



## Resources that can be accessed at home:

The Needham Free Public Library has multiple online resources that are available to be accessed from home. All you will need is a valid Minuteman Library Network Card to access the majority of the state and network provided databases. **You will need to be a resident of Needham (with this information being reflected in the network database) to access these databases.** To get started with accessing all of the databases, please follow these steps:

1. Visit [needhamma.gov/library](http://needhamma.gov/library)
2. Scroll down and click on **Access Databases & Online Resources** on the left side of the page.
3. Click on **Access Databases & Online Resources** in the middle of the page.
4. Enter your 14-digit library card number (no spaces).
5. Scroll down the alphabetical list of databases and click on **(Database name)**.



**Creativebug** offers over 1000 video classes in drawing, painting, sketchbooking, sewing, quilting, knitting, crocheting, jewelry making,

and much more, taught by the world's top artists, designers and crafters. Classes for all ages, from kids to adults, with new classes from top artists released every day. All you need to do is set up an account with your Needham library card.

Please do the following once you access **Creativebug** via the Database page (see instructions above on how to do this):

1. To log in for the first time (and to set up an account), begin by entering your library card number in the box that says "Library Card"
2. Click the red **"LOG IN"** button
3. To finish creating an account, enter your First and Last Name, Email address and create a password
4. Click the red **"submit"** button
5. To begin enjoying thousands of free classes, click on the red **"See latest classes here"** button!

There is also a **Creativebug app**, available in the iTunes and Google Play stores for you to download that will allow you to download your favorite class and take it on the go! (*Note: When accessing downloaded classes, be sure you are logged into the Creativebug app while you are connected to Wi-Fi before you lose your connection*)

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**Kanopy** allows you to watch 30,000+ movies and TV shows for free with your Minuteman Library card. You will be allowed to watch **up to 8 films each month**, and you will need to be connected to the internet to watch, as the movies will only stream online and cannot be downloaded. Access is achieved by:

1. Visit [needhamma.kanopy.com](http://needhamma.kanopy.com) or download the free Kanopy app from your device's app store (Google Play, Apple App Store, Windows Store, etc.).
2. Click or tap on the "Sign Up" option.
3. Enter your name, email address and create a password then click or tap the "Sign Up" button.
4. Verify your email address by clicking on the link in the email Kanopy has sent you.
5. Add your library card number. If you are not automatically prompted to enter your library card, click on the grey warning icon in the top-right corner of the screen to update your library card.
6. Enjoy a wide range of free movies on demand, with access to the Criterion Collection, World Cinema, Independent Films, Documentaries, ESL & Languages, Great Courses and many others.

**RBDigital** allows you unlimited access to your favorite



magazines and newspapers. Once you access our database page (see instructions at the beginning of this article on how to access this page), just follow these steps:

1. Scroll down the alphabetical list of databases and click on **RB Digital**.
2. Click on **Create New Account**. (Upper right hand corner).
3. Create new account by entering your library card number, name, email, and password.
4. Return to the library's **RB Digital** sign in page and sign in with your new account.
5. Begin browsing!

## Online Classes on a variety of topics are offered by these databases:

### Adult Education-Universal Class



**Universal Class** offers patrons a unique online education experience. With a growing catalog of over 540 courses, **Universal Class** is committed to providing only the most affordable and highest quality online training.



### Artist Works for Libraries

Provides music (instrument and voice) and artistic instructional videos through self-paced lessons from Grammy Award-winning music and artistic professionals from introduction to advanced performance.





**Lynda.com** is a leading online learning company that helps anyone learn business, technology and creative skills to achieve personal and professional goals.

You have access to the lynda.com video library of engaging, top-quality courses taught by recognized industry experts—more than 5,700 courses and 255,000 video tutorials across mobile and desktop.

**You can learn to speak a foreign language, or improve your ESL skills, using two databases we subscribe to:**



**Mango** is designed to equip you with conversational abilities from the very start. Mango immerses you in real, everyday conversations in a wide variety of foreign languages. It also features ESL instruction in English, tailored for speakers of more than a dozen languages.



**Pronunciator** has over 80 languages in their database. This course is designed to assist patrons in learning phrases for

use in various situations.

**Other Databases that would be of interest at this time:**



**America's News**, offers comprehensive news and information at the local, state, regional and national levels. New content is added daily from more than 3,000 full-text news sources nationwide, including full images of recent **Boston Herald** issues.



**NoveList Plus**, a comprehensive readers' advisory resource for both fiction and nonfiction and that will help you to answer the question of what

to read next. In addition to the title records, **NoveList Plus** offers a rich array of customized feature content such as Author Read-alikes, Book Discussion Guides, BookTalks, and Feature Articles by the top names in the industry.



**Tumble Book Library**, an online collection of **TumbleBooks** – animated, talking picture books which teach kids the joy of reading in a format

they'll love. (Note: Flash is needed on your computer). We are awaiting word from **TumbleBooks** on whether we will be given free access to **TumbleBookLibrary**, **TumbleMath**, and **TeenBookCloud**. Once we receive permission, we will post the links on the Library Facebook Page and on the website.

**And finally, through your Minuteman Library Network Card, you have the ability to establish accounts on each of the various network's Libby/Overdrive Collections.**



**Libby, by Overdrive**, allows you to borrow Ebooks and Audiobooks with your Smartphone/Tablet .

### 1. Install the Application on your device

- Search for Libby in your app store. Install the free app.
- Use "I'll Search For A Library" to look up your Home Library OR try "Yes, Guess My Library" and the app will attempt to locate the closest library to you.
- Select Minuteman Library Network for your library network.
- "Enter Library Account Details" to enter your Library Card and you are good to go!

### 2. Explore

- Libby has two areas, Library and Shelf.
- Library lets you explore titles to check out, and Shelf shows you everything you have out!
- Search for a title you wish to borrow—you can browse by subject or collection; or you can search by author, title, or keyword. Every search provides a summary of the results, you can narrow your search from that summary, or use Refine to sort and limit your search results.
- Tap on a book cover to learn more, and tap Borrow to check out a title. If a title is unavailable you can always Place a Hold.
- You can find all your items, including both loans and holds, under the Shelf section of the app. Tap Open Book to enjoy your book!

### 3. Tips & Tricks

- All ebooks and audiobooks in this collection can be found through our main catalog! So if you're searching for a title though find.minlib.org keep an eye out for "eBook" and "eAudiobook"!
- Use "Preferences" to modify your default search and display settings! Use the Download Settings to control when your loans are downloaded—including automatically when you're on WiFi.
- Audiobooks are designated by a pair of earbuds on their cover.
- Not sure when a book is due? Want to return it? Tap on Manage Loan!
- Your Minuteman Library card can be used at library networks throughout MA! In your app menu, tap "Add A Library," Search, and add! To use your Minuteman card select "I'm Visiting From Another Library," then "Minuteman Patrons" and add your library card. All your loans will appear in the same place, and you can switch between library collections.



## During the time that the Needham Free Public Library is closed to the public, here is some important library information to know:

\*You can get a temporary Minuteman e-card; this will allow you temporary access to Minuteman Library Network online and electronic resources for up to six months. During and up to the six month point, you can come into your local Minuteman Library Network library and convert your E-card to a permanent account and physical library card that will allow you to take out physical materials when the library is open again. <https://library.minlib.net/selfreg~S1>. You can also obtain an E-Card from the BPL at <https://www.bpl.org/ecard/>.

**Please note:** The Library will be able to answer some of your questions online at [neemail1@minlib.net](mailto:neemail1@minlib.net) or by voicemail at 781-455-7559, ext. 218 (please leave a message), but will be unable to access and make changes to your library cards.

\*Please DO NOT bring library materials back to the library as the book drops have been locked during this closure because of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

\*Please do not place any holds during the period of time the library is closed, as the Needham Free Public Library is not receiving requested books and materials from other libraries. Most if not all other libraries in the state are in the same situation and will be closed as well. The Minuteman Network has frozen all holds for the time being. Please do not manually unfreeze your items in Encore at this time. The Commonwealth Catalog will no longer allow you to place holds on items from other libraries.

\*Books and other material donations for the Friends of the Library sales are not being accepted at this time.

\*Overdue fines are suspended (waived) on all outstanding items. The Minuteman Board of Directors has approved moving all due dates out one month, and your items checked out list should reflect this.

\*If you need tax forms, you can download and print them from the following sites:

[irs.gov](https://www.irs.gov) - Under Forms and Instructions, you can print out the basic booklet, as well as any of the schedules you will need to file your federal taxes.

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/dor-personal-income-tax-forms-and-instructions> - You can print out Massachusetts state forms and instructions, as well as see whether you qualify to use one of the free, online services to file your taxes.

\*Updates will be posted on the Town of Needham-Needham Free Public Library Facebook page as well as on the Library homepage <http://www.needhamma.gov/4747/Library>.



# Resources for Children

## Free Educational Websites

### **Scholastic Learn at Home**

(web search Scholastic Learn at Home)

**PBSKids.org**

**ABCYA.com**

**StorylineOnline.net**

**BrainPop.com**

**GoNoodle.com**

(indoor gym classes)

**KhanAcademy.org**

**TimeforKids.com**

**National Geographic for Kids**

**Kids.NationalGeographic.com**

**Wonderopolis.org**

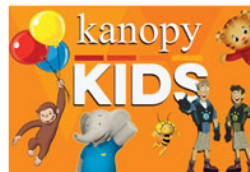
**Starfall.com**

### **Authors Everywhere**

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCowhHSUaWp3KJDcuI0nR0vw?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCowhHSUaWp3KJDcuI0nR0vw?view_as=subscriber)

This is a Youtube Channel created and run by children's book writers and illustrators. With all this talk of potential quarantines and school closures, we wanted to do something to offer relief for parents and kids who might find themselves stuck at home. On this channel, you'll find workshops, readings, activities, art projects, writing games, writing advice, and more. We hope that we can offer you some fun, some distraction, and a creative outlet for any feelings that might come up during this time. More videos will be coming soon, and if there's any topic we haven't covered that you want to see, please let us know!

### **For a Limited Time, Kanopy Kids will be Free**



Starting Monday, March 16th, Kanopy is offering for the next 30 days, free, unlimited access to Kanopy Kids to all of their partnering libraries, of which the Needham Free Public Library is one. Your children can enjoy quality educational content like Sesame Street, Arthur, and even benefit from their language learning series.

