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/

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Mon. - Thurs.  9:00 am - 9:00 pm  
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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/
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 if you wish to have your email address added to our monthly ZOOM link mailing.

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.

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*.
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/

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 Calendar

**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.

#### Sunday
- **6**
  - 10 am Preschool Palooza
    - VIRTUAL
    - Ages 3 to 5
  - 6 pm Little Labcoats Landforms
    - VIRTUAL
    - Grades 3 to 6

#### Monday
- **7**
  - 10 am Preschool Palooza
    - VIRTUAL
    - Ages 3 to 5
  - 6 pm Little Labcoats Landforms
    - VIRTUAL
    - Grades 3 to 6
- **8**
  - 10 am Dance Me a Story
    - VIRTUAL
    - Ages 2 to 5
  - 3:30 pm Read to Tucker
    - Ages 5+
    - In Person
- **9**
  - 10 am Terrific Toddlers
    - VIRTUAL
    - Ages 2 to 3
  - 3:30 pm Read to Tucker
    - Ages 5+
    - In Person
- **10**
  - 10 am Terrific Toddlers
    - VIRTUAL
    - Ages 2 to 3
  - 3:30 pm Read to Tucker
    - Ages 5+
    - In Person
- **11**
  - 10 am Read to Sophie
    - Ages 5+
    - In Person

#### Tuesday
- **1**
  - VIRTUAL BOOKFEST FOR WORLD READ ALOUD DAY
    - 3:30 pm Read to Tucker
      - Ages 5+
      - In Person
- **2**
  - WORLD READ ALOUD DAY
  - 10 am ABC Spanish in Motion
    - VIRTUAL
    - Ages 2 to 5
- **3**
  - 10 am Terrific Toddlers
    - VIRTUAL
    - Ages 2 & 3
  - 10 am Make Music with Stacey Peasley
    - VIRTUAL
    - Ages 2 to 5

#### Wednesday
- **4**
  - 10 am Terrific Toddlers
    - VIRTUAL
    - Ages 2 & 3
  - 10 am Make Music with Stacey Peasley
    - VIRTUAL
    - Ages 2 to 5

#### Thursday
- **5**
  - 10 am Terrific Toddlers
    - VIRTUAL
    - Ages 2 & 3
  - 10 am Make Music with Stacey Peasley
    - VIRTUAL
    - Ages 2 to 5

#### Friday
- **11**
  - 10 am Read to Sophie
    - Ages 5+
    - In Person

#### Saturday
- **12**
  - 10 am Read to Sophie
    - Ages 5+
    - In Person

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**Children’s Special Events are Generously Sponsored by**

[Friends of the Needham Public Library](http://www.needhamlibrary.org)
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
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

Circle Of Songs
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 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/*

**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](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/*

**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). 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, or reach out to our Reference staff at 781-455-7559, ext. 502 or neemail1@minlib.net.

For further information about upcoming events, go to [https://needhamlibrary.org/events/](https://needhamlibrary.org/events/) or call 781-455-7559.

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!