



Friends of the Needham Public Library

Winter-Spring 2021 Events

All programs are free and will be presented on Zoom. To receive the link, please register within one month of the event date here: <https://needhamma.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/>



Sunday, January 24, 2021, 2:00-3:30 PM

Casper Grathwohl, Senior Executive, Oxford University Press, “The Oxford English Dictionary in the Digital Age”

Mr. Grathwohl discusses the ongoing relevance of dictionaries in the digital age, how the granddaddy of all dictionaries keeps its listing up to date, and how the OED is helping to preserve world languages threatened by modern times. Zoom presentation (see directions above).



Sunday, January 31, 2021, 2-3:30 PM

Ruth B. Margolin, Crossword puzzle builder, “The Art of Crossword Puzzle Construction”

Learn the ABCs of crossword puzzle creation from an expert who has published puzzles in the *New York Times*, *New York Times Magazine*, *The Wall Street Journal* and *USA Today*. Ms. Margolin will walk through the steps of creating a publishable crossword puzzle, from concept to completion. A quality puzzle is all about attention to detail. Zoom presentation (see directions above).



Sunday, February 7, 2021, 2:00-3:30 PM

Dallas Hetherington, C-Change Conversations, “Climate Change and You”

How do we know climate change is real and is caused by humans? What is the scientific consensus? What are the dangers? Is there hope? This accessible overview summarizes the science behind climate change and presents a clear-eyed view of the risk this existential threat poses to humanity. Zoom presentation (see directions above).



Sunday, March 21, 2021, 2:00-3:30 PM

Franklin King IV, MD, “The Psychedelic Renaissance”

Psychedelic drugs are again a hot topic—as medical therapy with the potential to help people with addictions and severe depression. Learn from a Massachusetts General Hospital psychiatrist about the types of psychedelic drugs scientists are investigating, the biology and a therapeutic model that is unlike any other. Zoom presentation (see directions above).



Sunday, April 25, 2021, 2:00-3:30 PM

Beverly Beckham, *Boston Globe*, “Evolution of a Columnist”

Popular *Boston Sunday Globe* columnist Beverly Beckham discusses how she turns her observations of daily life and communities into enlightening essays that move and entertain her readers. Zoom presentation (see directions above)