

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

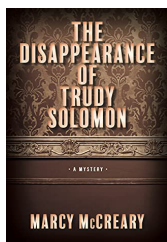
Tues., November 16th

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

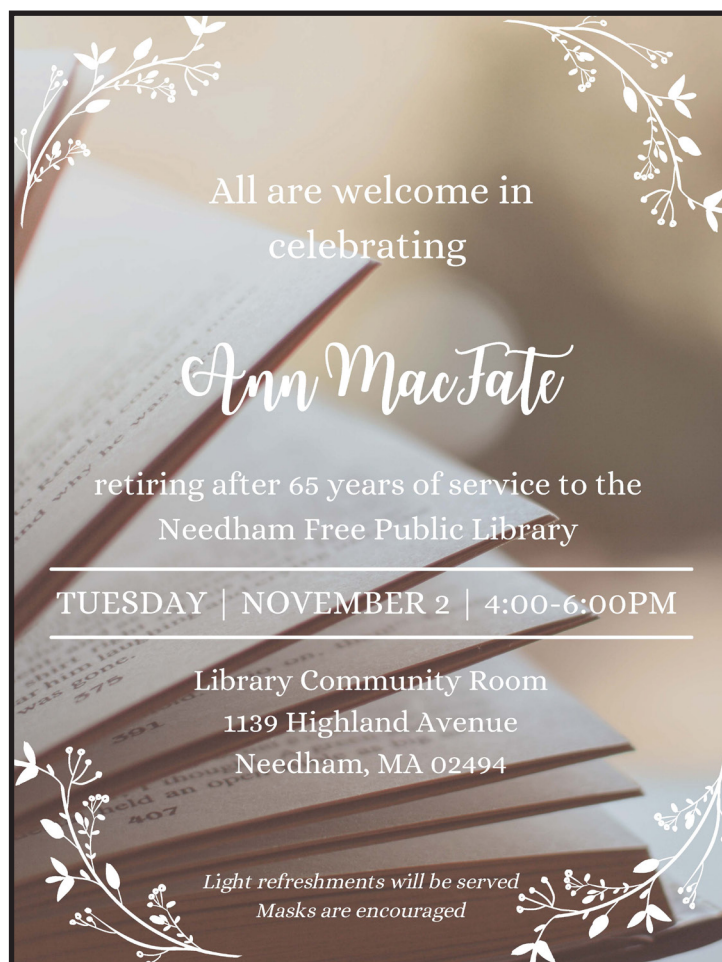
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Part 2 continues Bob Begin's talk from September. This time, learn more about this tale of the longest campaign in all of World War II. Our starting point is 1942, continuing until the end on May 4, 1945,

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.

*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.*



Learn How to Use Libby and Hoopla

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 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.) 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.

Proclamation in Honor of Ann MacFate, for Sixty-Five Years of Service to the Needham Free Public Library



WHEREAS, Ann MacFate started her career at the Needham Free Public Library in 1956, beginning with cleaning tables and progressing to the positions of Page, Junior Clerk, Senior Clerk and Circulation Supervisor;

WHEREAS, while continuing to work at the Library full time, Ann attended college, receiving her BA from Northeastern University and her MLS from Simmons College, after which Ann continued to progress to Reference Librarian, Reference Supervisor and Assistant Director;

WHEREAS, Ann was appointed as Library Director in 1992 and has served continuously in that role since then;

WHEREAS, under Ann's leadership, the Library achieved several major milestones, including expansion of the Library's digital offerings, building the first Minuteman database, and a significant increase in circulation;

WHEREAS, Ann was instrumental in the planning of the Library's current facilities, serving as a member of the Building Committee and overseeing the monumental task of transferring the entire contents of the Library to a temporary location at High Rock School, running the Library there for nearly two years before transferring the contents back to the newly-expanded Library and welcoming the public back to a beautiful new and renovated space;



WHEREAS, Ann capably led the Library through the unprecedented challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, coordinating a widely popular curbside pickup program before reopening the Library in June 2021, which efforts ensured that the Library continued to remain a visible and thriving community resource despite limitations on physical occupancy;



WHEREAS, after six and a half decades of service to the Library and the Town of Needham, Ann will retire from her position as Library Director in November 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Trustees of the Needham Free Public Library wish to recognize Ann's extraordinary dedication to the Library and her accomplishments as Library Director.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Trustees hereby recognize Ann for her unparalleled service to the Library, and, by extension, to the Town of Needham;

RESOLVED, that the Trustees express our collective gratitude for the enduring legacy that Ann has built as Library Director; and

RESOLVED, that a copy of these resolutions be entered permanently into the minutes of the Trustees.

November 2021

Events for Tweens & Teens

Ages 10 - 18

Community Room and/or Virtual, Needham Public Library

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 3RD - 2:00 - 4:00 PM **HALF-DAY IN-PERSON CRAFT AND CHAT!**

Join us as we craft and chat in Person with this Diwali Inspired Crafternoon.
Program for Ages 10 - 18

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 10TH & 17TH - 3:30 - 4:30 PM **VIRTUAL TWEEN CRAFT AND CHAT!**

Join us as we craft and chat via Zoom. Registration Required Programs for Ages 10 - 12

THURSDAY, NOV. 18TH - 7:00 - 8:00 PM **COMIC BOOK BOOK CLUB MEETING** **- REDBONE -** **VIRTUAL, VIA ZOOM**

Come and join us for another exciting meeting of the CBBC and come prepared to discuss Redbone: The True Story of a Native American Rock Band by Christian Staebler and Sonia Paoloni! Books available to request through the catalog (https://find.minlib.net/iii/encore/record/C__Rb3937755) and digitally as an eBook from Hoopla. Registration Required to receive Zoom Link. Ages 12 and Up (yes, Adults) welcome!

MONDAY, NOV. 22ND - 3:00 - 4:30 PM **GAME DAY AFTERNOON**

1 and a half hours of In-Person gaming fun with XboxOne Games, Board Games, Card games, and Puzzles! Bring a game or enjoy one of ours, just have fun and relax with friends or sit at one of the tables and try to get some homework done!
Registration recommended, but not required. Program is for ages 9 and up

MONDAY, NOV. 22ND - SATURDAY NOV 27TH **- MINIATURE ART TAKE AND MAKE! -**

Join in the miniature fun with this art kit! Paint something lovely (and tiny - 4"x4"). Register to receive a mini art kit and create your masterpiece. When completed, return it to the library to be part of the show! Art will be displayed in December in our display case at the Highland Avenue entrance. Registration required. Program is for ages 10 - 18

All materials provided by the Needham Free Public Library

For more info or suggestions for future programs, call 781-455-7559, ext 208

To Register for upcoming programs, go to: <https://needhamlibrary.org/events/>

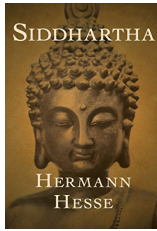
Upcoming Book Discussions

NPL Book Group Tuesday, November 9th *Siddhartha*

by Hermann Hesse

Here the spirituality of the East and the West have met in a novel that enfigures deep human wisdom with a rich and colorful imagination. It is the story of the quest of Siddhartha, a wealthy Indian Brahmin who casts off a life of privilege and comfort to seek spiritual fulfillment and wisdom. On his journey, Siddhartha encounters wandering ascetics, Buddhist monks, and successful merchants, as well as a courtesan named Kamala and a simple ferryman who has attained enlightenment. Traveling among these people and experiencing life's vital passages—love, work, friendship, and fatherhood—Siddhartha discovers that true knowledge is guided from within. Please email neemail1@minlib.net if you wish to have your email address added to our monthly Zoom link mailing. *December 14, 2021—*The Sense of an Ending* by Julian Barnes*

1:00 PM



Spoiler Alert Book Club on Zoom* Wednesday, December 1st

This Time Next Year by Sophie Cousens

Each year we will focus on reading books in a different genre. This year we will be reading Romance books!

Their lives began together, but their worlds couldn't be more different. After thirty years of missed connections, they're about to meet again...

Minnie Cooper knows two things with certainty: that her New Year's birthday is unlucky, and that it's all because of Quinn Hamilton, a man she's never met. Their mothers gave birth to them at the same hospital just after midnight on New Year's Day, but Quinn was given the cash prize for being the first baby born in London in 1990--and the name Minnie was meant to have, as well. With luck like that, it's no wonder each of her birthdays has been more of a disaster than the one before.

When Minnie unexpectedly runs into Quinn at a New Year's party on their mutual thirtieth birthday, she sees only more evidence that fortune has continued to favor him. The gorgeous, charming business owner truly seems to have it all--while Minnie's on the brink of losing her pie-making company and her home. But if Quinn and Minnie are from different worlds, why do they keep bumping into each other? And why is it that each fraught encounter leaves them both wanting more?

A moving, joyful love story, This Time Next Year explores the way fate leads us to the people we least expect--no matter what the odds. This Time Next Year 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.

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

The Bookworm's Evening Book Club* Monday, November 15th

The Glass Hotel

by Emily St. John Mandel

*Vincent is the beautiful bartender at the Hotel Calette, a five-star glass-and-cedar palace on the northernmost tip of Vancouver Island. New York financier Jonathan Alkaitis owns the hotel. When he passes Vincent his card with a tip, it's the beginning of their life together. That same day, a hooded figure scrawls a note on the windowed wall of the hotel: 'Why don't you swallow broken glass.' Leon Prevant, a shipping executive for a company called Neptune-Avramidis, sees the note from the hotel bar and is shaken to his core. Thirteen years later Vincent mysteriously disappears from the deck of a Neptune-Avramidis ship. Weaving together the lives of these characters, Emily St. John Mandel's *The Glass Hotel* moves between the ship, the towers of Manhattan, and the wilderness of remote British Columbia, painting a breathtaking picture of greed and guilt, fantasy and delusion, art and the ghosts of our pasts.*

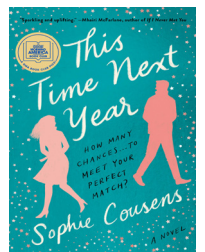
*December 20, 2021—*The Rent Collector* by Camron Wright.*

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

7:00 PM



7:30 PM via Zoom



November



Needham Free Public Library
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Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

1 10 am
PreSchool
Palooza
Ages 3 to 5

4 pm
iRobot Coding
with Root Robots
Ages 6 and up

2

3:30 pm
Read to Tucker
Ages 5+

3

10 am
ABC Spanish in
Motion
Ages 2 to 5

4

10 am Terrific
Toddlers
Ages 2 & 3

5

6

7

8 10 am
PreSchool
Palooza
Ages 3 to 6

6 pm
Little Labcoats
Astronomy
Grades 3 to 5

9

10 am
Dance Me
a Story
Ages 2 to 5

10

11

Library Closed
for
Veteran's Day

12

13

10 am
Read to Sophie
Ages 5+

Children's Book Week

14

15 10 am
Monkey Mind
Belly Breath
Children's Yoga
Ages 2 to 5

16

3:30 pm
Read to Tucker
Ages 5+

17

3:30 pm
& 5 pm
Gal's Wonder
Kitchen
Holiday Treats
Grade 1 to 5

18 10 am
Hugh Hanley
Circle of Songs
music & stories
Ages 2 & up

3:30 pm
Afterschool
Craft - Star
Nebula
Grade 1 to 5

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22 10 am
PreSchool
Palooza
Ages 3 to 5

23

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Thanksgiving
Library
Closed

26

10 am
Children's Movie
Raya and the
Last Dragon

27

10 am
Read to Sophie
Ages 5+

28

29 10 am
PreSchool
Palooza
Ages 3 to 5

30

3:30 pm
Read to Tucker
Ages 5+

Special events generously
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Children's shows are in-person. Masks required for ages 2 and up.

To attend, register online at needhamlibrary.org/events

iRobot Coding with Root Robots

A creative and seriously fun way to learn
how to code

4 pm, Monday, November 1
for ages 6+



Storytimes for Young Children

ABC Spanish in Motion

Movement, music, and culture in Spanish
Wednesday, November 3, 10 am
Ages 2 to 5 with limited or no Spanish



Dance Me a Story

Tuesday, November 9 at 10 am
Story and dance with Miss Michelle from the
Joanne Langione Dance Center for ages 2 to 5

Create Holiday Treats

Chef Gal from Gal's Wonder
Kitchen will lead two no-bake
dessert classes

Decorate Pumpkin Cake Pops
and Brownie Turkeys

Wednesday, November 17 at 3:30 pm & 5 pm
For grades 1 to 5



Little Labcoats Astronomy

Explore the various light and rock forms beyond
earth's atmosphere. Learn about asteroids, comets,
and stars! Examine the earth's moon and the
hundreds of other moons that exist in space. Blast
off into outer space and discover the stars and
planets that have fascinated scientists for centuries.

Monday, November 8, at 6 pm for Grades 3 to 6



Afterschool Activity - Star Nebula

Join us to make a star nebula in a jar
Thursday, November 18, 3:40 pm
Grades 1 to 5



Raya and the Last Dragon

The animated 2021 PG movie
Friday, November 26, 10 am

Read to Tucker

Build confidence in reading
with Tucker a trained hypoallergenic therapy dog
on Tuesday, November 2, 16, & 30 at
3:30 pm, 3:50 pm, 4:10 pm & 4:30 pm
Individual sessions for kindergarten and older



Monkey Mind Belly Breath

Storytime with Yoga

Monday, November 15, 10 am
Ages 2 to 5



Join Hugh on
Thursday, November 18, at 10 am
for ages 2 to 5

Terrific Toddlers

Thursday, November 4, at 10 am.
2 to 3 years old with an adult caregiver
Stories with songs, rhymes, & movement

Preschool Palooza

An interactive themed storytime with books,
music and movement
For ages 3 through 5 children who are ready,
may attend independently
Mondays, November 1, 8, 22, and 29 at 10 am.

Read to Sophie

Sophie is a Golden Retriever therapy dog
looking forward to hearing stories
on Saturday, November 13 & 27 at
10 am, 10:20 am, 10:40 am & 11 am
Individual 20 minutes sessions
for kindergarten and older

Contact neechild@minlib.net to be added to our monthly events email list



NEEDHAM
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Tenth Annual Needham Diversity Summit (NDS 10.0)

Sunday, November 14 / 12:00 Noon / Zoom

This year's theme is: 'Voices of Unity'

Keynote Speaker



Professor Gary Bailey - is currently a Professor of Practice at Simmons School of Social Work and at the Simmons School of Nursing. At the School of Social Work he coordinates the Dynamics of Racism and Oppression sequence. He chairs the School of Social Work Awards Committee; is Chair of the Simmons University Black Administrators, Faculty and Staff Council (BAFAS); is a member of the Simmons Faculty Senate; is vice chair of the Simmons President's Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Council (PDIAC) and co-Chaired the Simmons University Initiative on Human Rights and Social Justice.

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.



NDS 10.0 is sponsored by the Needham Diversity Initiative (NDI) and other Needham organizations. NDI is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable corporation whose mission is to create a welcoming town. Our hope is to explore, foster, strengthen, and celebrate Needham's diversity of race, religion, sexual orientation, gender (including identity and expression), ethnic identity, socioeconomic status, ability, and age. Needham Diversity Initiative, Inc., organizes events throughout the year to advance its mission. These events include the annual Needham Diversity Summit in November, the annual Needham Martin Luther King, Jr., Day Celebration in January, speakers, films, and performers.

To Register:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/needham-diversity-summit-100-voices-of-unity-tickets-187970604137>

Upcoming Events

Watch the movie and participate in an interactive experience of the 2003 (PG) film: Elf

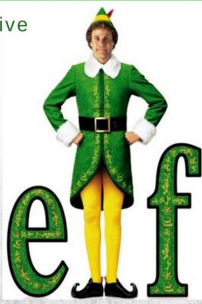
INTERACTIVE MOVIE VIEWING FOR TWEENS AND TEENS AGES 12 - 18!

In the Needham Public Library
Community Room

Tuesday, December 28, 2021 6:00 - 8:30 pm

Snacks, Drinks, and Fun!

Registration Required



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

*Registration opens November 22nd and will close December 20th to ensure supplies are ready in time *

Join Buddy the Elf (Will Ferrell) as he explores the wonders of the Big City and help him find out who he really is!

Circus Dynamics —Juggling and Balloon Show*

Wed., December 29th

2:30 PM



Maurice Reid Eighme of Circus Dynamics performs a 40 minute variety show that includes interactive magic, juggling, balloon tricks, circus skills, hilarious stunts, and more. Maurice even climbs inside of a 6 foot balloon. He has performed on the Tony the Dancing Cop's

"Safe Kids and Friends" TV show, with Lydia's Sideshow in Salem, MA, the Newport Yachting Club, Bright Night Providence, Providence WaterFire and many RI Libraries. *Sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.*

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

December Holiday Closings

December 23 - Library Closes at 5:30 PM

December 24 - Library Closed

December 25 - Library Closed

December 31 - Library Closed

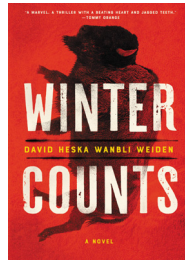
January 1, 2022 - Library Closed



Author David Heska Wanbli Weiden—*Winter Counts* *

Sun., January 9th

3:30 PM



Native American author David Heska Wanbli Weiden discusses his crime thriller, *Winter Counts*, a novel examining the broken criminal justice system on reservations and the identity issues confronted by Native Americans today. In the book, a Native American enforcer is obsessed with

finding and stopping the dealer who is bringing dangerous drugs onto the reservation. Weiden, a

member of the *Sicangu Lakota* nation, is an author, lawyer and professor in Colorado.

This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library and will be on

Zoom. *Registration required on Assabet

to receive the Zoom link. Register here at: <https://needhamlibrary.org/events/>



FRIENDS' WINTER BOOKSALE



Friday, January 28th

12:00 - 4:00 PM

Saturday, January 29th

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Sunday, January 30th

1:00 - 4:00 PM

Sunday is Bargain Day: all items are half-price and a brown bag is \$8.00.

This Month in the Friends' Gallery

Needham Art Association

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