



LIBRARY NOTES

NEWSLETTER OF THE NEEDHAM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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COVID-19 APRIL 2020 ISSUE

Common Questions and Resource Information

Online resources are available 24/7.

Updated issues of **Library Notes – COVID-19 Edition** are available. Please use the **Library Notes** for more specific instructions regarding some of our more popular services such as **Libby by Overdrive**, **RBdigital**, and **Tumblebooks**, among others. Back issues are available for access on the website, by clicking **View Other Items in this Archive** on the Newsletter webpage.

Due dates automatically changed/extended.

Fines are waived during this time.

Holds: You can once again place holds on items, but do not expect that they will be filled anytime soon. Items that were on the Hold Shelf when we closed will still be there when we eventually reopen.

No library card will expire until May 31st.

eCards are available if you've never had a library card to access our e-resources! Please sign up using a valid email address. Your temporary barcode and username will be emailed to you.

Check out our Activities at Home webpage, with free resources for children and adults specifically during this time.

Check our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/NeedhamFreePublicLibrary/> for updates involving videos, poetry and other activities we are providing during this challenging time.

The Children's Department has curated a variety of online resources for children and families to use for fun and virtual learning. There is also information for Children about COVID-19 and for parents on talking with their children about the pandemic. These can be found on the Children's portion of the library web page, under **Activities to do at Home**—<http://www.needhamma.gov/4854/Activities-To-Do-At-Home>. Recorded Storytimes are coming soon. (See page 2 for further information)

Database Updates

Ancestry Library Edition

This database brings the world's most popular consumer online genealogy resource to your library. It's an unprecedented online collection of individuals from North America, the United Kingdom, Europe, Australia, and more.

Answers await everyone—whether professional or hobbyist, expert or novice, genealogist or historian—inside the more than 7,000 available databases. Here, you can unlock your stories with sources like censuses, vital records, immigration records, family histories, military records, court and legal documents, directories, photos, maps, and more.

Now access has been temporarily extended to home users of the Needham Free Public Library. Just go to <https://www.minlib.net/online-resources/needham> to access **Ancestry Library Edition**. Access is easy, just put in your library card number and you'll have access to all the Databases provided by the Library.

Hoopla

Needham residents can now borrow up to 8 items a month from **Hoopla!** This is a temporary increase from the 4 items patrons could previously borrow each month due to increased interest while the library is physically closed due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Hoopla has a large diverse collection of ebooks, digital audiobooks, music, comic books, movies, and TV shows available to **borrow with no waiting!**

Overdrive Advantage

The Needham Free Public Library is continuing to purchase additional materials for their **Overdrive Advantage** collection while they are closed to the public.

Overdrive Advantage is a collection of eBooks and digital audiobooks that are available exclusively to Needham residents. Needham residents can access the **Overdrive Advantage** collection by logging into the **Libby app**, the **Overdrive app**, or by visiting <http://minuteman.overdrive.com>.

Kanopy

Needham residents can now view up to 12 films a month from **Kanopy!** This is a temporary increase from the 8 films a month patrons could previously borrow each month while the library is physically closed due to the COVID-19 outbreak. **Kanopy** has released a collection of films that are viewable credit-free! **Kanopy** has also made their **Kanopy Kids** collection viewable credit-free! Watch those films without using any of your 12 film credits!



Activities To Do At Home With Your Child

Stuck at home? Try out some fun activities here!

Authors Everywhere: Fun YouTube activities such as drawing and writing prompts with authors and illustrators such as Diane Magras and Grace Lin!

Children's Book Week: In celebration of Children's Book Week 2020, enjoy some coloring pages done by authors and illustrators including Greg Pizzoli, Katie O'Neill, and Maria Gulemetova!

Code at home: Created by **Girls Who Code**, they will upload an activity—some online, some offline, of varying levels of difficulty—over the course of the next few months.

Draw Everyday With JJK: follow Jarrett J. Krosoczka (of the famous Lunch Lady comics and Jedi Academy as well as many others) with his draw every day segments on YouTube!

GoNoodle: Short indoor gym videos for kids. It also has meditation and yoga videos.

Harry Potter at Home: Find all the latest magical treats to keep you occupied—including special contributions from Bloomsbury and Scholastic, nifty magical craft videos (teach your friends how to draw a Niffler!), fun articles, quizzes, puzzles and plenty more for first-time readers, as well as those already familiar with the wizarding world. We're casting a Banishing Charm on boredom!

Lunch Doodles With Mo Willems: Join Mo (**Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!**) and have some great fun doodling and learning about art!

Miss Humblebee's Academy: an interactive kindergarten-readiness program that introduces children ages three to six to key concepts in math, science, social studies, language and literacy, art, and music. It's as challenging as it is fun!

Music with Sarah: Are you missing monthly music with Sarah Gardner? Join Sarah for a virtual music class!

National Geographic Kids: Games, videos, and readings about geography, biology, zoology, and more.

Puppet Play with David Hyde Costello: Join local author/illustrator and the Palmer Public Library for the process of making a table-top puppet show. Viewers can contribute their ideas for the second part of the show.

TumbleBook Library (*requires a library card): An online collection of TumbleBooks—animated, talking picture books which teach kids the joy of reading in a format they'll love.

TumbleMath: A comprehensive online collection of storybooks involving math and other mathematical concepts all in the amazing TumbleBook format complete with animation and narration!

Virtual Tours: Want to see museums in London, Seoul, Paris or São Paulo from your couch? Look no further!

WGBH Distance Learning Center: Massachusetts Department of Education and PBS partnership website with preschool to 12th grade educational resources organized by grade level for families during the current health crisis.

Online Storytimes

ABCs with Mr. Steve! Come and join our own Mr. Steve as he takes you on a tour through the alphabet! With videos updating regularly, you can listen to a storytime and have a zany adventure with A to Z and every letter in between!

Neil Gaiman: Watch the latest Neil Gaiman videos and see Neil (and some famous friends!) read **The Graveyard Book** and **Coraline** in their entirety.

Storytime Online: streamed videos featuring actors reading children's books alongside creatively produced illustrations. Readers include Viola Davis, Chris Pine, Kevin Costner, Betty White and dozens more.

Storytime with Pete the Cat: The birds are singing, the sky is bright, the sun is shining, I'm feeling ALRIGHT! Come join our favorite cool cat Pete for virtual storytime.

Storytime from Space: While in space, astronauts are videotaping themselves reading these books to the children of Earth.

Story Preservation Lab K-3 (*requires making a free account*): Story Preservation is working in collaboration with master storytellers to bring timeless fictional stories—fairy tales, myths, folklore, and contemporary tales of enchantment—into K-3 classrooms.

Coronavirus Resources

A Comic Exploring The New Coronavirus: Kids this comic is for you!

Be a Coronavirus Fighter: This informative picture book explains the current virus situation in simple terms and urges children to help fight it!

Myth Busters: Typical questions and answers regarding the coronavirus.

Talking about COVID-19 with young children: With all of the news and frightening information going out from many different sources, early childhood expert Dr. Jean Feldman is here to help young children feel less anxious about the coronavirus.

Links to all of these resources and more can be found on the Activities to do at Home Page—<http://www.needhamma.gov/4854/Activities-To-Do-At-Home>

Please Note: Inclusion in this list may not be interpreted as the library's endorsement of the website or video link.