

## LIBRARY NOTES

NEWSLETTER OF THE NEEDHAM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

DECEMBER 2021 ISSUE



## From the Library Director...

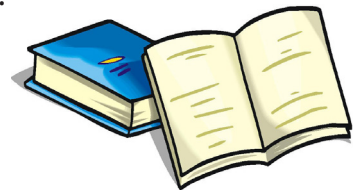
Hello Reader,

My first month as Director has been quite a whirlwind! Where does the time go? I have to tell you: I am overjoyed to be part of Team Needham! Everyone has been so welcoming, supportive and kind. It is truly a pleasure to see how much people love our library! I am so excited to build on the legacy of Ann MacFate's service. I will be looking to carry forward our successes, and determine new ways to delight and serve our residents. I hope you'll stop by soon to see what we've got going on!

I've spent my first few weeks getting to know the excellent staff here at the library, and I'm looking forward to getting to know all of you! To that end, we'll be offering two public receptions so that I have an opportunity to get to know the community better. Truly, it's a casual meet-and-greet. Just a chance to say hi! I hope you'll join me at one or the other! We have our first event on December 10 from 10 am - 12 pm. Our second event will be January 6 from 4-6 pm. I can't wait to get to know you!

Take care,

Kim



We invite you to join our new Director,  
Kim Hewitt, for coffee and light  
refreshments at our

### Director's Meet-and-Greet

December 10, 2021  
NEEDHAM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY  
1139 HIGHLAND AVENUE  
NEEDHAM, MA 02494  
10:00 AM TO 12 PM

### 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/>

### 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

### This Month in the Friends' Gallery Needham Art Association

### 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



## Upcoming Book Discussions

NPL Book Group  
Tuesday, December 14th

*The Sense of an Ending*

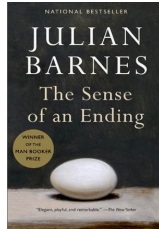
by Julian Barnes

PARIS, 1939

*Tony Webster and his clique first met Adrian Finn at school. Sex-hungry and book-hungry, they navigated the girl drought of gawky adolescence together, trading in affectations, in-jokes, rumour and wit. Maybe Adrian was a little more serious than the others, certainly more intelligent, but they swore to stay friends forever. Until Adrian's life took a turn into tragedy, and all of them, especially Tony, moved on and did their best to forget. Now Tony is in middle age. He's had a career and a marriage, a calm divorce. He gets along nicely, he thinks, with his one child, a daughter, and even with his ex-wife. He's certainly never tried to hurt anybody. Memory, though, is imperfect. It can always throw up surprises, as a lawyer's letter is about to prove. The unexpected bequest conveyed by that letter leads Tony on a dogged search through a past suddenly turned murky. And how do you carry on, contentedly, when events conspire to upset all your vaunted truths?*

Please email [neemail1@minlib.net](mailto:neemail1@minlib.net) if you wish to have your email address added to our monthly Zoom link mailing. \*January 11, 2022—*The Paris Library* by Janet Skeslien Charles\*

1:00 PM



The Bookworm's Evening Book Club\*  
Monday, December 20th

*The Rent Collector*

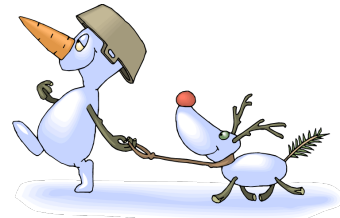
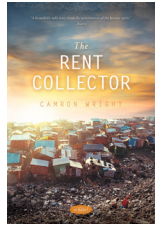
by Camron Wright

*Survival for Ki Lim and Sang Ly is a daily battle at Stung Meanchey, the largest municipal waste dump in all of Cambodia. They make their living scavenging recyclables from the trash. Life would be hard enough without the worry for their chronically ill child, Nisay, and the added expense of medicines that are not working. Just when things seem worst, Sang Ly learns a secret about the ill-tempered rent collector who comes demanding money--a secret that sets in motion a tide that will change the life of everyone it sweeps past. **The Rent Collector** is a story of hope, of one woman's journey to save her son and another woman's chance at redemption. It demonstrates that even in a dump in Cambodia--perhaps especially in a dump in Cambodia--everyone deserves a second chance.*

\*January 31, 2022—*The Book of Lost Friends* by Lisa Wingate\*

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

7:00 PM



## Needham Connects: Building Empathy through Books and Conversation

Co-sponsored by the Trustees of the Needham Free Public Library, Needham Diversity Initiative & Needham Human Rights Committee

*This Month's Title: So You Want to Talk About Race* by Ijeoma Oluo

Thurs., January 27th

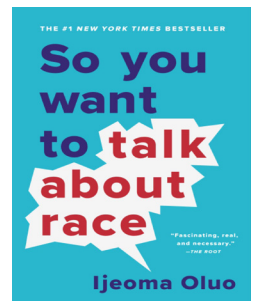
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*Protests against racial injustice and white supremacy have galvanized millions around the world. The stakes for transformative conversations about race could not be higher. Still, the task ahead seems daunting, and it's hard to know where to start. How do you tell your boss her jokes are racist? Why did your sister-in-law hang up on you when you had questions about police reform? How do you explain white privilege to your white, privileged friend?*

*In **So You Want to Talk About Race**, Ijeoma Oluo guides readers of all races through subjects ranging from police brutality and cultural appropriation to the model minority myth in an attempt to make the seemingly impossible possible: honest conversations about race, and about how racism infects every aspect of American life.*

This discussion will be on ZOOM. Registration is required at <https://needhamlibrary.org/events/>

Next Discussion: *On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous: A Novel* by Ocean Vuong, Late March TBD.





# Teen/Tween Programs and Craft Activities for December

## TWEEN/TEEN TAKE & MAKE CRAFT KIT

**It's Gonna Be a Sticker Party!**

Ages 10 - 18 Welcome to Reserve a Kit!

Register for a kit for pickup starting 12/01 thru 12/22

**Craft Kit pickup weeks: 12/13 - 12/18 & 12/20 - 12/23, UPSTAIRS**

Register for this **Sticker By Number Take and Make Kit** for Tweens and Teens to take and make on your own time over Winter Vacation!

Questions? Contact Erin: [neeya@minlib.net](mailto:neeya@minlib.net)

Register online through our Virtual Events Calendar for a kit!

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



## Tween Craft & Chats VIRTUAL (AND IN-PERSON) PROGRAMS

**VIRTUAL (FOR AGES 10 - 12):**

**Wednesdays 12/01, 12/15, AND 12/22,  
from 3:30 - 4:30 PM**

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED TO GET ZOOM LINK**

**IN-PERSON (for Ages 10 - 18):**

**Thursday, 12/02, from 3:00 - 4:30 PM**

**Tuesday, 12/21, from 3:30 - 4:30 PM**

**Register Online for Each Program:**

**<https://needhamlibrary.org/events>**

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

**A Program for Tweens, Teens and Up!**

## Gaming and Chill Zone

**Wednesday, December 8th, 2:00 - 4:00 pm**

Half-Day Fun!

**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](https://needhamlibrary.org/events)



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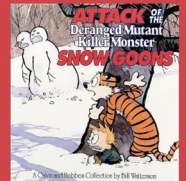
## NEEDHAM COMIC BOOK CLUB!

Date: Thursday, December 16, 2021

Time: 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Location: Virtually via Zoom

Reading: Calvin and Hobbes - Attack of the Deranged  
Mutant Killer Monster Snow Goons



With the help of his faithful stuffed tiger companion and his alter egos--Spaceman Spiff, Stupendous Man, and Tracer Bullet--Calvin continues to navigate the tricky waters of youth... this time, through the perils of winter!

Join us virtually as we discuss this winter throwback to childhood as a group!

Copies of this month's titles available for request from Minuteman Libraries!

For more info contact Erin Bassett at [ebassett@minlib.net](mailto:ebassett@minlib.net)

**Virtual Meeting for Ages 12 +**

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

## Join the Real World Book Club

**A Book Club for Ages 15 - 18**

**Where?**

**The Needham Free  
Public Library,  
Community Room**

**When?**

**December 15th  
@ 7 pm!**

**Join your peers  
for some great  
discussion**

**Completely Student Run!**

contact Eve for more information:  
[eam221@students.needham.k12.ma.us](mailto:eam221@students.needham.k12.ma.us)

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**

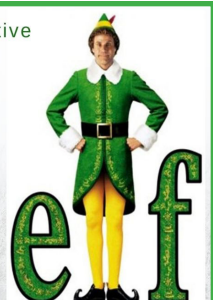
**Snacks, Drinks, and Fun!**

**\*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!



# December

Needham Free Public Library

1139 Highland Avenue

[www.needhamlibrary.org](http://www.needhamlibrary.org)

781-455-7559 x204

[neechild@minlib.net](mailto:neechild@minlib.net)

Sunday

Monday

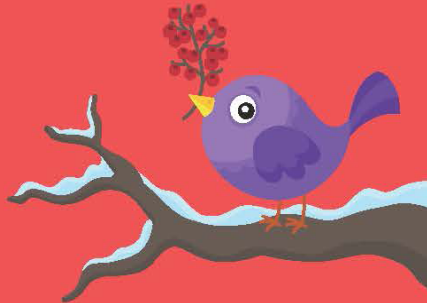
Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



1

10 am  
ABC Spanish in  
Motion  
Ages 2 to 5

2

10 am Terrific  
Toddlers  
Ages 2 & 3

3

4

5

HOUR  
OF  
CODE

Week

Celebrate  
computer science  
everywhere!

6

10 am  
PreSchool  
Palooza  
Ages 3 to 6

3:30 pm  
Coding  
Workshop  
Grades 1 to 3

6 pm  
Little Labcoats  
Light & Sound  
Grades 3 to 5

7

3:30 pm  
Read to Tucker  
Ages 5+

3:30 pm  
CS First  
Unplugged  
Grades 3 and up

8

9

10 am Terrific  
Toddlers  
Ages 2 & 3

4 pm  
Bake for Good  
Bread  
Demonstration  
Grades 4 to 12

10

11

10 am  
Read to Sophie  
Ages 5+

12

13

10 am  
PreSchool  
Palooza  
Ages 3 to 5

14

10 am  
Dance Me  
a Story  
Ages 2 to 5

3:30 pm  
Read to Tucker  
Ages 5+

15

16

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

3:30 pm  
Afterschool  
Bird Feeders  
Grades 1 to 5

17

3:30 pm  
Children's Movie  
Frozen II

18

10 am  
Read to Sophie  
Ages 5+

19

20

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

21

3:30 pm  
Read to Tucker  
Ages 5+

22

23

10 am Terrific  
Toddlers  
Ages 2 & 3

Library Closes  
5:30 pm

24

Library  
Closed

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Library  
Closed

26

27

10 am  
PreSchool  
Palooza  
Ages 3 to 5

28

29

2:30 pm  
Circus Dynamics  
Grades 1 to 5

30

10 am Terrific  
Toddlers  
Ages 2 & 3

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Library  
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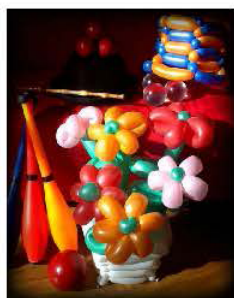


**Register online at [needhamlibrary.org/events](https://needhamlibrary.org/events)    Masks required for ages 2 and up**

## Circus Dynamics

Circus Dynamics offers a fast paced, audience interactive, and skilled circus variety show. Full of laughs and incredible tricks, this top quality performance is non-stop energy and excitement.

2:30 pm, Wednesday, December 29  
Grades 1 to 5



## King Arthur's Bake for Good

Pick up a free pack of flour coupons, dry yeast, a scraper and recipe booklet from King Arthur and join us on Thursday, December 9, at 4 pm in the Community Room for a Baking Demonstration via Zoom. Afterwards, bake 2 loaves at home: 1 to keep, 1 to share.

For grades 4 to 12



### Computer Science Education Week December 6 through 12

Hour of Code was started to help demystify and diversify the field of computer science

**Coding Workshop** for grades 1 to 3  
Monday, December 6, 3:30 pm

**CS First unplugged** for grades 3 and up  
Tuesday, December 7, 3:30 pm

In the Community Room



## Little Labcoats explore Light and Sound

Have you ever wondered how or why you see different colors? How does sound and light travel from our phones or TVs to our ears? Learn about the various types of light on the spectrum and the different ways we interact with them every day!

### On Line Zoom Event

Monday, December 6, at 6 pm for Grades 3 to 6

## Afterschool Activity - Bird Feeders

Join us to make a winter treat for our feathered friends

Thursday, December 16, 3:30 pm  
Grades 1 to 5

### Frozen II

The animated 2019 PG movie  
Friday, December 17, 3:30 pm



## Storytimes for Young Children

### ABC Spanish in Motion

Movement, music, and culture in Spanish  
Wednesday, December 1, 10 am  
Ages 2 to 5 with limited or no Spanish

### Dance Me a Story

Tuesday, December 14 at 10 am  
Story and dance with Miss Michelle from the Joanne Langione Dance Center for ages 2 to 5

### Monkey Mind Belly Breath Storytime with Yoga

Monday, December 20, 10 am  
Ages 2 to 5



Join Hugh on  
Thursday, December 16, at 10 am  
for ages 2 to 5

### Terrific Toddlers

Thursday, December 2, 9, 23, & 30 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, December 6, 13 & 27 at 10 am

### Read to Tucker

Build confidence in reading with Tucker a hypoallergenic therapy dog on  
Tuesday, December 7, 14, & 21 at  
3:30 pm, 3:50 pm, 4:10 pm & 4:30 pm  
Individual sessions for kindergarten and older

### Read to Sophie

Sophie is a Golden Retriever therapy dog looking forward to hearing stories on  
Saturday, December 11 & 18 at  
10 am, 10:20 am, 10:40 am & 11 am  
Individual 20 minutes sessions for kindergarten and older

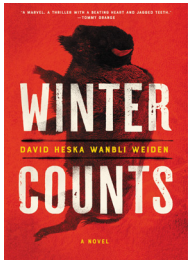
**Contact [neechild@minlib.net](mailto:neechild@minlib.net) to be added to our monthly events email list**

## Upcoming Events

### 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.*



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### Financial Literacy Workshops for Ages 18–25 on Zoom

Presented by The Babson Financial Literacy Project



#### Tips & Tricks to Managing Credit

Tues., January 11th

7:00-8:00 PM

#### Managing Your Money to Build Your Best Life

Tues., February 8th

7:00-8:00 PM

#### Decisions! Decisions!

Tues., March 8th

7:00-8:00 PM

#### Protecting You and Your Assets

Tues., April 12th

7:00-8:00 PM

The Babson Financial Literacy Project (BFLP) is a not-for-profit initiative designed to help young adults acquire the necessary financial knowledge and skills for long-term independence and prosperity. Being financially savvy in today's complicated world is challenging. Most young adults do not receive financial education and are left to their own devices to make financial decisions. Many overspend, take on too much debt, and don't think about planning for the future. The BFLP prepares young adults to manage their financial futures through engaging, interactive workshops that teach highly relevant financial lessons in a community setting.

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### True-Crime Podcasting with Diane Godfrey and Jordan Rich

Tues., January 18th

7:30 PM

Join Diane Godfrey, court reporter, and cohost Jordan Rich of **WBZ Radio** as they discuss True Crime in Massachusetts, podcasting, and their podcast *All Rise*.

As a court reporter, Diane Godfrey takes you on a wild ride through her 30 year career in court-houses throughout the Massachusetts Judicial System. A rare opportunity and unique perspective regaled from a fly on the wall. She felt it, she saw it, she heard it, she lived it, she typed it.



Jordan Rich has been a staple in the Boston broadcasting industry for decades. As the host of **WBZ AM 1030 Radio's The Jordan Rich Show**, his warm style and comforting voice reached listeners across the nation and beyond.

As a nationally recognized voice-over artist, he's the voice of numerous businesses, organizations, and charities as well as audiobooks. And, his voice-over classes have launched the careers of many in the field. This event is currently scheduled (subject to change) as a live event in the Community Room.

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### 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.