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Library Notes - December 2023

This coming year we will be participating in the Mass Center for the Book Reading Challenge 2024. The Reading Challenge gives people of all ages (yes, adults!) a chance to set and meet the goal of reading a book each month in a specific category and to share their experience within their reading community. Look for a display on the 2nd floor bridge each month highlighting possible books to read.

The categories for the 2024 Reading Challenge are:

January: A book you read years ago that you may feel different about now

February: A book with a color in the title

March: A book whose protagonist has a different culture or lifestyle from you

April: A book about nature, the environment, or climate change

May: A graphic novel

June: A book that inspired a film or television series

July: A book by an author born outside of the United States

August: A book whose title starts with the same letter as your birthday month

September: A debut book by a Massachusetts author

October: A book about a time in history you'd like to know more about

November: A relaxing, soul-soothing book

December: A well-reviewed book in your least favorite genre

More information can be found on their website [here](https://needhamlibrary.org/).

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.

Library Holiday Hours



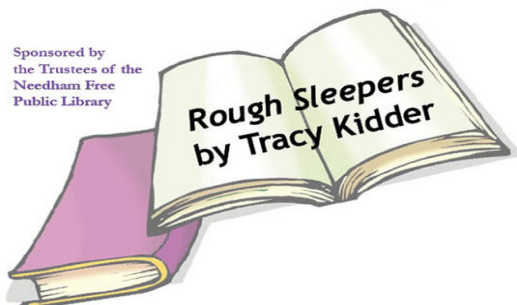
The Library is currently offers multiply Book Clubs - some live and some virtual or hybrid. Click on any image below to find out how to register to attend. And for further information, check out our Book Clubs page at <https://needhamlibrary.org/services/reading/book-clubs/>.

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 12, 2023



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

NEEDHAM COMIC BOOK CLUB!

Date: Thursday, December 21, 2023

Time: 7:00 - 8:00 PM

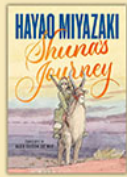
Location: Virtually via Zoom

Reading: "Shuna's Journey" by Hayao Miyazaki ; translated by Alex Dudok de Wit

Shuna, the prince of a poor land, watches in despair as his people work themselves to death harvesting the little grain that grows there. And so, when a traveler presents him with a sample of seeds from a mysterious western land, he sets out to find the source of the golden grain, dreaming of a better life for his subjects. Find out what happens on his journey: who will he meet, what dangers will he face? And will he make it back home from his quest for the golden grain? Come join our discussion in a safe virtual space online.

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

For more info contact Erin Bassett at ebassett@minlib.net

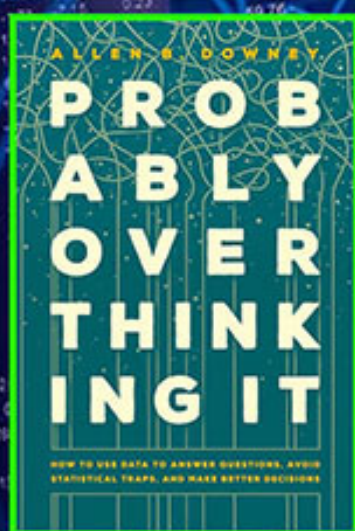


Virtual Meeting for Ages 14 +

Registration Required, Register online: <https://needhamlibrary.org/events/>

Olin College Professor Emeritus

Allen B. Downey



Books available for purchase
and autographing courtesy
of Wellesley Books



Thursday, December 7th @ 7:30 PM

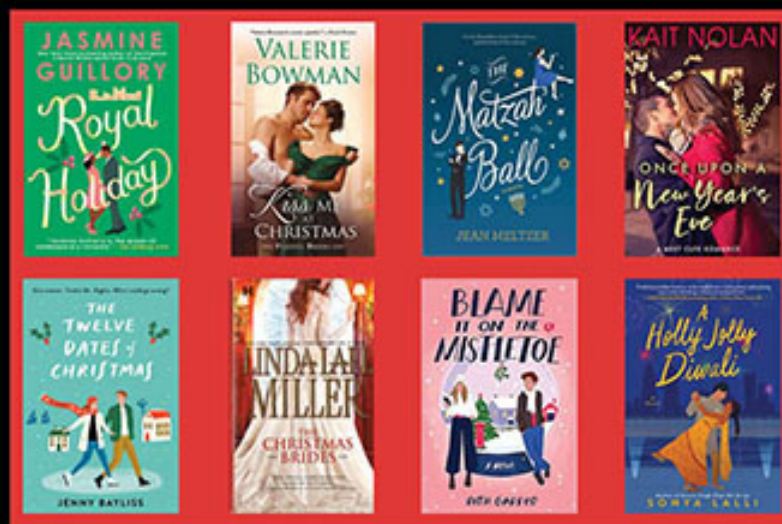
Community Room - Needham Free Public Library

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

Holiday Romance Book Recommendations with

Library Journal Reviewer, John Charles

Virtual Talk - December 11, 2023 @ 7:00 PM



This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Ashland Public Library

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



Dr. Maureen O'Connor How to Strengthen the Aging Brain

With Practical Advice for Individuals and Families

Sunday, January 7th
2:00 PM



Friends of the
Needham Public Library
Celebrating 50 Years • 1973-2023

Community Room – Needham Free Public Library
Registration Required - www.needhamlibrary.org/events

JOIN THE 6TH - 8H GRADE FALL 2023

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS CLUB!

Meeting Location:

Needham Free Public Library
Young Adult Room (2nd Floor)

Registration:

Not Required, though helpful, all
drop-ins welcome -
ask Erin at the Reference Desk

Fall Meeting Dates (All Mondays):

Nov. 6th, 3th,
20th, and 27th
Dec. 4th, 11th,
and 18th

Next Phase of
Campaign will
start Jan. 8th!

Meeting Time:

5:00 - 7:00 PM (every session)

Do I have to attend ALL of the meetings? Not required, but more fun
Questions? Contact Young Adult Librarian, Erin at neeya@minlib.net

Program for Teens and Tweens (Ages 10-18):

Holiday Crafts!

Tuesday, December 5, 2023 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Needham Free Public Library
Community Room

Register
Here!



SCAN ME

Registration Required - needhamlibrary.org/events!



Fill an ornament with Holiday Cheer and
make your very own Winter Window Clings!

JOIN THE 4TH - 6TH GRADE FALL 2023

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS CLUB!

Meeting Location:

Needham Free Public Library
Young Adult Room (2nd Floor)

Registration:

Not Required, though helpful, all
drop-ins welcome -
ask Erin at the Reference Desk

Fall Meeting Dates (All Wednesdays):

Nov. 29th, Dec. 6th, 13th, and 20th	Next Phase of Campaign will start Jan. 3rd!
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Meeting Time:

5:00 - 7:00 PM (every session)

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DOODLE CLUB!



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

Ages 8 - 18 are welcome to come join fellow coloring enthusiasts in the Young Adult Room on the 2nd Floor for some self-led coloring time every other weekend(ish) for an hour of fun!



MEETING DATES IN DECEMBER:

Saturday, December 9th - 2:30 - 3:30 pm

Saturday, December 30th - 2:30 - 3:30 pm



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Yarn Craft Crafternoon!



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2023 | 3:30 - 5:00 PM
NEEDHAM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM



A DIY CRAFT PROGRAM FOR AGES 10 AND UP

COME LEARN HOW TO KNIT, CROCHET,
LOOM KNIT, OR JUST HAVE FUN AND
BE CREATIVE WITH YARN



ALL MATERIALS PROVIDED... EVEN SNACKS AND DRINKS!!



HOMEMADE WARMTH, COMING YOUR WAY

Disney · PIXAR

ELEMENTAL



Join us for an afternoon of
adventure as we watch
Elemental (2023, PG)

Ages 9+ Welcome

**Wednesday, December 20th
beginning at 2 pm**

Registration Helpful
though not necessary
needhamlibrary.org/events
Registration Opens: Dec. 1



SCAN ME

Some Snacks and Drinks Provided (or bring your own!)

An all-new, original feature film set in Element City, where fire-, water-, land- and air residents live together. Ember, a tough, quick-witted, and fiery young woman, whose friendship with a fun, sappy, go-with-the-flow guy named Wade challenges her beliefs about the world they live in.

A Program for Tweens, Teens and Up!



Gaming and Chill Zone

Tuesday, December 26th, 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!

Don't wanna play a game? Come chill with us anyway!

Registration recommended at needhamlibrary.org/events



COME TO BIBLIOTECA FOR A MAGICAL CELEBRATION!*

In the Needham Free Public Library Community Room



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2023
7:00 - 9:00 PM



People ages 10 - 18 are welcome to come and watch the movie and participate in an interactive experience of Disney's 2021 (PG) film *Encanto*!

- Trivia, Snacks, Prizes, and Fun! -
Registration Required if you want a kit
Costumes Encouraged!



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

*REGISTRATION NOW OPEN AND WILL CLOSE DECEMBER 21ST TO ENSURE SUPPLIES ARE READY IN TIME *



**A visit from the
Snow Queen**

Wednesday, December 27
2:30 pm
for ages 5+

Register at needhamlibrary.org/events

The event poster features a woman dressed as the Snow Queen, wearing a white cape and crown, holding a wand. The background is a light blue gradient with white snowflakes. The text is in a bold, blue, sans-serif font.

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

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