Adult Paint Afternoon with Chelsea
Sat., July 23rd
2:00 PM
Join Circulation Assistant and crafter-extraordinaire, Chelsea, for a fun in-person Paint Afternoon! In this 2-hour paint class Chelsea will be walking you through the steps to creating a beautiful mountain scene! All supplies will be provided, and you will go home with your very own masterpiece!

This 2022 Adult Summer Reading Program is for ages 16+. Under 16? We will be hosting another paint afternoon with Chelsea this Summer just for Tweens/Teens! The Class will be held in the Community Room.

Limited to 20 participants. If more attendees register than spaces available, they will automatically be placed on this event’s wait list. Registration will open on Tuesday, July 5th @ 9:00 AM and remain open until the class is full.

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

Any Questions? Email Sarah at sbreen@minlib.net or call 781-455-7559, ext. 218. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Needham Public Library.

MetroWest Readers Fest 2022

MetroWest Readers Fest is once again hosting a regional community-wide read as part of MWRF 2022! The title for 2022 is Thank You, Mr. Nixon by Gish Jen. In this collection of 11 linked short stories, acclaimed author Jen “embarks on a fictional journey through U.S.-China relations, capturing the excitement of a world on the brink of tectonic change.” Thank You, Mr. Nixon was named the #1 Recommendation for AAPI Month by Oprah Daily, an Amazon Editor’s Pick for Best Literature & Fiction, and was called “marvelous” by Claire Oshetsky in the New York Times. The Needham Free Public Library will be participating in this event, culminating in October with various programs sponsored by the area libraries, as well as hosting a live broadcast via Zoom, with the author in our Community Room on Thursday, October 6, 2022 @ 6:00 PM. More info in September’s Library Notes.

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

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 - 5:00 pm

Contact the Library at 781-455-7559
Upcoming Book Discussions

NPL Book Group
Tuesday, September 13th
1:00 PM
We Keep the Dead Close: A Murder at Harvard and a Half Century of Silence
by Becky Cooper
1969: the height of counterculture and the year universities would seek to curb the unruly spectacle of student protest; the winter that Harvard University would begin the tumultuous process of merging with Radcliffe, its all-female sister school; and the year that Jane Britton, an ambitious twenty-three-year-old graduate student in Harvard’s Anthropology Department and daughter of Radcliffe Vice President J. Boyd Britton, would be found bludgeoned to death in her Cambridge, Massachusetts apartment. Forty years later, Becky Cooper, a curious undergrad, will hear the first whispers of the story. In the first telling the body was nameless. The story was this: a Harvard student had had an affair with her professor, and the professor had murdered her in the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology because she’d threatened to talk about the affair. Though the rumor proves false, the story that unfolds, one that Cooper will follow for ten years, is even more complex: a tale of gender inequality in academia, a ‘cowboy culture’ among empowered male elites, the silencing effect of institutions, and our compulsion to rewrite the stories of female victims. We Keep the Dead Close is a memoir of mirrors, misogyny, and murder. It is at once a rumination on the violence and oppression that rules our revered institutions, a ghost story reflecting one young woman’s past onto another’s present, and a love story for a girl who was lost to history.

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

*October 11, 2022—Spain in Our Hearts: Americans in the Spanish Civil War, 1936-1939 by Adam Hochschild*

The Bookworm’s Evening Book Club*
Monday, September 19th
7:00 PM
The Lincoln Highway
by Amor Towles
In June, 1954, eighteen-year-old Emmett Watson is driven home to Nebraska by the warden of the juvenile work farm where he has just served fifteen months for involuntary manslaughter. His mother long gone, his father recently deceased, and the family farm foreclosed upon by the bank, Emmett’s intention is to pick up his eight-year-old brother, Billy, and head to California where they can start their lives anew. But when the warden drives away, Emmett discovers that two friends from the work farm have hidden themselves in the trunk of the warden’s car. Together, they have hatched an altogether different plan for Emmett’s future, one that will take them all on a fateful journey in the opposite direction—to the City of New York. This event will be held in the Community Room. Registration is required on Assabet for this event. Register here at: https://needhamlibrary.org/events/

*October 17, 2022—TBD*

Free Access to Needham Times Archive
A Needham Times archive from 2005 through May 5, 2022 (the last date of publication for the paper) is now digitally available for free through the library’s subscription to NewsBank/America’s News. To access the archive, follow these simple steps:

- Visit the library’s website www.needhamlibrary.org.
- Click on Services on the top menu, then go to Research & Databases.
- Find America’s News under “A” in the A-Z database list.
- Enter your library card #, then scroll down to the blue button labeled “Wicked Local including Needham Times” on the right-hand side about half-way down the page.
- Click on Needham Times, then choose the date(s) you’re interested in.

Questions? Please contact our Reference Team at 781-455-7559, ext. 502 or neemail1@minlib.net.
Tuesday, August 2nd

*The Lost City* (2022)—PG-13, 1 hour, 52 minutes

Reclusive author Loretta Sage writes about exotic places in her popular adventure novels that feature a handsome cover model named Alan. While on tour promoting her new book with Alan, Loretta gets kidnapped by an eccentric billionaire who hopes she can lead him to an ancient city’s lost treasure from her latest story. Determined to prove he can be a hero in real life and not just on the pages of her books, Alan sets off to rescue her.

Tuesday, August 16th

*Marry Me* (2022)—PG-13, 1 hour, 52 minutes

Kat Valdez is half of the sexiest celebrity power couple on Earth with hot new music supernova Bastian. As Kat and Bastian’s inescapable hit single, “Marry Me,” climbs the charts, they are about to be wed before an audience of their fans in a ceremony that will be streamed across multiple platforms. Divorced high-school math teacher Charlie Gilbert has been dragged to the concert by his daughter Lou and his best friend. When Kat learns, seconds before the ceremony that Bastian has cheated on her with her assistant, her life turns left as she has a meltdown on stage, questioning love, truth and loyalty. As her gossamer world falls away, she locks eyes with a stranger—a face in the crowd. If what you know lets you down, then perhaps what you don’t know is the answer, and so, in a moment of inspired insanity, Kat chooses to marry Charlie. What begins as an impulsive reaction evolves into an unexpected romance. But as forces conspire to separate them, the universal question arises: Can two people from such different worlds bridge the gulf between them and build a place where they both belong?
2022 Summer Reading Programs
*Ages and location indicated for each program*

Register for all events at
https://needhamlibrary.org/events/

General Event Registration Calendar

Summer Programs and Take and Make Kits:
Wed., July 6 - 2:00 - 4:00 pm - In-Person Crafternoon
Tween and Teens welcome to join as we get out all the craft stuff!
In-Person, Library Community Room, masks preferred for all folks, Ages 10 - 18.

Wed., July 20 - 2:00 - 4:00 pm - Make Your Own Ice Cream at the Library!
Make your own ice cream in a bag and learn a little bit about the science behind it!
In-Person, Library Community Room, masks preferred for all folks, Ages 10 - 18.

Mon., July 25 - Sat., July 30 - Take and Make Craft Kit Pickup Week
Sand Art! - Kit full of all kinds of brightly colored sandy fun
In-Person, pickup near Reference Desk on 2nd Floor, Ages 10 - 18.

Wed., August 3 - 3:00 - 4:00 pm - Virtual Tween Craft and Chat
Tween and Teens welcome to join via Zoom as we craft and chat online
Online via Zoom, Zoom links sent out to registered attendees, Ages 10 - 12.

Wed., August 17 - 2:00 - 4:00 pm - In-Person Crafternoon
Tween and Teens welcome to join as we get out all the craft stuff!
In-Person, Library Community Room, masks preferred for all folks, Ages 10 - 18.

Mon., August 15 - Sat., August 20 - Take and Make Craft Kit Pickup Week
Outdoors-person Kit! - Outdoors-man, Outdoors-woman ... here’s a kit for the Outdoors-person!
Nature guides, and even supplies to make your own compass!
In-Person, pickup near Reference Desk on 2nd Floor, Ages 10 - 18.

Fri., August 26 - 2:30 - 4:30 pm - Painting with Chelsea!
Painting with Chelsea returns In-Person (!) as we paint another creature together!
All materials will be supplied the day of, acrylic paint = wear old clothes
In-Person, masks preferred for all folks, Ages 10 - 18.

Grand Prize Drawings for Summer Reading:
Fri., September 9
*Announcement about where and when will be sent by e-mail to all registered and entered participants*
July

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Read Beyond the Beaten Path

Friday
1
Bruins Reading Challenge Begins

Saturday
2
First Lady of the Commonwealth & Blades Reading Challenge

Sunday
1
10 am
Read to Sophie
Ages 5+

Monday
4
Library Closed for 4th of July

Tuesday
5
3:30 pm
Read to Tucker
Ages 5+

Wednesday
6
10 am
ABC Spanish in Motion
Ages 2 to 5

Thursday
7
10 am Terrific Toddlers
Ages 2 & 3
3 pm
Lego Time
Ages 5+

Friday
1
Bruins Reading Challenge Begins

Saturday
2
First Lady of the Commonwealth & Blades Reading Challenge

Sunday
3
1 pm to 4 pm
STEAM Room
Ages 6+

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10
1 pm to 4 pm
STEAM Room
Ages 6+

Monday
11
10 am
Preschool Palooza
Ages 3 to 5

Tuesday
12
10 am
Water Safety with Goldfish Swim School
Ages 3 to 7

Wednesday
13
4 pm Camp Craft
with Courtney Butterflies
Ages 5+

Thursday
14
10 am
Make Music with Stacey Peasley
Ages 2 to 5
3 pm
Lego Time
Ages 5+

Friday
1
Bruins Reading Challenge Begins

Saturday
2
First Lady of the Commonwealth & Blades Reading Challenge

Sunday
17
1 pm to 4 pm
STEAM Room
Ages 6+

Monday
18
Stuffed Animal Camp Out
drop-off between 9 am & 6 pm

Tuesday
19
Stuffed Animal campers pick-up all day

Wednesday
20
10 am
Monkey Mind Belly Breath
Children’s Yoga
Ages 2 to 5

Thursday
21
10 am Hugh Hanley
Circle of Songs
music & stories
Ages 2 & up

Friday
1
Bruins Reading Challenge Begins

Saturday
2
First Lady of the Commonwealth & Blades Reading Challenge

Sunday
22
10 am
Read to Sophie
Ages 5+

Monday
23
10 am
Read to Sophie
Ages 5+

Tuesday
24
1 pm to 4 pm
STEAM Room
Ages 6+

Wednesday
25
10 am
Preschool Palooza
Ages 3 to 5

Thursday
26
4 pm
Comedy Show
with Pete & Chris
Ages 4+

Friday
1
Bruins Reading Challenge Begins

Saturday
2
First Lady of the Commonwealth & Blades Reading Challenge

Sunday
27
10 am Terrific Toddlers
Ages 2 & 3
3 pm
Lego Time
Ages 5+

Monday
28
10 am Terrific Toddlers
Ages 2 & 3
3 pm
Lego Time
Ages 5+

Tuesday
29
11 am Movie: RV

Wednesday
30
2:30 pm
Humble Spirit
Native American Drumming
Ages 4+
## August

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**Steam Room**
Come explore the Library’s Robots and STEAM toys.
For ages 6 and up.
The STEAM Room is open:
Monday-Thursday 3:30-6:00 pm
Friday 3:30-5:00 pm
1st and 3rd Saturdays 1-4:30 pm
2nd and 4th Saturdays 9-1 pm
Sundays 1-4 pm

**Friday Morning Movies:**
**Space Camp** July 15, PG 107 min
**RV** July 29, PG 99 min
**It Takes Two** August 5, PG 101 min
**The Goofy Movie** August 19, G 78 min

**Saturday Double Feature!**
**Parent Trap** August 13, G, PG 128 min each
All movies begin at 11 am in the Community Room.

**Scary Campfire Stories**
Are you brave enough to listen?
Tuesday, August 2, 4 pm
Ages 6 & up

**Make Music with Stacey Peasley**
Sing and Dance Along with Stacey
Thursday, July 14 & August 4, 10 am
Ages 2 to 5.

**ABC Spanish in Motion**
Movement, music, and culture in Spanish
Wednesday, July 6 and August 3, 10 am
Ages 2 to 5 with limited or no Spanish.

**Monkey Mind Belly Breath**
Storytime with Yoga
Monday, July 18 & August 22, 10 am
For ages 2 to 5

**Terrific Toddlers**
Thursdays, July 7 & 28, August 11 & 25 at 10 am
Stories with songs, rhymes, & movement.
2 to 3 years old with an adult.

**Preschool Palooza**
Monday, July 11 & 25, August 1, 8, 15, & 29 at 10 am
An interactive themed storytime with books, music, and movement.
For ages 3 through 5.

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**Play Camp Songs on a Ukulele**
Learn how to tune, strum, and play simple songs on a ukulele. Bring a ukulele or borrow one of Julie’s.
Monday, July 11, 4 pm
Ages 8 to 12

**Druidcraft with Mastermind Adventures**
Saturday, July 16, 10:30 am
Explore the natural world. Learn how to identify plants. Discover what animals and insects live nearby. Connect the natural world with ancient mythological stories.
Ages 5 to 10

**Humble Spirit’s Drum**
Come and hear a Native American Drum Circle and join in Pow Wow dances.
Saturday, July 30, 2:30 pm
Ages 4+

**Petes and OH’s Amusements**
Fun, laughter and campy magic
Wednesday, July 27, 4 pm
Ages 4+

**Family Bedtime Storytime**
Monday, July 12, 6:30 pm
Ages 3+

**Stuffed Animal Campout**
Drop off your stuffed animal on Monday, July 18, between 9 am & 6 pm.
Pick them up Tuesday, July 19, & learn about their adventures camping at the Library!

**Read to Tucker**
Build confidence in reading with Tucker a hypoallergenic therapy dog on Tuesday, July 5 & 19; August 16 & 30 beginning at 3:30 pm.
Individual sessions for young readers.

**Read to Sophie**
Sophie is a Golden Retriever therapy dog looking forward to hearing stories
Saturday, July 9 & 23; August 13 & 27 beginning at 10 am.
Individual sessions for young readers.

**Adventure Is Out There Magic Show**
Amazing magic, crazy puppets, wild storytelling and more!
Monday, August 8, 4 pm
Ages 4 & up

**Animal Man Survival Camp**
Learn basic wilderness skills.
Wednesday, August 3, 4 pm
Ages 6 & up

**Water Safety with Goldfish Swim School**
Bubbles the Goldfish and friends will lead a Water Safety Class
Tuesday, July 12, 10 am
Ages 3 to 7

**Circle of Songs with Hugh Hanley**
Thursday, July 21 & August 18, 10 am
For ages 2 and up.

**Camp Craft with Courtney**
Coffee Filter Butterflies on
Wednesday, July 13.
Flower Petal Suncatchers
Wednesday, August 10.
Drop-in at 4 pm or 4:30 pm
Ages 5 and up.

**Lego Time**
Thursdays from 3 pm to 5 pm
Drop-in, no registration required.
Build creations with the Library’s large Legos supply.
Only ages 5 and up in the Storytime Room during Lego Time.

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