

LIBRARY NOTES

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MARCH 2022 ISSUE

A Conversation with Anita Diamant – Period. End of Sentence.*

Sun., March 6th

2:00 PM

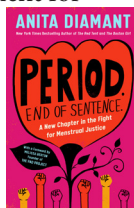


Award-winning Brookline author Anita Diamant discusses *Period. End of Sentence.*, her latest book examining the quickly evolving movement for menstrual justice. The collection of essays explores the cultural roots of

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 a Webinar/ZOOM event.

*Registration is required on Assabet. Register here at:

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

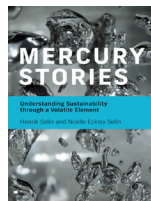


2022 McIver Lecture Series

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>, 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/>



Sign Up for Our Tech Help Office Hours!



Do you need to know more about downloading digital ebooks, audiobooks, and/or magazines from the library? Have you heard we also offer streaming movies, TV and music, but aren't sure where to start? Or, are you experiencing issues with digital content apps you've already downloaded? Sign up for our Wednesday A.M. Tech Help Office Hours!

Starting Wednesday, March 9, you have 2 opportunities per month to reserve a 20-minute, 1-on-1 help session to learn the basics of using (or troubleshooting) Libby, Kanopy, or hoopla.

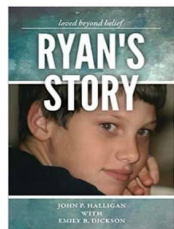
Bring your mobile device (including Kindle, if applicable), along with your library card number and PIN. If you're interested in reading on your Kindle, you'll also need your Amazon login info. (Please note: Though we have basic mobile device skills, we cannot repair devices, nor are we Apple, Android or Kindle experts. We are here to provide basic assistance.)

Reserve your appointment at needhamlibrary.org/events—simply look for Tech Help Office Hours on the Events Calendar. Questions? Call our Reference Desk at 781-455-7559, ext. 502, or email Robin @ rflynn@minlib.net.

BUILDING RESILIENCY THROUGH EMPOWERMENT

A Father's Hard-Earned Lessons about Cyberbullying and its Effects

Adolescence is more challenging than ever. Suicide is on the rise – an increase linked to social media and smartphone use. John Halligan's son, Ryan, died by suicide after being bullied by classmates at school and online. He was only 13 years old. Mr. Halligan's presentation will cover the lessons learned for his family regarding how to deal with bullying, cyberbullying, and teen depression. His focus is on the challenges and practical approaches.



Made possible through the support of the Needham Exchange Club, Needham Exchange Foundation, and these partners:



Inviting all parents and middle school students of our community!

Click or visit needhamprograms.com to register for the 1 parent Zoom event

Click [HERE](https://needhamprograms.com) or visit needhamprograms.com to register for one of the March 16 events.

March 1, 2022

7:00 PM

BY ZOOM
For Parents Only

March 16, 2022

2:00 PM

Rosemary
Recreation Center
178 Rosemary St
For Students Only

March 16, 2022

6:30 PM

Pizza Included!

Powers Hall
1471 Highland Ave
For
Students & Parents

Presented By:
John Halligan,
Author, and
Motivational
Speaker

This Month in the Friends' Gallery
Horses, Horses, Horses
The Art of Ruth Sanderson

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

Upcoming Book Discussions

NPL Book Group

Tuesday, March 8th

The Splendid and the Vile: A Saga of Churchill, Family, and Defiance During the Blitz

by Erik Larson

On Winston Churchill's first day as prime minister, Adolf Hitler invaded Holland and Belgium. Poland and Czechoslovakia had already fallen, and the Dunkirk evacuation was just two weeks away. For the next twelve months, Hitler would wage a relentless bombing campaign, killing 45,000 Britons. It was up to Churchill to hold his country together and persuade President Franklin Roosevelt that Britain was a worthy ally—and willing to fight to the end.

In *The Splendid and the Vile*, Erik Larson shows, in cinematic detail, how Churchill taught the British people "the art of being fearless." It is a story of political brinkmanship, but it's also an intimate domestic drama, set against the backdrop of Churchill's prime-ministerial country home, Chequers; his wartime retreat, Ditchley, where he and his entourage go when the moon is brightest and the bombing threat is highest; and of course 10 Downing Street in London. Drawing on diaries, original archival documents, and once-secret intelligence reports—some released only recently—Larson provides a new lens on London's darkest year through the day-to-day experience of Churchill and his family: his wife, Clementine; their youngest daughter, Mary, who chafes against her parents' wartime protectiveness; their son, Randolph, and his beautiful, unhappy wife, Pamela; Pamela's illicit lover, a dashing American emissary; and the advisers in Churchill's "Secret Circle," to whom he turns in the hardest moments. Please email neemail1@minlib.net if you wish to have your email address added to our monthly ZOOM link mailing. *April 12, 2022—*The Water is Wide* by Pat Conroy*

1:00 PM



The Bookworm's Evening Book Club*

Monday, March 28th

7:00 PM

Maybe You Should Talk to Someone: A Therapist, Her Therapist, and Our Lives Revealed

by Lori Gottlieb

One day, Lori Gottlieb is a therapist who helps patients in her Los Angeles practice. The next, a crisis causes her world to come crashing down. Enter Wendell, the quirky but seasoned therapist in whose office she suddenly lands. With his balding head, cardigan, and khakis, he seems to have come straight from Therapist Central Casting. Yet he will turn out to be anything but.

As Gottlieb explores the inner chambers of her patients' lives—a self-absorbed Hollywood producer, a young newlywed diagnosed with a terminal illness, a senior citizen threatening to end her life on her birthday if nothing gets better, and a twenty-something who can't stop hooking up with the wrong guys—she finds that the questions they are struggling with are the very ones she is now bringing to Wendell.

With startling wisdom and humor, Gottlieb invites us into her world as both clinician and patient, examining the truths and fictions we tell ourselves and others as we teeter on the tightrope between love and desire, meaning and mortality, guilt and redemption, terror and courage, hope and change. *April 25, 2022—*Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell*

We will be meeting in Person/ZOOM (a.k.a. Hybrid). Registration is required on Assabet for this event.

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



Needham Connects: Building Empathy through Books and Conversation*

Tuesday, March 29th

7:00 PM

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*



2021 Magazines Are On the Move

If you frequently visit the library to read our great variety of print magazines, you may have noticed many empty magazine boxes on the 2nd floor shelves along our central stairwell. We are currently making space to move our 2021 issues to these "archive" boxes, to create fresh space in the Wyeth Room for our 2022 issues. Within the next few weeks, 2020 issues will no longer be available. You can access the 2021 issues all through 2022!

In general, the library retains magazines for 2 years: the current year and the prior year. We retain 5 years' worth of *Consumer Reports* (ask for 2018 through 2020 at the Reference Desk).

Thank you for your patience as we make these changes. Questions? Please contact the Reference team at 781-455-7559, ext. 502 or neemail1@minlib.net, or stop by!



Teen/Tween Programs and Craft Activities for March

Financial Literacy Workshops for Ages 18–25 on ZOOM



Presented by The Babson Financial Literacy Project
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.

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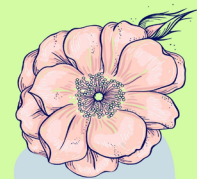
**Tweens,
Teens,
AND
Adults!
(Ages 10+)**

Registration
opens
Monday,
February 28th!

Plant a Flower Day Take and Make Craft Kit



National
Plant a
Flower Day
is Saturday,
March 12th!
Why not
make the
world a little
bit more
colorful?



Pickups week of:
March 7th -
March 13th

Potted Flowers!

Register at
needhamlibrary.org/events

Tween + Teen Crafternoons VIRTUAL (AND IN-PERSON) PROGRAMS

IN-PERSON (for Ages 10 - 18):

Wednesday, 3/02, from 2:00 - 4:00 PM

Thursday, 3/10 from 3:30 - 4:30 PM

Wednesday, 3/16, from 2:00 - 4:00 PM

VIRTUAL (FOR AGES 10 - 12):

Wednesdays 3/09, 3/23, AND 3/30,
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 with questions!



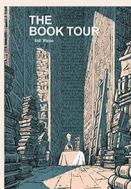
NEEDHAM COMIC BOOK CLUB!

Date: Thursday, March 17, 2022

Time: 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Location: Virtually via Zoom

Reading: The Book Tour by Andi Watson



A page-turning, Kafkaesque dark comedy in brilliant retro style. Upon the publication of his latest novel, G. H. Fretwell, a minor English writer, embarks on a book tour to promote it. Nothing is going according to plan, and his trip gradually turns into a nightmare. But now the police want to ask him some questions about a mysterious disappearance, and it seems that Fretwell's troubles are only just beginning ...

Join us virtually as we discuss this mysterious 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

Virtual Meeting for Ages 16 +

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



This Month in the Display Cases

Candy Sidner
Ceramic Critters



March

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Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

1
3:30 pm
Read to Tucker
Ages 5+

4 pm
Kids Coding
with Kodable
grades 1 to 3

2

10 am
ABC Spanish in
Motion
Ages 2 to 5

3

10 am Terrific
Toddlers
Ages 2 & 3

4

10 am
Make Music
with
Stacey Peasley
Ages 2 to 5

5

6

7
10 am
Preschool
Palooza
Ages 3 to 5

3:30 pm
Feed Your
Reading
grades 1 to 2

8
3:30 pm
Read to Tucker
Ages 5+

4 pm
Kids Coding
with Kodable
grades 1 to 3

9

10

10 am Terrific
Toddlers
Ages 2 & 3

11

12

10 am
Read to Sophie
Ages 5+



14
10 am Monkey
Mind Belly
Breath
Children's Yoga
Ages 2 to 5

4 pm Tim Latta
Masked
Messenger
ages 5 and up

15

4 pm
Kids Coding
with Kodable
grades 1 to 3

16

17
10 am
Hugh Hanley
Circle of Songs
music & stories
Ages 2 & up

5 pm Farsi
Story Time
Ages 3 to 13

18
10 am Dance
Me a Story
Ages 2 to 5

3:15 pm
Movie: Ron's
Gone Wrong
PG, Disney, 2021

19

20

21
7 pm
Caregiver
Program on
Resources to
Support
Children's
Mental Health

22

4 pm
Kids Coding
with Kodable
grades 1 to 3

23

24

10 am Terrific
Toddlers
Ages 2 & 3

25

26

10 am
Read to Sophie
Ages 5+

27

28
10 am
Preschool
Palooza
Ages 3 to 5

Register for all events through the library calendar
at www.needhamlibrary.org

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

Children's Special
Events are Generously
Sponsored by



Register online at needhamlibrary.org/events

Masked Messenger

Monday, March 14 at 4 pm

A witty and thought-provoking performance that presents a stunning kaleidoscope of character transformations brought to life through body movement and masks.

For ages 5 and up

Children's Mental Health

Monday, March 21, 7 pm, **on Zoom**

Will Capriola from the MA General Hospital Clay Center for Young Healthy Minds will describe their free resources to empower parents and caregivers to better support mental, emotional and behavioral well-being for parents and caregivers

Feed Your Reading

Monday, March 7, at 3:30 pm

Read diverse stories about food and do a fun food craft with your child.

Karen O'Leary, a doctoral student in Education, is seeking families with children in kindergarten to second grade to participate in a research study on picture books and diversity

Kids Coding with Kodables

Kids learn core programming concepts through engaging games

Tuesday, March 1, 8, 15, & 22
at 4 pm

for grades 1 through 3



Afterschool Movie:

Ron's Gone Wrong

March 18 at 3:15 pm

117 minutes

Disney, 2021 release, PG



Read to Tucker

Build confidence in reading with Tucker a hypoallergenic therapy dog on Tuesday, March 1 & 8

Individual sessions for kindergarten and older

Read to Sophie

Sophie is a Golden Retriever therapy dog looking forward to hearing stories on Saturday, March 12 and 26

Individual sessions for kindergarten and older



Farsi Storytime

Thursday, March 17, at 5 pm

Celebrate Nowruz with Persian tales and crafts
For ages 3 to 13



Make Music with Stacey Peasley

Sing and Dance Along with Stacey

Friday, March 4, 10 am

For ages 2 to 5

ABC Spanish in Motion

Movement, music, and culture in Spanish

Wednesday, March 2, 10 am

Ages 2 to 5 with limited or no Spanish



Join Hugh on

Thursday, March 17, at 10 am

For ages 2 and up

Dance Me a Story

Friday, March 18, at 10 am

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



Monkey Mind Belly Breath

Storytime with Yoga

Monday, March 14, 10 am

For ages 2 to 5



Terrific Toddlers

Thursdays, March 3, 10, & 24 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

Monday, March 7 & 28 at 10 am

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

Upcoming Events



Creating A Storm of Horses—with author/illustrator Ruth Sanderson

Sat., April 2nd

2:00 PM

Children's book author/illustrator Ruth Sanderson, whose exhibit of artwork was in the library for the month of March, will present an illustrated talk about her process of writing and creating the art for *A Storm of Horses: the Story of Artist Rosa Bonheur*, her new picture book that recently garnered starred reviews from *Booklist* and *School Library Journal*.

Ruth Sanderson's career as a professional illustrator spans over 45 years, and over 90 books for children. She is perhaps best known for her original and retold fairy tales, including *The Enchanted Wood*, *Papa Gatto*, *The Crystal Mountain*, *Rose Red and Snow White*, *The Snow Princess*, and *The Golden Mare*, the *Firebird*, and the *Magic Ring*, winner of the Texas Bluebonnet Award. All of the original artwork from her book *The Twelve Dancing Princesses* is in the permanent collection of the Norman Rockwell Museum. *The Golden Key*, a Victorian fairytale by George MacDonald, features over forty scratchboard illustrations and was previously on exhibit here at the Needham Free Public Library in March of 2017. She has also illustrated many horse-themed books during her career, including *A Storm of Horses: The Story of Artist Rosa Bonheur*, *Hush Little Horsie*, (a lullaby by Jane Yolen), cover art from the *Black Stallion* and *Horse Diaries* series, and her recent how-to-draw book, *Drawing Horses*.

Ruth lives in Massachusetts with her family. Her website is www.ruthsanderson.com. Find her on facebook: www.facebook.com/ruth.sanderson.503/

Copies of her most recent books will be available for purchase following the presentation.

Registration is required at <https://needhamlibrary.org/events/>

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

Brian and Lindsay O'Donovan—A Short History of Ireland through Song

Sun., April 3rd

2:00 PM



Brian O'Donovan, host of *A Celtic Sojourn* on WGBH radio, and his wife, musician Lindsay O'Donovan, trace the tragic and fascinating history of Ireland through the music that has marked many of its most significant events. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library and is currently scheduled to be a live event in the Community Room. *Registration is required, regardless, on Assabet.

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

Brian O'Donovan and Friends—Words and Music of Ireland

Sun., April 24th

2:00 PM

Brian O'Donovan, host of *A Celtic Sojourn* on WGBH radio, presents a contemplative celebration of the spoken word. Brian's guests will perform the poetry and prose of great Irish writers along with music that complements or interprets the spoken pieces. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library and is currently scheduled to be a live event in the Community Room. *Registration is required, regardless, on Assabet.

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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.