



# Friends of the Needham Public Library

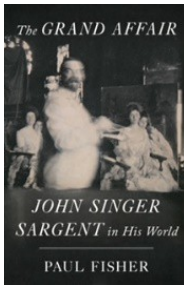
## ~ Events 2023-2024 ~

Our events are free to all, and all are welcome. Both programs and book sales are presented in the library's Community Room at 1139 Highland Avenue, Needham. Please **register to attend** programs at [needhamlibrary.org/events](https://needhamlibrary.org/events)



### **Friday, September 29 – Sunday, October 1, 2023 Friends' Fall Book Sale**

Your purchases of our quality used books support the library. Friday and Saturday: hardcovers and trade paperbacks \$1, mass market paperbacks 50 cents and CDs/DVDs \$1. Sunday: prices slashed 50% and a bag of books costs \$6-8 (depending on size). Throughout the sale, Friends' Book Shop titles are 50% off. Hours: Friday: Noon-4. Saturday: 9-4. Sunday (bargain day): 1-4.



### **Sunday, October 29, 2023, 2–3:30 PM Paul Fisher, PhD, *The Grand Affair: John Singer Sargent in His World***

A great American artist, John Singer Sargent is also an abiding enigma. While dressing like a businessman and crafting a highly respectable persona, he scandalized viewers on both sides of the Atlantic with the frankness and sensuality of his work. In his recent book *The Grand Affair: John Singer Sargent in His World* and in this talk, Wellesley College historian Paul Fisher explores the enigmas of fin de siècle sexuality and art, fashioning a biography that grants the man and his paintings new and intense life.

### **Sunday, November 12, 2023, 2–3:30 PM Peter O'Neil, Frederica Saylor Lalonde and Jeanne Hopkins, “News Flash: Needhamites Revive Local Journalism”**

The US is losing two newspapers per week, leaving communities without a source of independent local news. Needham became one of those towns when the *Needham Times* folded in 2022. To fill the gap, a volunteer group of former journalists came together to create the *Needham Observer*. The team behind Needham's newest news source tells the story of why and how they launched the free, online, weekly media outlet.



### **Sunday, January 7, 2024, 2–3:30 PM Maureen O'Connor, PsyD, “Successful Brain Aging: Understanding the Latest Science”**

Learn from an expert about the latest scientific evidence on lifestyle factors that are important to promoting successful brain aging. The talk includes practical advice and recommendations to individuals and families. Dr. O'Connor explains how the brain changes in normal aging; describes lifestyle factors associated with successful brain aging; and discusses the effectiveness of memory strategies and compensatory techniques.



### **Friday, January 26 – Sunday, January 28, 2024 Friends' Winter Book Sale**

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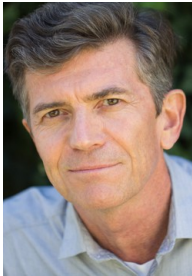


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**Sunday, February 4, 2024, 2–3:30 PM**  
**Imari Paris Jeffries, “Embrace Boston”**

The President and CEO of Embrace Boston – the organization responsible for one of the nation’s newest and most powerful memorials to Martin Luther King Jr. and Coretta Scott King – tells how the sculpture was conceived, created and received. Mr. Jeffries also discusses Embrace Boston’s ongoing work toward a more equitable city at the intersections of arts and culture and research and policy.



**Sunday, March 3, 2024, 2–3:30 PM**  
**Author Stephen McCauley, “Public Libraries, Pseudonyms, and *Valley of the Dolls*: One Writer’s Journey”**

This Boston-based novelist is the author of eight or 10 novels (depending how you count), three of which have been made into feature films including *The Object of My Affection* with Jennifer Aniston. He’ll speak about his love of libraries, pen names and his new novel, *You Only Call When You’re in Trouble*. The *New York Times Book Review* tagged McCauley “the secret love child of Edith Wharton and Woody Allen” and a novelist “You’d Most Like to Drive Across the Country With.”



**Sunday, April 7, 2024, 2–3:30 PM**  
**Artist Lisa Rosowsky, “Art as Storytelling”**

Ms. Rosowsky, a Needham native and Massachusetts College of Art professor, discusses two of her pieces to show how research can be the gateway to telling visual stories through art. “Levitan” tells the story of a French department store in occupied Paris that became a “trading post” for looted goods. “Missing” emerged from the discovery of a database of headshots of children orphaned in Europe during World War II and attempts to reunite them with living family members.



**Friday, May 31 – Sunday, June 2, 2024**  
**Friends’ Spring Book Sale**

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**Thursday, June 6, 2024, 7:30–9 PM**  
**Emily Norton, “The State of the Charles River”**

The Charles River flows through Needham and nearby communities, defining and enhancing our lives. What is the state of this once heavily polluted river? Ms. Norton, Executive Director of the Charles River Watershed Association, provides an update on the river’s ecological health, climate change resiliency, dam removal, public access and the impact of riverside development.

The Friends of the Needham Public Library was founded in 1973 to advance the library’s goals and enrich its resources. We invite you to help with this enjoyable mission by becoming a member, making a donation, volunteering and participating in our activities.

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