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

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

Library Hours:

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Contact the Library at 781-455-7559
Upcoming Book Discussions

NPL Book Group
Tuesday, December 14th
1:00 PM
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 nceemail1@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*

The Bookworm’s Evening Book Club*
Monday, December 20th
7:00 PM
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 ride 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.
*Registration required on Assabet to receive the Zoom link. Register here at: [https://needhamlibrary.org/events/](https://needhamlibrary.org/events/)*

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
7:00 PM
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/](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
Register online through our Virtual Events Calendar for a kit!
https://needhamlibrary.org/events/

A Program for Tweens, Teens and Up!
Gaming and Chill Zone
Wednesday, December 8th, 2:00 - 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

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 with questions!

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 ego—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
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 Evie for more information: 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!
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Special events generously funded by the Needham Public Library.
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

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 Langbone Dance Center for ages 2 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

Monkey Mind Belly Breath
Storytime with Yoga
Monday, December 20, 10 am
Ages 2 to 5

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

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

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

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

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

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 courthouses throughout the Massachusetts Judicial System. A rare opportunity and unique perspec- tive regaled from a fly on the wall. She felt 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.
*Registration is required on Assabet. 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.