



## Cambridge Public Library Celebrates Total Solar Eclipse with Free Glasses, Performances, Crafts, and More

**Cambridge, MA, April 2--** During April, the Cambridge Public Library will host several events leading up to the total solar eclipse on Monday, April 8. A total solar eclipse happens when the Moon passes between the Sun and Earth, completely blocking the face of the Sun. The sky will darken as if it were dawn or dusk. Patrons must wear specialized eye protection to view the eclipse safely. The Library will begin distributing ISO-certified solar eclipse glasses on April 1 at all branches. There is a limit of one pair of glasses per patron, while supplies last. Glasses will be distributed from main service desks at branches and from Q&A at the Main Library.

The Library will host the following programs on the day of the eclipse, April 8:

**Outdoor Music!** [Monday, April 8](#), 1-2 p.m., Main Library, Joan Lorentz Park: Musician Dan Walker will perform original songs in Joan Lorentz Park. Dance and celebrate our first outdoor performance of the season and get ready for the eclipse with neighbors and friends!

**Indoor Eclipse Livestream** [Monday, April 8](#), 2:30-4 p.m., Main Library, Lecture Hall: The Main Library will host a livestream of the 2024 solar eclipse in the Lecture Hall.

**Eclipse Watch Party!** [Monday, April 8](#), 3-4 p.m., O'Connell: Celebrate the eclipse with chalk art and bubbles and enjoy some eclipse-themed refreshments. Eclipse glasses will be available to share, but supplies are limited, so please bring your own if you have them!

**Draw the Eclipse! Sidewalk Chalk Art** [Monday, April 8](#), 3-4 p.m., Valente: Experience this astronomical phenomenon together! Solar eclipse glasses will be available while supplies last and participants are invited to draw what they see using sidewalk chalk.

Check out the Library's [event calendar](#) to see additional programs leading up to the eclipse.

Looking for more ways to celebrate the eclipse? Fresh Pond Reservation is hosting a celebration at Kingsley Park on April 8, from 2-4:40 p.m. Learn more [here](#).

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### About the Cambridge Public Library:

At the Cambridge Public Library, we welcome all, inspire minds, and empower community. We support a Cambridge where everyone has equitable opportunities to learn, people live their best lives and democracy thrives. The Library's programming provides an opportunity for civic dialogue, conversation, and learning, which includes exploring a wide range of views. [Visit our website](#) to learn more. Subscribe to our email list to stay up to date on our events [here](#).

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