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## Library Notes - December 2022

December is full of activities for both YA's and Children, as well as a new Take and Make kit for ages 12+ (yes, Adults - you too!). You can click on any image to be sent to our Event Calendar to register for the events listed. Not everything will be listed in the newsletter, so check out <https://needhamlibrary.org/> for more information about upcoming services.

## Library Holiday Hours



Friday, December 23--9:00 am - 5:30 pm	Wednesday, December 28--9:00 am - 9:00 pm
Saturday, December 24--9:00 am - 1:00 pm	Thursday, December 29--9:00 am - 9:00 pm
Sunday, December 25--Closed	Friday, December 30--9:00 am - 5:30 pm
Monday, December 26--Closed	Saturday, December 31--9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Tuesday, December 27--9:00 am - 9:00 pm	Sunday, January 1, 2023--Closed
	Monday, January 2, 2023--Closed

# Take and Make: Knitting & Crochet Kits

A Craft at Home Program for Ages 12 + (yes, Adults - you too!)



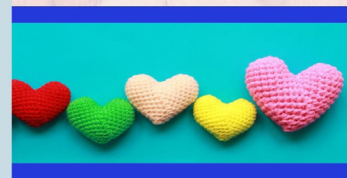
Young Adult Librarian, Erin, is bringing warmth to tweens, teens, and adults (ages 12 +) for this wonderfully warm craft kit just in time for the holidays!

Sign ups open Monday, November 28th and will remain open until filled (limited to first 25 people). Materials needed will be provided in the kits. (Pickups and distribution for Craft Kits during the week of December 12 - 17th)

Register to sign up and pick up through our online calendar : <https://needhamlibrary.org/events/>



- Kits include:
  - 1 set of knitting needles & 1 crochet hook
  - some yarn
  - 1 yarn needle
  - instructions and links to basic stitches that will be needed
  - instructions to be able to complete a project (or two)
- Kits do NOT include scissors



## Needham Community WRITING CONTEST



Deadline to Submit Entries: **November 30, 2022**

### Awards Ceremony:

Thursday, December 8, 2022

7:00 - 8:00 PM

Needham Free Public Library

Community Room

Go To <https://needhamlibrary.org/events/> to Register  
Registration not required, though helpful for head count

**Winners for each category will receive a new lined journal, pen, and \$25 Gift Card!**

**We'll also have superlative winners who will receive a \$5 gift card to Dunkin, Starbucks, or the Cookie Monstah!**

\*Winners DO NOT need to be present to win\*

For more additional details and submission information, visit [bit.ly/needhamwritingcontest](https://bit.ly/needhamwritingcontest)

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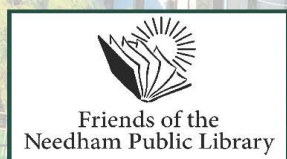


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# Catherine Marengi

Author of *Our Good Name*, *Glad Farm* and *Breaking Bread*



## Ancestors and Destiny

*Marengi will discuss her new historical novel about the struggle of turn-of-the-20th century Italian immigrants to build a new life in a Massachusetts mill town.*

**Sunday, January 8th @ 2:00 PM**

**Community Room - Needham Free Public Library**

**Registration Required - [www.needhamlibrary.org/events](http://www.needhamlibrary.org/events)**



**Book available for purchase and autographing at conclusion of event**

**Author Lynn Z. Bloom**

**The Secret Life of Chocolate** (from the book, *Recipe*)

**Tuesday, January 17th**

**7:30 PM**

**Community Room - Needham Free Public Library**

**Registration Required - Go to : <https://needhamlibrary.org/events/>**



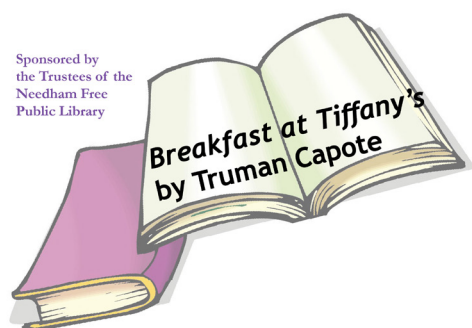
The Library is currently offering four Book Clubs - some live and some virtual or hybrid. Click on any image below to find out how to register to attend. And for further information, check out our Book Clubs page at <https://needhamlibrary.org/services/reading/book-clubs/>.

## Needham Public Library Book Discussion Group

This Month's Selection:

Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month (excluding July & August) in the Community Room from 1:00 - 2:30 PM.

Sponsored by the Trustees of the Needham Free Public Library



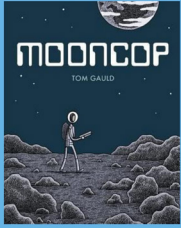
NEXT DISCUSSION: December 13, 2022

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NEEDHAM, MA  
781-455-7559, EX. 2 FOR REFERENCE

## NEEDHAM COMIC BOOK CLUB!

**Date:** Thursday, December 15, 2022  
**Time:** 7:00 - 8:00 PM  
**Location:** Virtually via Zoom  
**Reading:** Mooncop by Tom Gauld

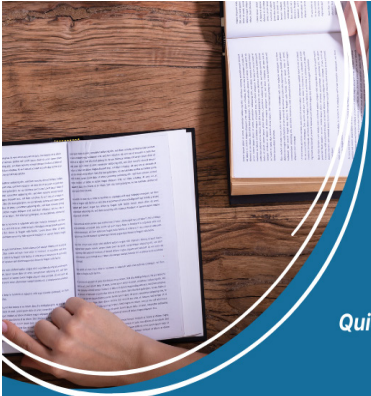
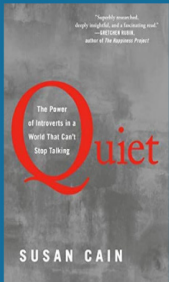
Copies of this month's titles available for request from Minuteman Libraries!



Mooncop is equal parts funny and melancholy, capturing essential truths about humanity and making this a story of the past, present, and future, all in one. Mooncop is told with Tom Gauld's distinctive, matter-of-fact storytelling and dry humour--an approach that has earned him fans around the world.

For more info contact Erin Bassett at [ebassett@minlib.net](mailto:ebassett@minlib.net)

**Virtual Meeting for Ages 12 +**  
Register online: <https://needhamlibrary.org/events/>

**Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking**  
by Susan Cain

## Bookworm's Evening Book Club

Monday, December 19th 7-8 PM

**In-Person at the Library!**

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

## ALL NEW BOOK CLUB for 6th - 8th Graders!

Come and discuss some great Middle Grade books with friends! Titles picked for and by attendees, so the more you participate, the more you get to enjoy!

Meeting will be: **Tuesday, December 27, 2022**

Time: 3:00 - 5:00 pm In-Person, (Library Community Room)

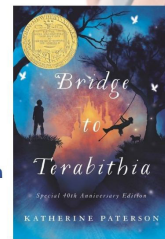
Book Discussed\*: **Bridge to Terabithia**  
by Katherine Paterson

\*Movie Tie -In! - we'll be watching the Film and discussing the book at the meeting!!

Copies of this month's book will be made available for pickup at the Adult Reference Desk (Upstairs)

For more details on this new book club for middle schoolers, and to Register online through our Events Calendar, head to: <https://needhamlibrary.org/events/>

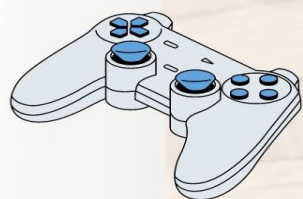
Have any Questions, or want a book set aside for you? - Just ask Erin ([neeya@minlib.net](mailto:neeya@minlib.net))





Thanks to [Library Foundation of Needham](#), the library now offers video games for all ages! Find our new collection of Nintendo, Xbox, PlayStation, and Wii games on the 2nd floor, located between the Biography and Young Adult/Teen sections. We're excited about this new addition to our collections! [Read more here.](#)

**A Program for Tweens, Teens and Up!**



# Gaming and Chill Zone



**Wednesday, December 7th, 2:00 - 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!**



**Fun Fact: 12/7 also National Letter Writing Day - so come write a letter!**



**Registration recommended at [needhamlibrary.org/events](http://needhamlibrary.org/events)**



Watch the movie and participate in an interactive experience of the 2003 (PG) film while working on a craft! : Elf

# **INTERACTIVE MOVIE VIEWING / CRAFTERNOON! FOR TWEENS AND TEENS AGES 11 - 18!**

In the Needham Public Library Community Room

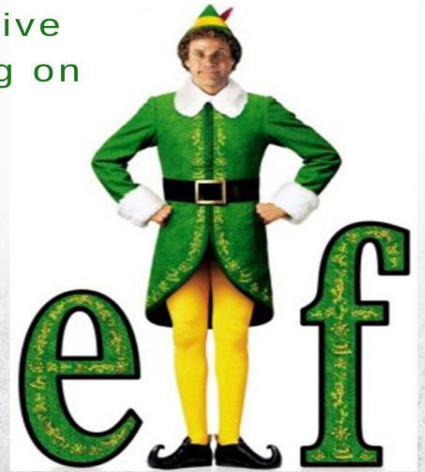
**Wednesday, December 21, 2022 2:30 - 4:30 pm**  
**Snacks, Drinks, and Fun!**

**\*Registration Required if you want a kit\***

**To Register: <https://needhamlibrary.org/events/>**

\*Registration now open and will close December 19th to ensure supplies are ready in time \*

Join Buddy the Elf (Will Ferrell) as he explores the wonders of the Big City and help him find out who he really is!





**MARVEL STUDIOS**  
**SPIDER-MAN**  
*No Way Home*

Join us for an evening of action and adventure as we watch  
**Spider-Man: No Way Home (2021, PG-13)**  
Ages 12 and Up Welcome

**Thursday, December 29th**  
**beginning at 6 pm**  
**Needham Public Library**  
**Community Room**

Food and Drinks Provided  
(or bring your own!)

Join Peter Parker as he teams up with Doctor Strange to get out of some trouble that may or may not have torn a hole in the world letting all kinds of evil and powerful villains into the universe...

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**Children's Events for the month of December  
can be found [here](#).**

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