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. Olmstead 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 Necklace’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, as space is limited. Register here at: https://needhamlibrary.org/events/

Virtual Event—Author Sonali Dev in Conversation with Bridget Eileen Madden, Jane Austen Aficionado

Sat., May 21st 2:00 PM

We love Jane Austen-esque adaptations and, if you haven’t read those by Sonali Dev, you are in for a treat! Join us for this conversation between Sonali and Bridget Eileen Madden, who is a true Austen Aficionado! They’ll be chatting about how Austen books inspired Sonali, the similarities and differences between the books, as well as any hidden “Easter Eggs” that only a Jane Austen fan would pick up on!

USA Today bestselling author Sonali Dev writes Bollywood-style love stories that explore universal issues. Her novels have been named Best Books of the Year by Library Journal, NPR, the Washington Post, and Kirkus. She has won numerous accolades, including the American Library Association’s award for best romance, the RT Reviewer Choice Award for best contemporary romance, multiple RT Seals of Excellence, has been a RITA® finalist, and has been listed for the Dublin Literary Award. Shelf Awareness calls her “Not only one of the best but one of the bravest romance novelists working today.” It’s also a book birthday! Sonali’s latest adaptation, The Emma Project, has just come out and we’re celebrating! Bring your tea and crumpets to join the conversation (or whatever puts you in a celebratory mood!).

This program is available to our Library courtesy of the the Friends of the Ashland Public Library and is brought to Ashland in partnership with the MassBay Community College.

*Registration is required to receive the link to this program. Register here at: https://needhamlibrary.org/events/
Upcoming Book Discussions

NPL Book Group
Tuesday, May 10th 1:00 PM

Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee: An Indian History of the American West
by Dee Brown

First published in 1970, Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee is Dee Brown’s eloquent, meticulously documented account of the systematic destruction of American Indians during the second half of the nineteenth century.

Using council records, autobiographies, and firsthand descriptions, Brown introduces readers to great chiefs and warriors of the Dakota, Ute, Sioux, Cheyenne, and other tribes, revealing in heart wrenching detail the battles, massacres, and broken treaties that methodically stripped them of freedom. A forceful narrative still discussed today as revelatory and controversial, Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee permanently altered our understanding of how the American West came to be defined.

Please email neemail1@minlib.net if you wish to have your email address added to our monthly ZOOM link mailing.

*June 14, 2022— Dracula by Bram Stoker*

The Bookworm’s Evening Book Club*
Wednesday, May 25th 7:00 PM

The Last Thing He Told Me
by Laura Dave

Before Owen Michaels disappears, he manages to smuggle a note to his new wife, Hannah: protect her. Hannah knows exactly who Owen needs her to protect—his sixteen-year-old daughter, Bailey, who lost her mother tragically as a child. And who wants absolutely nothing to do with her new stepmother.

As her increasingly desperate calls to Owen go unanswered, his boss is arrested for fraud, the police start questioning her, and Hannah realises that her husband isn’t who he said he was. And that Bailey might hold the key to discovering Owen’s true identity, and why he disappeared. Together they set out to discover the truth. But as they start putting together the pieces of Owen’s past, they soon realise that their lives will never be the same again...

*June 27, 2022— Choose Next Year’s Titles.* We will be meeting via ZOOM. Registration is required on Assabet for this event.

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

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, kaleidoscopic, 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, Muscogee 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 community 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.*

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Teen/Tween Programs and Craft Activities for May

High School AP Exam Study Series!
The Needham Free Public Library is hosting a series of In-Person Study Sessions!
Need to study for an upcoming AP exam?
Don’t want to study alone? Still have some questions?
Get some help from your classmates from the National Honors Society
and/or your teachers while studying for the AP Exams!

Register for each program: https://needhamlibrary.org/events/

TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2022 - 4:00 - 6:00 PM
Eng Lit & Comp, Comp Sci A, AP Seminar, Statistics, US Hist, and Calc

MONDAY, MAY 9, 2022 - 4:00 - 6:00 PM
Eng Lang and Composition, Physics Mechanics, Physics Elec and Mag, Chinese, Spanish, BIO, French, and Music Theory

ALL SESSIONS IN PERSON IN THE NEEDHAM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM
Rocket the Dog may make an appearance on some days too!

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

Origami Crafts!
A Take and Make Craft Program for Young Adults, Ages 10-18
Pickups: Week of May 9th - 15th
Register online: needhamlibrary.org/events
All materials needed will be included
Take and make at your own pace, on your own time

Registration Opens May 1st, limited to first 40 people

5th Annual Summer Reading Program for Tweens & Teens! ☀
For ages 12 - 18!
Another Summer, Another Summer Reading Program! Read Books & Win!
Registration for the Reading Program opens 5/2, Track books starting 6/1.
All books must be recorded by 9/2 to count towards a prize!
Track online: https://needhamma.beanstack.org/

Come to YA Events throughout the summer and get more chances to win prizes! (list of programs coming soon!)
Events Run Virtually AND In-Person: June 1st - September 2nd
Sign Up for Take & Makes, Paint Programs, and other fun things
Online: https://needhamlibrary.org/events/

Questions? Ask the Young Adult Librarian Erin at neeya@minlib.net, call 781-455-7559 x502 and leave a message for Erin
(at the Reference Desk), or come in and see her in person!
Prizes to local businesses given throughout the summer,
Grand Prize Drawing: September 6th 2022!
Details on actual prizes and information on prize pick-up will be given as the summer progresses

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: 1/2 price every day.
Sunday only: all items 1/4 price; $8 per bag.

Needham Free Public Library Community Room 2022

2022 Summer Reading Program
June 28 - August 15

Read Beyond the Beaten Path
Read along the Adventure Trail       Attend Live Summer Events       Receive Rewards!

Registration begins May 2 for the 2022 Summer Reading Program
Sign up online at needhamma.beanstack.org or at the Children’s desk
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Register online at needhamlibrary.org/events

Events are subject to change

Children’s Events are Generously Sponsored by
Who Will Be Needham’s Top Character?

Voting for this year’s favorite book character begins on Children’s Book Week 2022, Sunday, May 1.

Come in and vote for your favorite character. Winning characters will be announced on Tuesday, May 31.

Registration Required for All Events

Register at needhamlibrary.org/events

Afterschool Movie: Sing 2
Friday, May 27, 3:15 pm
110 minutes, Disney, 2021 release, PG.

CIRCLE OF SONGS with HUGH HANLEY

Join Hugh on Thursday, May 19, 10 am
For ages 2 and up.

Monkey Mind Belly Breath

Storytime with Yoga
Monday, May 23, 10 am
For ages 2 to 5.

ABC Spanish in Motion
Movement, music, and culture in Spanish
Wednesday, May 4, 10 am
Ages 2 to 5 with limited or no Spanish.

Dance Me a Story
Friday, May 13, 10 am
Story and dance with Ms. Goldie
from the Joanne Langione Dance Center
For ages 2 to 5.

Read to Tucker
Build confidence in reading with Tucker a hypoallergenic therapy dog on Tuesday, May 3, 10, & 24.
Individual sessions for young readers.

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

Terrific Toddlers
Thursdays, May 12 & 26, 10 am
Stories with songs & movement 2 to 3 years old with a caregiver.

Preschool Palooza
Monday, May 2, 9, & 16, 10 am
An interactive themed storytime with books, music, and movement. For ages 3 through 5.

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We are starting Pride Month off right! Join us for a conversation with mega-superstar authors Emery Lee (e/eir), Timothy Janovsky (he/him), Katee Robert (she/her), and Olivia Waite (she/her) as they talk about their books, writing process, and how they connect with the LGBTQ+ community with their words and stories.

**Emery Lee** is an author and artist whose love for chaotic and morally gray characters started at a young age. After graduating with a degree in creative writing, e’s gone on to author novels, short stories, and webcomics across a variety of genres and demographics, though YA fiction has always held a special place in eir heart. Drawing inspiration from Eastern media, pop punk music, and personal life experience, eir work seeks to explore the intersections of life and identity in fun, heartfelt, and inventive ways. In eir downtime, you’ll most likely find e marathoning anime or snuggling cute dogs.

**Timothy Janovsky** is a queer, multidisciplinary storyteller from New Jersey. He holds a Bachelor’s degree from Muhlenberg College and a self-appointed certificate in rom-com studies (accreditation pending). When he’s not daydreaming about young Hugh Grant, he’s telling jokes, playing characters, and writing books. Never Been Kissed is his first novel.

**Katee Robert** is a New York Times and USA Today bestselling author of contemporary romance and romantic suspense. Entertainment Weekly calls her writing “unspeakably hot.” Her books have sold over a million copies. She lives in the Pacific Northwest with her husband, children, a cat who thinks he’s a dog, and two Great Danes who think they’re lap dogs.

**Olivia Waite** writes queer historical romance, fantasy, science fiction, and essays. She is the romance fiction columnist for the New York Times Book Review. When the birds are propitious, she sends out the Oliviary: a newsletter full of news, recommended reads, and intriguing content curated from niche corners of the internet. This program is in collaboration with a multitude of MA libraries: Lincoln, Needham, Medway, Peabody, Danvers, Somerville, Dedham, Winchester, Sutton, Beverly, Canton, Weston, Belmont, Wayland, Lowell, and Newton. This program is available to our Library courtesy of the Friends of the Ashland Public Library and Sourcebooks for helping to put this panel together.

City Planner Jeff Speck, “The Future of the Suburbs”

Sun., June 12th 2:00 PM

Join city planner and urban designer Jeff Speck for a timely discussion of planning for the suburbs of the future. Suburbs laid out in the late twentieth century, including much of Needham, often prioritize automotive convenience over almost all other considerations, leading to congestion and economic inefficiency. Speck will discuss how communities built around the needs of the automobile can be redesigned and reimagined to increase safety, sustainability, and sense of place. Speck advocates internationally for more walkable cities and has delivered multiple TED talks on the subject. The Friends of the Needham Library will conduct a brief annual meeting before the program.

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Virtual—Local Author Panel: Writing for the LGBTQ+ Community

Thurs., June 30th 7:00 PM

We are ending Pride Month with a bang! Local authors are the backbone of the writing community and those writing within and for the LGBTQ+ community are especially important. Join us for a conversation with Bren Bataclan, Anna Burke, Federico Erebia, Jane C. Esther, and Sarah Jean Horwitz as they discuss their books, writing, and the impact they have on readers of all ages!

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