



LIBRARY NOTES

NEWSLETTER OF THE NEEDHAM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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The Needham Free Public Library has a new website!

Visit needhamlibrary.org to search the Minuteman Library Network catalog, register for library events, access digital resources and so much more! The new website was gener-

ously funded by the *Library Foundation of Needham* and the *Friends of the Needham Public Library* in memory of former library trustee Greg Shesko.

Looking for something to do? Finding out about all the great events the Library is holding is easier than ever on the new website! Upcoming events are listed right on the homepage, and the entire Events Calendar is easily accessible by simply clicking the 'Events' link in the main menu. Register for events online and receive email reminders about the event!

Looking for some book recommendations? Look no further than the Library's new website! Visit the 'Staff Picks' page to see what our librarians love to read or fill out a 'Book Recommendations' form to get custom book lists compiled by our librarians emailed to you.

Discover new artists! Every month new artists will be highlighted on the homepage and on the 'Art and Exhibitions' page. This month we have **Samuel Williams** on display in the Friends of the Needham Public Library Gallery and **Ellen Clancy** ceramics in the display cases. View both exhibits online on the 'Art and Exhibitions' page.

Do you have questions for a librarian? Easily submit questions for staff online by filling out the 'Ask a Librarian' form! A librarian will get back to you as soon as possible.

All of these things and many more are now available on the Needham Free Public Library's new website at needhamlibrary.org! Check it out today!

Library Hours:

<i>Mon. - Thurs.</i>	<i>9:00 am - 9:00 pm</i>
<i>Fridays</i>	<i>9:00 am - 5:30 pm</i>
<i>Saturdays</i>	<i>9:00 am - 5:00 pm</i>
<i>Sundays</i>	<i>1:00 pm - 6:00 pm</i>

Contact the Library at 781-455-7559

Bob Begin—The WWII Convoys Of The North Atlantic

Thurs., September 23rd

7:00 PM



A tale of the longest campaign in all of World War II, from its outbreak in September, 1939, until May 4, 1945 when Admiral Donitz broadcast an order for all

U-boats to cease hostile operations and return to bases. On the first day of the war, the British liner Athenia, an unarmed passenger ship, was sunk by a German U-boat, the U-30. This was a violation of the London Naval Treaty of 1930 which both Germany and Great Britain had signed. This sinking of a merchant vessel would be a stark indication of how the war would be waged. The first two years of the war pitted the navies of Great Britain and Canada against wolfpacks of the German U-Boats in waters ranging from the British Isles, Greenland, Iceland, northern Russia, Newfoundland, the East coast of America, and the Azores. Germany's stated goal was to isolate England from its allies, with the goal of England surrendering. She came perilously close. This campaign was composed of many components: Lend Lease, the Neutrality Patrols, the Merchant Marines, the Naval Armed Guard, American shipbuilding, Rosie the Riveter, Liberty Boats, the Enigma machine, warships named after flowers, the Four Chaplains, the Coast Guard, the US Navy, and Tonnagekreig. It was a bloody, costly struggle on all sides. Chances of survival were nil in frigid conditions. Over 36,000 merchant ship sailors would eventually be lost. U-boat officers and men lost by Germany were over 33,000 (out of 40,000). Almost 3,000 merchant ships, 200 warships, and more than 700 U-boats were lost in this campaign. It was a struggle for survival, with no quarter expected or given. *Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.* **Registration is required. Go to <https://needhamlibrary.org/events/> and click on the program you wish to attend.**

This Month in the Friends' Gallery

Samuel Williams

Photography

Ellen Clancy


Ceramics - Display Cases

What's happening this month in the Children's Room...

Children's Story Times in September

 **Terrific Toddlers for ages 2-3 years w/caregiver**
Thurs., September 2, 9, 16, 23 10:00 AM

Stories mixed with songs, rhymes, fingerplays, rhythm and sensory activities.

 **Preschool Palooza for ages 3-5 years**
Mon., September 13, 20 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.

 **All programs will occur in the Community Room.**

 **Registration is required. Go to:**

 **<https://needhamlibrary.org/events/> and click on the program you wish to attend.**

Children's Programs in September

Dance Me a Story

Tues., September 14 10:00 AM



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

This program will occur in the Community Room. Registration is required. Go to <https://needhamlibrary.org/events/> and click on the program you wish to attend.

Read to Tucker!**

Tues., September 14, 21 3:40-5:00 PM



Build confidence in reading with Tucker, a trained hypoallergenic therapy dog. Studies show that reading aloud to a dog helps children build confidence in reading. Children ages 5 and up are invited to register at <https://needhamlibrary.org/events/>

for a 15 minute time-slot to read to Tucker. Siblings and friends are welcome to attend together, but please only register under 1 name.

****Registration is Required.**

Read to Sophie the Dog!**

Sat., September 11, 25 (Event Cal. for times)



Sophie is a trained Reading Education Assistance Yankee Golden Retriever. Studies have found that reading aloud to a dog helps children build confidence in reading. Children in 1st-5th Grade are invited to register at <https://needhamlibrary.org/events/>

for a 20 minute time-slot to read to Sophie. Siblings and friends are welcome to attend together but please only register under 1 name. ****Registration is Required.**



Mon., September 20 4:00 PM

Magic, fun, and laughter with professional magician Ed Popielarczyk. A show where the kids are the stars that make the magic happen! For Ages 4+.

This program will occur in the Community Room. Registration is required.

Go to <https://needhamlibrary.org/events/> and click on the program you wish to attend.

Drag Queen and King Storytime

Sat., September 18 10:00 AM



Drag Queen and King Storytime inspires a love of reading while promoting diversity, self-love and an appreciation of others. For Ages 2+.

This program will occur in the Community Room. Registration is required. Go to <https://needhamlibrary.org/events/> and click on the program you wish to attend.

For further information about upcoming events, go to <https://needhamlibrary.org/> or call 781-455-7559.

Upcoming Book Discussions

NPL Book Group

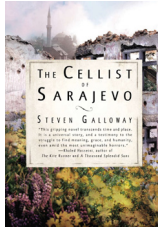
Tuesday, September 14th

The Cellist of Sarajevo

by Steven Galloway

*In a city under siege, four people whose lives have been upended are ultimately reminded of what it is to be human. From his window, a musician sees twenty-two of his friends and neighbors waiting in a breadline. Then, in a flash, they are killed by a mortar attack. In an act of defiance, the man picks up his cello and decides to play at the site of the shelling for twenty-two days, honoring their memory. Elsewhere, a young man leaves home to collect drinking water for his family and, in the face of danger, must weigh the value of generosity against selfish survivalism. A third man, older, sets off in search of bread and distraction and instead runs into a long-ago friend who reminds him of the city he thought he had lost, and the man he once was. As both men are drawn into the orbit of cello music, a fourth character—a young woman, a sniper—holds the fate of the cellist in her hands. As she protects him with her life, her own army prepares to challenge the kind of person she has become. Please email neemail1@minlib.net if you wish to have your email address added to our monthly Zoom link mailing. *October 12, 2021—*If the Creek Don't Rise* by Leah Weiss**

1:00 PM



The Bookworm's Evening Book Club

Monday, September 20th

This Tender Land

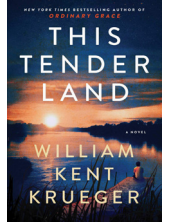
by William Kent Krueger

In the summer of 1932, on the banks of Minnesota's Gilead River, Odie O'Banion is an orphan confined to the Lincoln Indian Training School, a pitiless place where his lively nature earns him the superintendent's wrath. Forced to flee after committing a terrible crime, he and his brother, Albert, their best friend, Mose, and a brokenhearted little girl named Emmy steal away in a canoe, heading for the mighty Mississippi and a place to call their own.

*Over the course of one summer, these four orphans journey into the unknown and cross paths with others who are adrift, from struggling farmers and traveling faith healers to displaced families and lost souls of all kinds. With the feel of a modern classic, *This Tender Land* is an enthralling, big-hearted epic that shows how the magnificent American landscape connects us all, haunts our dreams, and makes us whole. *October 18, 2021—*Born on a Blue Day* by Daniel Tammet.**

*Registration required on Assabet to receive the Zoom link. Register here at: <https://needhamlibrary.org/events/>

7:00 PM



Spoiler Alert Book Club on Zoom

Wednesday, October 6th

Evvie Drake Starts Over by Linda Holmes

NEW! Join us for the first meeting of the Spoiler Alert Book Club. Each year we will focus on reading books in a different genre. This year we will be reading Romance books!

In a sleepy seaside town in Maine, recently widowed Eveleth "Evvie" Drake rarely leaves her large, painfully empty house nearly a year after her husband's death in a car crash. Everyone in town, even her best friend, Andy, thinks grief keeps her locked inside, and Evvie doesn't correct them.

Meanwhile, in New York City, Dean Tenney, former Major League pitcher and Andy's childhood best friend, is wrestling with what miserable athletes living out their worst nightmares call the "yips": he can't throw straight anymore, and, even worse, he can't figure out why. As the media storm heats up, an invitation from Andy to stay in Maine seems like the perfect chance to hit the reset button on Dean's future.

When he moves into an apartment at the back of Evvie's house, the two make a deal: Dean won't ask about Evvie's late husband, and Evvie won't ask about Dean's baseball career. Rules, though, have a funny way of being broken—and what starts as an unexpected friendship soon turns into something more. To move forward, Evvie and Dean will have to reckon with their pasts—the friendships they've damaged, the secrets they've kept—but in life, as in baseball, there's always a chance—up until the last out.

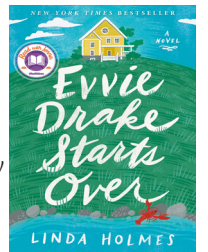
Evvie Drake Starts Over is available in print, Large Print, an Overdrive/Libby ebook and digital audiobook.

This book club will meet once every other month and all meetings will be held online on Zoom. For Adults only.

December 1, 2021— TBD at first meeting.

*Registration required on Assabet to receive the Zoom link. Register here at: <https://needhamlibrary.org/events/>

7:30 PM via Zoom



Teen/Tween Programs and Craft Activities for September

Tween Craft & Chats VIRTUAL (AND IN-PERSON) PROGRAMS WEDNESDAYS FROM 3:30 - 4:30 PM

VIRTUAL: 9/1, 9/15, 9/22, AND 9/29
(for Ages 10 - 12)

REGISTRATION **REQUIRED** TO GET ZOOM LINK

IN-PERSON: Thurs. 9/2
(for Ages 10 - 18)

Register Online for Each Program:
<https://needhamlibrary.org/events>

Contact Erin at neeya@minlib.net with questions!

THE NEEDHAM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS:

TIE-DYE, PART 2!

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2021
FROM 2:30 - 4:30 PM
(OR UNTIL SUPPLIES LAST)

Program is for Ages 10 - 18

Bring your own cotton things or use one of our limited number of things

Program will take place OUTDOORS at the Back of the Rosemary Street Parking Lot

Registration Useful to get headcount for supplies:
<https://needhamlibrary.org/events/>



Exclusively
for
Tweens &
Teens
(Ages 10 - 18)

Registration
opens
Monday,
September
13th!

Friendship Bracelet and Keychain Take and Make Craft Kit



Pickups week of:
Sept. 27th -
Oct. 2nd

Fun with String & Gimp!

Register at
needhamlibrary.org/events

A Program for Tweens, Teens and Up!



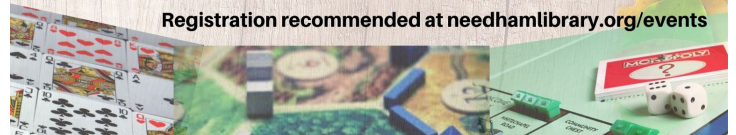
Gaming and Chill Zone

Thursday, September 23rd, 2:30 - 4:00 pm
Needham Free Public Library Community Room

Electronic Games on the Xbox One, Puzzles,
Card and Board games! Bring your own, or use ours!
Or, just come chill out, do homework, and de-stress with friends!

Masks recommended for Indoor Programs

Registration recommended at needhamlibrary.org/events



NEEDHAM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY - 1139 HIGHLAND AVENUE
NEEDHAM, MA
781-455-7559, EX. 2 FOR REFERENCE

NEEDHAM COMIC BOOK CLUB!

Date: Thursday, September 16, 2021

Time: 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Location: Virtually via Zoom

Reading: "Saga" Volumes 1 & 2 by Brian K. Vaughan
and Illustrated by Fiona Staples



The sweeping tale of one young family fighting to find their place in the universe. When two soldiers from opposite sides of a never-ending galactic war fall in love, they risk everything to bring a fragile new life into a dangerous old world

Join us virtually as we discuss the first 2 volumes of Saga (Collects Comics: #1 - 12)

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

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

Virtual Meeting for Ages 17 +

Register online: <https://needhamlibrary.org/events/>

Friends' FALL BookSale

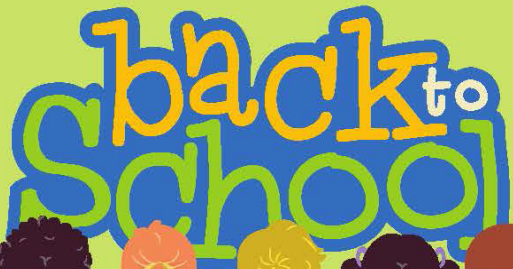


Friday, October 1st
12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Saturday, October 2nd
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Sunday, October 3rd
1:00 - 4:00 PM

Sunday is Bargain Day: all items are half-price and a brown bag is \$8.00. 🦺 Mask wearing required for ages 2 and up while in the book sale.



September

Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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10 am Terrific
Toddlers
Ages 2 & 3

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Library Closed
for Labor Day

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

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Library Closed
for Labor Day



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Library Closed
for Labor Day

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10 am Terrific
Toddlers
Ages 2 & 3

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10 am
Read to Sophie
Ages 5+

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10 am
PreSchool
Palooza
Ages 3 to 5

14

10 am
Dance Me
a Story
Ages 1 to 5
3:40 pm
Read to Tucker
Ages 5+

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16

10 am Terrific
Toddlers
Ages 2 & 3

17

18

10 am
Drag Queen
Storytime
Ages 2+

19

20

10 am
PreSchool
Palooza
Ages 3 to 5
4 pm
Magic with
Ed Popielarczyk
ages 4+

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3:40 pm
Read to Tucker
Ages 5+

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23

10 am Terrific
Toddlers
Ages 2 & 3

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3 pm
Read to Sophie
Ages 5+

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Book Sale
all week in the
Community Room

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Friends of the
Needham Public Library

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Upcoming Events

Learn about Libby and Hoopla this Fall



Would you like to learn the basics for downloading ebooks and audiobooks to your Kindle and/or digital devices? This fall, come learn about Libby and Hoopla, our free on-line apps for ebooks, audiobooks, and more!

Join us on Tuesday afternoons from 3 – 4 PM in October and November for a 4-week series in our Community Room. Space will be limited and registration will be required. Keep a lookout on our website <https://needhamlibrary.org/events/> and in the October newsletter for additional details and registration info, coming soon! Questions? Please contact Robin at 781-455-7559, x 221 or rflynn@minlib.net.



Tammy's Tastings—Prohibition and Repeal on Zoom

Tues., October 26th

7:00 PM



Join Tammy Coxen as she once again presents an online Cocktail Class for Adults. Prohibition in America lasted from 1919 to 1933 and changed the face of the country. How did we end up there in the first place, how did we get out of

it, and what we were drinking along the way? *This event is sponsored by Library Foundation of Needham. Registration is required. Go to <https://needhamlibrary.org/events/> and click on the program you wish to attend.*

DID YOU KNOW...

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<https://www.creativebug.com/lib/needhamlibrary>



Needham Author Daniel Barbarisi—*Chasing the Thrill: Obsession, Death, and Glory in America's Most Extraordinary Treasure Hunt*

Sun., October 17th

2:00 PM



Needham resident and author Daniel Barbarisi will discuss his latest book, *Chasing the Thrill* (Knopf, 2021) with library patrons on October 17th.

Chasing the Thrill tells the story of Forrest Fenn's treasure hunt—a famed quest for a million-dollar treasure chest set in motion in 2010 that captivated tens of thousands and led to five deaths—and the years Barbarisi spent inside it, living amongst the searchers in order to tell the tale. The book explores the nature of obsession, the history of treasure hunting, and the human cost of chasing a great dream.

Daniel Barbarisi is the author of *Chasing the Thrill* and *Dueling with Kings*. He is a former news and sports reporter at the *Wall Street Journal* and the *Providence Journal* and is currently a senior editor at *The Athletic*. He lives in Needham with his wife and two sons. *This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.*

This program will occur in the Community Room. Registration is required. Go to <https://needhamlibrary.org/events/> and click on the program you wish to attend.



Wall Street Journal is now available online for Needham Residents (with a library card)

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You can now access the Wall Street Journal from anywhere with full access to [wsj.com](https://www.wsj.com).

- Simply create (or log-in) to an account, and you can start using [wsj.com](https://www.wsj.com) immediately.
- Your access will be available for the next three days.
- After three days, simply come back and click on this link again (<https://needhamlibrary.org/services/research/online-resources/>) and log-in as an existing user with the same username and password you originally created.