

LIBRARY NOTES

NEWSLETTER OF THE NEEDHAM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

JULY/AUGUST 2022 ISSUE

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*.

Adult Summer Movie Festival Films in July

Tuesday, July 5th

7:00 PM

In the Heights (2021)—PG-13, 2 hours, 23 minutes



In the Heights centers on a variety of characters living in the neighborhood of Washington Heights, on the northern tip of Manhattan. At the center of the show is Usnavi, a bodega owner who looks after the aging Cuban lady next door, pines for the gorgeous girl working in the neighboring beauty salon and dreams of winning the lottery and escaping to the shores of his native Dominican Republic. Meanwhile, Nina, a childhood friend of Usnavi's, has returned to the neighborhood from her first year at college with surprising news for her parents, who have spent their life savings on building a better life for their daughter. Ultimately, Usnavi and the residents of the close-knit neighborhood get a dose of what it means to be home.

Tuesday, July 19th

7:00 PM

Grease (1978)—PG, 1 hour, 50 minutes



During a visit to America, Australian Sandy Olsson meets Danny Zuko at the beach and falls in love. She is heartbroken when summer ends and she has to return home and their last kiss on the beach is a very emotional one. But fate lends a hand—her parents decide to stay in America and she finds herself attending the same school as Danny. But Danny at school is different from Danny at the beach. He is the leader of the T-Birds, a black leather-clad gang, and has a reputation to keep up. He can't be seen to fall in love with just one chick. Sandy is upset and seeks solace with some new friends she has made—a girls' club called "The Pink Ladies." But her prim and proper virginal ways do not fit in and she soon finds herself almost alone. A change must be made. Does she attempt to get her man by turning him into a jock? Or must she get rid of her "Sandra Dee" image?

All movies will be shown in the Community Room and registration is required. Register online at:

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

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

This Month in the Friends' Gallery

The World of Masks

Eric Dwinnells and the CBDS
Program of Advocates, Inc.

Upcoming Book Discussions

NPL Book Group

Tuesday, September 13th

We Keep the Dead Close: A Murder at Harvard and a Half Century of Silence

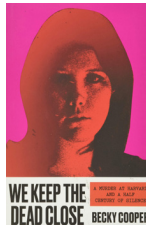
by Becky Cooper

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.

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

1:00 PM



The Bookworm's Evening Book Club*

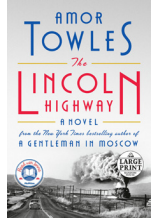
Monday, September 19th

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

7:00 PM



Minuteman Library

Crawl 2022

Wednesday, August 3
10:00 am - 5:00 pm*
*unless otherwise noted

Needham Free Public Library

You're invited to spend the day visiting Minuteman Libraries!

Go to as many as you can during the day, find specified items in each library, take pictures with them and win prizes (a 21st century scavenger hunt!). Post your pics, tag the libraries #minicrawl2022.

*See the flyer for all the deets: <https://bit.ly/min-crawl-2022>

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NEEDHAM COMIC BOOK CLUB!

Date: Thursday, September 15, 2022
Time: 7:00 - 8:00 PM
Location: Virtually via Zoom
Reading: "Hellboy In Hell" by Mike Mignola
***First meeting after the summer!**

Collected editions of 10-issue ongoing series published between 2012 and 2016 as a sequel to the Hellboy series, picking up where The Fury left off. Collected in two trade paperback volumes (Volume 01: The Descent and Volume 02: The Death Card) or an all-in-one library edition. "After sacrificing himself to save the world, this epic conclusion of Hellboy's story follows him on a journey through Hell, where he once again faces off against the Vampire of Prague, pleads his case when accused of murder, and fulfills his destiny by destroying Pandemonium itself."

Join us virtually as we discuss this horrifically awesome 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 16 +

For more information and to Register online: <https://needhamlibrary.org/events/>

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.

Teen/Tween Programs and Craft Activities for July/August

Join us For Some Tween/Teen Summer Programming!

Y.A. Days!

ALL THE CRAFTS.
ALL THE GAMES.
ALL THE FUN.

For more information and to register:
<https://needhamlibrary.org/events/>

NEEDHAM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY | COMMUNITY ROOM
WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 2022 | 2:00 - 4:00 PM
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2022 | 2:00 - 4:00 PM

CRAFT AND GAMING AFTERNOONS JUST FOR YOUNG ADULTS
PROGRAMS FOR AGES 10 - 18!

XBOXONE	BEADS	FOOSBALL
BOARD GAMES	STRING CRAFTS	DUCT TAPE
COLOR	CARD GAMES	WOOD CRAFTS

SNACKS AND DRINKS FOR ATTENDEES (WITH A POSSIBLE SURPRISE!)

Join us For Some Tween/Teen Summer Programming!

Sand Art Take & Make Kits!

Pickups week of:
July 25th - July 30th

Registration

Tweens AND Teens
(Ages 10 - 18)

Beach in a Bottle

Register at
needhamlibrary.org/events

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SCAN ME
Opens 7/11

Join us For Some Tween/Teen Summer Programming!

A National Ice Cream Day Celebration!

For more information and to register:
<https://needhamlibrary.org/events/>

**CRAFTERNOON:
MAKE YOUR OWN ICE CREAM!**

Ages 10 - 18

Wednesday, July 20th, 2:00 - 4:00 pm
(or until supplies last)

Needham Free Public Library Community Room

Join us as we learn and eat some science!

Join us For Some Tween/Teen Summer Programming!

Painting with Chelsea!

BACK IN PERSON!! For Ages 10 - 18

Friday, August 26, 2022 from 2:30-4:30 PM

Tweens and Teens are welcome to paint a nature inspired masterpiece of your own with Needham Library's friendly circulation assistant, Chelsea Brown!

*Registration Required
Sign Up Beginning July 18th!

For more information and to register:
<https://needhamlibrary.org/events/>
limited to first 20 participants, wait list if necessary

2022 Adult Summer Movie Festival Films in August

Tuesday, August 2nd 7:00 PM
The Lost City (2022)—PG-13, 1 hour, 52 minutes



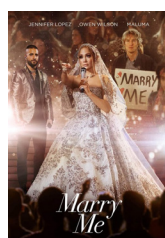
Reclusive author Loretta Sage writes about exotic places in her popular adventure novels that feature a handsome cover model named Alan. While on tour promoting her new book with Alan, Loretta gets kidnapped by an eccentric billionaire who hopes she can lead him to an ancient city's lost treasure from 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.

All movies will be shown in the Community Room and registration is required.

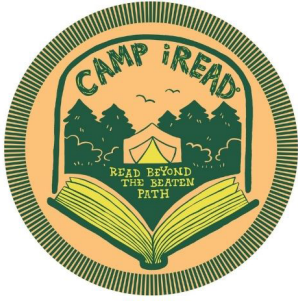
Register online at:

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

Tuesday, August 16th 7:00 PM
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 looks 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

Tweens 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

Tweens 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

Tweens 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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Friday

Saturday

1
Bruins Reading Challenge Begins

2



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

3

1 pm to 4 pm
STEAM Room
Ages 6+

4

Library Closed for 4th of July



5

3:30 pm
Read to Tucker
Ages 5+



6

10 am
ABC Spanish in Motion
Ages 2 to 5

7

10 am Terrific
Toddlers
Ages 2 & 3

3 pm
Lego Time
Ages 5+

8



9

10 am
Read to Sophie
Ages 5+

10

1 pm to 4 pm
STEAM Room
Ages 6+



11

10 am
Preschool
Palooza
Ages 3 to 5

4 pm Play Camp
Songs on a Ukulele
Ages 8 to 12

12

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

6:30 pm Family
Bedtime
Storytime
Ages 3+

13

4 pm Camp
Craft
with Courtney
Butterflies
Ages 5+

14

10 am
Make Music
with
Stacey Peasley
Ages 2 to 5

3 pm
Lego Time
Ages 5+

15

11 am Movie:
Space Camp



16

10:30 am
Druidcraft with
Mastermind
Adventures
Ages 5 to 10

17

1 pm to 4 pm
STEAM Room
Ages 6+

18

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

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

19

Stuffed Animal
campers pick-up
all day

3:30 pm
Read to Tucker
Ages 5+

20



21

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

3 pm
Lego Time
Ages 5+

22



23

10 am
Read to Sophie
Ages 5+

24

1 pm to 4 pm
STEAM Room
Ages 6+



25

10 am
Preschool
Palooza
Ages 3 to 5

26



27

4 pm
Comedy Show
with Pete
& Chris
Ages 4+

28

10 am Terrific
Toddlers
Ages 2 & 3

3 pm
Lego Time
Ages 5+

29

11 am Movie:
RV

30

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

August



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Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



Sunday

1

10 am
Preschool
Palooza
Ages 3 to 5

2

4 pm
Scary
Campfire Stories
Ages 6+

3

10 am
ABC Spanish in
Motion
Ages 2 to 5

4 pm
Animal Man
Survival Camp
Ages 6+

4

10 am
Make Music
with
Stacey Peasley
Ages 2 to 5

3 pm
Lego Time
Ages 5+

5

11 am Movie:
It Takes Two

6



7

1 pm to 4 pm
STEAM Room
Ages 6+

8

10 am
Preschool
Palooza
Ages 3 to 5

4 pm Mike Bent's
Magic Show:
Adventure is
Out There
Ages 4+

9

10

4 pm Camp
Craft
with Courtney
Suncatchers
Ages 5+

11

10 am Terrific
Toddlers
Ages 2 & 3

3 pm
Lego Time
Ages 5+

12



13

10 am
Read to Sophie
Ages 5+

11 am Movie:
Parent Trap
Double Feature!

14

1 pm to 4 pm
STEAM Room
Ages 6+

15

10 am
Preschool
Palooza
Ages 3 to 5

**Last Day to Log
Summer
Reading!**

16

3:30 pm
Read to Tucker
Ages 5+

**Last Day to Log
Bruins Challenge
Reading!**

17



18

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

3 pm
Lego Time
Ages 5+

19

11 am Movie:
Goofy

20



21

1 pm to 4 pm
STEAM Room
Ages 6+

22

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

23



24

25

10 am Terrific
Toddlers
Ages 2 & 3

3 pm
Lego Time
Ages 5+

26



27

10 am
Read to Sophie
Ages 5+

28

1 pm to 4 pm
STEAM Room
Ages 6+

29

10 am
Preschool
Palooza
Ages 3 to 5

30

3:30 pm
Read to Tucker
Ages 5+

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**First Day of
School**



Register for events
needhamlibrary.org/events

Events are subject to change

Children's Special
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Register online at needhamlibrary.org/events

Events are subject to change



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+



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 Camp Out

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



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



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.

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.

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