

LIBRARY REOPENING ON TUESDAY, JUNE 1ST AT 9:00 AM



Author Peter Zheutlin—*Spin* on Zoom

Wed., June 2nd 7:00–8:00 PM

Spin is based on the true story of an ancestor of Peter Zheutlin, a Jewish mother from Boston who, on June 25, 1894, stood before a crowd of 500 friends, family, suffragists and curious onlookers at the Massachusetts State House.

Annie Cohen Kopchovsky then climbed onto a 42-pound Columbia bicycle and, according to the *Boston Evening Transcript*, “sailed away like a kite down Beacon Street.” It was, declared Joseph Pulitzer’s *New York World* more than fifteen months later, “the most extraordinary journey ever undertaken by a woman.”



Reportedly set in motion by a wager between two wealthy Boston merchants, the bet required Annie not only to circle the earth by bicycle in 15 months, but to earn \$5,000 en route, as well. This was no mere test of a woman’s physical endurance and mental fortitude; it was a test of a woman’s ability to fend for herself in the world.

Annie turned every Victorian notion of female propriety on its ear. Not only did she abandon, temporarily, her role of wife and mother (scandalous in the 1890s), but for most of the journey she rode a man’s bicycle attired in a man’s riding suit. She earned her way selling photographs of herself, appearing as an attraction in stores, and by turning herself into a mobile billboard, renting space on her body and her bicycle to advertisers eager to benefit from this colorful spectacle on wheels. Indeed, she traveled under an assumed name, paid by her first corporate sponsor, The Londonderry Lithia Spring Water Company of New Hampshire, to call herself “Annie Londonderry.”

Traveling with only a change of clothes and a pearl-handled revolver, Annie was outlandish, brash, and charismatic—a master of public relations, a consummate self-promoter, and a skillful creator of her own myth. Yet, for more than a century her remarkable story was lost to history.



In *Spin* (Pegasus Books, June 1, 2021), Peter reimagines his great-grandaunt Annie’s extraordinary adventure. This follows his 2007 non-fiction account, *Around the World on Two Wheels: Annie Londonderry’s Extraordinary Ride* (Citadel Press/Kensington). Join the Library as we celebrate the launch of this new book by Peter Zheutlin!

*Registration for this program is required on Assabet to receive the Zoom link. Register here at:

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

The Needham Free Public Library will reopen to the public for indoor access beginning Tuesday, June 1st at 9:00 AM. Curbside pickup will cease at 4:30 PM on Saturday, May 29th. While masks will not be required in the adult and young adult areas of the library, they will not be discouraged.

You will be able to browse for books, DVDs, and all of the other library collections; place reserves for items; reserve a study room; and use the library’s computers. Please continue to return all items in the Rosemary Street Book Drops.

The Children’s Room will be open for book and other items borrowing. The Play Area and the STEAM Room will remain closed. **Mask wearing will be required in the Children’s Room.**

When the Library does reopen, the tradition adopted during the Pandemic of not charging fines for overdue materials will continue. The Board of Library Trustees voted to join the growing number of libraries that have ceased charging fines for overdue materials. Rather than be a deterrent to keeping items overdue, studies have shown that charging overdue fines actually adds to the reasons that people keep library material beyond the due date. The increasing daily fines causes people to be embarrassed to bring the materials to the library.

Another change that borrowers may notice is that the Friends’ Rental Collection has been abolished. Before the Pandemic started, use of this collection was shrinking. This collection was self-supporting, and the funds collected for rentals were diminishing to the point where they no longer supported the collection.

Library Hours:

<i>Monday</i>	<i>9:00 am - 9:00 pm</i>
<i>Tues. - Fri.</i>	<i>9:00 am - 5:30 pm</i>
<i>Saturdays</i>	<i>9:00 am - 5:00 pm</i>

Contact the Library at 781-455-7559

Summer Reading Clubs for Tweens, Teens and Adults

4th Annual Summer Reading Program for Tweens & Teens!

For ages 12 - 18!

Another Summer, Another Summer Reading Program! Read Books & Win!

Come to YA programs throughout the summer: get another chance to win prizes! (list of programs coming soon!)

Programs Run Virtually AND In-Person: June 7th - August 12th

Sign Up and Track Reading Online at:

<https://needhamma.beanstack.org/> or In-Person!

(Registration opens 6/1, Track books starting 6/7. All books must be recorded by 8/12 to count towards a prize. Paper submissions accepted until 8/26)

Questions? Ask the Young Adult Librarian Erin at neeya@minlib.net, call 781-455-7559 x502 and leave a message for Erin (at the Reference Desk), or come in and see her in person!

Prizes to local businesses given throughout the summer,
Grand Prize Drawing: September 2021!

Details on actual prizes and information on prize pick-up will be given as the summer progresses

3rd Annual Summer Reading Program for ADULTS (ages 18+)!

Challenge yourself this summer with another Book Bingo!

Read books to win gift cards that help support local businesses!

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Sign Up, Get Your Bingo Board, and Track Reading Online at:

<https://needhamma.beanstack.org/>

or come in and grab a printed sheet upstairs from the Reference Desk!

(Registration opens 6/1, Bingo sheets accepted 6/7 - 8/26)

Questions? Come in & ask a Reference Librarian upstairs or email us at neemail1@minlib.net or call 781-455-7559 x502

Prizes to local businesses drawn throughout the summer!

Details on actual prizes and information on prize pick-up will be given later

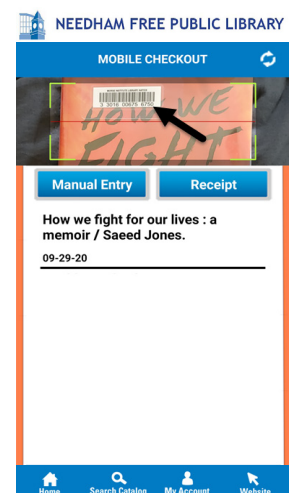


Introducing Mobile Checkout using the Minuteman App on your Device



Using the Minuteman App (downloadable via the App Store on your device), and then choosing the Needham Free Public Library during the setup of your account in the App, you can now checkout your items yourself without having to wait in line at the Circulation Desk. A Minuteman patron with this product on their mobile app can check out any item in any Minuteman library (even those not participating). By selecting the menu item (under My Account), patrons are taken to a screen that allows them to scan a barcode with their device's camera (you will need to give your device camera permission to do so during setup), or manually enter the barcode

number. The app sends the checkout request to Sierra (Minuteman's Circulation Software), which calculates the patron's eligibility for that item. If approved, the item is checked-out to the patron, following the loan rule of the selected library. The device displays the title and due date. If the patron is ineligible to borrow that item for any reason, the checkout is declined and the app displays the message "Unable to borrow". If you do receive this message, please go to the Circulation Desk to inquire why.





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Summer Reading Bingo

Book with 'Tail' or 'Tale' in the title	Listen to an audiobook	YARRR! Read a pirate book	Read a biography or memoir	Read a contemporary Romance
Read a historical fiction	Read a book about a cat, dog or bird	Read a translated book	Read an eBook	Book with a supernatural creature
Watch a documentary on Kanopy	Read a book of nature poems	Free Space!	A book with an epic journey	Re-read a favorite book
Read a SciFi Book set in space	Read a retelling of a myth/folktale	Attend a library event	Book by a new-to- you author	A nonfiction book about animals
Read a mystery with a female detective	Read a graphic novel	Read a book set in Massachusetts	Read a book over 400 Pages	Read a book set in an unfamiliar country

Name: _____

Email: _____

Library card # _____

Upcoming Book Discussions

NPL Book Group

Tuesday, June 8th

Amsterdam

by Ian McEwan

*On a chilly February day, two old friends meet in the throng outside a London crematorium to pay their last respects to Molly Lane. Both Clive Linley and Vernon Halliday had been Molly's lovers in the days before they reached their current eminence: Clive is Britain's most successful modern composer, and Vernon is a newspaper editor. Gorgeous, feisty Molly had other lovers, too, notably Julian Garmony, Foreign Secretary, a notorious right-winger tipped to be the next prime minister. In the days that follow Molly's funeral, Clive and Vernon will make a pact with consequences that neither could have foreseen... Please email neemail1@minlib.net if you wish to have your email address added to our monthly Zoom link mailing. *July 13, 2021— *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald**

1:00 PM



The Bookworm's Evening Book Club

Monday, June 21st

The Guest List by Lucy Foley

*On an island off the coast of Ireland, guests gather to celebrate two people joining their lives together as one. The groom: handsome and charming, a rising television star. The bride: smart and ambitious, a magazine publisher. It's a wedding for a magazine, or for a celebrity: the designer dress, the remote location, the luxe party favors, the boutique whiskey. The cell phone service may be spotty and the waves may be rough, but every detail has been expertly planned and will be expertly executed. But perfection is for plans, and people are all too human. As the champagne is popped and the festivities begin, resentments and petty jealousies begin to mingle with the reminiscences and well wishes. The grooms-men begin the drinking game from their school days. The brides-maid not-so-accidentally ruins her dress. The bride's oldest (male) friend gives an uncomfortably caring toast. And then someone turns up dead. Who didn't wish the happy couple well? And perhaps more important, why? *September 27, 2021— TBA.**

7:00 PM



This Month in the Friends' Gallery

Mark Richards

All Needham All The Time



Saluting AAPI Pioneers in STEM

Join us for an educational and fun online session to learn about 4 pioneers and their outstanding STEM contributions to the US and beyond

Wednesday, June 2nd, 2021

3:30 - 4:30 PM

Grades 3rd and up

Register at:

<https://needham.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/2021-june/>

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Children's Virtual Programs in June

Music with Stacey Peasley for ages 2-5



Wed., June 2nd 10:00 AM

Mon., June 21st 10:00 AM

Sing-Along with Ed



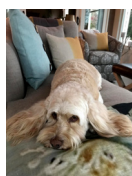
Fri., June 11th 10:00 AM

Thurs., June 17th 10:00 AM



Preschool Palooza—Wed., June 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th @ 10:00 AM

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



Read to Tucker the Reading Dog

Build confidence in reading with Tucker the popular therapy dog. Tuesday, June 8th and 22nd at 3:00 PM. Individual 15-minute reading sessions for kindergarten and older.

Dance Me a Story



Tues., June 15th 10:00 AM

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

Calling all Pet Lovers...



Do you have a pet? Do you love seeing cute pictures of animals? Are you interested in seeing what pets other people have? We are asking all proud pet parents to post photos of their pets to our library Facebook

page <https://www.facebook.com/NeedhamFreePublicLibrary/> and Instagram this summer as we celebrate our Summer Reading theme for all ages called *Tails and Tales*.

Lily's Grooves Storytime on Zoom

Tues., June 22nd 10:00 AM



Join author Chris Minor as he reads his tale about a music-loving cat. For ages 4 and up. Registration for this event through the online calendar at

needhamma.assabetinteractive.com/calendar

Make and Take Craft Kits

Animal Surprise Craft

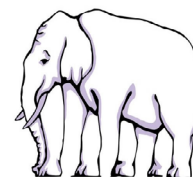
Week of June 21st for ages 4+ while supplies last. Registration opens June 7th.



Trick Your Brain Optical Illusions

Optical Illusions STEM Activities.

Registration opens May 24th with craft pickup the week of June 7th for ages 5+ while supplies last.



Registration begins two weeks before events. Go to

<https://needhamma.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/> to register for these sessions.

AAPI Celebration Storytime

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10AM

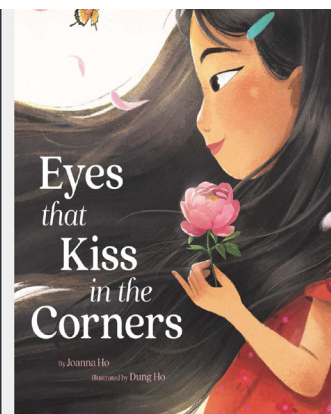
In celebration of AAPI Heritage Month and to embrace diversity and inclusion in our community, we will have following activities for story time on June 5th:

- Story 1: Eyes That Kiss in the Corners
- Story 2: This Is How We Do It
- Craft Activity: use playdough to make a self portrait

For Pre-K to 2nd Graders

Presented by Tracy Lin & Olivia Zhang obo
Chinese Friends of Needham (CFN)

<https://needhamma.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/2021-june/>



Teen/Tween & Adult Craft Activities for June

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

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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/>

NEEDHAM COMIC BOOK CLUB!

Date: Thursday, June 17, 2021

Time: 7:00 - 8:00pm

Location: Virtually via Zoom

Reading: The Life-Changing Manga of Tidying Up
Written By: Marie Kondo

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

From the #1 New York Times best-selling author and lifestyle/cleaning guru Marie Kondo, this graphic novelization brings Kondo's life-changing tidying method to life with the fun, quirky story of a woman, Chiaki, who transforms her home, work, and love life using Kondo's advice and inspiration. This insightful, illustrated case study is perfect for people looking for a fun introduction to the KonMari Method of tidying up, as well as tried-and-true fans of Marie Kondo eager for a new way to think about what sparks joy.

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. This will be the last meeting before we break for summer.

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

Copies of this month's title available for request from Minuteman Libraries and digitally through Overdrive!

Virtual Meeting for Ages 16 +

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

Workshop at Home

2nd Part of the Virtual Workshop Series on Skills and Techniques geared towards High School Students (Grades 9 - 12)

Wednesday, June 9th - Resume Building Techniques

7:30 PM

Have work experience but have no idea how to get it down on paper into a format that looks presentable? Join us for this workshop on Resume Writing and Building to make it work for you. Examples given and critiques welcome.

FREE Workshops provided by the Needham Free Public Library in collaboration with local Starbucks Manager and Needham High School Graduate, Jane Grosskopf

Registration required to get Zoom Link. Register by Phone (781-455-7559 Ext. 2), or Register Online: <https://needhamma.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/>

TWEEN/TEEN TAKE & MAKE CRAFT KIT

Perler Bead Fun! - Ages 10 - 18 Welcome to Reserve a Kit!

Register for a kit for pickup starting 6/01 thru 6/14

Craft Kit pickup week: 6/14 - 6/18 UPSTAIRS

Bummer you can't come to a library craft afternoon at the library?

Reserve a kit and you can bring part of the fun home with you!

Questions? Contact Erin: neeya@minlib.net

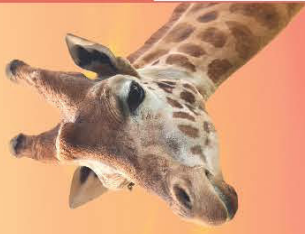
More details on our NEW pickup system (goodbye Curbside Pickup, Hello In-Library Pickup!) and to Register online through our Virtual Events Calendar for a kit: <https://needhamma.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/2021-june/>



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JUNE



Library Hours

Monday
9 am to 8:30 pm

**Tuesday
to Friday**
9 am to 5 pm

Saturday
9 am to 4:30 pm

Sunday Closed

Funding for special
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Sunday Monday

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needchild@minilib.net

Tuesday

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Trick your
Brain
Optical Illusion
STEM Kits
Ages 4 and up

14

15

10 am
Dance Me
a Story
Ages 1 to 5

21

10 am
Music with
Stacey Peasley
ages 2 and up

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Oliver's Animals
Video: Kinkajou
All Week

Wednesday Thursday

2

10 am
Music with
Stacey Peasley
ages 2 and up
3:30 pm
Saluting AAPI
Pioneers in STEM
Grade 3 and up

9

10 am PreSchool
Palooza
Ages 3 to 5

16

10 am PreSchool
Palooza
Ages 3 to 5

23

10 am PreSchool
Palooza
Ages 3 to 5

30

10 am PreSchool
Palooza
Ages 3 to 5
4:30 pm Visit
with a Vet
ages 5 and up

Friday

4

11

10 am
Sing Along
with Ed
ages 2 and up

18

10 am
Sing Along
with Ed
ages 2 and up

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Saturday

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10 am
AAPI Storytime
in English!
PreK to Grade 2

12

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Closed for
Juneteenth

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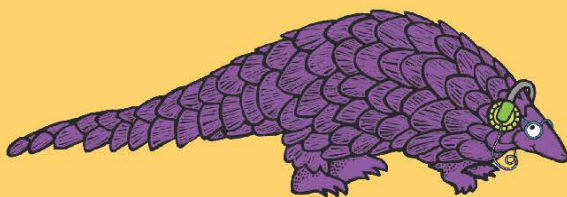
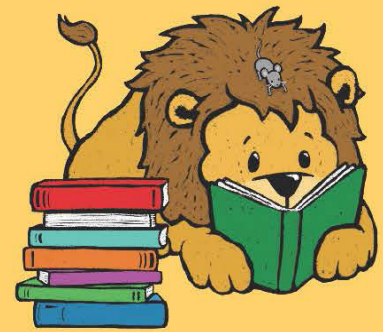
Registration Required for
Children's Events at
needhamma.gov/3035
All Events are Zoom unless noted In Person
Events subject to change

Sign up for the 2021 Summer Reading Program

at

www.needhamma.beanstack.org

**or pick up a paper reading log
at the Library**



Children log the amount of time they spend reading books of their choice. They may read independently, be read aloud to, or listen to audiobooks.

Children ages 4 and up who register online will embark on a journey through the jungle to rescue a baby rhino. For every 2 hours logged, they will encounter a new jungle animal. Log 16 hours of reading to rescue the baby rhino and be automatically entered in the prize raffle.

This year's prizes include a family pass to The Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art; Youth tickets to Urban Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame; Passes to Urban Air Trampoline Park; Free Kindle Fire from Dedham Savings Bank; small frozen custard from Abbots; and more!!!

2021 Summer Reading Program

Needham Free Public Library

Virtual Summer Events



June 22 at 10 am Author Storytime
Chris Minor reads *Lily's Grooves* a tale
about a music-loving cat. For ages 2 to 6.

July 8, 15, and 22 at 10 am Books & Beast Storytime with Roger
Williams Park Zoo. Each week a different book and zoo animal. For
ages 2 to 6.

July 13 at 4:30 pm Jungle Jim Manning
Stories, magic and balloon animals. For ages 4 & up.

July 20 at 10 am Storytime: Parsley's Big Adventure
Author Gordon Halm will read about his brave hen's struggle to
return home. For ages 2 to 6.



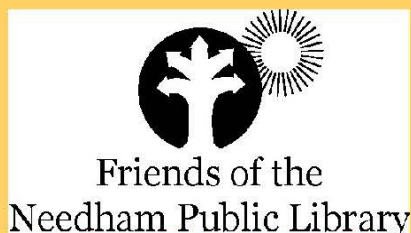
Virtual visits with a Buttonwood Zookeeper at 4 pm

- **July 27 meet an elephant**
- **August 3 become acquainted with an otter**
- **August 10 get to know a red panda**

Oliver's Animals Video Shorts

Puppets and live exotic animals pair up to bring you an educational
and entertaining video adventure. Tune in each week to catch a new
animal friend.

- **June 21 Lynx**
- **June 28 Kinkajou**
- **July 5 Python**
- **July 12 Guinea Pig**
- **July 19 Tortoise**



Register for all events at

needhamma.assabetinteractive.com/calendar



2021 Summer Reading Program Live Outdoor Events

June 21 at 4:30 pm Animal Craze

Live farm animals, dwarf goats, sheep, alpaca, bunnies and more! For ages 4 & up.

June 30 at 4:30 pm Visit with a Vet. Learn about adopting a pet with a Veterinarian from Highland Animal Hospital. Question and answer session following presentation. For ages 4 and up.

July 19 at 4:30 pm CactusHead Puppets presents Monster Circus. Encounter magnificent creatures from the wilds of your imagination in this multisensory show! For ages 4 & up.



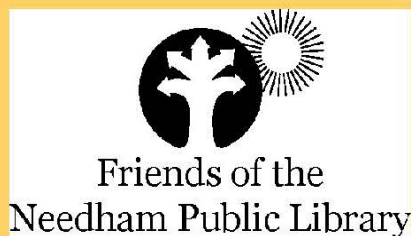
**July 28 at 4:30 pm Wingmasters
Watch and learn about native birds of prey, raptors. For ages 4 and up.**

August 2, Stuffie Sleepover. Bring your stuffed animal friend to the Library for a stuffie sleepover. Learn about their adventures and pick them up August 3. For all ages.

August 9 at 4:30 pm Animal Adventures

Live and up close chinchilla, frogs, hedgehog, alligator, frogs and more. For ages 4 and up.

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**Live Events will be held at
the Memorial Park Gazebo**

