

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 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 Charlesgate Park with neighborhood group Charlesgate 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/>

This Month in the Friends' Gallery

Needham High School National Art Honor

Society & Boston Globe/Scholastic Art Winners

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

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

Sun., May 22nd

2:00 PM

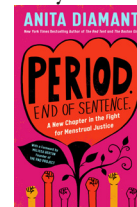


Award-winning Brookline author Anita Diamant discusses *Period. End of Sentence.*, her latest book examining the quickly evolving movement for menstrual justice. The collection of essays

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 live event in the Community Room.

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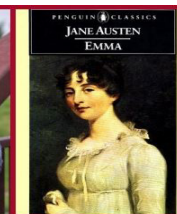
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Virtual Event—Author Sonali Dev in Conversation with Bridget Eileen Madden, Jane Austen Aficionado

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.

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Upcoming Book Discussions

NPL Book Group

Tuesday, May 10th

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

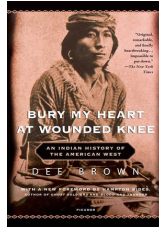
by Dee Brown

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*

1:00 PM



Needham Connects: Building Empathy through Books and Conversation*

Thursday, May 26th

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.

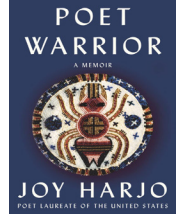
poet laureate, invites us to travel along the heartaches, losses, and humble realizations of her "poet-warrior" road. A musical, kaleidoscopic, and wise follow-up to *Crazy Brave*, *Poet Warrior* reveals how Harjo came to write poetry of compassion and healing, poetry with the power to unearth the truth 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

7:00 PM



The Bookworm's Evening Book Club*

Wednesday, May 25th

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/>

7:00 PM



The Library will be closed on Monday, May 30th for Memorial Day.

NEEDHAM COMIC BOOK CLUB!

Date: Thursday, May 19, 2022

Time: 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Location: Virtually via Zoom

Reading: "A Radical Shift of Gravity"
by Nick Tapalansky and Kate Glasheen



The world is changing. Gravity, a force everyone takes for granted, has begun to disappear. Journalist Noah spends his days documenting the wondrous and terrifying shifts in the world around him. But Noah's life is changing, too. Falling in love and raising a rebellious daughter adds new meaning to life in this mysterious floating world, and as his daughter grows older, Noah faces the challenge every parent dreads and dreams of: letting go.

Join us virtually as we discuss this Gravity defying Science Fiction 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

Virtual Meeting for Ages 15 +
Register online: <https://needhamlibrary.org/events/>

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!



Each of the days have different subjects, with different volunteers and teachers to help you out!

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

SNACKS AND DRINKS PROVIDED!

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!!

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

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

VIRTUAL (FOR AGES 10 - 12):

Wednesdays 5/11 & 5/25 - 3:30 - 4:30

Wednesday 5/18 - 3:00 - 4:00

REGISTRATION REQUIRED TO GET ZOOM LINK

IN-PERSON (for Ages 10 - 18):

Wednesday, 5/4 - 2:30 - 4:00

Register Online for Each Program:

<https://needhamlibrary.org/events>

Contact Erin at neeya@minlib.net with questions!

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

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

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

Friends of the Needham Public Library



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; \$8 per bag.

**Needham Free Public Library
Community Room 2022**



May



Needham Free Public Library

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 781-455-7559 x204
neechild@minlib.net

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 10 am Preschool Palooza Ages 3 to 5 Summer Reading Program 2022 Registration Begins	3 3:30 pm Read to Tucker Ages 5+	4 10 am ABC Spanish in Motion Ages 2 to 5	5 10 am Make Music with Stacey Peasley Ages 2 to 5	6	7
		 Children's Book Week				
8	9 10 am Preschool Palooza Ages 3 to 5	10 3:30 pm Read to Tucker Ages 5+	11	12 10 am Terrific Toddlers Ages 2 & 3	13 10 am Dance Me a Story Ages 2 to 5	14 10 am Read to Sophie Ages 5+
15	16 10 am Preschool Palooza Ages 3 to 5	17	18	19 10 am Hugh Hanley Circle of Songs music & stories Ages 2 & up	20	21
22	23 10 am Monkey Mind Belly Breath Children's Yoga Ages 2 to 5	24 3:30 pm Read to Tucker Ages 5+	25	26 10 am Terrific Toddlers Ages 2 & 3	27 3:15 pm Movie: Sing 2 PG, Disney, 2021	28 10 am Read to Sophie Ages 5+
29	30  Library Closed for Memorial Day	31	Register online at needhamlibrary.org/events Events are subject to change			
					Children's Events are Generously Sponsored by  Friends of the Needham Public Library	

Registration Required for All Events

Register at needhamlibrary.org/events

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.



Read Beyond the Beaten Path



Registration begins May 2 for the 2022 Summer Reading Program

Sign-up for an online adventure at www.needhamma.beanstack.org or pick-up a paper reading log in the Children's Room.

Earn prizes for signing up, getting half-way, and completing the path. Attend in-person shows: animals, comedy, drumming, magic, & more!

Log 16 hours of reading between June 28 and August 15 to be entered into our grand prize raffle!

ABC Spanish in Motion

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

Read to Tucker

Build confidence in reading with Tucker a hypoallergenic therapy dog on Tuesday, May 3, 10, & 24.

Individual sessions for young readers.

Read to Sophie

Sophie is a Golden Retriever therapy dog looking forward to hearing stories on Saturday, May 14 & 28.

Individual sessions for young readers.

Afterschool Movie: Sing 2

Friday, May 27, 3:15 pm

110 minutes, Disney, 2021 release, PG.



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.



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.



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.

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

Upcoming Events

Virtual—LGBTQ+ Author Panel with Emery Lee, Timothy Janovsky, Katee Robert, and Olivia Waite
Wed., June 1st 7:00 PM



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 em 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, Lowell, and Tewksbury. 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.*

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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,

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/>

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, their writing, and the impact they have on readers of all ages!

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