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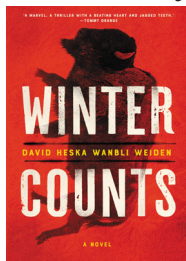
Mon. - Thurs.	9:00 am - 9:00 pm
Fridays	9:00 am - 5:30 pm
Saturdays	9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sundays	1:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Contact the Library at 781-455-7559

## 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/>

## 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 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 will be on Zoom and is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.* \*Registration required on Assabet to receive the Zoom link. Register here at: <https://needhamlibrary.org/events/>

### This Month in the Friends' Gallery

## Thomas Gaitley

### Sojourns in New England: A Photographic Tribute

## Upcoming Book Discussions

### NPL Book Group

Tuesday, January 11th

*The Paris Library*

by Janet Skeslien Charles

PARIS, 1939

Odile Souchet is obsessed with books, and her new job at the American Library in Paris - with its thriving community of students, writers and book lovers - is a dream come true. When war is declared, the Library is determined to remain open. But then the Nazis invade Paris, and everything changes.

In Occupied Paris, choices as black and white as the words on a page become a murky shade of grey - choices that will put many on the wrong side of history, and the consequences of which will echo for decades to come.

MONTANA, 1983

Lily is a lonely teenager desperate to escape small-town Montana. She grows close to her neighbour Odile, discovering they share the same love of language, the same longings. But as Lily uncovers more about Odile's mysterious past, she discovers a dark secret, closely guarded and long hidden.

Based on the true Second World War story of the heroic librarians at the American Library in Paris, this is an unforgettable novel of romance, friendship, family, and of heroism found in the quietest of places. Please email [neemail1@minlib.net](mailto:neemail1@minlib.net) if you wish to have your email address added to our monthly Zoom link mailing.

\*February 8, 2022—*Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman\*

1:00 PM



### The Bookworm's Evening Book Club\*

Monday, January 31st

*The Book of Lost Friends*

by Lisa Wingate

*Louisiana, 1875:* In the aftermath of Reconstruction, three young women set off as unwilling companions on a perilous quest. For heiresses Lavinia and Juneau Jane, the journey is one of inheritance and financial desperation, but for Hannie, torn from her mother and siblings before slavery's end, the pilgrimage westward reignites an agonizing question. Could her long-lost family still be out there?

*Louisiana, 1987:* First-year teacher Benedetta finds herself with a class of students whose poverty-stricken lives she can scarcely comprehend. But amid the gnarled live oaks and ancient plantation homes lies the century-old history of three young women, a long-ago journey, and a hidden book that could change everything.

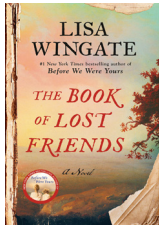
A heart-wrenching novel inspired by little-known historical events, based on actual "Lost Friends" advertisements that appeared in Southern newspapers after the Civil War, as freed slaves desperately searched for loved ones, lost to them when their families were sold off...

\*February 28, 2022—*The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simsion\*

\*We will be meeting both in person and via Zoom.

Registration is required on Assabet for this event.

Register here at: <https://needhamlibrary.org/events/>



7:00 PM

### Needham Connects: Building Empathy through Books and Conversation\*

Thursday, January 27th

*So You Want to Talk About Race*

by Ijeoma Oluo

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.

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

7:00 PM



### Join the Real World Book Club

A Book Club for Ages 15 - 18

Where?

The Needham Free Public Library, Community Room

When?

Wednesday, January 19th @ 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)



## Teen/Tween Programs and Craft Activities for January

JOIN US FOR A WELCOME BACK  
TWEEN/TEEN TAKE & MAKE CRAFT KIT  
AS WE MAKE...

### Paint Chip Calendars

Program for  
Ages 10-18

Register for a kit for pickup starting 12/27 thru 01/12

Craft Kit pickup week: 01/10 - 01/15, UPSTAIRS

Register to make a dry erase calendar from paint chips & a picture frame!

Register online through our Virtual Events Calendar for a kit!

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



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## Tween Craft & Chats

VIRTUAL PROGRAMS FOR THE NEW YEAR  
HAPPY 2022!

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

**Wednesdays**

**01/05, 01/12, 01/19, & 01/26,  
from 3:30 - 4:30 PM**

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED TO GET ZOOM LINK**

**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



**Thursday, January 13th, 3:30 - 5:00 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](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. *This event is sponsored by the Library Foundation of Needham.* \*Registration required on Assabet to receive the Zoom link.

Register here at: <https://needhamlibrary.org/events/>

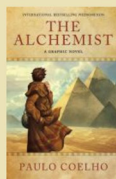
## NEEDHAM COMIC BOOK CLUB!

**Date: Thursday, January 20, 2022**

**Time: 7:00 - 8:00 PM**

**Location: Virtually via Zoom**

**Reading: The Alchemist : A Graphic Novel by Paulo  
Coelho ; adapted by Derek Ruiz**



The Alchemist - written by Brazilian author Paulo Coelho, was first published in 1988 and originally written in Portuguese. It became a widely translated international bestseller and then later adapted into graphic novel format. An Andalusian shepherd boy, Santiago, travels from his homeland in Spain to the Egyptian desert in search of a treasure buried in the Pyramids. Along the way he meets a Gypsy woman, a man who calls himself king, and an alchemist, all of whom point Santiago in the direction of his quest. No one knows what the treasure is, or if Santiago will be able to surmount the obstacles.

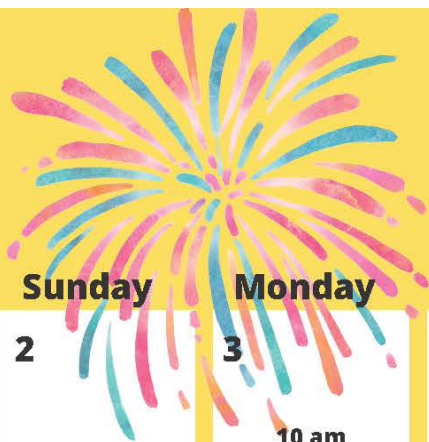
Join us virtually as we discuss this classic novel adaptation as a group!

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 14 +**

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



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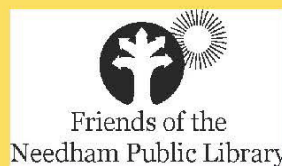
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3 10 am Preschool Palooza <b>VIRTUAL</b> Ages 3 to 5	4 3:30 pm Read to Tucker Ages 5+ In-Person	5 10 am ABC Spanish in Motion <b>VIRTUAL</b> Ages 2 to 5	6 10 am Terrific Toddlers <b>VIRTUAL</b> Ages 2 & 3	7 10 am Make Music with Stacey Peasley <b>VIRTUAL</b> Ages 2 to 5	8 10 am Read to Sophie Ages 5+ In-Person
9	10 10 am Monkey Mind Belly Breath Children's Yoga <b>VIRTUAL</b> Ages 2 to 5 6 pm Little Labcoats Light & Sound <b>VIRTUAL</b> Grades 3 to 5	11 10 am Dance Me a Story <b>VIRTUAL</b> Ages 2 to 5	12	13 10 am Terrific Toddlers <b>VIRTUAL</b> Ages 2 & 3	14	15
16	17 Library Closed	18 3:30 pm One Up Games Ages 8 and up In-person	19	20 10 am Hugh Hanley Circle of Songs music & stories <b>VIRTUAL</b> Ages 2 & up	21	22 10 am Read to Sophie Ages 5+ In-Person
23	24 10 am Preschool Palooza <b>VIRTUAL</b> Ages 3 to 5	25 3:30 pm Read to Tucker Ages 5+ In-person	26	27 10 am Terrific Toddlers <b>VIRTUAL</b> Ages 2 & 3	28	29
30	31 10 am Preschool Palooza <b>VIRTUAL</b> Ages 3 to 5					

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

### **Open Game Play with Virtual Reality**

Play your favorite games & experience a virtual world! Consoles include Oculus Quest, PlayStation, & Xbox



Tuesday, January 18  
Come anytime between 3:30 pm and 6 pm  
Ages 8 and up  
Live at the Library in the Community Room!

### **Dance Me a Story**

**VIRTUAL ON ZOOM**

Tuesday, January 11 at 10 am  
Story and dance with Miss Michelle from the Joanne Langione Dance Center for ages 2 to 5

### **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, January 10, at 6 pm for Grades 3 to 6

### **Read to Tucker**

Build confidence in reading with Tucker a hypoallergenic therapy dog on

Tuesdays in January at

3:30 pm, 3:50 pm, 4:10 pm & 4:30 pm

Individual sessions for kindergarten and older

**In-Person in the Children's Room**

### **Read to Sophie**

Sophie is a Golden Retriever therapy dog looking forward to hearing stories on Saturday, January 8 & 22

10 am, 10:20 am, 10:40 am & 11 am

for kindergarten and older

**In-Person in the Children's Room**



### **Make Music with Stacey Peasley**

**VIRTUAL ON ZOOM**

Sing and Dance Along with Stacey  
Friday, January 7, 10 am  
Ages 2 to 5



### **ABC Spanish in Motion**

**VIRTUAL ON ZOOM**

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



### **Monkey Mind Belly Breath**

**VIRTUAL ON ZOOM**

**Storytime with Yoga**

Monday, January 10, 10 am  
Ages 2 to 5



**VIRTUAL ON ZOOM**

Join Hugh on  
Thursday, January 20, at 10 am  
for ages 2 to 5

### **Terrific Toddlers**

**VIRTUAL ON ZOOM**

Thursdays, January 6, 13, & 27 at 10 am  
2 to 3 years old with an adult caregiver  
Stories with songs, rhymes, & movement

### **Preschool Palooza**

**VIRTUAL ON ZOOM**

An interactive themed storytime with books, music and movement  
For ages 3 through 5 children who are ready, may attend independently  
Monday, January 3, 24, & 31 at 10 am

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

## Upcoming Events

### Dr. Kellie Carter Jackson—Slavery in New England

Sun., February 6th

2:00 PM



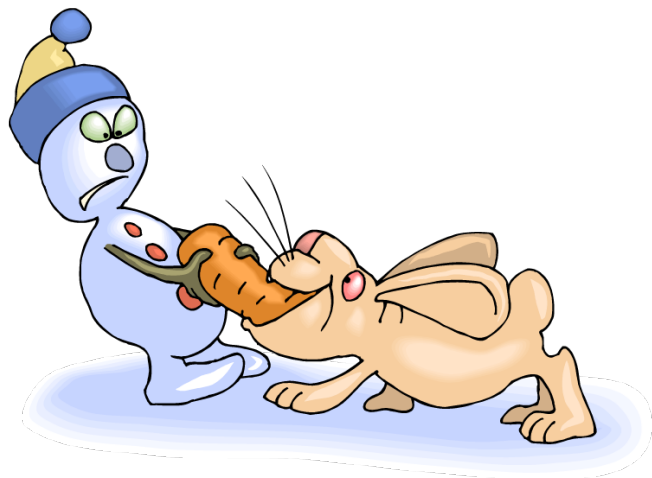
Join Wellesley College Professor, Dr. Kellie Carter Jackson, as she examines the history of the slave trade and slavery in the American North, focusing on New England. Dr. Carter Jackson a noted historian,

author educator and speaker will share a richly illustrated presentation from colonial New England forward and lay the groundwork for an honest and frank discussion of some of the major challenges we face in our contemporary society.

Dr. Kellie Carter Jackson is an Associate Professor in the Department of Africana Studies at Wellesley College. She was also the 2019-2020 Newhouse Faculty Fellow for the Center of the Humanities at Wellesley College. Carter Jackson's research focuses on slavery and the abolitionists, violence as a political discourse, historical film, and black women's history. She earned her B.A. at her beloved Howard University and her Ph.D from Columbia University working with the esteemed historian Eric Foner. Her book, *Force & Freedom: Black Abolitionists and the Politics of Violence* (University of Pennsylvania Press), examines the conditions that led some black abolitionists to believe slavery might only be abolished by violent force. *Force and Freedom* was a finalist for the Frederick Douglass Book Prize, winner of the James H. Broussard Best First Book Prize given by SHEAR (Society for Historians of the Early American Republic) and a finalist for the Museum of African American History (MAAH) Stone Book Prize Award for 2019. The Washington Post listed *Force and Freedom* as one of 13 books to read on the history of Black America for those who really want to learn. This event is currently scheduled (subject to change) as a live event in the Community Room, and is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.

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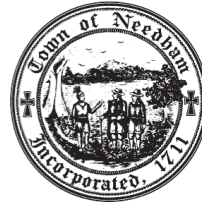


### 2022 McIver Lecture Series

#### Notable Needhamites with Dr Gloria Polizzotti Greis on ZOOM

Sun., February 13th

2:00 PM



Emery Grover – William Nehoiden – Derwood Newman?? You see their names on our streets and buildings, but do you know who they are or why the town has honored them? Needham has been the home of many accomplished – even world-famous

– people. Come learn about some of the Notable Needhamites (past and present) whose efforts and accomplishments have shaped our town and our world.

*Presented by Gloria Polizzotti Greis, Ph.D—Executive Director, Needham History Center—this event is sponsored by the Trustees of the Needham Free Public Library in memory of former director Vivian D. McIver. This event will be on ZOOM. \*Registration is required on Assabet. Register here at: <https://needhamlibrary.org/events/>*

#### Tammy's Tastings—Wartime Drinking on ZOOM\*\*

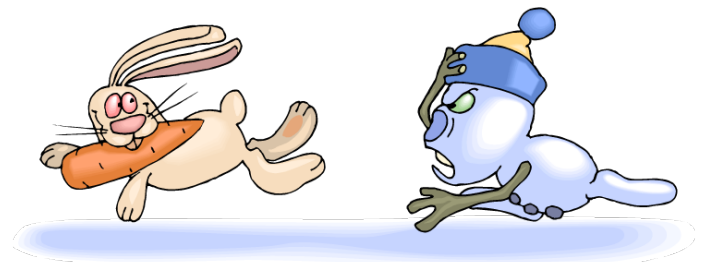
Tues., February 15th

7:00 PM

Join Tammy Coxen as she once again presents an online Cocktail Class for Adults. World War II had a profound impact on not only what we drank but also how we drank, especially in the decades that followed.

Discover cocktails that were actually sent to the front to fortify soldiers, drinks that were invented in bars to commemorate ships and planes, and why Canadian whiskey reigned supreme after the war. This class will feature a variety of cocktails that will help us look at surprising and long-lasting impacts of the war, mostly in the US, but also around the world. **\*\*Registration is required.**

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



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