



The Belmont Public Library

Reads Anita Diamant's

The Boston Girl



Addie Baum, the central figure in Anita Diamant's best-selling novel *The Boston Girl*, has big dreams. Born in 1900, she wants to go to high school and possibly college, pursue a career rather than work in a clothing factory, and live on her own rather than in the one-room tenement she shares with her parents and two sisters in the North End. To do this she will have to break away from her Russian immigrant parents and chart a course of her own making, during a time rocked by World War I, Prohibition, the great flu epidemic, the Depression, and the passage of women's suffrage.

Fourteen town departments and civic organizations are joining together, with the support of local businesses, to celebrate Boston's sixth community read. Please join us for the following events:

Tues., April 26 7PM



Author Anita Diamant discusses her novel, *The Boston Girl*
Beech Street Center, 266 Beech St., Belmont

Publisher's Weekly called the book "a stunning look into the past with a plucky heroine readers will cheer for." Best-selling author Anita Diamant, author of *The Red Tent* and *Day After Night*, will read from and talk about her most recent novel, *The Boston Girl*. After a Q&A session, books will be available for purchase and signing.

Thurs., March 31
3PM

Belmont Story Project Kickoff, Assembly Room, Belmont Public Library
The plot of *The Boston Girl* unfolds as Addie Baum tells her life story to her granddaughter. Find out how you can add your voice to the Belmont Story Project, an effort to record and preserve the oral history of Belmont across generations. Learn what makes a good interview and get tips from public radio producers Kate Ellis and Mitch Hanley. *Co-sponsored by the Belmont Citizen Herald, Belmont Historical Society, Belmont Media Center, and the Council on Aging.*

Sun., April 3-Sun, May 8

"Family Ties," an exhibit presented by the Belmont Gallery of Art, Belmont Gallery of Art, 3rd Floor Homer Building

Local artists working in paint, photography, fiber arts, sculpture and other media express their ideas on themes of family relationships. For hours see www.belmontgallery.org. **Opening reception with the artists, Friday, April 8, 7-9 PM.**

Thurs., April 7
7PM

The Road to Belmont – Stories of Immigration, Assembly Room, Belmont Public Library

Hear firsthand stories of the sacrifices and triumphs involved in immigrating to Belmont, from the 1940s to recent years, along with an exploration of recent immigration trends in Belmont and greater Boston by Lindsey Rinder, Director of English for the Belmont Public Schools, and Richard Goldberg, Director of Education, Asian American Civic Association. Co-sponsored by Belmont Against Racism and Human Rights Commission.

POSTPONED

**Tues., April 12
7:30PM**

One Woman, One Vote: The New Woman and the New Century, *Assembly Room, Belmont Public Library*

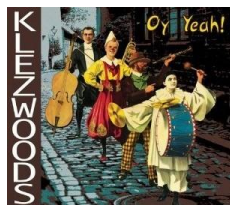
Barbara Berenson, attorney and author of *Boston and the Civil War: Hub of the Second Revolution*, will explore the women's suffrage movement in Massachusetts between 1900 and the ratification of the 19th amendment in 1920, with emphasis on the movement's outreach to immigrants and its adoption of new strategies such as open-air speeches and picketing. *Co-sponsored by the Belmont Historical Society & The League of Women Voters.*

**Sat., April 16
10AM**

Women's Heritage Trail Tour of the North End, *Location provided at registration*

Travel back in time as two docents from the Boston Women's Heritage Group take you on a tour of the North End, showing you the way Addie Baum saw it in her childhood. You'll visit old historical sites of tenement housing, the Saturday Evening Club Addie joined in her youth, and we'll get a peek at the famous Paul Revere Pottery House. **Registration is required and space is limited, please check onebookonebelmont.com to register, or call 617 993-2896 for more information.**

**Thurs., April 21
7PM**



The Klezwoods perform at the Belmont Public Library, *Assembly Room, Belmont Public Library*

The Klezwoods, a Boston-area based Klezmer band that melds the spirit of Jewish, Eastern European and Arabic music traditions with modern grooves, improvisation, and melodic interplay. If you don't know Klezmer music you are in for an auditory treat! If you do, come see the band the NY Music Daily proclaimed as having one of the best albums of 2012! For all ages.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS, EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

**Fri., April 8
11AM**

Senior Center Book Discussion, *Beech Street Center, 266 Beech Street, Belmont*

Led by librarian Miriam MacNair, Belmont Public Library

**Wed., April 13
11:30AM**

OBOB Book Discussion, *Flett Room, Belmont Public Library*

Led by librarian Nancy McMenemy-McColm, Belmont Public Library

TEEN AND CHILDREN'S EVENTS

**Tues., April 19
7 PM**

Screening of *Bend It Like Beckham*, *Assembly Room, Belmont Public Library*

Like the main character in *The Boston Girl*, 18-year-old Jesminder is torn between following the traditions of her Indian family and striving for super-stardom on the soccer field. Rated PG-13.

**Thurs., April 21
10:30 AM**

Grandma, Grandpa, and Me, *Flett Room, Belmont Public Library*

Kids and grandparents, how well do you know each other? Children ages 4 to 10 are invited to bring a grandparent, grandfriend, or other special adult to hear stories and do activities together. Learn about each other in a whole new way!

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