One Book One Community Read

This year’s choice is:

**The Art Forger** by B. A. Shapiro

Almost twenty-five years after the infamous art heist at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum—still the largest unsolved art theft in history—one of the stolen Degas paintings is delivered to the Boston studio of a young artist. Claire Roth has entered into a Faustian bargain with a powerful gallery owner by agreeing to forge the Degas in exchange for a one-woman show in his renowned gallery. But as she begins her work, she starts to suspect that this long-missing masterpiece—the very one that had been hanging at the Gardner for one hundred years—may itself be a forgery. *The Art Forger* is a thrilling novel about seeing—and not seeing—the secrets that lie beneath the canvas. Books have been purchased for the taking by the Friends of the Needham Public Library, and the Reuben Hoar Public Library of Littleton, MA, in support of One Book One Community Read 2019.

One Book One Community Read—Book Discussions

Sunday, October 13th  
2:00 PM  
facilitated by Library Trustee Kay Cahill

Thursday, October 17th  
7:30 PM  
facilitated by Assistant Director Demetri Kyriakis

Sunday, October 20th  
5:00 PM  
facilitated by Library Trustee Robert Petitt

No signup necessary, all discussions will take place in the Community Room at the Needham Free Public Library.

One Book One Community Read: Paint Afternoon with Chelsea *

Sat., October 12th  
2:00 PM  
In conjunction with the Library’s One Book One Community Read this year, come and participate in a Paint Afternoon with Library Staffer Chelsea Brown and recreate Van Gogh’s *Starry Night*. The Library will also have trivia, prizes and games relating to the One Book selection. *Registration required, with a limit of 30 maximum, beginning September 23rd. Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham, in support of One Book One Community Read 2019.

Author B. A. Shapiro

Sun., October 6th  
2:00 PM

To kickoff a month full of events, the Needham Library is proud to present author B. A. Shapiro, who will discuss *The Art Forger* and an upcoming book that is coming out this fall.


Books will be available for purchase and autographing at the conclusion of this event courtesy of Wellesley Books. Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham, in support of One Book One Community Read 2019.

Movie Documentary: *Stolen* (NR—1 hour, 24 minutes)

Tues., October 22nd  
7:00 PM

In March of 1990, two thieves dressed as Boston police officers gained entrance to the Isabella Stewart Gardner museum in Boston Massachusetts and successfully executed the largest art heist in modern history. Among the thirteen priceless works stolen was Vermeer’s "The Concert" one of only 35 of the master’s surviving works. Not a single one of the works has been recovered. Stolen is a full exploration of the Gardner theft, and the fascinating, disparate characters involved: from the 19th century Grand Dame Isabella Gardner to a private detective obsessed with finding the art to a terrorist organization with a penchant for stealing Vermeers.

Art Forger Escape Room Weekend*

Sat./Sun., October 26th and 27th

In keeping with the One Book One Community Read theme of *The Art Forger*, join us for an art-themed Escape Room Weekend where you’ll need to solve a series of puzzles to escape a museum before time runs out and the guards catch you. You must be at least nine years old to register, and knowledge of the Art World is a plus. *Registration begins on Monday, October 7th at the Adult Reference Desk. Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library, in support of One Book One Community Read 2019.*
**Barry Pell—GreenLand: A Journey Into the Land of Ice**

Mon., October 7th 7:30 PM

Greenland is the world’s largest island and least densely populated place on earth. With over three-quarters of the land covered by ice, the population is limited to a handful of habitable places along the coast. Traveling by boat, plane and helicopter (there are no roads) in this Danish colony, Barry Pell photographed the stunning beauty of the ice floes, glaciers and icebergs. In this program, he will discuss the island’s history and culture, as well as how global warming is changing the landscape and impacting the lives of its people who depend on fishing and hunting for their survival. The program will be accompanied by Mr. Pell’s photography in the islands. Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

**Vietnam: A History with Dr. Gary Hylander**

Tues., October 15th 7:30 PM

This fall, Dr. Gary Hylander will be presenting a lecture series on the history of Vietnam. The series begins with an overview of French colonial rule throughout the 19th century to the end of World War II. The Battle of Dien Bien Phu in 1954 marked the end of the French presence in Vietnam. With the onset of the Cold War, and the fear of Communist expansion throughout Southeast Asia, the United States became politically and militarily involved in Vietnam from the Eisenhower years to the end of the Ford presidency. The series will conclude with an examination of the current role of Vietnam in world affairs. This is the second of four lectures in this series, sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

**Rana Chudnofsky—Learn to Relax**

Sun., October 20th 2:00 PM

Needham native Rana Chudnofsky from the Benson-Henry Mind Body Institute will discuss, demonstrate and lead you to experience the Relaxation Response. A mind body practitioner and accomplished lecturer for nearly two decades, Rana helped create BHI’s Positivity and Relaxation Training (PART) program, a self-care education program for delivery in community and corporate settings. A frequent public speaker and sought-after lecturer, Rana specializes in relaxation techniques and cognitive strategies for clinical treatment centers, schools and universities, as well as group-based self-care programming for veterans with PTSD. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.

**Lorenz Finison — Stories from a Century of Boston’s Cycling History**

Tues., October 29th 7:30 PM

Needham author Larry Finison will present the importance of bicycling to Boston’s culture for more than a century. His focus will be on a few hotspots, including Boston, Cambridge, Waltham, Newton—and Needham. Topics to be discussed include: racing, touring, commuting, bikeways, roads-to-trails, bike trains, bike building, women’s cycling, black and immigrant cyclists, and the Tour de Trump. He will discuss the famed (at the time) Dedham to Needham road race of the 1890s. Cycling slid into the shadows of the automobile, until it came back in the cycling Renaissance of the 1970s. Bicycle institutions like the Bicycle Repair Collective, the Bicycle Exchange, and the Boston Area Bicycle Coalition came to the fore. The conflicts over uses of the roads and abandoned rail lines will show how bicycles fit, or didn’t, into Boston’s culture. A Needham resident, Finison is a social psychologist, public health practitioner, and historian. Books will be available for purchase at the conclusion of the talk. This event is sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.

**Summer Adult Reading Program Grand Prize winner Lois Bacon, with her gift card to Blue on Highland.**

**Library Hours:**

| Mon. - Thurs. | 9:00 am - 9:00 pm |
| Fridays | 9:00 am - 5:30 pm |
| Saturdays | 9:00 am - 5:00 pm |
| Sundays | 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm |

Contact the Library at 781-455-7559

For further information about upcoming events, go to www.needhamma.gov/library or call 781-455-7559.
Joy of Coloring for ‘Tweens/Teens and Up
Wed., October 9th  3:00-4:30 PM
Ages 9+ are welcome to Color and Craft away the afternoon in the Community Room at the Needham Free Public Library. Color in a masterpiece, or work on a craft or two that you might have missed earlier this year. Join the fun with snacks and drinks for those in attendance. Questions? Contact Young Adult Librarian Erin for more information. Coloring sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham and Crafts by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.

Felting with Chelsea! for ages 12-18*
Thurs., October 17th  3:30-5:30 PM
This crafty program for ages 12-18 will be run by the wonderful Chelsea Brown! She’s back for more crafting adventures, but this time with felt! Come felt your own small pumpkin. Sharp tools will be used, so age restrictions will be enforced. *Registration will be required for this program, and limited to the first 10 people. A wait list will be available as well. Sign-ups will open Monday, September 30th at the Reference Desk. Participants should be able to commit to the full 2 hour program, as all of the allotted time will be needed to complete your pumpkin. Any questions may be directed to Young Adult Librarian Erin. Crafts sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.

Sign-up to receive notification of when the latest issue of Library Notes is available for downloading. Go to: http://needhamma.gov/list.aspx?ListID=321 to receive either an e-mail or text message.

Artist Displays Needed
Calling all Artists and Collectors...The Needham Free Public Library Needs You!

The Art Committee of the NFPL has vacancies for displays in the Friends of the Needham Public Library Gallery and the display case, located at the end of the gallery.

The three necessary application forms are available at the Reference Desk and for download at http://www.needhamma.gov/index.aspx?NID=3168. All applications, as well as an example of your artwork or exhibit (photos, disk, website, etc.), should be turned in to Gay Ellen Dennett at the Reference Desk. Applications will be reviewed by the Art Committee and notification will be sent following its next meeting.
What’s happening this month in the Children’s Room...

### Children’s Story Times in October

**Terrific Toddlers for ages 1-2 years**
**Tues., October 1, 15, 22, 29** 10:00 AM
Stories mixed with songs, rhymes, fingerplays, rhythm and sensory activities.

**Babies & Books for up to one year**
**Tues., October 1, 15, 22, 29** 11:00 AM
Babies and their adult caregivers explore the rhythms and patterns of speech with songs, lap games and a story or two.

**Child’s Play Storytime for ages 0-2 years**
**Wed., October 9, 16, 23** 10:00 AM
Songs, rhymes, lap games, books and more in this interactive program.

**Pre-School Palooza for ages 3-6 years**
**Mon., October 7, 28** 10:00 AM
An interactive themed storytime with picture books, music and movement, followed by a craft (45 min.). Children who are ready may attend independently. Caregivers are also welcome.

NEEDHAM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY
Celebrates the BIG READ 2019
**Wed., October 2** 11:00 AM
Come celebrate the joy of reading to your infant, toddler or preschooler! Read a book together as a group, learn about and then sign up for the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Program for children from 0-6 years of age. As part of The Big Read 2019, each family will receive one free book to take home (while supplies last). Caregivers are required to attend with their child.

**Learn & Play Group for ages 0-5**
**Fri., October 4 & 18** 10:30-11:15 AM
A drop-in playgroup for caregivers and children, providing STEAM activities, literacy and social play for ages 2-5 years. Provided by Family Access of Newton.

**Chinese Storytime for ages 2-5**
**Sat., October 5** 10:00 AM
This is a drop-in program for ages 5 and under and is organized by the International Chinese Reading Association. The program consists of a storytime in Chinese, followed by a simple craft.

### Children’s Programs in October

**Make Music with Stacey Peasley:** for ages 2-5
**Wed., October 2** 10:00 AM
Mon., October 21 10:00 AM
Join Stacey Peasley for a fun-filled half hour of music and song for children and their caregivers.

**Sing-Along with Ed Morgan**
**Fri., October 11** 3:00 PM
Thurs., October 17 10:30 AM
For children 2 years and up accompanied by an adult. Drop-in program—please arrive on time.

**Music with Sarah for ages 5 and under**
**Tues., October 8 (ages 2-5)** 10:00 AM
Tues., October 8 (ages 2 & under) 11:00 AM
Join Sarah Gardner and bring your little ones to play instruments, sing & dance along. Become part of the little library band!

Funding for Music Enrichment Programs provided by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.

**Yoga for Children ages 5-9 years**
**Sat., October 5** 10:30 AM

**LEGO Time! Needham Free Public Library’s BLOCK PARTY! for ages 5+**
**Wed., October 9** 4:00-5:00 PM

**Pre-school Crafts for ages 2+ years**
**Thurs., October 10** 10:00-11:00 AM
Drop-in for age appropriate Make-N-Take Crafts!

**Read to Annie the Therapy Dog**
**Sat., October 12** 2:30 PM
Build Confidence in Reading by reading to Annie a trained therapy dog. For beginning readers in grades 1 to 5. Sign up for a 15 minute time slot at the Children’s Desk.

*Space is limited and registration is required.*
Raising A Reader for ages 3-5*
Fri., October 4, 11, 18, 25  9:30 - 10:15 AM
Raising A Reader’s mission is to engage caregivers in a routine of book sharing with their children to foster healthy brain development, healthy relationships, a love of reading, and the literacy skills critical for school success. Participants will enjoy a storytime together. Adults will learn some early literacy practices they can use at home with their child. Families check out a red bag of paperback books to read at home together and exchange it for a new bag of books each week. *Registration is required for this eight week session, running from October 4 - November 22. Provided by Family Access of Newton.

Celebrate Deepavali with Indian Classical Dancers
Sat., October 19th  2:30 PM
Indian Classical dancers, led by Aniketa Sarkar, will perform in celebration of Deepavali, the Festival of Lights. This performance is suitable for families with children, ages 4 and up. Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.

Trick-or-Treat in the Children’s Room—October 31st
Treat bags of Halloween candy will be given out at the Children’s Desk, with bags of small Halloween toys available for children with food allergies.

Children’s Movie: Nancy Drew and the Hidden Staircase (Rated PG—1 hour, 29 minutes)
Fri., October 18  3:30 PM
After the death of his wife, Carson Drew decides to leave Chicago behind and make a fresh start with his daughter in River Heights. But for 16-year-old Nancy Drew, life in a small town is mighty dull. She longs for excitement, adventure, and the chance to make a difference. Nancy gets that opportunity when she is asked to help solve the ghostly activity at the Twin Elms mansion. Can she help explain the creaking footsteps, exploding lightbulbs and the ominous creature? Is it the handiwork of high-school bully Derek Barnes? Or is it possible that the ghost of original owner Malcolm Colfax is back for revenge? Recruiting her best friends George and Bess, along with local “mean girl” Helen, Nancy Drew is on the case! This event is sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.

Animal World Experience Presents Creepy Creatures Halloween Show
Wed., October 23rd  2:30 PM
See, touch, and learn about creepy creatures from rats to tarantulas. This is a 2 hour presentation, with the first hour the show, and the second hour a petting zoo experience for ages 4+. Sponsored by The Library Foundation of Needham.
Crazy 8s Club*
Tuesdays, Oct 1—Nov. 19
K-2nd Grade 3:30-4:15 PM
3-5th Grade 4:30-5:15 PM
Join Bedtime Math’s Crazy 8s Club, where you’ll build stuff, run and jump, make music, make a mess...it’s a totally new kind of math club. *Space is limited—registration required. Sign up is for all 8 sessions.

Coding Clubs
Code Breakers Club for ages 8+
Mondays: Oct. 7—Nov. 25 4:30-5:30 PM
Children will learn coding through online games and puzzles and create projects using Scratch. Children need to bring their own laptop or notebook computer. Scratch does not work on tablets. *Registration is required. Space is limited and attendees are expected to attend all sessions. There will be no sessions on October 14 and November 11.

Girls Who Code Club for Grades 5 & Up*
Tuesdays: Oct. 1—Apr. 14 6:30-8:00 PM
Calling all girls grades 5 and up! Bring your own computer and we will provide the rest. Join the club and the fun. Learn to code, and collaborate on joint projects. *Registration is required. Space is limited and attendees are expected to attend all sessions. There will be no sessions on December 24, 31 and February 18.

Ocean Adventure with Little Labcoats*
Thurs., October 17 6:00 PM
Explore the depths of the Ocean. Discover what enables creatures to live in complete darkness, over 1000 meters below the surface. For ages 6 to 9.
*Space is limited and registration is required.

FAMILY ACTIVITY MORNING—CREATE SLIME
Sat., October 19 10:00-11:30 AM
Create ooey, gooey slime. Homemade slime is a science project and sensory activity in one! All ages are welcome.

Flying Saucer Science with Angela DiNapoli*
Tues., October 22 3:30 PM
Using a large blow up flying saucer, children will conduct science experiments inside the flying saucer. Experiments will include such topics as: outer space and planets, gravity, etc. and a solar system navigation program on a computer. *Registration is required. Space is limited to ten participants, ages 8 and up. Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

Snapology’s Junior Engineers for ages 3-5*
Thurs., October 24 10:00 AM
Does your little learners love to tinker and create new things? If so, they’re going to love Snapology’s Junior Engineers program! This program will give your students an opportunity to build working LEGO brick models of elevators, amusement park rides, robotic dogs, spinning tops, and so much more! As your learners work alongside other little engineers, they will be learning the importance of teamwork, an essential component of engineering and design. *Registration is required. Space is limited to 15 children ages 3-5 years.

After School Activity for ages 6+
Thurs., October 24 3:30 PM
Build an electric circuit to ring a bell or spin a fan, using electronic snap circuits. For ages 6+.
**October Book Discussions**

**NPL Book Group**
Tuesday, October 8th

*The Saturday Evening Girls Club*
by Jane Healey

For the young women living in Boston's North End in 1908, the Saturday Evening Girls Club is an escape from the drudgery of daily life. For Caprice, Ada, Maria and Thea, it's the one time each week the friends can be together. They support each other's dreams and help each other navigate romances and family duties, cultural prejudices, loss and heartbreak. Through it all one thing is certain—they could not get through it all without their friendship, and the Saturday Evening Girls Club. *November 12, 2019—Circe by Madeline Miller*

**NPL Evening Book Club**
Wednesday, October 16th

*The Honest Truth about Dishonesty: How We Lie to Everyone—Especially Ourselves*
by Dan Ariely

Dan Ariely, behavioral economist and the New York Times bestselling author of *The Upside of Irrationality and Predictably Irrational*, examines the contradictory forces that drive us to cheat and keep us honest, in this groundbreaking look at the way we behave in *The Honest Truth About Dishonesty*. From ticket-fixing in our police departments to test-score scandals in our schools, from our elected leaders' extramarital affairs to the Ponzi schemes undermining our economy, cheating and dishonesty are ubiquitous parts of our national news cycle—and inescapable parts of the human condition. Drawing on original experiments and research, in the vein of Freakonomics, *The Tipping Point*, and Survival of the Sickest, Ariely reveals—honestly—what motivates these irrational, but entirely human, behaviors. *November 20, 2019—Blood & Ivy: The 1849 Murder That Scandalized Harvard* by Paul Collins

**This Month in the Friends' Gallery**
Mary Murphy Hensley
Artist Meet & Greet—Sat., Oct. 5, 4:00-5:00 PM

**Diversity and Discussion Book Club**

Cospoarded by the Trustees of the Needham Free Public Library, Needham Diversity Initiative & Needham Human Rights Committee

*57 Bus: A True Story of Two Teenagers and the Crime That Changed Their Lives by Dashka Slater*

Wed., October 16th

If it weren't for the 57 bus, Sasha and Richard never would have met. Both were high school students from Oakland, California, one of the most diverse cities in the country, but they inhabited different worlds. Sasha, a white teen, lived in the middle-class foothills and attended a small private school. Richard, a black teen, lived in the crime-plagued flats and attended a large public one. Each day, their paths overlapped for a mere eight minutes. But one afternoon on the bus ride home from school, a single reckless act left Sasha severely burned, and Richard charged with two hate crimes and facing life imprisonment.

This riveting nonfiction book about race, class, gender, crime, and punishment tells the true story of an agender teen who was set on fire by another teen while riding a bus in Oakland, California. One teenager in a skirt. One teenager with a lighter. One moment that changes both of their lives forever.... *November 14, 2019—It Wasn't Me* by Dana Alison Levy (Will be held at the Pollard Middle School)*
Upcoming Events...

Barry Pell—Galápagos: Enchanted Islands of the Pacific
Thurs., November 7th 7:30 PM
The Galápagos Islands may just inspire you to think differently about the world. Located on a remote archipelago of volcanic islands 600 miles west of Ecuador’s Pacific coast, the Galápagos is home to massive tortoises, scurrying iguana lizards, playful sea lions, and a menagerie of exceptional birds from blue-footed boobies to red-pouched frigate birds. This isolated group of islands, which inspired Charles Darwin’s theory of evolution, is a nearly pristine showcase of biodiversity. Lecturer and photojournalist Barry Pell recently visited the Galápagos and will discuss and present his photography of this splendid and fragile ecosystem. Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

Look With Your Ears: Art History in the Podcasting Era
Sun., November 17th 2:00 PM
Join us for a conversation with art historian Tamar Avishai, host of the award-winning Lonely Palette podcast, as we look at art in a whole new way. Is art history still relevant today? Can an audio program improve understanding of visual art? Sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.

Vietnam: A History with Dr. Gary Hylander
Tues., November 19th 7:30 PM
This fall, Dr. Gary Hylander will be presenting a lecture series on the history of Vietnam. The series begins with an overview of French colonial rule throughout the 19th century to the end of World War II. The Battle of Dien Bien Phu in 1954 marked the end of the French presence in Vietnam. With the onset of the Cold War, and the fear of Communist expansion throughout Southeast Asia, the United States became politically and militarily involved in Vietnam from the Eisenhower years to the end of the Ford presidency. The series will conclude with an examination of the current role of Vietnam in world affairs. This is the third of four lectures in this series, sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.

Movies in November...

Children's Movie:
Frozen (Rated PG—1 hour, 49 minutes)
Fri., November 15th 3:30 PM
When their kingdom becomes trapped in perpetual winter, fearless Anna joins forces with mountaineer Kristoff and his reindeer sidekick to find Anna’s sister, Snow Queen Elsa, and break her icy spell. Although their epic journey leads them to encounters with mystical trolls, a comedic snowman, harsh conditions, and magic at every turn, Anna and Kristoff bravely push onward in a race to save their kingdom from winter’s cold grip.

Children’s Movie:
Aladdin—2019 version (Rated PG—2 hours, 9 minutes)
Fri., November 29th 10:00 AM
Aladdin is a lovable street urchin who meets Princess Jasmine, the beautiful daughter of the sultan of Agrabah. While visiting her exotic palace, Aladdin stumbles upon a magic oil lamp that unleashes a powerful, wisecracking, larger-than-life genie. As Aladdin and the genie start to become friends, they must soon embark on a dangerous mission to stop the evil sorcerer Jafar from overthrowing young Jasmine’s kingdom.

Adult Movie:
The Monuments Men (Rated PG-13—118 minutes)
Tues., November 26th 7:00 PM
American President Franklin D. Roosevelt organizes a specialized military task force to assemble near the end of World War II. The squad is composed of seven museum curators and art specialists. Adolf Hitler, sensing an inevitable defeat at the hands of the Allies, instructs the Third Reich to destroy all captured artwork in an effort to eliminate more than 1,000 years of world history and culture. The ragtag American unit must sneak behind enemy lines in Germany and save the artwork from destruction. All presentations are sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library.

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