

Chromebooks Now Available for Checkout



The Needham Free Public Library is looking to close the town's technology gap for those patrons who used to come into the library building for their computing needs. Since the coronavirus pandemic began, the library, just as all other Town buildings, per order of the Needham Department of Public Health, has been closed since March 14th to the general public. To help those without computers at home stay safe and get the information they need, the library is now offering Chromebooks for checkout. Thanks to funding from the *Library Foundation of Needham*, in an effort to meet the needs of the many library users who are working and learning at home, you can now start checking out a Chromebook laptop, by calling the library's reference department at 781-455-7559, ext. 502, starting Monday, December 14th. The five available Chromebook laptops can be checked out for five days. They must be picked up between 12 pm and 2 pm on a Monday and returned to the library on Friday of the same week by no later than 3 pm (Chromebooks can then be requested after another week, as they will be quarantined for seven days in between check-outs). All of the Chromebooks can connect to any Wi-Fi network, including the Library's wireless network, available from our parking lots.

2021 McIver Lecture Series on ZOOM

Author Michelle Chalmers—*The Skin on my Chin*

Sun., January 31st

5:00 PM



The Trustees of the Needham Free Public Library are happy to collaborate with *Equal Justice in Needham for Families* and bring you a Family Storytime designed for adults and children who wish to learn about racial identities, social justice, and empathy. Our featured book is *The Skin on My Chin*, by Michelle Chalmers. Copies of the book will be available to take out from the Library. *This is the first of three events, and is sponsored by the Trustees of the Needham Free Public Library in memory of former director Vivian D. McIver.* This event will be on ZOOM, registration is required, and will become available mid-December at <https://needhamma.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/2021-january/>.



Upcoming Programs—January 2021 on ZOOM

Casper Grathwohl, Senior Executive, Oxford University Press, *The Oxford English Dictionary in the Digital Age*, a virtual program on ZOOM

Sun., January 24th

2:00 PM

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The Art of Crossword Construction with Ruth B. Margolin, a virtual program on ZOOM

Sun., January 31st

2:00 PM

Have you ever wondered what is involved in producing the small bit of entertainment with which you might start your day? This program will walk through the steps of creating a publishable crossword puzzle, from concept to completion. Follow the process, see the resources used, and gain insight into the attention to detail that is at the foundation of a quality puzzle. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.*



Registration is required for both programs and will become available mid-December at <https://needhamma.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/2021-january/>

This Month in the Virtual Friends' Gallery

Needham Art Association

go to <http://www.needhamma.gov/3168/>
for our virtual slideshow

Children's Virtual Programs in December



All your favorite performers are back and on their traditional days each month.

Lego Club with Veronica and Marianna - Every Wednesday @3:00 PM

Build and share Lego creations for kindergarten and older.



Preschool Palooza - Wednesdays at 10:00 AM

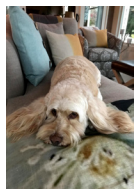
Join Ms. Elise for stories, song, and movement. Celebrate the color yellow on 12/9, the color red on 12/16, Hanukkah/Christmas on 12/23, and New Years on 12/30.

Yoga for Kids with Lyn Jekowsky - December 12 at 10:00 AM

A 30-minute set of yoga for young children and their families. No experience necessary - all levels welcome for ages 5 and up.



Read to Tucker the Reading Dog



Build confidence in reading with Tucker the popular therapy dog. Alternating Mondays and Tuesdays at 3:00 PM. Individual 15-minute reading sessions for kindergarten and older.

December Book Clubs with Steve

Ravenous Readers



Dec. 15th @ 4:30 PM for Grades 4-6

Dec. 17th @ 3:30 PM for Grades 1-3

Bookventurers - Stargazing by Jen Wang

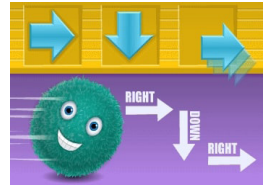


December 19th @ 3:00 PM for Grades 3-5

Order a copy for curbside pickup to read and discuss on Zoom.

Hour of Code Week—December 7 to 13

Gamerific coding for kids. Children can practice learning to code safely, at their own pace, in a virtual Kodable game room. Register online to enter a virtual game room in Kodable and play self-paced coding games and get age-appropriate STEM kits to take and make at home. Hour of Code is a worldwide effort to celebrate and demystify computer science. For all ages and no experience necessary!



Jigglesman—December 28th to January 3rd



Watch the Jigglesman show all week. The Jigglesman is a physical comedian for all ages. He has appeared seven times on David Letterman. Watch the Jigglesman manipulate space, time and objects as he becomes play!

Little Labcoats Arctic Explorations

Monday, December 21st

4:00 PM

Bundle up and explore the North and South Pole. Discover how animals adapt to the harsh conditions of the freezing weather and analyze the arctic world. For children in grades 3 through 5.



Registration begins two weeks before events. Go to <https://needhamma.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/2020-december/> to register for these ZOOM sessions.



December Holiday Closings

December 24 - Library Closes at 12:30 PM

December 25 - Library Closed

December 31 - Library Closes at 5:00 PM

January 1, 2021 - Library Closed



December 2020 Book Clubs on ZOOM

NPL Book Group

Tuesday, December 8th

The Henna Artist by Alka Joshi

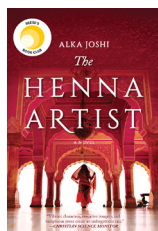
Escaping from an abusive marriage, seventeen-year-old Lakshmi makes her way alone to the vibrant 1950s pink city of Jaipur. There she becomes the most highly requested henna artist—and confidante—to the wealthy women of the upper class. But trusted with the secrets of the wealthy, she can never reveal her own...

Known for her original designs and sage advice, Lakshmi must tread carefully to avoid the jealous gossips who could ruin her reputation and her livelihood. As she pursues her dream of an independent life, she is startled one day when she is confronted by her husband, who has tracked her down these many years later with a high-spirited young girl in tow—a sister Lakshmi never knew she had. Suddenly the caution that she has carefully cultivated as protection is threatened. Still she perseveres, applying her talents and lifting up those who surround her as she does.

Please email neemail1@minlib.net if you wish to have your email address added to our monthly ZOOM link mailing.

January 12, 2021—*The Fire Next Time* by James Baldwin

1:00 PM



NPL Evening Book Club

Wednesday, December 16th

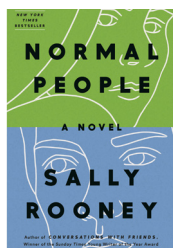
Normal People by Sally Rooney

Connell and Marianne grew up in the same small town, but the similarities end there. At school, Connell is popular and well liked, while Marianne is a loner. But when the two strike up a conversation—awkward but electrifying—something life changing begins.

A year later, they're both studying at Trinity College in Dublin. Marianne has found her feet in a new social world while Connell hangs at the sidelines, shy and uncertain. Throughout their years at university, Marianne and Connell circle one another, straying toward other people and possibilities but always magnetically, irresistibly drawn back together. And as she veers into self-destruction and he begins to search for meaning elsewhere, each must confront how far they are willing to go to save the other.

Normal People is the story of mutual fascination, friendship and love. It takes us from that first conversation to the years beyond, in the company of two people who try to stay apart but find that they can't. **Please email neemail1@minlib.net if you wish to have your email address added to our monthly ZOOM link mailing.** ***January 20, 2021—TBD***

7:00 PM



NEEDHAM COMIC BOOK CLUB!

Date: Thursday, December 17, 2020

Time: 7:00 - 8:00pm

Location: Virtually via Zoom

Reading: Check, please! Book 1, #Hockey!
Written By: Ngozi Ukazu

Come join us for this month's book discussion as a group

"Eric Bittle may be a former junior figure skating champion, vlogger extraordinaire, and very talented amateur pâtissier, but being a freshman on the Samwell University hockey team is a whole new challenge. It is nothing like co-ed club hockey back in Georgia! First of all? There's checking (anything that hinders the player with possession of the puck, ranging from a stick check all the way to a physical sweep). And then, there is Jack-- his very attractive but moody captain"-- (Provided by publisher) Join us as we discuss this month's LGBTQIA Diverse Graphic Novel around the Zoom screen with friends. Participants must register to receive the Zoom link.

For more info contact Erin Bassett at ebassett@minlib.net

Copies of this month's titles available for request from Minuteman Libraries as well as digitally online!

Virtual Meeting for Ages 14 +

Register Online <https://needham.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/2020-december/>

Diversity and Discussion Book Club

Co-sponsored by the Trustees of the Needham Free Public Library, Needham Diversity Initiative & Needham Human Rights Committee

An American Marriage: A Novel by Tayari Jones

Wed., January 27th

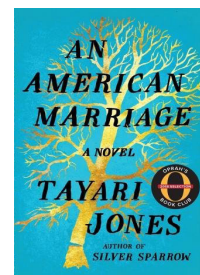
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Newlyweds Celestial and Roy are the embodiment of both the American Dream and the New South. He is a young executive, and she is an artist on the brink of an exciting career. But as they settle into the routine of their life together, they are ripped apart by circumstances neither could have imagined. Roy is arrested and sentenced to twelve years for a crime Celestial knows he didn't commit.

Though fiercely independent, Celestial finds herself bereft and unmoored, taking comfort in Andre, her childhood friend, and best man at their wedding. As Roy's time in prison passes, she is unable to hold on to the love that has been her center. After five years, Roy's conviction is suddenly overturned, and he returns to Atlanta ready to resume their life together.

*This stirring love story is a profoundly insightful look into the hearts and minds of three people who are at once bound and separated by forces beyond their control. **An American Marriage** is a masterpiece of storytelling, an intimate look deep into the souls of people who must reckon with the past while moving forward—with hope and pain—into the future.*

This discussion on Zoom will be facilitated by Gretchen Cook-Anderson. Registration is required and will become available mid-December at <https://needham.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/2021-january/>



Teen/Tween & Adult Craft Activities for December

Teens & Adults (Ages 15+) Craft & Chat Program!

A VIRTUAL PROGRAM FOR AGES 15 & UP!

FIRST THURSDAYS FROM 7:30 - 9 PM

REGISTRATION **REQUIRED** TO GET LINK

Register Online for Each Program:
<https://needhamma.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/>

Contact Erin at neeya@minlib.net with questions!

Weekly Program: Tween Craft & Chat Hour!

A VIRTUAL PROGRAM FOR AGES 10 - 12

WEDNESDAYS FROM 3:30 - 4:30 PM

REGISTRATION **REQUIRED** TO GET LINK

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Take and Make: Fleece Pillows

A Craft at Home Program for Ages 8 +



The Children's Department is teaming up with Young Adult Librarian, Erin, for this wonderfully fuzzy and warm craft just in time for the holidays!

Sign ups open Monday, November 23 and will remain open until filled (limited to first 36 people). Most materials needed will be provided in the kits. (Pickups and distribution for Craft Kits during the week of December 7 - 11th)

Register to sign up and pick up through our online calendar:
<https://needhamma.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/2020-november/>



- Kits include:
 - 1 pillow form
 - 2 squares of fleece fabric
 - instructions to be able to complete your pillow (& an extra for a stuffed friend!)
- Kits do NOT include:
 - Scissors
 - Ruler / measuring tape
 - Stuffed friend



Take and Make: Knitting & Crochet Kits

A Craft at Home Program for Ages 12 + (yes, Adults - you too!)



Young Adult Librarian, Erin, is bringing warmth to tweens, teens, and adults (ages 12 +) for this wonderfully warm craft kit just in time for the holidays!

Sign ups open Monday, December 7 and will remain open until filled (limited to first 25 people). Materials needed will be provided in the kits. (Pickups and distribution for Craft Kits during the week of December 14 - 18th)

Register to sign up and pick up through our online calendar:
<https://needhamma.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/2020-december/>



- Kits include:
 - 1 set of knitting needles & 1 crochet hook
 - 1 or 2 skeins of yarn (depending on the size of the yarn provided)
 - 1 yarn needle
 - instructions and links to basic stitches that will be needed
 - instructions to be able to complete a project (or two)
- Kits do NOT include scissors



Virtual Office Hours

with Erin Bassett,

Needham Free Public Library, Young Adult Librarian

Between the ages of 10 and 18? Looking for some advice on what to read next? Need some help with something? Just want to chat? Join our Young Adult Librarian for a one-on-one help session via Zoom!

Please note: all conversations will be held one at a time, so you may be in our waiting room for a bit as we bring in people one by one. Conversations will be kept short if there are people waiting. Please be patient with us as we navigate a new system of helping!

Registration required to receive Zoom link information.

To register and find out what days and times are being offered, check out our Program Calendar Here:

<https://needhamma.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/2020-december/>

Looking for a Hold?

Did you get an email saying
your item is here at the library?

Call us at 781-455-7559, x201
to arrange CURBSIDE PICKUP



The Library can print out your print jobs (20 page maximum) for you. Please send your document(s) to neemail@minlib.net, and call us at 781-455-7559, ex. 502, to let us know it's been sent. Documents will be put out with curbside delivery within 2 hours of notification.

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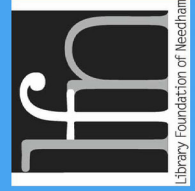
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Sunday Monday



Funding for special events generously provided by



Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

1
3 pm Read to Tucker
Grades K to 5

2
Music with Stacey Peasley
10 am ages 2 to 5
3 pm Lego Club
Grades K to 5

4

5

8
10 am Music with Sarah
ages 2 to 5
10:30 am infants

9
10 am PreSchool Palooza
Ages 3 to 5
3 pm Lego Club
Grades K to 5

11
3 pm Sing Along with Ed
ages 2 to 5

12
10 am Yoga for Kids with Lyn
Ages 5 to 10

15
4:30 pm Ravenous Readers
Grades 4 to 6

16
10 am PreSchool Palooza
Ages 3 to 5
3 pm Lego Club
Grades K to 5

18

19
3 pm Bookventures Bookclub
Grades 3 to 5

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23
10 am PreSchool Palooza
Ages 3 to 5
3 pm Lego Club
Grades K to 5

25
Closed for Christmas

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30
10 am PreSchool Palooza
Ages 3 to 5
3 pm Lego Club
Grades K to 5

31
Closed for New Years

Registration Required for Children's Events
www.needhamma.gov/3035
Events subject to change



Friends of the Needham Public Library

Winter-Spring 2021 Events

All programs are free and will be presented on Zoom. To receive the link, please register within one month of the event date here: <https://needhamma.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/>



Sunday, January 24, 2021, 2:00-3:30 PM

Casper Grathwohl, Senior Executive, Oxford University Press, "The Oxford English Dictionary in the Digital Age"

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Sunday, January 31, 2021, 2:00-3:30 PM

Ruth B. Margolin, Crossword Puzzle Builder, "The Art of Crossword Puzzle Construction"

Learn the ABCs of crossword puzzle creation from an expert who has published puzzles in the *New York Times*, *New York Times Magazine*, *The Wall Street Journal* and *USA Today*. Ms. Margolin will walk through the steps of creating a publishable crossword puzzle, from concept to completion. A quality puzzle is all about attention to detail. Zoom presentation (see directions above).



Sunday, February 7, 2021, 2:00-3:30 PM

Dallas Hetherington, C-Change Collaborative, "Climate Change and You"

How do we know climate change is real and is caused by humans? What is the scientific consensus? What are the dangers? Is there hope? This accessible overview summarizes the science behind climate change and presents a clear-eyed view of the risk this existential threat poses to humanity. Zoom presentation (see directions above).



Sunday, March 21, 2021, 2:00-3:30 PM

Franklin King IV, MD, "The Psychedelic Renaissance"

Psychedelic drugs are again a hot topic—as medical therapy with the potential to help people with addictions and severe depression. Learn from a Massachusetts General Hospital psychiatrist about the types of psychedelic drugs scientists are investigating, the biology and a therapeutic model that is unlike any other. Zoom presentation (see directions above).



Sunday, April 25, 2021, 2:00-3:30 PM

Beverly Beckham, *Boston Globe*, "Evolution of a Columnist"

Popular *Boston Sunday Globe* columnist Beverly Beckham discusses how she turns her observations of daily life and communities into enlightening essays that move and entertain her readers. Zoom presentation (see directions above).