.

**Sincerely,**

Kirsten Underwood  
Nevins Memorial Library

Contact us!  
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# Free Music!

The Nevins Memorial Library is now offering free downloadable music from Freegal. Freegal offers access to songs from Sony Music's catalog. Hundreds of thousands of songs are available in over 100 genres. Visit our [Freegal](#) page to login and find the answers to the most frequently asked questions.

**Limited to 3 songs per week.**