



# LIBRARY NOTES

NEWSLETTER OF THE NEEDHAM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

## FEBRUARY 2022 ISSUE

### Dr. Kellie Carter Jackson—Slavery in New England on ZOOM\*

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.

This event is sponsored by the *Friends of the Needham Public Library*. \*Registration is required on Assabet. Register here at: <https://needhamlibrary.org/events/>

### 2022 McIver Lecture Series

### Notable Needhamites with Dr. Gloria Polizzotti Greis on ZOOM\*

Sun., February 13th

2:00 PM



Emery Grover – William Ne-hoiden – 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/>

### 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

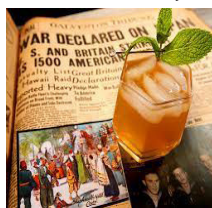
1:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Contact the Library at 781-455-7559

### 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. This event is sponsored by the *Library Foundation of Needham*.

\*Registration is required on Assabet. Register here at:

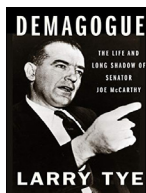
<https://needhamlibrary.org/events/> and click on the program you wish to attend.

### Author Larry Tye—*Demagogue* on ZOOM\*

Tues., February 22nd

6:00 PM

Bestselling author Larry Tye was recently recognized by the Massachusetts Center for the Book as one of Massachusetts's must-read authors of the year. Join Tye for a presentation on his critically acclaimed book, *Demagogue: The Life and Long Shadow of Senator Joe McCarthy*, via Zoom. Tye will be joined in conversation by Eileen McNamara, a Brandeis Journalism Professor, Pulitzer Prize winner, and author of *Eunice: The Kennedy Who Changed The World*.



*Demagogue* is the definitive biography of the most dangerous demagogue in American history, based on exclusive access to his papers and recently unsealed transcripts of his closed-door Congressional hearings. In the long history of American demagogues, never has one man caused so much damage in such a short time as Senator Joseph McCarthy. We still use "McCarthyism" to stand for outrageous charges of guilt by association, a weapon of polarizing slander. From 1950 to 1954, McCarthy destroyed many careers and even entire lives, whipping the nation into a frenzy of paranoia, accusation, loyalty oaths, and terror. His chaotic, meteoric rise is a gripping and terrifying object lesson for us all. Yet his equally sudden fall from fame offers hope that, given the rope, most American demagogues eventually hang themselves. Only now, through best-selling author Larry Tye's look at the senator's records, can the full story be told. Larry Tye is the best-selling author of *Bobby Kennedy* and *Satchel*, as well as *Superman*, *The Father of Spin*, *Home Lands*, and *Rising from the Rails*. Previously an award-winning reporter and national writer at the *Boston Globe* and a Nieman Fellow at Harvard University, he now runs the Boston-based Health Coverage Fellowship.

This presentation is sponsored by the Tewksbury Public Library, in collaboration with a number of Massachusetts libraries, including the Needham Free Public Library.

\*Registration is required on Assabet to receive the link.

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

## Upcoming Book Discussions

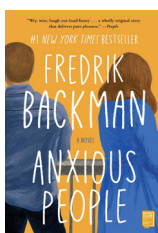
**NPL Book Group**  
**Tuesday, February 8th**

*Anxious People*  
by Fredrik Backman

Looking at real estate isn't usually a life-or-death situation, but an apartment open house becomes just that when a failed bank robber bursts in and takes a group of strangers hostage. The captives include a recently retired couple who relentlessly hunt down fixer-uppers to avoid the painful truth that they can't fix their own marriage. There's a wealthy bank director who has been too busy to care about anyone else and a young couple who are about to have their first child but can't seem to agree on anything, from where they want to live to how they met in the first place. Add to the mix an eighty-seven-year-old woman who has lived long enough not to be afraid of someone waving a gun in her face, a flustered but still-ready-to-make-a-deal real estate agent, and a mystery man who has locked himself in the apartment's only bathroom, and you've got the worst group of hostages in the world.

Each of them carries a lifetime of grievances, hurts, secrets, and passions that are ready to boil over. None of them is entirely who they appear to be. And all of them—the bank robber included—desperately crave some sort of rescue. As the authorities and the media surround the premises these reluctant allies will reveal surprising truths about themselves and set in motion a chain of events so unexpected that even they can hardly explain what happens next. Please email [neemail1@minlib.net](mailto:neemail1@minlib.net) if you wish to have your email address added to our monthly ZOOM link mailing. \*March 8, 2022—*The Splendid and the Vile: A Saga of Churchill, Family, and Defiance During the Blitz* by Erik Larson\*

1:00 PM



**The Bookworm's Evening Book Club\***  
**Monday, February 28th**

*The Rosie Project*

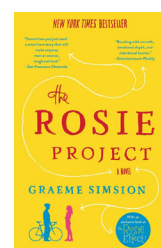
by Graeme Simsion

*THE ART OF LOVE IS NEVER A SCIENCE* Meet Don Tillman, a brilliant yet socially challenged professor of genetics, who's decided it's time he found a wife. And so, in the orderly, evidence-based manner with which Don approaches all things, he designs the Wife Project to find his perfect partner: a sixteen-page, scientifically valid survey to filter out the drinkers, the smokers, the late arrivers.

Rosie Jarman is all these things. She also is strangely beguiling, fiery, and intelligent. And while Don quickly disqualifies her as a candidate for the Wife Project, as a DNA expert Don is particularly suited to help Rosie on her own quest: identifying her biological father. When an unlikely relationship develops as they collaborate on the Father Project, Don is forced to confront the spontaneous whirlwind that is Rosie—and the realization that, despite your best scientific efforts, you don't find love, it finds you. \*March 28, 2022—*Maybe You Should Talk to Someone: A Therapist, Her Therapist, and Our Lives Revealed* by Lori Gottlieb\* We will be meeting on 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\***

**Tuesday, March 29th**

*On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous: A Novel*  
by Ocean Vuong

*On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous* is a letter from a son to a mother who cannot read. Written when the speaker, Little Dog, is in his late twenties, the letter unearths a family's history that began before he was born—a history whose epicenter is rooted in Vietnam—and serves as a doorway into parts of his life his mother has never known, all of it leading to an unforgettable revelation. At once a witness to the fraught yet undeniable love between a single mother and her son, it is also a brutally honest exploration of race, class, and masculinity. Asking questions central to our American moment, immersed as we are in addiction, violence, and trauma, but undergirded by compassion and tenderness, *On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous* is as much about the power of telling one's own story as it is about the obliterating silence of not being heard. 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: *Poet Warrior: A Memoir* by Joy Harjo, on Thursday, May 26th\*.

7:00 PM



**This Month in the Friends' Gallery**

**Gail Hanson**



## Teen/Tween Programs and Craft Activities for February

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



Presented by The Babson Financial Literacy Project  
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 FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY • 1139 HIGHLAND AVENUE  
NEEDHAM, MA 02455-7559, EX. 2 FOR REFERENCE


## NEEDHAM COMIC BOOK CLUB!

**Date:** Thursday, February 17, 2022

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

**Location:** Virtually via Zoom

**Reading:** Bingo Love by Tee Franklin



When Hazel Johnson and Mari McCray met at church bingo in 1963, it was love at first sight. Forced apart by their families and society, Hazel and Mari both married young men and had families. Decades later, now in their mid-'60s, Hazel and Mari reunite again at a church bingo hall. Realizing their love for each other is still alive, what these grandmothers do next takes absolute strength and courage.

Join us virtually as we discuss this spirited graphic novel as a group!

Copies of this month's titles available for request from Minuteman Libraries as well as digitally from Hoopla!

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/>

### Tween Craft & Chats VIRTUAL PROGRAMS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2022!

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

**Wednesdays**

**02/02 & 02/16 from 3:30 - 4:30 PM**

**02/09 from 2:00 - 4:00 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!**

### Virtual Painting with Chelsea!

A Magical Needham Free Public Library Virtual Program  
for Tweens & Teens over February Vacation!!

**Wednesday, February 23, 2022 from 2-4 PM**  
**Ages 10 - 18**

Register and participate in a Virtual Paint Afternoon.  
Don't have plans for February Vacation yet? Well, this might give you  
something to do at least 1 of those afternoons!

**\*Registration Required - Sign Up Today!**

Registration will close Friday, February 18th, if not earlier

Limited to first 30 participants, with a wait list if necessary

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

\*This will be a ZOOM Virtual Program. Participants must have access to an internet connection and a ZOOM account to participate. Participants must be able to attend for the full program length, and pick-up the materials in a timely manner. The following materials will be provided to registrants in a **Take and Make Bag**: a Canvas, Paints, Paintbrushes, Water Cup, and a printout of the finished product. You will need to provide paper towels and a large flat surface to work on. Registrants will be notified and contacted a week before the program that the materials are ready to be picked up.

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

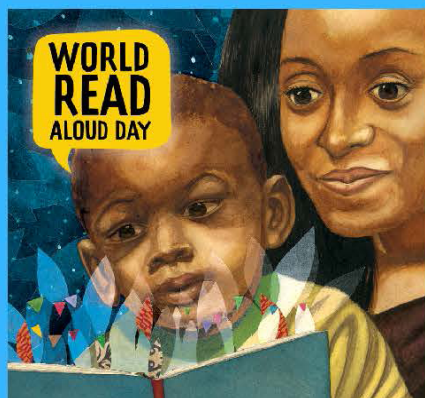


# February



Register for all events through the library calendar at [www.needhamlibrary.org](http://www.needhamlibrary.org)

Events are subject to change  
Changes will be posted on the calendar and registrants will be contacted by email



		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> <b>VIRTUAL BOOKFEST FOR WORLD READ ALOUD DAY</b>  3:30 pm Read to Tucker Ages 5+ In Person	<b>2</b> <b>WORLD READ ALOUD DAY</b>  10 am ABC Spanish in Motion <b>VIRTUAL</b> Ages 2 to 5	<b>3</b>  10 am Terrific Toddlers <b>VIRTUAL</b> Ages 2 & 3	<b>4</b>  10 am Make Music with Stacey Peasley <b>VIRTUAL</b> Ages 2 to 5	<b>5</b> 
Sunday	Monday					
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 10 am Preschool Palooza <b>VIRTUAL</b> Ages 3 to 5 6 pm Little Labcoats Landforms <b>VIRTUAL</b> Grades 3 to 6	<b>8</b> 10 am Dance Me a Story <b>VIRTUAL</b> Ages 2 to 5  3:30 pm Read to Tucker Ages 5+ In Person	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>  10 am Terrific Toddlers <b>VIRTUAL</b> Ages 2 & 3	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  10 am Read to Sophie Ages 5+ In Person
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  10 am Monkey Mind Belly Breath Children's Yoga <b>VIRTUAL</b> Ages 2 to 5	<b>15</b>  3:30 pm Read to Tucker Ages 5+ In Person	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  10 am Hugh Hanley Circle of Songs music & stories <b>VIRTUAL</b> Ages 2 & up	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  <b>Library Closed</b>	<b>22</b>  3:30 pm Read to Tucker Ages 5+ In Person	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  10 am Terrific Toddlers <b>VIRTUAL</b> Ages 2 & 3	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>  10 am Read to Sophie Ages 5+ In Person
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  10 am Preschool Palooza <b>VIRTUAL</b> Ages 3 to 5	<div> <b>Needham Free Public Library</b>                      1139 Highland Avenue  <a href="http://www.needhamlibrary.org">www.needhamlibrary.org</a>                      781-455-7559 x204  <a href="mailto:neechild@minlib.net">neechild@minlib.net</a> </div> <div> <b>Children's Special Events are Generously Sponsored by</b>                        Friends of the Needham Public Library                 </div>				



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

**Masks required for ages 2 and up**



**World Read Aloud Day 2022**  
Join children authors online on February 1 & 2 for the Virtual Bookfest World's Largest Read Aloud Events at <https://storyvoice.live/>

### **Take Your Child to the Library Day**

Come to the library Saturday, February 5, and check out our collection of books, Wonderbooks, CDs, DVDs, graphic novels and more!

### **Dance Me a Story**

**VIRTUAL ON ZOOM**

Tuesday, February 8 at 10 am

Story and dance with Ms. Goldie from the Joanne Langione Dance Center for ages 2 to 5

### **Little Labcoats explore Landforms**

Landforms are everywhere! Even in just the United States, there are hundreds of different landforms. What factors cause mountains to be created instead of canyons? How do glaciers and waterfalls impact our bodies of water? Learn about various examples such as plateaus, plains, valleys, and islands!

### **On Line Zoom Event**

Monday, February 7, at 6 pm for Grades 3 to 6

### **Read to Tucker**

Build confidence in reading with Tucker a hypoallergenic therapy dog on Tuesdays at

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

Individual sessions for kindergarten and older

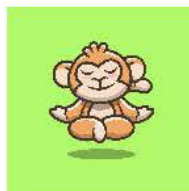
**In Person in the Children's Room**

### **Read to Sophie**

Sophie is a Golden Retriever therapy dog looking forward to hearing stories on Saturday, February 12 and 26  
10 am, 10:20 am, 10:40 am & 11 am

Individual sessions 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, February 4, 10 am  
Ages 2 to 5

### **ABC Spanish in Motion**

**VIRTUAL ON ZOOM**

Movement, music, and culture in Spanish

Wednesday, February 2, 10 am

Ages 2 to 5 with limited or no Spanish



**VIRTUAL ON ZOOM**

Join Hugh on  
Thursday, February 17, at 10 am  
for ages 2 and up

### **Monkey Mind Belly Breath**

**VIRTUAL ON ZOOM**

### **Storytime with Yoga**

Monday, February 14, 10 am  
Ages 2 to 5

### **Terrific Toddlers**

**VIRTUAL ON ZOOM**

Thursdays, February 3, 10, & 24 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

Monday, February 7 & 28 at 10 am

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



## Upcoming Events

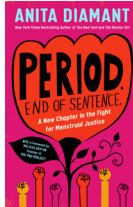
Author Anita Diamant—*Period. End of Sentence.*\*

Sun., March 6th

2:00 PM



Award-winning Brookline author Anita Diamant discusses *Period. End of Sentence.*, her latest book examining the quickly evolving movement for menstrual justice. The collection of essays explores the cultural roots of menstrual injustice, which erodes self-esteem, limits opportunities, and even threatens lives. It celebrates a new generation of activists and innovators who are working to end period poverty and stigma, and describes the brave new world of period products, advertising, art and comedy. Diamant is the author of the best-selling novel, *The Red Tent*. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library and is tentatively scheduled to be a live event, in the Community Room. If circumstances change, a ZOOM Link will be sent to all registrants. \*Registration is still required on Assabet. Register here at: <https://needhamlibrary.org/events/>



## Libby to Replace OverDrive in 2022



Are you a user of the OverDrive reading app? If so, please be aware that OverDrive will be “sunsetting” its OverDrive app in 2022, to be replaced by OverDrive’s Libby app (learn more at [libbyapp.com](http://libbyapp.com)). Libby offers the same great content as OverDrive, just with a different look and lots of great

features to manage your digital reading! OverDrive will assist libraries with migrating most OverDrive app users to Libby by the end of 2022.

As a first step in this transition, OverDrive will remove the OverDrive app from the Apple App Store, Google Play, and Microsoft Store this February. After February, OverDrive will provide more information about migrating from OverDrive to Libby.

In the meantime, you can download the Libby app for free from the Apple, Google and Microsoft app stores (search for Libby by OverDrive). You’ll find the same great selection of ebooks, audiobooks and magazines, and you can still send select titles to your Kindle.

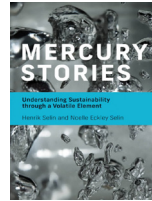
Have questions, or need assistance using Libby? Please contact Robin at 781-455-7559, ext. 221 or [rflynn@minlib.net](mailto:rflynn@minlib.net), or reach out to our Reference staff at 781-455-7559, ext. 502 or [neemail1@minlib.net](mailto:neemail1@minlib.net).

## 2022 McIver Lecture Series

The Story of Mercury, the Element, Presented by MIT Professor Dr. Noelle Eckley Selin on ZOOM\*

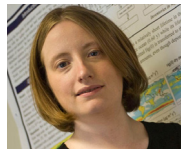
Sun., March 20th

2:00 PM



Do you know the surprising properties and history of the chemical element mercury (Hg)? What is the story of mercury pollution—its continuing environmental impact, who is most greatly affected, and global environmental justice questions it raises? Our speaker will give us insight into these questions.

Presented by MIT Professor Noelle Eckley Selin, Ph.D. <http://mit.edu/selin>, an atmospheric chemist who studies mercury and other hazardous substances and applies her research to help inform global efforts to regulate toxic chemicals and persistent organic pollutants (POPs). This event is sponsored by the Trustees of the Needham Free Public Library in memory of former director Vivian D. McIver. \*Registration is required on Assabet. Register here at: <https://needhamlibrary.org/events/>



WHAT DO  
YOU LOVE  
ABOUT YOUR  
LIBRARY?



#LIBRARYLOVERS

What do you love about your library? Tell us why you love libraries at [lovemasslibraries.com](http://lovemasslibraries.com)! You can also fill out a paper valentine inside the Children’s Room! All Valentines will be sent to MA legislators to raise awareness on the importance of libraries in our communities!

For further information about upcoming events, go to <https://needhamlibrary.org/events/> or call 781-455-7559.