

## 2021 McIver Lecture Series on ZOOM

### Enslavement and Its Aftermath in Needham on ZOOM\*

Sun., February 21st

2:00 PM



It happened here: many of Needham's eighteenth-century founding families were enslavers, and the historical record was "whitewashed" or buried after slavery was abolished in Massachusetts in 1783. As Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. observed, "We are made by history." Join us for a discussion of the role of enslavement in Needham's history, and how its effects are shaping our current ideas of community and justice. Presented by Gloria Polizzotti Greis, PhD, Executive Director, Needham History Center & Museum, and the Rev. Catie Scudera, Minister, First Parish in Needham, Unitarian Universalist. *This is the second of three events, and is sponsored by the Trustees of the Needham Free Public Library in memory of former director Vivian D. McIver.*



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<https://needhamma.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/>

### Bollywood Dance Class with Chavi Bansal for Ages 6 to Adult on ZOOM (Up to 50 participants)

Thurs., February 18th

2:30 PM

Learn Bollywood movements from India including hand gestures and mudras combined with hip hop moves with professional dancer, Chavi Bansal. The class begins with a brief history of the origins of Bollywood dancing and ends with a choreographed dance for all participants. *Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.*



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This Month in the Virtual Friends' Gallery

## Photographer Samuel Williams

### "The Emotions of Protest"

go to <http://www.needhamma.gov/3168/>

for our virtual slideshow

## Dallas Hetherington, C-Change Conversations—

### Climate Change and You on ZOOM\*

Sun., February 7th

2:00 PM



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. The presentation is an engaging and compelling program that uses visual data, charts and photographs to provide an accessible overview of climate science and a clear-eyed assessment of the risks ahead. *Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library and Green Needham.*

### Bob Begin: Race to the South Pole on ZOOM\*

Mon., February 8th

7:00 PM

In 1900, the last major unexplored and unclaimed region of the earth was Antarctica. Great Britain felt obligated to explore and claim this area for the British Empire. At that time, the British Empire was the largest in the world. And the saying was, "The sun never sets on the British Empire." Antarctica was known to be a land of extreme conditions: the coldest temperature ever recorded, 98% covered in ice, separated from other land masses by the Southern Ocean, and had no indigenous peoples, no wildlife except near the coastal areas, no gold or silver, and was plagued by constant storms. Why would anybody want to go there? What possible value could it hold? And why would men willingly risk their lives to go there? Join Bob Begin as he presents another in his series of lectures here at the Needham Library. *Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.*



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## Virtual Painting with Chelsea!

A Needham Free Public Library Virtual Program

for Tweens & Teens over February Vacation!!

**Wednesday, February 17, 2021 from 3-5 PM**

**Ages 10 - 18**

Register and participate in a Virtual Paint Afternoon.

Don't have plans for February Vacation yet?

Well, this might give you something out of this world to do at least 1 of those afternoons!

**\*Registration Required - Sign Up Today!**

Registration will close Friday, February 5th, if not earlier

Limited to first 36 participants, wait list if necessary

\*This will be a ZOOM Virtual Program, participants must have access to internet and Zoom to participate. Participants must be able to attend for full program length (2 hours) and pickup materials in a timely manner. Materials will be supplied to registrants in a Curbside Pickup Canvas Kit (Canvas, Paints, and Paintbrushes, water cup, and print out of finished product included - you will need paper towels and a large flat space to work). Registrants will be notified and contacted a week before the program when the materials are ready to be picked up.

To register: <https://needhamma.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/2021-february/>

## Children's Virtual Programs in February

Music with Stacey Peasley for ages 2-5



Wed., February 3 10:00 AM

Mon., February 22 10:00 AM

Sing-Along with Ed



Fri., February 12 10:00 AM

Thurs., February 18 10:00 AM

Lego Club with Veronica and Marianna

Every Wednesday @3:00 PM

Build and share Lego creations for kindergarten and older.



Preschool Palooza - Wednesdays @ 10:00 AM

Join Ms. Elise for stories, song, and movement.

Yoga for Kids with Lyn Jekowsky—Saturday, February 13th @ 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.



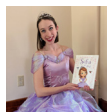
Read to Tucker the Reading Dog

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.

Dance Me a Story

Tues., February 16th 10:00 AM

Join Princess Lisa from the Joanne Langione Dance Center for an enchanting tale and dance for ages 1 to 5.



Needham Young Coders

Explore basic computer science concepts as well as introductory coding in the programming language, Java. No prior experience is necessary!

Who: Aspiring coders grades 3 to 6

What: Free virtual CS lessons

When: 4:00 PM on Mondays

Where: Zoom

Little Labcoats Desert Adventure for Grades 3-5

Mon., February 22nd 6:00 PM



Go on a scientific expedition to one of the least biodiverse regions in the world, the desert! Examine the climate, different animals, and habitat of this unique biome.

Take & Make Bags

Holiday Surprise



Hearts are Red

Lanterns too

Come and make one

For me and you!

Available week of February 1st while supplies lasts.

STEM Biome Kit

Learn about keystone species and how the return of the wolves changed the land and animals of Yellowstone. Kits are for ages 6 and up

Available week of February 16th while supplies last.



Registration begins two weeks before events. Go to <https://needham-ma.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/> to register for these sessions.

## February 2021 Book Clubs on ZOOM

### NPL Book Group

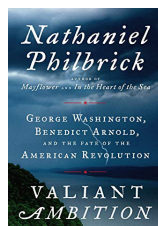
Tuesday, February 9th

*Valiant Ambition: George Washington, Benedict Arnold, and the Fate of the American Revolution*

by Nicholas Philbrick

In the second book of his acclaimed American Revolution series, Nathaniel Philbrick turns to the tragic relationship between George Washington and Benedict Arnold. In September 1776, the vulnerable Continental army under an unsure George Washington evacuated New York after a devastating defeat by the British army. Three weeks later, one of his favorite generals, Benedict Arnold, miraculously succeeded in postponing the British naval advance down Lake Champlain that might have lost the war. As this book ends, four years later Washington has vanquished his demons, and Arnold has fled to the enemy. America was forced at last to realize that the real threat to its liberties might not come from without but from within. Complex, controversial, and dramatic, *Valiant Ambition* is a portrait of a people in crisis and the war that gave birth to a nation. Please email neemail1@minlib.net if you wish to have your email address added to our monthly Zoom link mailing. \*March 9, 2021—*The Book of Longings: A Novel* by Sue Monk Kidd\*

1:00 PM



**\*NEW\*** The Bookworm's Evening Book Club **\*NEW\***

Monday, February 22nd

Such a Fun Age

by Kiley Reid

Join our newly rebranded *Bookworm's Evening Book Club*, now on Mondays! Hosted by Reference Supervisor Sarah! The first virtual meeting on our new night will be on February 22nd on ZOOM. Adults and older teens (16+) are welcome!

A striking and surprising debut novel from an exhilarating new voice, *Such a Fun Age* is a page-turning and big-hearted story about race and privilege, set around a young black babysitter, her well-intentioned employer, and a surprising connection that threatens to undo them both. Alix Chamberlain is a woman who gets what she wants and has made a living, with her confidence-driven brand, showing other women how to do the same. So she is shocked when her babysitter, Emira Tucker, is confronted while watching the Chamberlains' toddler one night, walking the aisles of their local high-end supermarket. The store's security guard, seeing a young black woman out late with a white child, accuses Emira of kidnapping two-year-old Briar. A small crowd gathers, a bystander films everything, and Emira is furious and humiliated. Alix resolves to make things right.

*Such a Fun Age* is available to borrow in print, large print, book on CD, and digitally on Overdrive/Libby as an ebook and digital audiobook. \*March 22, 2021—*The Library Book* by Susan Orlean. \*Registration required on Assabet to receive the Zoom link. Register here at <https://needhamma.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/>

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7:00-8:00 PM



## NEEDHAM COMIC BOOK CLUB!

Date: Thursday, February 18, 2021

Time: 7:00 - 8:00pm

Location: Virtually via Zoom

Reading: Asterios Polyp  
Written By: David Mazzucchelli

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

Asterios Polyp, its arrogant, prickly protagonist, is an award-winning architect who's never built an actual building, and a pedant in the midst of a spiritual crisis. After the structure of his own life falls apart, he runs away to try to rebuild it into something new.

Join us on this Third Thursday as we discuss this month's 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](mailto:ebassett@minlib.net)

Copies of this month's titles available for request from Minuteman Libraries!

Virtual Meeting for Ages 16 +

Register Online <https://needhamma.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/2021-february/>



## Diversity and Discussion Book Club

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

*Don't Ask Me Where I'm From* by Jennifer De Leon

Thurs., April 27th

7:00 PM

Liliana Cruz is hitting a wall—or rather, walls.

There's the wall her mom has put up ever since Liliana's dad left—again.

There's the wall that delineates Liliana's diverse inner-city Boston neighborhood from Westburg, the wealthy—and white—suburban high school she's just been accepted into.

And there's the wall Liliana creates within herself, because to survive at Westburg, she can't just lighten up, she has to whiten up.

So what if she changes her name? So what if she changes the way she talks? So what if she's seeing her neighborhood in a different way? But then light is shed on some hard truths: It isn't that her father doesn't want to come home—he can't...and her whole family is in jeopardy. And when racial tensions at school reach a fever pitch, the walls that divide feel insurmountable.

But a wall isn't always a barrier. It can be a foundation for something better. And Liliana must choose: Use this foundation as a platform to speak her truth, or risk crumbling under its weight.

This discussion on Zoom will be facilitated by Jenn Scheck-Kahn. Registration is required at <https://needhamma.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/>

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## Teen/Tween & Adult Craft Activities for February

### 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](mailto: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

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#### QR Codes:

What is a QR Code? You may have seen these square boxes with what looks like a barcode in them around before. A QR code is a "Quick Response" code, a shortcut of sorts that allows you to get to information quicker. By scanning one of these QR codes with a camera on a smartphone or other internet connected device you will be brought to either the *Needham Free Public Library Facebook Page* or the *Needham Free Public Library Instagram Page*—quick and simple, no need to type in any websites or anything! Give it a try, and while there, give the Needham Free Public Library a Like or Follow!

### 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/>

### 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. 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.



The Library can print out your print jobs (20 page maximum) for you. Please send your document(s) to [neemail@minlib.net](mailto: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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# February

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Children's Events

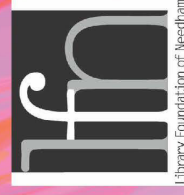
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Events subject to change

**Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday**

<b>7</b>	<b>1</b> Valentine Craft Bags All Week 4 pm Needham Young Coders Grades 3 to 6	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 10 am Music with Stacey Peasley ages 2 to 5 3 pm Lego Club Grades K to 5	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>8</b> 4 pm Needham Young Coders Grades 3 to 6	<b>9</b> 3 pm Read to Tucker Grades K to 5	<b>10</b> 10 am PreSchool Palooza Ages 3 to 5 3 pm Lego Club Grades K to 5	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 10 am Sing Along with Ed ages 2 to 5	<b>13</b> 10 am Yoga for Kids with Lyn Ages 5 to 10
<b>21</b>	<b>15</b> Closed for Presidents Day	<b>16</b> 10 am Dance Me a Story Ages 3 to 5 STEM Biomes Kits All Week	<b>17</b> 10 am PreSchool Palooza Ages 3 to 5 3 pm Lego Club Grades K to 5	<b>18</b> 10 am Sing Along with Ed ages 2 to 5 2:30 pm Bollywood Dance Class ages 6 & up	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
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Funding for special  
events generously  
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## Upcoming Virtual Events in March

### Tammy's Tastings with Mixologist Tammy Coxen

Do you love craft cocktails? Do you like to mix drinks at home, but want to take your mixology skills to the next level? Tammy's Tastings cocktail classes are for you! You'll receive your recipe list 7-10 days prior to the event, giving you plenty of time to shop and prepare any optional specialty ingredients. Tammy will tell the stories of the first few cocktails, including their ingredients and history, using pictures, videos and live demonstrations. We will then take the first break for mixing! You will have the option of mixing your choice of cocktail(s) from the list of 8-10 provided, and get live tips on substitutions and ingredients as needed. The second half will give you more stories and pictures about the rest of the cocktails, followed by a last round of mixing, questions and sharing.

#### Two Sessions to Sign-up for:

#### Mon., March 1, 2021: Better with Bubbles @ 7:00 PM

The only thing better than a glass of bubbly is a cocktail made with bubbly! Sparkling wine doesn't need to be reserved for a special occasion—opening a bottle makes the occasion special all on its own. But if you're looking for an excuse, she's got you covered.



#### Tues., March 30, 2021: The Old Fashioned Cocktail @ 7:00 PM



These days we call any mixed drink a "cocktail," but that used to refer to a very specific style of drink, celebrating the trinity of spirit, sugar, and bitters. These days, we call that an Old Fashioned, and this class will trace the evolution of that drink from history to the modern day. (Note: not all Old Fashioneds are whiskey based!)

*Both of these events are sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.*

### Psychedelic Renaissance with Franklin King IV, MD

Sun., March 21st

2:00 PM



Franklin King IV, MD, a psychiatrist at *Massachusetts General Hospital*, will define "psychedelic"; discuss psilocybin, LSD and other psychedelic drugs; walk through their history and biology; give an overview of the scientific research; and describe an innovative therapeutic model that is unlike any other. A question and answer session will follow the presentation.

Dr. King is staff psychiatrist for a clinical trial investigating the impact of psilocybin on post-traumatic stress syndrome in veterans. He is a member of *Mass General's Center for Neuroscience of Psychedelics*, a research collaborative currently engaged in 20 psychedelic therapy-related studies. *This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.*

### Bob Begin: Mutiny on the Bounty

Mon., March 22nd

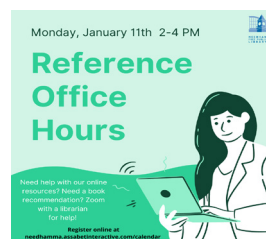
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The Mutiny on the Bounty is quite surely the most famous mutiny in maritime history. The Bounty was an insignificant ship in Britain's Royal Navy which was the most powerful navy in the world. In the mid 18th century, England's navy was the equivalent of today's GOOGLE. As an island nation, the British depended on the navy to protect them from all enemies. The Captain of the Bounty, actually a Lt., William Bligh, was considered to be capable, a good mariner, and a firm disciplinarian while not as bad as many of his peers. Her crew was thought to be adequate. The mission of the Bounty was to sail to the exotic island of Tahiti, gather and transport to England healthy Breadfruit plants which were thought to be an excellent source of food for the plantations in the West Indies. Botanists predicted these plants would thrive and be a solution to the needs of the plantation slaves.

After a harrowing journey totalling over 26,000 miles, the Bounty arrived in Tahiti. Following a stay of approx. 5 months, she set sail to return to England. On April 28, 1789, a mutiny took place. Bligh and 18 men considered loyal to him were placed into a 23' open boat and cast adrift. The mutineers sailed away in the Bounty. What happened to the men in the boat, the mutineers, and what was the reaction of the Royal Navy upon learning one of its ships was taken by mutineers? For some of these answers, tune in to the Zoom presentation by Bob Begin. *This event is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.*

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other Monday afternoon from 2:00-4:00 PM on Zoom for our biweekly Reference Office Hours. this month's will be on February 8th and 24th, 2021.

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Please note: all conversations will be held one at a time, so you may be in our waiting room for a bit as we help each patron individually. Think of it as waiting for the librarian to be free at the desk!

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