**Dr. Gil Brodsky, MD—Brave New World of DNA Testing, a virtual program on ZOOM**  
Sun., November 1st  2:00 PM

The Friends of the Needham Free Public Library will present a talk by Needham resident, Pathologist Gil Brodsky, MD, who will share the scientific ABC’s of how DNA testing sites work and what you really learn. Hear Dr. Brodsky’s own life-changing story including the discovery of 50 half-siblings. Dr. Brodsky, a resident of Needham since 1979, is an Assistant Professor of Pathology at Harvard Medical School and an Associate Pathologist at Brigham and Women’s Hospital for 38 years. He is very active at Temple Aliyah, including serving as co-President with his wife Margie. He and Margie are both long time board members of the Needham Great Hall Performance Foundation. Q&A will follow at the end of the presentation on ZOOM. **Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.**

**Jeff Belanger Presents New England Legends, a virtual program on ZOOM**  
Tues., November 17th  7:00 PM

Gather ‘round the virtual campfire with Jeff Belanger, one of New England’s premiere storytellers! For over 20 years, Jeff has been exploring the unexplained. He seeks out history, folklore, ghosts, monsters, and legends all over the world and in your backyard. *New England Legends* offers a tour of haunts, monsters, aliens, and weird history from our region. Based on Jeff’s popular weekly podcast and his Emmy-nominated television series on PBS and Amazon Prime, the program presents highlights from his own adventures and work. The bizarre is closer than you think! Q&A will follow at the end of the presentation on ZOOM. **Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.**

**King Arthur Bake for Good, a virtual program on ZOOM**  
Tues., November 17th  4:00 PM

*King Arthur Baking Company’s Bake for Good Program.* Learn, bake, and share baked goods as an act of kindness using the power of baking to make a difference. Children will learn that combining math, science, reading, and baking know-how, adds up to delicious bread!

Register for your kit starting October 19th and pick it up the week of 11/9. There will be a Zoom session with *King Arthur Flour* and the library on Tuesday, Nov. 17 at 4:00 PM where we will bake our bread together!

We will send you a Zoom link a few days before the event. Ages 8+. If you are an adult that will participate in the program, please count yourself as an attendee. Registration is limited, and a waitlist will be kept once the cap has been reached. There is also a limit of 1 kit per family (each kit will make two loaves). Go to [https://needhamma.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/2020-november/](https://needhamma.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/2020-november/) to register.

**Paint with Chelsea—Owl Moon, a virtual program on ZOOM**  
Sun., November 22nd  2:00 PM

Back by popular demand, NFPL’s Chelsea Brown will once again lead us in a fun filled afternoon of painting enjoyment! This time, a winter scene reminiscent of a scene from the classic Caldecott Award Winning *Owl Moon* by Jane Yolen. All supplies to participate in this event will be provided. Registration is limited to 30, ages 15+ and older. Go to [https://needhamma.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/2020-november/](https://needhamma.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/2020-november/) and click on the link. Paint kits will be available via curbside pickup the week before this event. **Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.**

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**This Month in the Virtual Friends’ Gallery**

**Needham Art Association**
Children’s Virtual Programs in November

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 each week. Explore a different color each week in November.

Yoga for Kids with Lyn Jekowsky - November 14 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.

Book Clubs with Steve
Ravenous Readers
Nov. 19th @ 4:30 PM for Grades 4-6
Bookventurers - The Fourteenth Goldfish by Jennifer Holm
Order a copy for curbside pickup to read and discuss on Zoom on November 21 @ 3:00 PM for Grades 3-5.

Go to https://needhamma.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/2020-november/ to register for these ZOOM sessions.

November 2020 Book Clubs on ZOOM

NPL Book Group
Tuesday, November 10th
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.
Please email neemail1@minlib.net if you wish to have your email address added to our monthly ZOOM link mailing.
*December 8, 2020—The Henna Artist by Alka Joshi*

NPL Evening Book Club
Wednesday, November 18th
Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind by Yuval Noah Harari
From a renowned historian comes a groundbreaking narrative of humanity’s creation and evolution—a #1 international bestseller—that explores the ways in which biology and history have defined us and enhanced our understanding of what it means to be “human.”
One hundred thousand years ago, at least six different species of humans inhabited Earth. Yet today there is only one—homo sapiens. What happened to the others? And what may happen to us? Please email neemail1@minlib.net if you wish to have your email address added to our monthly ZOOM link mailing.
*December 15, 2020—Normal People by Sally Rooney*
Teen/Tween & Adult Craft Activities for November

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**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!

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**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 30 and will remain open until filled (Limited to first 30 people). Most materials needed will be provided in the kits. Pickups and distribution for Craft Kits during the week of December 7 – 10th.

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 (or extra for a stuffed friend)
- Kits do NOT include:
  - Scissors
  - Ruler / measuring tape
  - Stuffed friend

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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

Mr. Grathwohl, Senior Executive with Oxford Univ. Press discusses the ongoing relevance of dictionaries in the digital age, how the granddaddy of all dictionaries keeps its listing up to date, and how the OED is helping to preserve world languages threatened by modern times. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.*

The Art of Crossword Construction with Julie 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/

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Events are subject to change
REGISTER NOW!
Needham Diversity Initiative’s 9th Annual Diversity Summit is going VIRTUAL!
November 15th / 12pm-5pm / Zoom

This year's theme is "Hate Has No Home Here - Beyond the Yard Signs"

2020 Presenter Highlights

Grab T with Nikki Turpin: Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion at Chapel Hill-Chauncy Hall. Nikki joins us to discuss how to support racial justice, diversity and activism beyond the yard signs/ includes a 20 min audience Q&A.

PLUS+

HEAR Needham leaders, residents & students share their diverse journeys, ATTEND 8+ interactive, breakout sessions on topical issues and what's next in activism, BE INSPIRED by multimedia video & musical presentations and MORE..

The Needham Diversity Summit is a wonderful event that brings together community leaders, friends, neighbors, and students to explore, foster, strengthen, and celebrate Needham’s diversity – of socioeconomic status, race, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, religion, ethnic identity, age and ability.

Registration to this virtual Summit is FREE at Needham Diversity Summit 9.0 -HATE HAS NO HOME HERE - Beyond the Yard Signs

For questions email info@needhamdiversity.org

or use this link to this virtual Summit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/needham-diversity-summit-90-hate-has-no-home-here-beyond-the-yard-signs-tickets-124195609411