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.
Copies of her most recent books will be available for purchase following the presentation.
Registration is required at https://needhamlibrary.org/events/

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.
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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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In Memoriam
Richard C. Hardy
Library Trustee (2011-2022)

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, April 12th                         1:00 PM
The Water is Wide
by Pat Conroy
The island is nearly deserted, haunting, beautiful.
Across a slip of ocean lies South Carolina. But for the
handful of families on Yamacraw Island, America is
a world away. For years the people here lived proudly
from the sea, but now its waters are not safe. Waste
from industry threatens their very existence unless, somehow, they can
learn a new way. But they will learn nothing without someone to teach
them, and their school has no teacher—until one man gives a year of
his life to the island and its people.
Here is Pat Conroy's extraordinary drama based on his own experience.
The true story of a man who gave a year of his life to an island and the
new life its people gave him. Please email neemail1@minlib.net
if you wish to have your email address added to our monthly
ZOOM link mailing. *May 10, 2022—Bury My Heart at
Wounded Knee: An Indian History of the American West by Dee
Brown*

The Bookworm’s Evening Book Club*
Monday, April 25th                 7:00 PM
Hamnet
by Maggie O’Farrell
On a summer’s day in 1596, a young girl in Stratford-
upon-Avon takes to her bed with a sudden fever. Her
twin brother, Hamnet, searches everywhere for help.
Why is nobody at home?
Their mother, Agnes, is over a mile away, in the garden
where she grows medicinal herbs. Their father is working in London.
Neither parent knows that Hamnet will not survive the week.
Hamnet is a novel inspired by the son of a famous playwright: a boy
whose life has been all but forgotten, but whose name was given to one
of the most celebrated plays ever written. *May 23, 2022—The Last Thing He Told Me by Laura Dave*
We will be meeting in Person/ZOOM (a.k.a. Hybrid). Regis-
tration is required on Assabet for this event. Register here at:
https://needhamlibrary.org/events/

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

Needham Connects: Building Empathy through
Books and Conversation*
Thursday, May 26th
7:00 PM
Poet Warrior: A Memoir
by Joy Harjo
Three-term poet laureate Joy Harjo offers a vivid,
lyrical, and inspiring call for love and justice in this
contemplation of her trailblazing life.
Joy Harjo, the first Native American to serve as U.S.
poet laureate, invites us to travel along the heartaches, losses, and
humble realizations of her “poet-warrior” road. A musical, kaleidoscop-
ic, and wise follow-up to Crazy Brave, Poet Warrior reveals how Harjo
came to write poetry of compassion and healing, poetry with the power
to unearth the truth and demand justice.
Harjo listens to stories of ancestors and family, the poetry and music
that she first encountered as a child, and the messengers of a changing
earth owls heralding grief, resilient desert plants, and a smooth green
snake curled up in surprise. She celebrates the influences that shaped her
poetry, among them Audre Lorde, N. Scott Momaday, Walt Whitman,
Musogee stomp dance call-and-response, Navajo horse songs, rain, and
sunrise. In absorbing, incantatory prose, Harjo grieves at the loss of her
mother, reckons with the theft of her ancestral homeland, and sheds
light on the rituals that nourish her as an artist, mother, wife, and com-
munity member.
Moving fluidly between prose, song, and poetry, Harjo recounts a
luminous journey of becoming, a spiritual map that will help us all find
home. Poet Warrior sings with the jazz, blues, tenderness, and bravery
that we know as distinctly Joy Harjo. Co-sponsored by the Trustees
of the Needham Free Public Library, Needham Diversity Initiative
& Needham Human Rights Committee. *Registration is
required at https://needhamlibrary.org/events/
*Next Discussion: TBD*. 
Teen/Tween Programs and Craft Activities for April

Financial Literacy Workshops for Ages 18–25 on ZOOM

Presented by The Babson Financial Literacy Project
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/](https://needhamlibrary.org/events/)

High School AP Exam Study Series

NEEDHAM STUDENTS STUDYING FOR THEIR AP EXAMS
THURSDAY, APRIL 28TH - 4-6 PM
TUESDAY, MAY 3RD - 4-6 PM
MONDAY, MAY 9TH - 4-6 PM

STUDY ZONES WITH TUTORS FROM THE NATIONAL HONORS SOCIETY, TEACHERS, AND FRIENDS
CHILL ZONE WITH SNACKS, DRINKS, AND SURPRISES

COME STUDY WITH US IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM AT THE NEEDHAM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY
VISITS FROM ROCKET THE DOG!

Times and location subject to change, more details to follow

FOUND AND BLACKOUT POETRY!

Celebrate Poetry month with a Take & Make Craft Kit Program for Ages 10-18
Pickups: Week of April 11th - 17th

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

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

VIRTUAL (for Ages 10 - 12):
Wednesdays 4/13 AND 4/27, from 3:30 - 4:30 PM
REGISTRATION REQUIRED TO GET ZOOM LINK

IN-PERSON (for Ages 10 - 18):
Thursday, 4/21, from 2:30 - 3:30 PM

Register Online for Each Program: [https://needhamlibrary.org/events](https://needhamlibrary.org/events)

Contact Erin at neeya@minlib.net with questions!

A Program for Tweens, Teens and Up!

Gaming and Chill Zone

Tuesday, April 19th, 2:30 - 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, relax, and de-stress with friends!

* Masks recommended for Indoor Programs

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Dig In Fossil Discovery
Touch a dinosaur fossil. Dig for dinosaur bones in a mock excavation site. Join a dinosaur fossil dig with the Discovery Museum Action staff and learn about differences and similarities, heredity and variation in dinosaurs.
For ages 4 through 8 on Tuesday, April 19, at 10 am.

Records and Burpee
Traveling Children’s Zoo
See wild animals up close and learn how their physical adaptations help them survive in the wild.
The 50-minute program includes 7-9 animals that could include a kangaroo, a tortoise, a squirrel monkey, a large python, and a colorful macaw.
Monday, April 11, at 3:30 pm for ages 4 and up.

How to Bake a Universe
Author Alec Carlin breaks down the Big Bang into the steps of a recipe, expertly balancing mind-boggling facts with snappy storytelling.
Join him for a reading of his new book, How to Bake a Universe, followed by a craft on Tuesday, April 26, at 4 pm for ages 5 and up.

Family Information Community Fair
Learn about resources available to families in Needham on Saturday, April 23.
Representatives from Family Access, WIC, YMCA, Needham Community Farm and the Library will be available to answer questions and provide information on the services they offer.
Drop in between 10 am and noon.

Registration Required for All Events

Earth Day Trees
Neighborhood Forest is giving Needham Free Public Library 50 free tree saplings to distribute for Earth Day 2022. Registration for a sapling opens on Saturday, April 2.

Balloon at Noon Poetry Reading
Celebrate National Poetry Month with local Needham artist Irina Furman. Her beautifully illustrated poems celebrate what makes each family different and how we are all connected through the power of magic, love, and adventure. Reading followed by a craft on Tuesday, April 5, at 4 pm for ages 3 and up.

CIRCLE OF SONGS
with Hugh Hanley
Join Hugh on Thursday, April 28, at 10 am
For ages 2 and up.

Dance Me a Story
Friday, April 15, 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, April 25, 10 am
For ages 2 to 5.

Terrific Toddlers
Thursdays, April 14 and 21 at 10 am
Stories with songs, rhymes, & movement.
2 to 3 years old with an adult caregiver.

Preschool Palooza
Monday, April 4 and 11 at 10 am
An interactive themed storytime with books, music, and movement.
For ages 3 through 5.

Read to Tucker
Build confidence in reading with Tucker a hypoallergenic therapy dog on Tuesday, April 5 and 26.
Individual sessions for young readers.

Read to Sophie
Sophie is a Golden Retriever therapy dog looking forward to hearing stories on Saturday, April 2 and 16.
Individual sessions for young readers.

Make Music with Stacey Peasley
Sing and Dance Along with Stacey
Thursday, April 7, 10 am
Ages 2 to 5.

ABC Spanish in Motion
Movement, music, and culture in Spanish
Wednesday, April 6, 10 am
Ages 2 to 5 with limited or no Spanish.

Little Labcoats Genetics
Dive into the field of genetics and learn about characteristics such as hair texture or eye color. What happens to your genotype and phenotype when different genes are combined?
Monday, April 4, 6:15 pm.
For grades 3 to 5.

Plant Peas to Grow and Share
Get ready for spring and summer! Learn to plant and care for Tom Thumb peas with help from the Needham Community Farm.
Tuesday, April 12, at 4 pm for ages 6 and up.

Contact neechild@minlib.net to be added to our monthly events email list
Karen Mauney-Brodek—*The Legacy of Frederick Law Olmsted*

**Sunday, May 1st  2:00 PM**

Ms. Mauney-Brodek, president of the Emerald Necklace Conservancy in Boston, discusses the legacy of America’s first and greatest landscape architect. Frederick Law Olmsted was born 200 years ago and resided the last 20 years of his life in Brookline. Olmsted championed public parks and designed 200, including Boston’s Emerald Necklace, Central Park in New York City and the U.S. Capitol Grounds.

Karen Mauney-Brodek is President of the Emerald Necklace Conservancy, working to restore and improve the Emerald Necklaces’s 1,100 acres for all. She led the successful celebration of the Conservancy’s 20th Anniversary in 2018 with the presentation of Fog x FLO: Fujiko Nakaya on the Emerald Necklace, a world-class exhibition of site-responsive art throughout the Necklace, and is currently leading a major revitalization of Charlestown Park with neighborhood group Charlestown Alliance. Karen is a board member of Preservation Massachusetts, and is a member of the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation Special Commission, where she aids DCR in improving the management and operations of the resources it stewards.

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/](https://needhamlibrary.org/events/)*

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**Celebrate April with...**

**NATIONAL POETRY MONTH & NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK APRIL 3-9, 2022**

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**Library Book**

I got it from the library.
It’s mine for two whole weeks.
It’s tucked inside my bookbag
but I keep sneaking peeks
at it to check that it’s still there.
I cannot wait to get it home
to crawl up in my chair
with mom. She’ll let me open it.
I’ll turn pages when it’s time.
Her voice will fill our little room
each word a tiny story chime
until we feel so far away
and silver starlight fills the sky.
Only then will we come home—
my mother, book, and I.

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**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 AM Tech Help Office Hours!

Wednesdays in April, 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.

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**Friends of the Needham Public Library**

**Book Sale**

- **Friday, June 3** 12:00–4:00
- **Saturday, June 4** 9:00–4:00
- **Sunday, June 5** 1:00–4:00

Includes CDs, DVDs, vinyls, books on tape, sheet music, and more.

Book Shop: ½ price every day.
Sunday only: all items ½ price; 80 per bag.

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