

January 2024



EVENTS *at the* CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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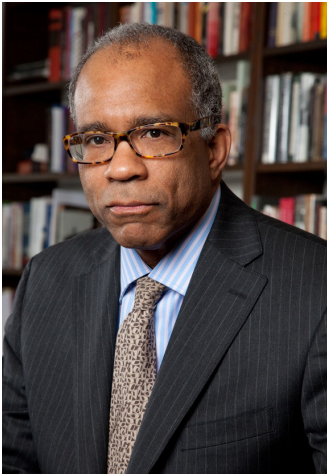
Estate Planning for All with Harvard Law School **VIRTUAL**
Wednesday, January 10, 10:15 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Estate Planning for All



Anyone and everyone can have an estate plan. Join the Legal Services Center at Harvard Law School to learn more. Estate plans can help you prepare for unexpected changes, offer a sense of security in uncertain times and

ensure that your wishes will be carried out if you become ill or die unexpectedly. We will discuss financial issues during our lifetimes, health and medical issues, and preparing for death.



49th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Lecture with Professor Randall Kennedy **HYBRID**

Tuesday, January 16, 6-7:30 p.m.

Lecture Hall

Join Randall Kennedy for a keynote speech on Martin Luther King Jr.'s life and legacy. Kennedy is the Michael R. Klein Professor at Harvard Law School where he teaches courses on contracts, criminal law, and the regulation of race relations. He

served as a law clerk for Judge J. Skelly Wright of the United States Court of Appeals and for Justice Thurgood Marshall of the United States Supreme Court.

He is a member of the bar of the District of Columbia and the Supreme Court of the United States. He was awarded the 1998 Robert F. Kennedy Book Award for *Race, Crime, and the Law*.



Day of Action for Menstrual Equity! **IN-PERSON**

Saturday, January 20, 1-4:30 p.m.

Community Room

Join the Girl Up New England Coalition and the Cambridge Public Library for a Day of Action for Menstrual Equity! Together, we will assemble sustainable period kits for local girls in need, while hearing from youth advocates, local entrepreneurs, and other women leaders speaking out against period poverty in Cambridge and beyond. You'll learn about the impacts of period poverty in New England and find out how you can support the I AM Bill, which would offer free period products in MA schools.



Tracy K. Smith, Author of *To Free the Captives: A Plea for the American Soul* **HYBRID**

Wednesday, January 24, 6-7:30 p.m.

Lecture Hall

Join us in welcoming Tracy K. Smith for a reading and discussion of her latest book. Smith is a Pulitzer Prize-winning poet, memoirist, editor, translator and opera librettist. She served as the 22nd Poet Laureate

of the United States from 2017-19, during which time she spearheaded *American Conversations: Celebrating Poems in Rural Communities* with the Library of Congress, launched the American Public Media podcast *The Slowdown*, and edited the anthology *American Journal: Fifty Poems for Our Time*. She is a professor of English and of African and African American Studies at Harvard University.

SERVICE UPDATE

All Library locations will be closed Monday, Jan. 1 for New Year's Day.

All Library locations will be closed Monday, Jan. 15 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

The City of Cambridge does not discriminate on the basis of disability. The Cambridge Public Library will provide auxiliary aids and services, written materials in alternative formats, and reasonable modifications in policies and procedures to persons with disabilities upon request.

For more information, contact us at library@cambridgema.gov, 617-349-4032 (voice), or via relay at 711

website cambridgepubliclibrary.org

instagram [@cambridgepubliclibrary](https://www.instagram.com/cambridgepubliclibrary)

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VIRTUAL Virtual event

IN-PERSON In-person event

HYBRID In-person event with option to attend virtually



Creative Minds, Diverse Thoughts: Exploring Neurodiversity through Artistic Expression

IN-PERSON

Saturday, January 13, 1-3 p.m.

Community Room

Heyon Choi presents a workshop and lecture on her art exhibit "Celebrating MLK Day with Artists on the Autism Spectrum." This informal workshop invites patrons to view the art exhibit along the L2 hallway, meet the exhibit director, and create crafts inspired by the exhibit.



Cambridge Cooks IN-PERSON

Tuesday, January 9, 6-7 p.m.

Tuesday, January 30, 6-7 p.m.

Café

January 9: Nagisa Ikemura Teaches Bento: Nagisa Ikemura of Nagomi Bento will teach patrons the delicate art of bento, a home-cooked lunch central to Japanese home and cultural life for centuries.

January 30: Mei Mei Dumplings: Mei Mei Dumplings will teach participants the art of dumpling making.

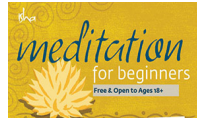


Death Café VIRTUAL

Wednesday, January 24, 7-8 p.m.

Join us for a virtual Death Café - an evening of open, lively, and insightful discussion about death for adults aged 18 and older. While not a support group nor a venue for

bereavement, a Death Café seeks to provide an unscripted, non-judgmental platform for those wishing to explore the many facets of this often-taboo subject. Facilitated by Richard Davis, a long time Death Café organizer and hospice volunteer. Come with an open mind, a healthy curiosity, and a willingness to share your thoughts, feelings, and questions with other like-minded individuals. Questions? Contact Abby at aclinger@cambridgema.gov.



Isha Kriya IN-PERSON

Saturday, January 13, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Community Room

In this one-hour session, you will learn Isha Kriya, a simple 12-18 minute practice, to help you meditate effortlessly. For beginners and experienced meditators alike!



Mindfulness and Journaling: "Happy, Mindful New Year!"

IN-PERSON

Tuesday, January 23, 6-7 p.m.

Community Room

Start the new year with awareness! Join us for brief guided meditations and restorative practices to nurture a sense of present awareness, while setting personally meaningful intentions for the year. There will be time for short journal entries (optional prompts and materials provided). Beginning and experienced meditators and writers are welcome!

Workshops

Basic Tech Classes, various dates

Join us for Basic Tech Classes this January! Learn how to use email, search the internet, and grow your tech skills. Pick and choose the classes that are right for you. Look for new tech classes each month. Registration is required for each class.

- Intro to LinkedIn Learning
Tuesday, January 16, 1-2 p.m.
Learning Lab
- Google Photos Basics
Wednesday, January 17, 11 a.m.- 12 p.m.
Learning Lab
- Google Sheets Basics
Tuesday, January 23, 1-2 p.m.
Learning Lab
- Connecting with Balance: Build Healthy Digital Habits
Wednesday, January 24, 11 a.m.- 12 p.m.
Learning Lab
- Organize Your Files with Google Drive: Tips and Tricks
Tuesday, January 30, 1-2 p.m.
Learning Lab

To sign up for classes, visit tinyurl.com/basictechclass or call us at 617-349-4041.

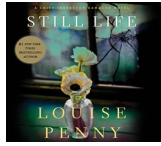




Book Groups



Adult Book Groups



Boudreau

Boudreau Branch Mystery Book Group **HYBRID**

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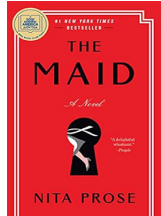
Still Life by Louise Penny
Tuesday, January 23, 12-1 p.m.

The Maid by Nita Prose

Boudreau Branch Book Group **HYBRID**

Wednesday, January 10, 12-1 p.m.

The First Ladies by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray



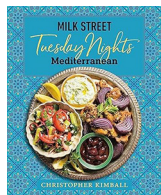
Collins

Collins Branch Book Group **VIRTUAL** Tuesday, January 30, 6-7 p.m.

Black Cake by Charmaine Wilkerson

Cookbook Group **IN-PERSON** Thursday, January 25, 6-7 p.m.

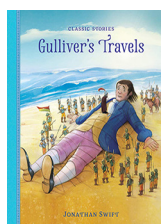
Milk Street Tuesday Nights: Mediterranean by Christopher Kimball



Main Library

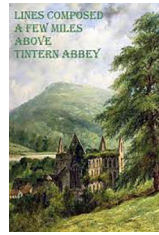
Romance Book Group **IN-PERSON** Tuesday January 9, 7:15-8:15 p.m.

Chef's Choice by TJ Alexander

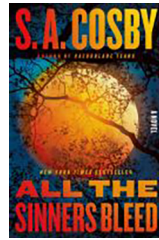


Great Books Book Group **HYBRID**

Tuesday, January 9, 7:15-8:45 p.m. *Gulliver's Travels* by Jonathan Swift

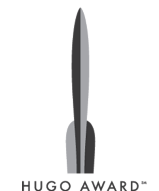


Tuesday, January 23, 7:15-8:45 p.m. William Wordsworth, preface to *Lyrical Ballads*, "Lines Written a Few Miles above Tintern Abbey" and "Ode: Intimations of Immortality from Recollections of Early Childhood"



Contemporary Book Group **IN-PERSON** Tuesday, January 16, 6-7 p.m.

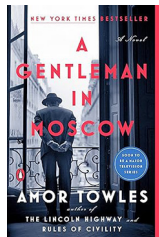
All the Sinners Bleed by S.A. Crosby



HUGO AWARD™

Science Fiction & Fantasy Book Group **IN-PERSON** Wednesday, January 17, 6-7 p.m.

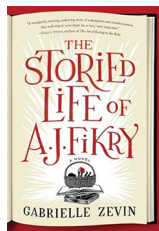
Hugo nominated short fiction (novelettes and short stories)



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Adult Book Group **IN-PERSON** Tuesday, January 16, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

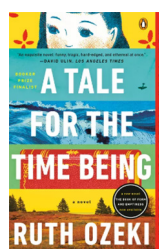
A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles



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O'Neill Branch Book Group **IN-PERSON** Monday, January 8, 6:30-8 p.m.

The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry by Gabrielle Zevin



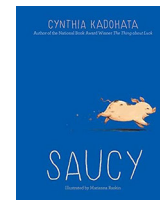
Valente

Valente Branch Book Group **IN-PERSON** Wednesday, January 17, 12-1 p.m.

A Tale for the Time Being by Ruth Ozeki

Children's Book Groups

Main Library



Parent/Child (Ages 7-10) Book Group **VIRTUAL** Tuesday, January 9, 6-7 p.m.

Saucy by Cynthia Kadohata

Parent/Child (Ages 10-13) Book Group **VIRTUAL**

Wednesday, January 10, 6-7 p.m.

The City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau



Books Not Binaries Book Group **Wednesday, January 31, 6-7 p.m.**

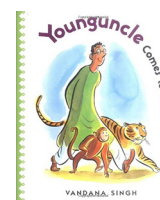
The Best At It by Maulik Pancholy. *This group is currently full.*

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Magic Tree House Book Group **HYBRID** Friday, January 5, 4-5 p.m.

Stage Fright on a Summer Night by Mary Pope Osborne (Ages 5-10)



Kids' Classic Fantasy Book Group **HYBRID** Friday, January 19, 5-5:40 p.m.

Younguncle Comes to Town by Vandana Singh (Ages 10-14)



Graphics Are Great! Book Group **HYBRID** Tuesday, January 23, 4-5 p.m.

Play Like a Girl by Misty Wilson and David Wilson (Ages 8-12)



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Kids' Books for Everyone **HYBRID** Tuesday, January 16, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
The Puppets of Spelhorst by Kate DiCamillo (All ages, adults welcome)

LIBRARY LOCATIONS/PHONE/HOURS

Main Library

449 Broadway | 617-349-4040

Mon-Thu 9-9, Fri-Sat 9-5, Sun 1-5 (Sept-June)

Boudreau

245 Concord Ave. | 617-349-4017

Mon-Wed 10-8, Thu-Fri 10-6

Central Square

45 Pearl St. | 617-349-4010

Mon 10-6, Tue-Thurs 10-9, Fri 10-6, Sat 10-2

Collins Branch

64 Aberdeen Ave. | 617-349-4021

Mon 10-6, Tue-Thurs 10-8, Fri 10-6

O'Connell

48 Sixth St. | 617-349-4019

Mon 10-6, Tue-Thurs 10-8, Fri 10-6

O'Neill

70 Rindge Ave. | 617-349-4023

Mon-Wed 10-8, Thurs-Fri 10-6, Sat 1-5

Valente

826 Cambridge St. | 617-349-4015

Mon-Wed 10-8, Thurs-Fri 10-6, Sat 1-5

All locations are accessible by public transportation.

Details are on our website.

Branch Events

Boudreau



Chess Hour

Monday, January 8 and January 22, 6-7 p.m.

Come join us for a chess challenge. Players of all skill levels and all ages are welcome to participate. Chess sets will be provided, but feel free to bring your own if you prefer. This is not an instructional class, but rather a gathering for individuals who want to play and test their skills against other members of the community. **Registration is not required.**



Knitting Group

Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Bring your project, yarn, and needles to enjoy an hour in the company of other crafters.

One-on-One Tech Help by Appointment

Wednesday, January 17 and January 31, 4-4:45 p.m.

Would you like help navigating the library's e-resources like Libby or Hoopla? Or maybe you need some basic computer or mobile device guidance? Book a free one-on-one tech help session at the Boudreau branch. Scheduled sessions run between 30-45 minutes. Please bring your device, cords, and any necessary account information. Contact the Boudreau Branch (**617-349-4017**) with questions about this program.

Read to a Dog

Thursday, January 25, 3:30-4:30 p.m.



Read with Ana the Therapy Dog! Therapy dogs provide warm and non-judgmental reading companions for new or experienced readers of all ages. Registration for each ten-minute time slot is required. Sign up the day of the program by phone or in person at the Boudreau Branch (**617-349-4017**).

Coffee, Cribbage, and Chess

Friday, January 26, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.



Join us on the fourth Friday of the month for coffee, treats, and games (Chess, Cribbage, Dominos, etc.). Bring a friend or meet a new one at the library!

LITERACY CENTER PROGRAMS

The Literacy Center is located in the Central Square Branch at 45 Pearl Street.

Intermediate ESOL IN-PERSON

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

High Beginner ESOL IN-PERSON

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1-2:30 p.m.

Advanced ESOL IN-PERSON

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3-4:30 p.m.

Beginner ESOL IN-PERSON

Wednesdays and Fridays, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Résumé & Job Application Support IN-PERSON

Wednesdays, 1-3 p.m.

Central Square

Vision Board Crafting



Thursday, January 4, 6-8 p.m.

Join us at the Central Square Branch for a vision board craft session! Materials will be provided, including magazines, poster paper, glue sticks, scissors, and 2-3 colored pages of anything you would like to add.

One-on-One Tech Help

Tuesday, January 23 and 30, 5-7 p.m.



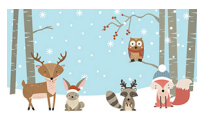
Looking for some basic computer or mobile device guidance? Want to learn how to access audiobooks and eBooks? Stop by at the Central Square Branch for our

drop-in hours! A laptop will be available for use during the session. If you have any questions, please contact syasuda@cambridgema.gov.

Collins

Special Story Time: Snowy Forest Friends

Monday, January 8, 10:30-11:15 a.m.



Join us for a bonus story time featuring animals of the forest, such as foxes, bears and owls. We'll read stories, sing songs and complete a craft celebrating these furry

and feathery winter friends. For children of all ages and a caregiver.

CPL Nature Club: Morning Birdwatching Walk at Mount Auburn Cemetery



Wednesday, January 17, 10:15-11:30 a.m.

Join us at the Collins Branch library for a morning walk at the renowned birdwatching spot in our own backyard, Mount Auburn Cemetery! We will help you identify birds, learn birdwatching tips and tricks, and

familiarize yourself with migratory birds as well as those that can be spotted all year round. A limited supply of binoculars will be available. **Registration is required.**

Crafternoon: Snowflakes

Thursday, January 18, 4-5 p.m.



Celebrate the winter season with an afternoon craft at Collins Branch. We'll provide supplies and instructions to cut traditional snowflakes and advanced 3-D versions using multiple sheets of paper. Recommended for ages 5 and up with a caregiver.

Regular Programs for Children and Families

Boudreau

Songs and Stories

Thursdays, 10:30-10:50 a.m.

Central Square

Story Time

Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10:30-11 a.m.

After School Stories and Crafts

Wednesdays, 4-5 p.m.

Collins

Story Time

Tuesdays, 10:30-11 a.m.

Evening Family Story Time

Wednesdays, 5:30-6 p.m.

Main Library

Baby Lapsit

Mondays, 10-10:20 a.m.

📍 **Rey Room**

Morning Sing-Along

Mondays and Wednesdays, 11-11:25 a.m.

📍 **Curious George Room**

LEGO Time

Mondays, 4-4:45 p.m.

📍 **Curious George Room**

Toddler Story Time

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11-11:25 a.m.

📍 **Rey Room**

Preschool Story Time

Tuesdays, 4-4:25 p.m.

📍 **Rey Room**

Afternoon Sing-Along

Thursdays, 4-4:25 p.m.

📍 **Curious George Room**

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Preschool Story Time

Thursdays, 3:30-4 p.m.

Toddler Story Time

Fridays, 11-11:30 a.m.

O'Neill

Sing-Along

Mondays, 10:30-10:50 a.m.

Story Time

Thursdays, 11-11:30 a.m.

Valente

Songs and Stories

Tuesdays, 11-11:25 a.m.

Story Time

Thursdays, 11-11:25 a.m.

Main

FREE DROP-IN TUTORING FOR TEENS



Free Drop-In Tutoring for Teens

Mondays and Wednesdays, 5-6 p.m.

Teen Room

Need help with a class? Have a question before an exam? Tutors are available to help you! Cambridge School Volunteers and the Cambridge Public Library are pleased to

offer tutoring services in the Teen Room of the Main Library on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5-6 p.m.



Sit 'n' Knit

Tuesdays, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Rossi Room

Bring your project and enjoy the company of other fiber crafters. Drop-in with this informal group to work on your craft, get inspired, pick up skills and socialize. Knit, embroider, crochet, spin, and mend. Refreshments will be provided.

One-on-One Tech Help by appointment



Thursdays, 11-1 p.m.

Looking for some basic computer or mobile device guidance? Want to learn how to access audiobooks and eBooks? A laptop will be available for use during the

session. Registration is required. If you have any questions, please contact syasuda@cambridgema.gov.

Puzzle Party

Thursdays, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Rossi Room

Join our librarians for tea, cookies and a jigsaw puzzle. An hour of fun and conversation on a Thursday afternoon. Refreshments will be provided.

Teen Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 30, 4-5 p.m.

Rossi Room

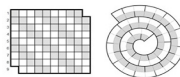
Teens! Help us plan teen programs for the Library! Earn community service hours! Enjoy free snacks! We meet monthly during the school year. No registration required. Stop by the Teen Room or call **617-349-4027** to learn more.

O'Connell

Fiber Crafts Group Drop-In

Wednesdays, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Bring your project and enjoy the company of other fiber crafters. Drop-in with this informal group to work on your craft, get inspired, pick up skills and socialize. Knit, embroider, crochet, spin, mend, cross stitch and more. All crafts are welcome.



Wednesday Word Puzzles

Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Drop in to try some fun puzzles every week: word searches, riddles, and variety crosswords! You can come alone or bring a grownup. Recommended for ages 11 and up. No registration required. Email cmeisler@cambridgema.gov for more details.



Read to a Dog

Wednesday, January 24, 4-5 p.m.

Read with Bowie the Therapy Dog from Pets & People! Therapy dogs provide warm and non-judgmental reading companions for new or experienced readers of all ages. Registration for each 10-minute time slot

is required and begins on Wednesday January 17. Sign up by phone or in person at the O'Connell Branch (**617-349-4019**).



CPL Nature Club: Hibernation Story Time

Thursday, January 25, 3:30-4 p.m.

We invite children and their grown-ups to join us for 20-25 minutes of songs, stories, and rhymes, with a craft to take and make at home, while supplies last. We will read stories about hibernation! No registration is required. Please call (**617**) **349-4019** for details.

Evening Family Story Time

Wednesday, January 31, 5:30-6 p.m.

We invite children and their grown-ups to join us for a special evening story time event. This program will run for 20-25 minutes, with songs, stories and rhymes.

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Wednesdays of Wonder - WOW!

Wednesdays

January 3, 3-4:30 p.m. Paper Chains

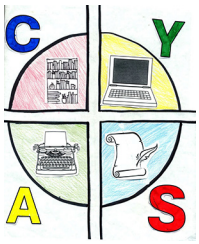
January 10, 3-4:30 p.m. 3-D Doodler Pens

January 17, 3-4:30 p.m. Chromatography

January 24, 3-4:30 p.m. Fabric Crafts

January 31, 3-4:30 p.m. Silly Hats

Come to the Library for games and a different activity each week! Kids of all ages can hang out and do crafts or STEAM activities. **No registration required.**



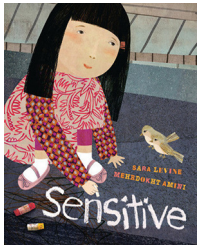
Cambridge Young Authors' Squad Friday, January 5 and January 19, 4-5 p.m.

Young people ages 10 to 14 who love to write are welcome to share their ideas and writing. There will be time for share-outs/ workshopping, as well as group or solo writing. Snacks are provided! **If you are attending for the first time, registration is helpful, but not required.**



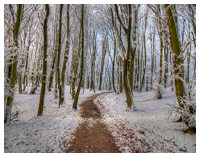
Crafting Corner Saturdays, 1:30-3 p.m.

Fiber arts crafters of all skill levels are welcome to drop in for companionable crafting! Bring your current work in progress, and enjoy tea, snacks, and conversation with other crafters. Chat, share tips, and maybe even inspire others. **No registration required.**



Story Time with Author Sara Levine Saturday, January 6, 2-2:45 p.m.

Join local author Sara Levine for a reading of her latest book, *Sensitive* (Lerner Publishing Group, 2023). This tender picture book follows a girl who is told she is too intense, too sensitive, too much. She's told to grow a thicker skin, but the words of others slip right through. They somersault around inside and press against her heart.



Winter Craft and Story Time Tuesday, January 9, 11 a.m.- 12 p.m.

We invite children and their grown-ups to join us for stories, followed by a winter craft.

Family STEAM Night: Exploring Snow

Tuesday, January 9, 6:30-7:15 p.m.

Families with elementary school age children join us for hands-on activities focused on Science, Technology, Arts, Engineering, and Math. Adults and children will learn and play together!



Read to a Dog Thursday, January 11, 3-4 p.m.

Read with a cuddly friend! Trained therapy dogs provide warm and non-judgmental reading companions for new or experienced readers up to age 14. Registration for each 10-minute time slot is required and begins one week in advance by calling or visiting the O'Neill Branch (617-349-4023).

English Conversation Practice (Intermediate Level) Wednesday, January 10, 17, 24, and 31 1-2:30 p.m.

Join us for an English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Conversation Practice. This conversation group is for those with an intermediate or high level of English language skill. No testing is required. For more information on other ESOL classes, please call Maria Balestrieri at 617-349-4013.



Saturday Songs and Stories Saturday, January 13, 3:30-4 p.m.

Music, movement and stories! Join your librarians for 20 minutes of fun! For children of all ages and their grown-ups.



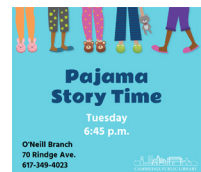
Trivia Night Wednesday, January 24, 6:15-7:00 p.m.

Come join us for Trivia Night! Players of all ages are welcome to test their knowledge of science, history, literature, and culture. Snacks will be provided. Individuals and groups are welcome. **Registration is helpful, but not required.**



Home Brewing Coffee Class with Forge Baking Company Monday, January 29, 6-7:30 p.m.

This class will teach you everything you need to know to brew delicious coffee using a variety of different brewing methods including, aeropress, V60, chemex and more! We'll cover the fundamentals of coffee brewing with plenty of guided tasting to help you understand what excellent coffee should taste like and how to make adjustments if your home brews aren't living up to your expectations. **Registration is required.**



Pajama Story Time Tuesday, January 30, 6:45-7:30 p.m.

Come to the library in your pajamas to listen to stories, read with your children, and enjoy a snack before bed! This program is recommended for children of all ages and their caregivers. Pajama Story Time is presented by the Cambridge Public Library and the Center for Families.

Valente

Drop-in Activity: Puzzling

Friday, January 5, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Join us to work on jigsaw puzzles, crossword puzzles, and wordsearches in the cafe seating area at the Valente Branch.

Evening Story Time

Monday, January 8, 5:30-5:55 p.m.



VALENTE BRANCH
EVENING STORY TIME

We invite children and their grown-ups to join us for a special evening story time event. This program will run for 25-30 minutes, with songs, stories and rhymes. **No registration is required.**



Board Game Night for Adults

Tuesday, January 9, 6-7:30 p.m.

Join us for an evening of board games. We have: Ticket to Ride, Settlers of Catan, Scrabble, chess, checkers, Boggle, Bananagrams, and more! Feel free to bring a board game to play with others. We will provide pizza and beverages.



Know Your Rights Clinic

Wednesday, January 10, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Get educated and feel empowered to know and utilize your rights! Come learn from local attorney Andrew Fischer of the National Lawyers Guild about what to do

if you are ever confronted by law enforcement, including the police, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, etc. Open to all ages.

After School Crafts

Friday, January 12, 3-4 p.m.

Join us after school and get creative! Make a craft project and take it home with you. All supplies will be provided by the library. This program is recommended for children ages 5+ and their caregivers. No registration is required for this drop-in activity. Contact the library at **617-349-4015** for more information.

Drop-in Mini Golf for All Ages

Saturday, January 20, 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Join us for some indoor fun! Stop by this afternoon to play a round of mini golf. Please arrive no later than 3:30pm to have time to complete one round of golf. On the day of, stop by the front desk to reserve your tee time.

Make Along for Adults

Tuesday, January 23, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Join us for the first of a monthly make-along series to create and socialize. Make this month's project or bring your own! This month we will be making LED Lanterns; all supplies will be provided.

Family Game Night: Big Board Games

Wednesday, January 24, 6-7:30 p.m.

Challenge your family or meet new friends over giant board games in the Community Room at Valente. The library will supply games and snacks. No registration is required for this drop-in event. This event is recommended for children ages 5 and up, with their caregivers. Contact the library at **617-349-4015** for more information.



Teen Anime Club

Friday, January 26, 3-4:30 p.m.

Join us at the Valente Branch for an anime-filled afternoon. Enjoy the company of friends and snacks as we dive into a show together! Open to preteens and teens ages 12 and up. Please contact the library at **617-349-4015** for more information.



Saturday Story Time

Saturday, January 27, 2-2:25 p.m.

Join us for a special Saturday Story Time at the Valente Branch! Children and their caregivers are invited to join us for 20-25 minutes of stories and songs. No registration is required. Please contact the library at **617-349-4015** for more information.



Bring Your Own Lunch Social

Monday, January 29, 12-1 p.m.

Bring your own lunch and we'll provide dessert! Take a break to meet your neighbors and network. **Registration is helpful.**

Save the Date



Boston Festival Orchestra: The Power of Four

Saturday, February 3, 2-3:30 p.m.

📍 Lecture Hall

The string quartet, comprising two violinists, one viola, and one cello, has been the foundation of classical chamber music for centuries. But how did we get there? And what is it about this instrumentation that is so special? To help answer these questions, musicians of the Boston Festival Orchestra will perform carefully chosen selections of chamber music in chronological order. Learn about the history, characteristics, and possibilities of the universally beloved string quartet.



Cambridge Cooks: Jam Sessions teaches Apple Cider Jelly

Tuesday, February 6, 5:30-7 p.m.

📍 Café

Jam out during this Cambridge Cooks installment, as Afton Cyrus of Jam Sessions teaches participants how to make apple cider jelly using local apples. Cambridge Cooks invites local chefs for a free cooking demonstration, followed by a tasting and Q&A with the chef.



Wellness for Seniors: Tai Chi Paradigm

Wednesdays, February 7 - April 24, 10-11 a.m.

Fridays, February 9 - April 26, 10-11 a.m.

📍 Community Room, Main Library

Join us in this twelve-week Tai Chi Paradigm practice, which focuses on the mind and body connection.

Tai Chi is a fluid sequence of movements choreographed in a low impact routine. Sponsored by the Cambridge Public Library Foundation.

We are offering two separate Tai Chi Paradigm series, a Wednesday and a Friday series. Space is limited. Due to the popularity of this series, we expect participants to attend all the classes. Please register for only one of the series.

Registration required and opens January 17 at 9 a.m.

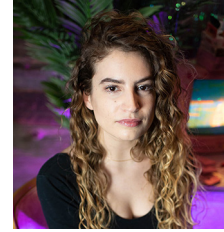
CPL Presents: Poets on Love and Desire

Tuesday, February 13, 6-7:30 p.m.

📍 Lecture Hall



Jill McDonough



Rachelle Toarmino



Tawanda Mulalu

Join the Cambridge Public Library the night before Valentine's Day for a poetry reading and conversation on the poetry of love and desire. Poets Jill McDonough, Rachelle Toarmino, and Tawanda Mulalu will each read from their own work and then join together in a discussion of love poetry moderated by the Library's very own Zachary Bond.

Exploring Opera, Art Song, and The Harlem Renaissance: Opera on Tap at the CPL

Wednesday, February 21, 6-7:30 p.m.

📍 Lecture Hall, Main Library



Join us for a special preview of Opera on Tap's upcoming show, 'Opera, Art Song, and the Harlem Renaissance: Celebrating Black Excellence.' Some of Boston's finest classical singers will be exploring music born of and inspired by the vibrant Harlem Renaissance while diving deep into the narratives of Black musicians, poets and composers.

Jenny the Juggler

Wednesday, February 21, 2-2:45 p.m.

📍 O'Connell

Jenny the Juggler connects with people through juggling, magic, music, and more to create fabulous experiences with unforgettable memories for any occasion! For children of all ages and their caregivers.

No registration required.



Highlights from 2023



Cambridge Women Authors



L-R Jenny Odell, Director McCauley, and Nina MacLaughlin



Park Sounds with Fabiola Mendez



Book Signing: Cambridge Women Authors



Cambridge Cooks: Ploy's Kitchen



Ilyon Woo with Myisha Eatmon



Amanda Peters, author of *The Berry Pickers*, in conversation with Grace Talusan



Cambridge Cooks: Forge Bakery



This summer, readers of all ages were busy "getting connected" at the library's annual summer reading program. In the Children's Room, readers added personalized pieces to a community-created jigsaw puzzle whenever they visited.



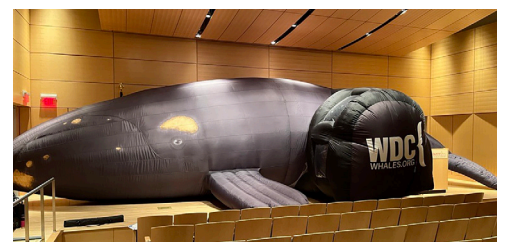
Director Maria McCauley and artist Elisa Hamilton attended the Jukebox Release Reception to celebrate the Cambridge community members who have shared their stories through the Jukebox project.



The Library Nature Club has hosted 15 programs since October relating to the natural world!



MLK Day 2023



The Cambridge Science Festival hosted tons of fun programs, including Delilah, the inflatable, life-sized North Atlantic right whale

Hive Workshops for January 2024

All participants must complete the Hive Safety Training before attending Hive Workshops.



3D Printing 101: Game Piece Design

IN-PERSON Learn how to create your favorite game piece in digital space and print it out using our Sindo 3D printers. You will get hands-on experience running the 3D printer, gain fundamental 3D modeling skills using Tinkercad, and earn your 3D Printing badge for future reservations in The Hive. Before taking this workshop, **you must** create a free Tinkercad account at www.tinkercad.com.

Equipment and Studio Reservations

IN-PERSON Anyone who has completed Hive training and is badged to use equipment or studio(s) can reserve Hive equipment or studio spaces during these times. Staff will assist participants as they are able.

Glowforge 101: Creative Laser Cutting (Part 1 & 2) **IN-PERSON** Learn how to cut, engrave, and shape designs from a variety of materials using the Glowforge Pro laser cutter in this two-part series.

Hive Safety Training **HYBRID** You will learn about our makerspace, how to use our resources, and how to keep safe in The Hive.

Hive Teen Hangout **IN-PERSON** Have you checked out The Hive yet? Teens are welcome to come learn about our space and try their hand at sticker making, video recording in our studio and more. This is a drop-in event designed for patrons ages 12-18.

Sewing Circle **IN-PERSON** Continue building your machine-sewing skills AND receive support as you work on your own sewing projects with our Library sewing



Welcome to the state-of-the-art makerspace located at the Main Library! It is a hub for STEAM learning, creativity, and community collaboration in Cambridge. Its mission is to provide free, hands-on learning opportunities to the Cambridge community, resources for personal projects, and to serve as a hub for skill sharing and creative collaboration.

The Hive is open to individuals with a Minuteman library card. The space is designed for independent use for patrons ages 12 and up and supervised use for children under the age of 12.

community. Participants must register but may drop-in any time during the program. This program is designed for patrons who know the basics of how to use our Janome sewing machines.

Serger 101 **IN-PERSON** Are you an intermediate or advanced sewer? This workshop will cover serger machine setup, threading a serger, and identifying correct tension settings with different types of fabric. You will learn about ways to use our Elna Extend 864 Air serger to take your sewing skills to the next level by producing special finishing styles, hemming, trimming, and assembling your garments.

Sewing 101 **IN-PERSON** Learn the basics of sewing machine operation and safety. This session will cover machine setup, basic functions, threading the machine, reloading the bobbin, sewing straight stitches, and recognizing when stitch tension has gone awry.

Studio Recording 101 **IN-PERSON** Are you interested in podcasting, audio production, or video production? The Hive has two state-of-the-art recording studios! Join this workshop to become familiar with studio equipment and software.

Videography 101 **IN-PERSON** Step into the Hive's state-of-the-art recording studio and film a short video of yourself in front of our green screen. Then, spend some time becoming familiar with video editing software while working with your footage.

Vinyl Cutting 101 **IN-PERSON** Would you like to make your own vinyl signs, stickers, or images to transfer to T-shirts and other textiles? In this workshop, you can learn how to use our Roland Camm-1 GS-24 vinyl cutter. You can then design a sticker and cut it with our vinyl cutter! Registration is required.

XR Lab 101 **IN-PERSON** Extended reality (XR) opens the door to worlds and experiences outside the everyday through virtual reality, augmented reality, and mixed reality equipment. Test drive our Microsoft HoloLens augmented reality glasses, Structure Sensor 3D scanner, Merge headsets, and more.

Zing Laser Cutting 101 **IN-PERSON** Learn how to use our Epilog Zing—an industry-standard laser cutting machine. Complete this workshop to earn a badge for the Zing laser cutter.



Hive Calendar - January 2024

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