



## Library Notes - May 2023

May is chock full of holidays to celebrate (May Day, Cinco de Mayo, Mother's Day, and Memorial Day), and we have books about all of them! We offer programs for all ages, both virtual and in person. 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.



Congratulations to the Friends of the Needham Free Public Library on their 50th Anniversary and to the Library Foundation of Needham on their 20th Anniversary. Their work and financial support over the years has made a huge difference in the programs and services that we offer to the citizens of Needham. Congratulations is given to both groups for their recent fundraiser event, An Evening with Doris Kearns Goodwin featuring Doris Kearns Goodwin and GBH Executive Arts Editor Jared Bowen. Special thanks is also given to Livingston Taylor, the Beantown Brass Quintet, the [Librarian of Congress Carla Hayden](#) and the questions and answer session from our own Needham Senior High School Students for helping to make this evening such a spectacular success.

# Bob Begin Amelia Earhart— an American Icon



Library Foundation of Needham

**Tuesday, May 23rd  
7:30 PM**

**Community Room  
Needham Free Public Library**



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

## **Adult Take & Make** • **Craft Kit** •

**Diamond Art Coasters**

💎 Pick-up a kit the week of May 1-7 💎

*Register for a kit at [needhamlibrary.org/events](https://needhamlibrary.org/events)*







April 19th: The Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park



April 26th: The Salem Maritime National Historic Site



May 3rd: The Saugus Iron Works National Historic Site

**Virtual Talks - Every Wednesday in April and May @ 12:00 PM**  
**Historical National Park Service Sites in Massachusetts**

This series is available courtesy of the Tewksbury Public Library



May 10th: The Adams National Historical Park



May 17th: The Springfield Armory National Historic Site



May 24th: The Lowell National Historical Park

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

**Virtual - In the Newsroom**  
**with NBC 10 Boston/NECN's**  
**Susan Tran**



**Monday, May 15th**  
**5:00 - 6:00 PM**

Courtesy of the Ashland Public Library



**Registration Required — Go to: <https://needhamlibrary.org/events/>**  
**to receive the Zoom Link.**

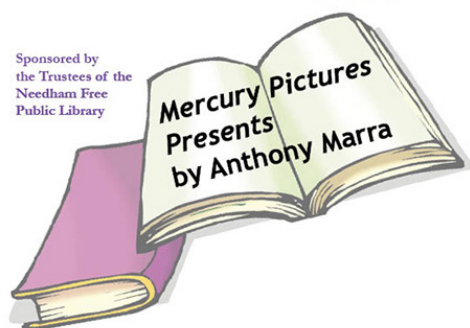
The Library is currently offering four Book Clubs - some live and some virtual or hybrid. Click on any image below to find out how to register to attend. And for further information, check out our Book Clubs page at <https://needhamlibrary.org/services/reading/book-clubs/>.

## 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: May 9, 2023

The Diversity and Discussion Book Club is now...

## Needham Connects: Building Empathy through Books and Conversation

Join us  
May 11  
from 7 pm to  
8:30 pm  
via Zoom  
to discuss:



Register at:

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

Cosponsored by the Trustees of the Needham Free Public Library, Needham Diversity Initiative, and the Needham Human Rights Committee.




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

## NEEDHAM COMIC BOOK CLUB!

Date: Thursday, May 18, 2023  
Time: 7:00 - 8:00 PM  
Location: Virtually via Zoom  
Reading: "Cook Korean! : a Comic Book with Recipes" by Robin Ha

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



A charming introduction to the basics of Korean cooking in graphic novel form, with 64 recipes, ingredient profiles, and more, presented through light-hearted comics. This book is playful and instructive; presented through colorful, humorous comics that fully illustrate all the steps and ingredients necessary for all of the recipes in a clear, concise presentation (with no more than 2 pages per recipe on average).

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

**Virtual Meeting for Ages 16 +**  
Register online: <https://needhamlibrary.org/events/>

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

Come and discuss some great Middle Grade books with friends around the Zoom Screen! Celebrate AAPI (Asian American and Pacific Islander) Heritage Month with us this month!

Meeting will be: Wednesday, May 31, 2023

Time: 2:30 - 3:30 pm Virtual, (Via Zoom)

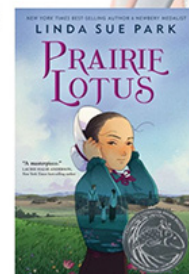
Book Discussed\*: "Prairie Lotus" by Linda Sue Park

\*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@minilib.net)







**Virtual - Afternoon Tea with  
"The Librarian" Author  
Valerie Keogh \*For Adults**

**Thursday, May 18th  
2:00 - 3:00 PM**

*Courtesy of the Ashland Public Library*



**Registration Required**

**Go to: <https://needhamlibrary.org/events/>  
to receive the Zoom Link**



**Virtual Program:**

**The Effects of Gerrymandering  
and Dark Money on the  
Democratic Process with  
Professor Rachael V. Cobb**

**Friday, May 19th - 10:00 AM  
on ZOOM**

**Register at <https://needhamlibrary.org/events/> to receive the ZOOM Link**

**Event Sponsored by the Ashland Public Library and the Needham Public Library.**

# Sewing Project Take and Make Kit

Exclusively  
for Tweens  
& Teens

MAY  
15 - 20

Registration  
opens  
Monday, May 1st!



## Adorable DIY Sock Squishies

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

MARVEL STUDIOS

# SHANG-CHI

AND THE LEGEND OF THE TEN RINGS

**Wednesday, May 3rd, Beginning at 2:00 pm**  
Half-Day Movie Program!

**Needham Public Library Community Room**

**Movie Viewing :**  
**Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings (2021, PG-13)**

**Ages 12 + are welcome**  
**Snacks and Drinks Provided!**

**Martial-arts master Shang-Chi confronts the past he thought he left behind when he's drawn into the web of the mysterious Ten Rings organization.**





# 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/or teachers to help you out!

Register for each program:

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



**THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2023 - 3:00 - 6:00 PM**

APUSH, Micro, Art, Calc, and CompSci Prin



*\*SNACKS AND DRINKS PROVIDED!\**

*Rocket the Dog may make an appearance on some days too!!*

**MONDAY, MAY 8, 2023 - 3:00 - 6:00 PM**

Physics, Bio, World, Music Theory, Lang,  
Spanish, French, and German



ALL SESSIONS IN PERSON IN THE  
NEEDHAM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM



# DOODLE CLUB!

**DOODLE / DRAWING / SKETCHING - WHATEVER KINDS OF FUN AT THE LIBRARY!**

Ages 8 - 18 are welcome to come join fellow coloring aficionados in the Young Adult Room on the 2nd Floor for some self-led coloring time every other weekend! (LAST MEETINGS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR)

**MEETING DATES IN APRIL (2ND AND LAST SATURDAYS)**

Saturday, May 13th - 2:30 - 3:30 PM  
Saturday, May 27th - 2:30 - 3:30 PM





## Join Us for a Libby Overview in June!

Libby, your “one tap reading app,” is the new OverDrive! Did you know that as of May 1, 2023, the OverDrive reading app is officially retired? If you’re not yet a Libby user, join us in June (date to be determined) for an in-person, basic overview of Libby’s great features! This will be a BASIC overview with time set aside for Q & A afterward. (Please note this is not a hands-on class, but you will be able to request 1-on-1 appointment times for follow-up.) Keep a lookout in our June newsletter for the program date! Registration will be required. Questions? Contact Robin Flynn at [rflynn@minlib.net](mailto:rflynn@minlib.net), or 781-455-7559, ext. 221.

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

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