

# LIBRARY NOTES

NEWSLETTER OF THE NEEDHAM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

## OCTOBER 2021 ISSUE

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

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.*



**\*\*Registration is required. Go to <https://needhamlibrary.org/events/> and click on the program you wish to attend.**

This Month in the Friends' Gallery

# Tamara Diaz

## 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

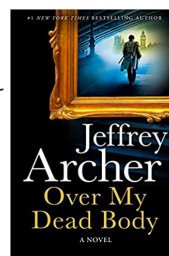
Sunday is Bargain Day: all items are half-price and a brown bag is \$8.00. Mask 🧐 wearing required for ages 2 and up while in the book sale.

VIRTUAL BESTSELLING AUTHOR SERIES:  
Jeffrey Archer Discusses *Over My Dead Body* on Zoom\*\*

Sat., October 23rd

2:00-3:00 PM

*Over My Dead Body* is an unputdownable story of murder, revenge and betrayal from international number one bestseller Jeffrey Archer. The clock is ticking in this rollercoaster ride of a thriller. In London, the Metropolitan Police set up a new Unsolved Murders Unit—a cold case squad—to catch the criminals nobody else can. In Geneva, millionaire art collector Miles Faulkner—convicted of forgery and theft—was pronounced dead two months ago. So why is his unscrupulous lawyer still representing a dead client? On a luxury liner en route to New York, the battle for power within a wealthy dynasty is about to turn to murder. And at the heart of all three investigations are Detective Chief Inspector William Warwick, rising star of the department, and ex-undercover agent Ross Hogan, brought in from the cold. But can they catch the killers before it's too late? Jeffrey Archer is one of the world's bestselling authors, with sales of over 275 million copies in 97 countries, and is the only author ever to have been a number one bestseller in fiction (twenty times), short stories (four times) and non-fiction (The Prison Diaries). Jeffrey has served five years in the House of Commons as a Member of Parliament, and twenty-nine years as a Member of the House of Lords. *This event is sponsored by the Tewksbury Public Library in collaboration with Haley Booksellers, the Needham Free Public Library and the Friends of the Needham Public Library.* **\*\*Registration is limited and required. Go to <https://needhamlibrary.org/events/> and click on the program you wish to attend.**



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 were we drinking along the way? *This event is 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.**

## 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 - 6:00 pm

Contact the Library at 781-455-7559

# Teen/Tween Programs and Craft Activities for October

## Tween Craft & Chats

**VIRTUAL (AND IN-PERSON) PROGRAMS**  
WEDNESDAYS FROM 3:30 - 4:30 PM

**VIRTUAL: 10/6, 10/13, AND 10/27**  
(for Ages 10 - 12)

REGISTRATION **REQUIRED** TO GET ZOOM LINK

**IN-PERSON (Half-Day): 10/20**  
(for Ages 10 - 18), from 2 - 3:30PM  
\*we'll be making slime!\*

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

Contact Erin at [neeya@minlib.net](mailto:neeya@minlib.net) with questions!



Exclusively  
for  
**Tweens & Teens**  
(Ages 10 - 18)

Registration  
opens  
Monday,  
October 4th!

## Graveyard Terrariums

Take and Make  
Craft Kit



Create a spooky desktop  
Halloween themed scene inside  
a tiny terrarium using craft  
supplies, a tea light, miniatures  
& your imagination!

## Make Your Own Scare-rarium!

Register at  
[needhamlibrary.org/events](https://needhamlibrary.org/events)

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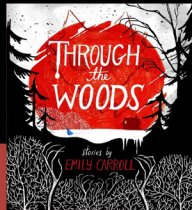
## NEEDHAM COMIC BOOK CLUB!

Date: Thursday, October 21, 2021

Time: 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Location: Virtually via Zoom

Reading: Through the Woods Stories by Emily Carroll



Summary: A Collection of 5 spine-tingling stories

-- Our neighbor's house --  
-- A lady's hands are cold --  
-- His face all red --  
-- My friend Janna --  
-- The nesting place --

Join us virtually as we discuss this spooky autumnal read as a group!

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](mailto:ebassett@minlib.net)

**Virtual Meeting for Ages 13 +**

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

## A New Diversity Book Club for Teens by Teens

## THE REAL WORLD BOOKCLUB

Books with realistic characters  
having realistic struggles - race,  
religion, mental health, etc.

**1ST MEETING OCT. 27**

**7-8 PM**

**@NEEDHAM LIBRARY  
COMMUNITY ROOM**

TWEENS AND TEENS **AGES 10 - 18** ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND



Tuesday, October 19, 2021

7:00 - 8:30 PM

- Trivia, Prizes, and Fun! -



Watch the movie and participate in an interactive  
experience of the 1993 (PG) film:

**The Nightmare Before Christmas**  
**The Sing-Along Version!**

\*REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED\*

Register at [needhamlibrary.org/events](https://needhamlibrary.org/events)



## Adult Take and Make Craft Kit ORIGAMI



**Pick Up a Kit:**  
**Monday,**  
**Oct. 18 -**  
**Sunday, Oct. 24**

**Register at**  
**[needhamlibrary.org/events](https://needhamlibrary.org/events)**



## Upcoming Book Discussions

### NPL Book Group

Tuesday, October 12th

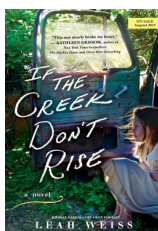
*If the Creek Don't Rise*

by Leah Weiss

*In a North Carolina mountain town filled with moonshine and rotten husbands, Sadie Blue is only the latest girl to face a dead-end future at the mercy of a dangerous drunk. She's been married to Roy Tupkin for fifteen days, and she knows now that she should have listened to the folks who said he was trouble. But when a stranger sweeps in and knocks the world off-kilter for everyone in town, Sadie begins to think there might be more to life than being Roy's wife.*

*As stark and magnificent as Appalachia itself, If the Creek Don't Rise is a bold and beautifully layered debut about a dusty, desperate town finding the inner strength it needs to outrun its demons. The folks of Baines Creek will take you deep into the mountains with heart, honesty, and homegrown grit. Please email [neemail1@minlib.net](mailto:neemail1@minlib.net) if you wish to have your email address added to our monthly Zoom link mailing. \*November 9, 2021—Siddhartha by Hermann Hesse\**

1:00 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/>

### The Bookworm's Evening Book Club

Monday, October 18th

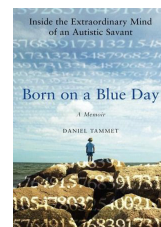
*Born on a Blue Day*

by Daniel Tammet

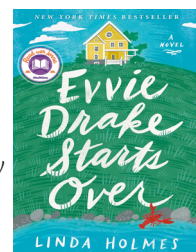
*'I was born on 31 January 1979—a Wednesday. I know it was a Wednesday, because the date is blue in my mind and Wednesdays are always blue, like the number nine or the sound of loud voices arguing.' Like the character Hoffman portrayed, he can perform extraordinary maths in his head, sees numbers as shapes, colours, textures and motions, and can learn to speak a language fluently from scratch in three days. He also has a compulsive need for order and routine. He eats exactly 45 grams of porridge for breakfast and cannot leave the house without counting the number of items of clothing he's wearing. If he gets stressed or unhappy he closes his eyes and counts. But in some ways Daniel is not all like the Rain Man. He is virtually unique among people who have severe autistic disorders in being capable of living a fully-functioning, independent life. It is this incredible self-awareness and ability to communicate what it feels like to live in a totally extraordinary way that makes Born on a Blue Day so powerful. \*November 15, 2021—The Glass Hotel by Emily St. John Mandel.\**

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

7:00 PM



7:30 PM via Zoom



# October



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**neechild@minlib.net**

					Friday	Saturday
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	1	2
3	4 <b>6 pm</b> <b>Little Labcoats</b> <b>The Farm</b> <b>Grade 3 to 5</b>	5	6 <b>10 am</b> <b>ABC Spanish in</b> <b>Motion</b> <b>Ages 2 to 5</b>	7 <b>10 am Terrific</b> <b>Toddlers</b> <b>Ages 2 &amp; 3</b>	8	9 <b>10 am</b> <b>Read to Sophie</b> <b>Ages 5+</b>  <b>2:30 pm Myths</b> <b>and Monsters</b> <b>Grades 4 to 6</b>
10	11 <b>Library Closed</b>	12 <b>10 am</b> <b>Dance Me a</b> <b>Story</b> <b>Ages 2 to 5</b>  <b>3:40 pm</b> <b>Read to Tucker</b> <b>Ages 5+</b>	13	14 <b>10 am Terrific</b> <b>Toddlers</b> <b>Ages 2 &amp; 3</b>  <b>3:40 pm</b> <b>Afterschool</b> <b>Activity - Slime</b> <b>Grades 1 to 5</b>	15	16  <b>2:30 pm Myths</b> <b>and Monsters</b> <b>Grades 4 to 6</b>
17	18 <b>10 am</b> <b>Monkey Mind</b> <b>Belly Breath</b> <b>Children's Yoga</b> <b>Ages 2 to 5</b>  <b>3:30 pm</b> <b>Forces &amp;</b> <b>Magnetism</b> <b>Grades 3 and 4</b>	19 <b>7 pm</b> <b>Interactive</b> <b>Nightmare</b> <b>Before</b> <b>Christmas Movie</b> <b>Viewing</b> <b>Ages 10 to 18</b>	20 <b>10 am Parsley's</b> <b>Big Adventure</b> <b>Author</b> <b>Storytime</b> <b>Ages 2 to 6</b>	21 <b>10 am</b> <b>Hugh Hanley</b> <b>Circle of Songs</b> <b>music &amp; stories</b> <b>Ages 2 &amp; up</b>	22 <b>3:15 pm</b> <b>Movie:</b> <b>Addams Family</b> <b>(2019) PG</b>	23 <b>10 am</b> <b>Read to Sophie</b> <b>Ages 5+</b>
24	25 <b>10 am</b> <b>PreSchool</b> <b>Palooza</b> <b>Ages 3 to 5</b>  <b>4 pm</b> <b>Harry Potter</b> <b>Potions Class</b> <b>Ages 6 and up</b>	26  <b>3:40 pm</b> <b>Read to Tucker</b> <b>Ages 5+</b>	27	28 <b>10 am Terrific</b> <b>Toddlers</b> <b>Ages 2 &amp; 3</b>	29 <b>Trick or Treat</b> <b>in the Library</b> <b>all day</b>	30 <b>Trick or Treat</b> <b>in the Library</b> <b>all day</b>

**Mass STEM Week**

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Trick or Treat  
In the Library



**Registration Required for Children's Events**  
**at [www.needhamlibrary.org](http://www.needhamlibrary.org)**

**Events are subject to change**  
**Funding for special events generously provided by**





## Harry Potter Potions Class and Wand Duel

Mastermind Adventures leads a magical role-playing game where children become students in a Harry Potter potions class making mixtures and crafting their own magical wand to combat dark forces.

Monday, October 25, 4 pm  
for ages 6 and up

## The Farm with Little Labcoats

Find out where the broccoli on your plate and the milk in your glass come from! Learn how farm animals provide resources we use every day and how to grow your own fruits and vegetables!

Monday, October 4, 6 pm  
Grade 3 to 5

## ABC Spanish in Motion

Movement, music, and culture fully in Spanish to connect worlds and minds  
10 am Wednesday, October 6

Ages 2 to 5 with limited or no Spanish

## Afterschool Activity - Slime

Join us to make a pile of goop.  
Thursday, October 14, 3:40 pm

Grades 1 to 5



## Forces & Magnetism

Learn about forces with the Discovery Museum's Traveling Workshop and construct an original toy that uses magnetism to move! Grades 3 & 4  
Monday, October 18, 3:30 pm

## Addams Family Movie

You are invited to see the animated 2019 PG version on  
Friday, October 22, 3:15 pm

## Read to Tucker

Build confidence in reading with Tucker a trained hypoallergenic therapy dog  
Tuesday, October 12 and 26 starting at 3:40 pm  
Individual sessions for kindergarten and older



## Myths & Monsters

Enjoy Rick Riordan books? Stories, games, and activities based on classical mythology  
Grades 4 to 6  
Saturdays, Oct 9 & 16, 2:30 pm



## Read to Sophie

Sophie a Golden Retriever therapy dog listens to stories on  
Saturday, October 9 and 23 at 10 am  
Individual 20 minutes sessions for kindergarten and older

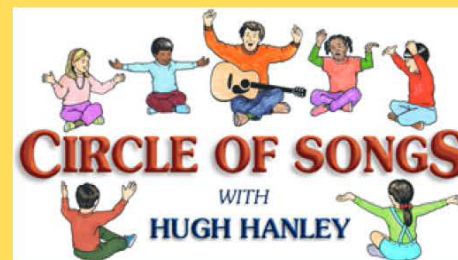
## Children's Yoga

New to Needham Library!  
Monkey Mind Belly Breath storytime with yoga  
10 am Monday October 18  
Ages 3 to 5



## Dance Me a Story

Tuesday, October 12 at 10 am  
Join Princess Lisa from the Joanne Langione Dance Center for an enchanting tale and dance for ages 2 to 5



October 21 at 10 am  
for ages 2 to 5

## Storytimes

### Parsley's Big Adventure

Author Gordon Halm will read about his brave hen's struggle to return home  
Wednesday, October 20 at 10 am  
for ages 2 to 6

### Terrific Toddlers

2 to 3 years old  
with an adult caregiver  
Stories with songs, rhymes, and movement

### Preschool Palooza

Ages 3-6 An interactive themed storytime with picture books, music and movement. Children who are ready, may attend independently.

**Contact [neechild@minlib.net](mailto:neechild@minlib.net) to be added to our monthly events email list**



## Upcoming Events

### Learn How to Use Libby and Hoopla

**Session One: Tuesdays, October 19, 26 3:00-4:30 PM**

**Session Two: Tuesdays, November 9, 16 3:00-4:30 PM**



Are you interested in downloading books and audiobooks from Libby (by OverDrive) or hoopla, but aren't sure how? Join us in either October or November for a pair of sessions on learning the basics for downloading from these

free digital apps! In addition to a general feature review, the functions we will learn include setting up accounts, search and navigation basics, how to add libraries/cards, reading on Kindle (Libby), syncing devices, and managing loans and holds. Takeaway handouts will be provided.



Attendees are welcome to bring their devices (smartphone, tablet, or Kindle) and should come prepared with their library card number and library account PIN. (Not sure what your PIN is, or if you have one? We can help—contact the Reference Department at 781-455-7559, ext. 502 or [neemail1@minlib.net](mailto:neemail1@minlib.net).) Kindle users, you will need your Amazon login information (user name and password) if you would like to practice sending ebooks to your Kindle.

Space is limited to six (6) attendees, and registration is required (you must register for both weeks of the session)—please register at <https://needhamlibrary.org/events>, or contact Robin at 781-455-7559, ext. 221 or [rflynn@minlib.net](mailto:rflynn@minlib.net).

### DID YOU KNOW...

Creativebug is your go-to resource for high-quality, on-trend arts and crafts instructional videos. Enjoy award-winning HD instructional videos on drawing, painting, sewing, knitting, crochet, quilting, jewelry making, baking, crafts for kids, and more. All classes are taught by experts, with new classes added daily. Creativebug delivers expert instruction and inspiration straight to your favorite device so you can learn at your own pace—anytime and anywhere. This collection of art and crafting classes is free for all Needham (Residents-only) library card-holders and can be accessed anywhere with an Internet connection at:



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

### Local Author Marcy McCreary—*The Disappearance of Trudy Solomon*\*\*

**Tues., November 16th**

**7:30 PM**

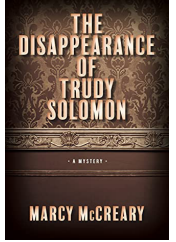
Author Marcy McCreary will speak about her new mystery, *The Disappearance of Trudy Solomon*.

*In the waning days of the Catskills hotel era, Stanley and Rachel Roth, the owners of The Cuttman Hotel, were practically dynasty-third generation proprietors of a sprawling resort with a grand reputation. The glamorous and gregarious matriarch, Rachel. The cunning and successful businessman, Stan. Four beautiful children. A perfect family deserving of respect and loyalty. Or so it seemed.*

*Fast forward forty years. The Roths have lost their clout. When skeletal remains are found on the side of the road, the disappearance of Trudy Solomon, a coffee shop waitress at the Cuttman in 1978, is reopened. Each member of the Roth family holds a clue to the case, but getting them to admit what they know will force Detective Susan Ford to face a family she'd hoped never to see again.*

This event, sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library, will be held in the Community Room, unless circumstances require us to switch to Zoom. Books will be available for purchase (live event only), courtesy of Wellesley Books.

\*\*Registration is required. Register here at: <https://needhamlibrary.org/events/>



### Bob Begin—The WWII Convoys Of The North Atlantic, Part 2\*\*

**Tues., November 30th**

**7:30 PM**



Part 2 continues Bob Begin's talk from September. This time, learn more about this tale of the longest campaign in all of World War II. Our starting point is 1942, continuing until the end on May 4, 1945, when Admiral Donitz broadcast an order for all U-boats to cease hostile operations and return to bases. Learn more about the Enigma machine, the Four Chaplains, 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.

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