

May 2024



EVENTS *at the* CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

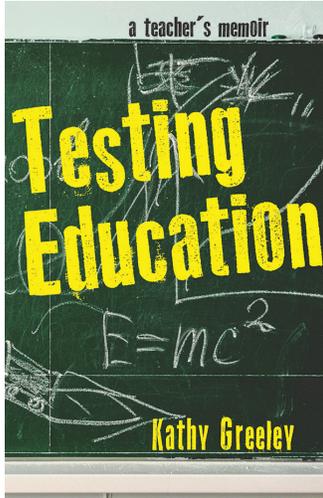
Events

CPL Presents: Kathy Greeley, author of *Testing Education*

IN-PERSON

May 2, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Lecture Hall

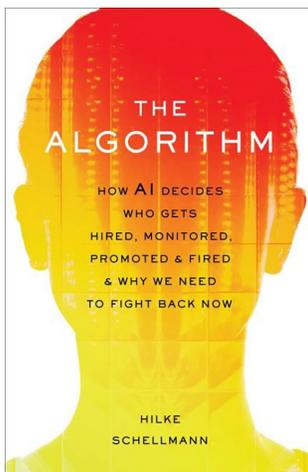


Join debut author Kathy Greeley, a long-time teacher in the Cambridge and Boston Public School systems, for a reading and conversation about her new book *Testing Education: A Teacher's Memoir*. *Testing Education* is both a critique of the widespread standardized testing and curricula that have proliferated in the past twenty years in the American public education system and an impassioned memoir by a lifelong teacher who was a first-hand witness to such systemic changes. **Registration is required.**

CPL Presents: Hilke Schellmann, author of *The Algorithm: How AI Decides Who Gets Hired, Monitored, Promoted, and Fired, And Why We Need to Fight Back* **HYBRID**

Wednesday, May 8, 6-7:30 p.m.

Lecture Hall



Hilke Schellmann, is an Emmy award-winning investigative reporter and assistant professor of journalism at New York University. In her book, *The Algorithm: How AI Decides Who Gets Hired, Monitored, Promoted, and Fired, And Why We Need To Fight Back*, she investigates the rise of AI in the world of work. **Registration is required.**

Brewery Book Club **IN-PERSON**

Wednesday, May 8, 7-8:30 p.m.

Lamplighter Brewing - Broadway

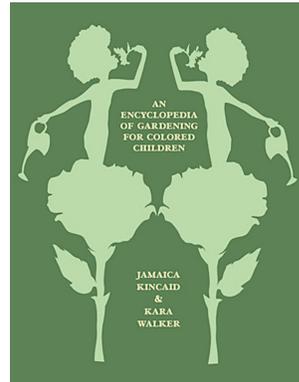


You're invited to our May Brewery Book Club, where Lamplighter and the Cambridge Public Library team up to highlight contemporary works from marginalized voices while having a beer. This month we'll read *Land of Milk and Honey* by C Pam Zhang. **Registration is required.**

Harvard Book Store Presents: Jamaica Kincaid **IN-PERSON**

Thursday, May 9, 6-7:30 p.m.

Lecture Hall



Harvard Book Store and the Cambridge Public Library welcome Jamaica Kincaid—Professor of African and African American Studies at Harvard University and award-winning author of *A Small Place*, *Annie John*, and *Lucy*—for a discussion of her new book *An Encyclopedia of Gardening for Colored Children*. **Registration is required.**

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

website cambridgepubliclibrary.org

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twitter [@cambridgepl](https://twitter.com/cambridgepl)

facebook www.facebook.com/CambridgePL

SERVICE UPDATE

All Library locations will be closed on Sunday, May 26 and Monday, May 27 for Memorial Day.

VIRTUAL Virtual event

IN-PERSON In-person event

HYBRID In-person event with option to attend virtually



Mother's Day Paint 'n Sip

IN-PERSON

Saturday, May 11, 12-1:30 p.m.

Community Room

Celebrate Mother's Day by learning watercolor basics and sipping sparkling cider. All supplies will be provided, and no experience is necessary. Express your creativity and paint something special for your loved ones! Registration is required.



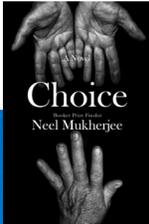
Cambridge Cooks: Celebrate Haitian Flag Day!

IN-PERSON

Monday, May 20, 5-6 p.m.

Community Room

We continue to celebrate Haitian Flag Day with this special installment of Cambridge Cooks featuring returning chef Ayida Solé as she teaches us how to make loaded Bannann Pézé, also known as Plantain Nachos! Registration is required.



CPL Presents: Neel Mukherjee, author of Choice

HYBRID

Wednesday, May 15, 6-7:30 p.m.

Lecture Hall

Join Neel Mukherjee, author of the Man Booker Prize-nominated novel *The Lives of Others*, for a reading and conversation from his new novel *Choice*. A Professor of English at Harvard, Mukherjee has been called "one of the most original and talented authors working today" (NPR). In a pre-publication blurb Tracy K. Smith called *Choice* "searing, poetic and beautifully brutal." Registration is required.



AAPI Heritage Month: Cambridge Cooks with Afruza Akther

IN-PERSON

Wednesday, May 22, 6-7 p.m.

Community Room

Cambridge Cooks invites local chefs to the Library for a free cooking demonstration, followed by a tasting and Q&A with the chefs. Celebrate AAPI Heritage Month with Chef Afruza. Chef Afruza will teach participants to make Ghungi, a Bengali-style chickpea salad. Registration is required.

Death Cafe

VIRTUAL

Wednesday, May 22, 7-8 p.m.

Zoom



Join us for a virtual Death Cafe - 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 Cafe 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 Cafe 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.

This is a virtual event on Zoom. Registration is required.

Questions? Contact Abby at aclinger@cambridgema.gov.



Digital Discovery: Exploring Fun and Practical Artificial Intelligence Tools

IN-PERSON

Thursday, May 16, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Community Room

Learn about artificial intelligence (AI) tools, including DALL-E and ChatGPT, through fun and engaging exercises. AI technology can be

used to plan a garden, assist with crosswords, create art, write poetry and more. Registration is required.



Tjovi Ginen

May 18, 1-3 p.m.
Joan Lorentz Park
Main Library

Sacred Songs and Rituals: Tjovi Ginen and the Power of Vodoun Music

IN-PERSON

Saturday, May 18, 1-3 p.m.

Joan Lorentz Park

Join us for a special Sacred Songs and Rituals in celebration of Haitian Flag Day. Tjovi Ginen is the

preeminent interpreter of vodoun music in the New England Area for over 25 years. Tjovi Ginen's high octane fusion of vodoun music characterized by pulsating rhythms and call and response, with reggae, ska, dub, and a variety of African traditional sounds will highlight Haiti's dynamic culture while paying homage to its African roots. No registration is required.

AAPI Heritage Month: Boston Festival Orchestra

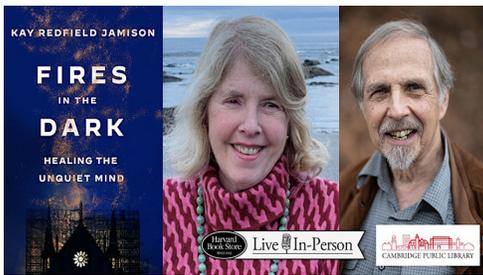
IN-PERSON

Saturday, May 25, 2-3:30 p.m.

Lecture Hall



The BFO will perform special selections of chamber music that lift up the voices of AAPI performers and composers, paired with excerpts from written works by local authors. Join BFO Artistic Director Alyssa Wang, BFO musicians, and guest artists in an intimate dialogue about what it means to experience art, and how it can help us to relate to the world around us. Enjoy a brief reception following the concert. Registration is required.



Harvard Book Store Presents: Kay Redfield Jamison

IN-PERSON

Thursday, May 30, 6-7:30 p.m.

📍 Lecture Hall

Harvard Book Store and the Cambridge Public Library welcome Kay Redfield Jamison—Dalio Professor in Mood Disorders and professor of psychiatry at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and author of the Pulitzer Prize-finalist *Robert Lowell: Setting the River on Fire*—for a discussion of the paperback release of her book *Fires in the Dark: Healing the Unquiet Mind*. She will be joined in conversation by Dr. Arthur Kleinman—author of *The Soul of Care* and professor of global health and social medicine at Harvard Medical School. **Registration is required.**

Workshops



Basic Tech Classes IN-PERSON

Various dates

📍 Learning Lab or Rossi Room

Join us for Basic Tech Classes this May! Pick and choose classes that are right for you. **Registration is required for each class.** To view and register for this month's classes, please go to tinyurl.com/basictechclass.



Mental Health First Aid Training

IN-PERSON

Saturday, May 4, 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.

📍 Community Room

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) teaches you how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among adults. You'll build skills and confidence you need to reach out and provide initial support to those who are struggling. You'll also learn how to help connect them to appropriate support. **Registration is required.**



Wellness for Seniors: Zumba® Gold

Mondays, May 2-May 30, 11-11:45 a.m.

📍 Zoom VIRTUAL

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

Community Room IN-PERSON

Put on your dancing shoes to improve flexibility and balance, strengthen muscles and have fun! Registration for each session is required. This program is offered virtually on

Mondays and in-person on Thursdays. **A Zoom link will be sent to all virtual participants 1 hour before the event.** Sponsored by the Cambridge Public Library Foundation.

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.**

Twilight Songs and Stories **Thursdays, 5:30-6 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 Ages 5+ **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

O'Connell

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.**

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.-12:30 p.m.

High Beginner ESOL IN-PERSON

Mondays, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

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

Advanced ESOL IN-PERSON

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

Beginner ESOL IN-PERSON

Mondays, 1-2:30 p.m.

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

Fridays, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-2:30 p.m.

Résumé & Job Application Support IN-PERSON

Wednesdays, 1-3 p.m.

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.

The Call Is Coming from Inside the House: A Personal Essay Workshop with Alysia Abbott IN-PERSON

Mondays, May 6, 13, and 20, 6-8 p.m.

📍 Rossi Room

Explore the complexities of writing about family—the opportunities, the challenges, and the benefits. This two-hour course meets once a week for three weeks and is designed both for those who are just beginning to write nonfiction and those who have drafts they want to deepen. **Registration is required.**



Creating Comics Workshop IN-PERSON

Wednesday, May 8, 2:30-4 p.m.

📍 Curious George Room

Learn all the steps to create your very own graphic novel with local artist and author Dean Calusdian! Participants will learn everything from storytelling to panel design to lettering to publishing and then have a chance to try penciling and inking on their own. For ages 8-12. Space is limited.



Estate Planning for All

VIRTUAL

Tuesday, May 14, 10-11:30 a.m.

📍 Zoom

The Cambridge Public Library and Legal Services Center of Harvard Law School are excited to offer *Estate Planning for All*. 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, incapacitated, or die unexpectedly. Everyone—regardless of background or financial situation—can have an estate plan. **Registration is required.**

DNA Testing for Genealogical Research IN-PERSON

Wednesday, May 15, 2-3 p.m.

📍 Community Room

An in-depth look at DNA testing, the pros and cons, and its value for genealogical research. **Registration is required.**



Isha Kriya IN-PERSON

Saturday, May 18, 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 become meditative effortlessly. For beginners and experienced meditators alike! **While registration is preferred, it is not required. Walk-ins are welcome!**

Handsewing for Mending IN-PERSON

Wednesday, May 22, 6-7:30 p.m.

📍 Valente

Handsewing for Mending will focus on hand sewing techniques that can be used to repair seams, hems, tears, and more. Participants will learn about tools and materials for hand sewing, a variety of stitches, and when to apply them to restore garments back to wearability. **Registration is required.**

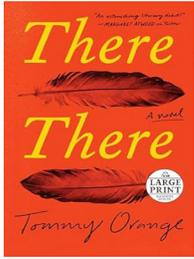


Book Groups



Adult Book Groups

Boudreau

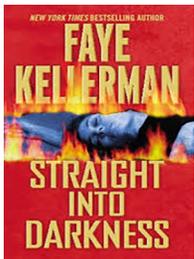


Boudreau Branch Book Group

HYBRID

Wednesday, May 8 12-1 p.m.

There There by Tommy Orange



Boudreau Branch Mystery Book Group

HYBRID

Tuesday, May 28, 12-1 p.m.

Straight into Darkness by Faye Kellerman

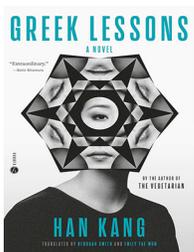
Collins

Cookbook Book Group IN-PERSON

Thursday, May 2, 6-7 p.m.



Bring It! Tried and True Recipes for Potlucks and Casual Entertaining by Ali Rosen or *Modern Potluck* by Kristin Donnelly



Collins Branch Book Group

IN-PERSON

Tuesday, May 28, 6-7 p.m.

Greek Lessons by Han Kang

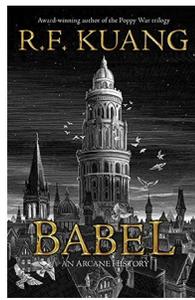
Main Library



Romance Book Group IN-PERSON

Tuesday, May 14, 7:15-8:15 p.m.

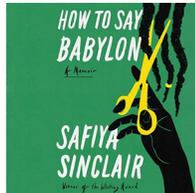
After Hours on Milagro Street by Angelina M. Lopez



Science Fiction & Fantasy Book Group IN-PERSON

Wednesday, May 15, 6-7 p.m.

Babel by R.F. Kuang



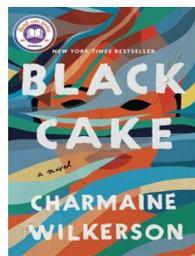
Contemporary Book Group

IN-PERSON

Tuesday, May 21, 6-7 p.m.

How to Say Babylon: A Memoir by Safiya Sinclair

O'Connell

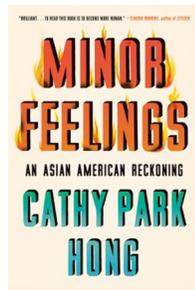


Adult Book Group IN-PERSON

Tuesday, May 21, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Black Cake by Charmaine Wilkerson

O'Neill



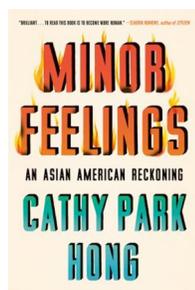
O'Neill Branch Book Group

IN-PERSON

Monday, May 13, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Minor Feelings: An Asian American Reckoning by Cathy Park Hong

Valente



Valente Branch Book Group

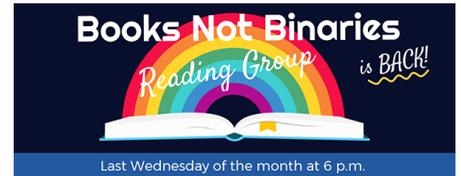
IN-PERSON

Wednesday, May 15, 12-1 p.m.

Minor Feelings: An Asian American Reckoning by Cathy Park Hong

Children's Book Groups

Main Library

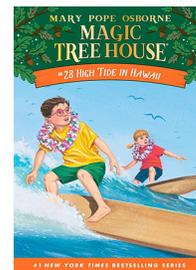


Books Not Binaries Book Group IN-PERSON

Wednesday, May 29, 6-7 p.m.

Just Lizzie by Karen Wilfrid. This group is currently full.

O'Connell



Magic Tree House Book Group

HYBRID

Friday, May 3, 4-5 p.m.

High Tide in Hawaii by Mary Pope Osborne (Ages 5-10)

Kids' Classic Fantasy Book Group HYBRID

Friday, May 10, 4-5 p.m.

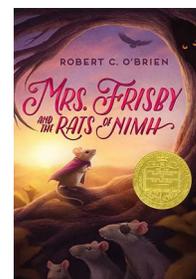
The Dragonling by Jackie French Koller (Ages 10-14)

Graphics Are Great! Book Group HYBRID

Tuesday, May 28, 4-5 p.m.

All's Faire in Middle School by Victoria Jamieson (Ages 8-12)

O'Neill



Kids' Books for Everyone IN-PERSON

Tuesday, May 21, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh by Robert C. O'Brien

Branch Events

Boudreau



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.



Chess Hour

Monday, May 6 and May 20, 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.**



One-on-One Tech Help

Wednesday, May 8 and May 22, 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. If you have questions, please send them to: ipachoncaballero@cambridgema.gov.

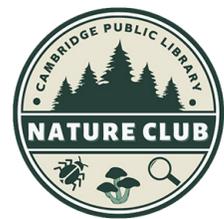


Read to a Dog

Thursday, May 9, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Read with Ana the Therapy Dog! Therapy dogs provide warm and nonjudgmental 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).



CPL Nature Club: Plant a Seed, Grow a Flower

Wednesday, May 15, 4-5 p.m.

Spring is in full swing, so it's time to plant seeds! Join us to plant your very own marigolds, learn about the lifecycle of a plant, and check out some books about

gardening. You can even help plant some seeds in Boudreau's big planter that will become flowers for all to enjoy throughout the summer! This event is open to children ages 3 and up and their caregivers. **Registration is required for child participants, but not their caregivers.**



Coffee, Cribbage, and Chess

Friday, May 24, 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!

Central Square



Drop-in Tech Help at the Library

Tuesdays, 4-6 p.m.

Looking for some basic computer or mobile device guidance? Want help using an online resource? Need someone to read your resume and support navigating online job applications? Join us for our drop-in help hours between 4 and 6pm. **No registration required.** If you have any questions, please contact library@cambridgema.gov



Meet an Animal with Mass Audubon

Monday, May 13, 3-4 p.m.

Meet live wildlife as you compare their physical and behavioral adaptations and how these relate to their roles within an ecosystem. Learn where they live and how climate change may be affecting them. This program can focus on an animal group, habitat, energy flow, or seasonal adaptations. **Registration is required for every child.**

Fiber Arts Circle

Thursdays starting May 23, 7-8 p.m.

Bring your project and come join other fiber crafters in your community! Crochet, sew, embroider, knit, cross stitch, spin, mend, and more at this informal drop-in fiber arts circle. All crafts are welcome!

Collins



Special Story Time Gardens Galore

Monday, May 6
10:30 a.m.

Special Story Time: Gardens Galore

Monday, May 6, 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Join us for a bonus story time in the Collins backyard. We'll read stories, sing songs, and complete a craft featuring flowers, vegetables, and

greenery. For children of all ages and a caregiver. If the weather is bad, this program will move indoors.

Spring Linocut Workshop

Thursday, May 9, 5-7 p.m.

Create beautiful linocut prints at the Collins Branch! No experience necessary. Students will be introduced to the printmaking process of linocut. The class will cover techniques in carving linoleum, composition, ink mixing, and printing. **Space is limited, registration is required.**



Teen Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 28, 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.



25th Annual Youth Poetry Awards

Wednesday, May 29, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

📍 Lecture Hall

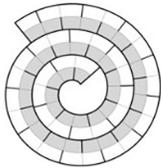
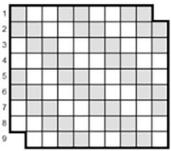
Join us for the 25th Annual Youth Poetry Awards celebrating youth poets K-8 who live or attend school in Cambridge. For more information, call 617-349-4012 or email jpittel@cambridgema.gov.

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.

Paint and Sip

Tuesday, May 7, 2-5 p.m.

Join us for a paint and sip afternoon, complete with tea and coffee, while a local artist guides us step-by-step through the process of creating a beautiful acrylic floral painting in your choice of colors. All supplies will be provided, and you'll leave with your own piece of artwork. All skill levels welcome. Acrylic paint can stain, so please wear old clothing. **Seating is limited to 8. Register early!**



CPL Nature Club: Garden Story Time

Thursday, May 16, 3:30-4 p.m.

We invite children and their grown-ups to join us for 20-25 minutes of songs, stories, and rhymes about gardens and growing things! **No registration is required.** Please call (617) 349-4019 for location and details.



Read to a Dog

Wednesday, May 22, 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 May 15. Sign up by phone or in person at the O'Connell Branch.

Family Crochet Hour

Thursday, May 23, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

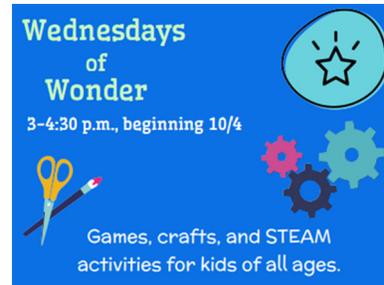
Join us for an hour of relaxing crochet with friends and family at the O'Connell Branch! Each month will feature a recommended project with hands-on instruction and limited supplies, but you are also welcome to bring your own project. Recommended for ages 5 and up.

O'Neill

English Conversation Practice, Intermediate

Wednesdays, 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.



Wednesdays of Wonder - WOW!

Wednesdays

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.**

May 1, 3-4:30 p.m. Mini Maypoles

May 8, 1-2:30 p.m. Fun with Beads

May 15, 3-4:30 p.m. Reader's Theater

May 22, 3-4:30 p.m. Outdoor Chalk Mural

May 29, 3-4:30 p.m. 3-D Doodlers

Kids' Zine Collective

Friday, May 3, 17, and 31, 4-5 p.m.



What's a zine? And how do I make one? Come find out! Kids are invited to explore making, copying, sharing, and swapping zines. Making

zines will include activities like writing, drawing, and collage. Recommended for ages 7 and up. Snacks are provided!



CPL Nature Club: Spring Bird Watching

Monday, May 6, 4-5:30 p.m.

Join us as we walk to local wildlife hotspot Danehy Park and search for birds! As we explore the urban outdoors, we will discuss birdwatching tips, how

to identify an unfamiliar bird and learn a little bit more about the birds we share our outdoor spaces with. A limited supply of binoculars will be available. **Registration is required.**

Construction Story Time and Craft

Wednesday, May 8, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

We invite children and their grown-ups to join us for stories, followed by an outdoor walk around the Library to view the playground construction (weather permitting), and a simple construction-related craft.



Read to a Dog

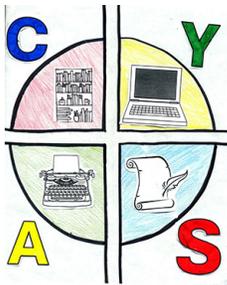
Thursday, May 9, 3-4 p.m.

Saturday, May 18, 1-2 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).



Cambridge Young Authors' Squad

Friday, May 10 and May 24, 4-5 p.m.

Young people aged 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.

Drop-In Maker Studio

Saturday, May 11, 1-3 p.m.

Come to the Library to create something special! Use your own supplies or try out our equipment! You can use our 1-inch button maker, 2.5 inch button maker, 3-D Doodle pens, or Janome sewing machines. The Library will provide basic supplies. This drop-in program is for people who feel comfortable using these machines on their own. The Library will not provide instruction. Anyone wishing to use the sewing machines must have completed a Sewing 101 training through the Library. **Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult.**



Family STEAM Night

Tuesday, May 14, 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! This month we will be starting seeds!

Saturday Songs and Stories

Saturday, May 18, 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.



CPL Nature Club: Seed Swap

Monday, May 20, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Bring all the extra, leftover garden seeds you don't think you'll get to this year! We'll have envelopes and pens to help keep them straight. Don't have any seeds? Just come anyways! We will

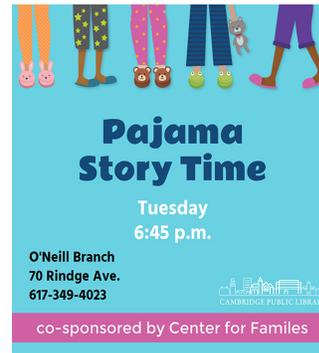
have extras and you can swap garden stories. This event is co-hosted by Cambridge City Growers, a group of volunteers across Cambridge, Massachusetts (and beyond!) working to start up gardens in our neighborhoods to increase access to healthy, organic, and locally grown food.



Trivia Night!

Wednesday, May 22, 6:15-7 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.**



Pajama Story Time

Tuesday, May 28, 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



ESOL Conversation Class

Mondays, 6-7:30 p.m.

Join us for an English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)! This class will be taught at a beginner level. No testing is needed. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call Maria Balestrieri at 617-349-4013.



Series: Collage Studio Friday, May 3, 10 and 17, 4-5:30 p.m.

Collage is an art form that uses many different materials to create a picture! We will study books that use collage, plan and create our own projects, and host an art opening to share our creative work with family

and friends! Session begins Friday, April 26 and runs on Fridays through May 17. This four-week art workshop is for kids ages 8-11. No experience necessary! **Registration is required.**



Family Board Game Afternoon Saturday, May 4, 2:30-4 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.



Evening Story Time Monday, May 6, 5:30-5:55 p.m.

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, May 7, 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.



Half Day Take and Make Wednesday, May 8, 1-3 p.m.

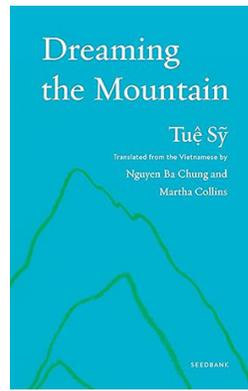
Stop by the library after school to pick up a Take & Make kit. Bring it home with you and get creative! **No registration is required for this free event.**

Available while supplies last.

Chocolate Tasting for Teens Thursday, May 9, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Join us to sample a variety of chocolates and vote for your favorites. This program is for teens and tweens ages 11-14. Chocolate available while supplies last.

No registration is required.



Art of Translation: Collaboration with Martha Collins and Nguyen Ba Chung Tuesday, May 14, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Co-translators Martha Collins and Nguyen Ba Chung will read and discuss their translations of poems from *Dreaming the Mountain* (Milkweed, 2023) by Vietnamese Buddhist poet Tuệ Sỹ (1943-2023), who was imprisoned for fourteen years and at one point

condemned to death. The reading will trace the poet's journey from his student and professor years in Saigon, through a time of solitude following the end of war in 1975, and into and beyond his years of imprisonment. **Registration is required.**

Maze Making for Teens

Wednesday, May 15, 3-4:30 p.m.

Design and create mazes out of shoeboxes! All materials will be provided by the library while supplies last.



Songs and Stories with Guest Author Ellen Mayer Wednesday, May 15, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Stories, songs, and activities with author Ellen Mayer celebrating her new book *Gift & Box* (Knopf Books for Young Readers, 2023). Families with children of all ages can join us for a story time, plus singalong with

bluegrass trio The Incurribles! Children can explore and touch the instruments and do an activity that lets them experience what it's like to be the story character Gift inside of story character Box.

Saturday Story Time

Saturday, May 18, 2-2:25 p.m.

Join us on Saturday afternoons at 2:00 p.m. for stories, songs, and fun! Each Saturday Story Time will have a fun theme. No registration is required. This program is recommended for children and their caregivers.

Make Along for Adults: Container Gardening

Tuesday, May 21, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Join us for our monthly make-along series to create and socialize. Make this month's project or bring your own! All supplies for the featured craft will be provided. **Registration is required.**

Cambridge Street Scavenger Hunt for Teens

Wednesday, May 29, 3-5 p.m.

Walk around Cambridge Street to look for clues in this outdoor urban scavenger hunt! Cooperate or compete with your friends by hunting solo or in groups of four. This program is recommended for preteens and teens ages 12 and up.

Save the Date



Park Sounds with Lady Lee

Saturday, June 1, 1-3 p.m.

📍 Joan Lorentz Park

Caribbean Heritage Month, warmer weather, the start of CPL's 2024 Park Sounds season... there are so many things to celebrate! Lady Lee and the New Awakening Band kick off Park Sounds 2024 with a mix of reggae, originals, and popular covers.



Summer Reading with CPL

Monday, June 24- Friday, August 23

📍 All Branches

Summer is just around the corner, and we're celebrating with Summer

Reading bingo! Pick up a bingo board from any library location starting on Monday, June 24. Complete reading challenges and fill out your bingo board for a chance to win prizes. Every CPS student will receive a bingo board before school ends. Keep an eye out for special summer reading programs across all branches!



Wellness for Seniors: Combo Dance Fitness & Let Your Yoga Dance® **VIRTUAL**

Mondays starting June 3, 11-11:45 a.m.

📍 Zoom

A fun, dynamic, and ultimately blissful combo. We start with some high-energy (low-impact) dance fitness, and then work our way through the seven energy centers (chakras) with Let Your Yoga Dance. You will leave with a good

workout and a peaceful happy mind/body/spirit. Good for every body! Registration for each session is required. This is a virtual event. A Zoom link will be sent to all registered participants 1 hour before the event.



Cambridge Cooks with Afton Cyrus: Strawberry Rhubarb Jam

Wednesday, June 12, 5-7:30 p.m.

📍 Community Room

Afton Cyrus of Jam Sessions is back for the best time of the year - strawberry season! Come learn how to make your own strawberry rhubarb jam.

Cambridge Cooks invites local chefs for a free cooking demonstration, followed by a tasting and Q&A with the chef. Registration is required.

Park Sounds: The Squeezebox Stompers

Saturday, June 15, 1-3 p.m.

📍 Joan Lorentz Park



The Squeezebox Stompers are a Boston area Americana Roots band. They have performed Cajun, Zydeco, Blues, Folk, and originals all over New England for the past 20 years. Members of the band have received Boston Music Awards and Songwriting Awards.

They are noted for their step-lively up-beat music inspiring audiences to get up and dance. Their instrumentation includes accordion, keyboards, fiddle, saxophone, harmonica, penny whistle, guitar, bass, and drums.

Park Sounds: Strummerville Ukulele Club

Saturday, June 29, 1:30-3 p.m.

📍 Joan Lorentz Park

The Strummerville Ukulele Club is a fun-loving, ukulele-strumming, singing, and humming group of amateur musicians who love the ukulele almost as much as we love a good trainwreck. Grab your uke and join John and Nick as we sing and strum the hits! Song sheets will be provided.



Highlights from April



Ursula Villarreal-Moura (L) discusses her debut novel, *Like Happiness*, with Elizabeth Gonzalez James (R).



Patrons learn how to give broken items a new life at the Fixit Clinic.

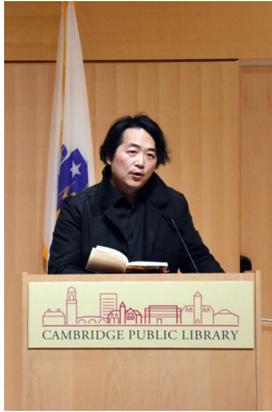


Cambridge Cooks: National Fondue Day. Chef Simone teaches patrons the art of fondue.



Patrons gather in Joan Lorentz Park to watch the Total Solar Eclipse together.

Highlights from April



Poets Raisa Tolchinsky, Sam Cha, Julia Story, Imani Davis, and Shangyang Fang read original works in celebration of National Poetry Month.



At the O'Connell Branch, patrons view the eclipse through a colander.

Patrons draw chalk art inspired by the eclipse.



Patrons gather to watch the eclipse at the Valente Branch.

Did You Know?

You can get a
FREE museum pass
through the

Cambridge Public Library!

Use your valid Minuteman library card to reserve a pass for discounted admission to Cambridge and Boston museums such as the Isabella Stewart Gardner, the Museum of Science, the Children's Museum, and more.

The library card account must be in good standing to reserve a pass, and only one pass may be borrowed per household for any one day. You are allowed to borrow each museum pass once every 30 days.

Please note: Many museums are currently only admitting visitors through timed, pre-scheduled entry through their own websites or box offices. You are responsible for checking a museum's ticketing procedure to make sure you have reserved a spot with the museum on the day you use a library museum pass.

The library-provided passes are for discounted admission only; they do not act as an actual admission ticket unless specified by the museum. You must schedule admission directly with the museum ahead of your reservation date.

RESERVE YOUR PASS HERE:

<https://tinyurl.com/CPLmuseumpass>



Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum



Museum of Science



Boston Children's Museum

CALL FOR INSTRUCTORS!



CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

EXPERIENCE TEACHING ANY OF THESE ARTS?

- PAINTING (WATERCOLOR, ACRYLIC, OIL)
- COLLAGING
- CERAMICS
- POTTERY
- JEWELRY
- UPCYCLING/ SEWING

Please submit your information and experience to the link below.

INSTRUCTORS MUST BE 21 YEARS OR OLDER

The Library is looking for instructors for an upcoming arts program.

Do you have experience teaching art classes or leading workshops?

Apply for a paid instructor position today.

We accept a variety of mediums.

Apply by scanning the QR code



or visiting

<https://tinyurl.com/CPLartscollective>

Email:

swhite@cambridgema.gov
with any questions.

Hive Workshops for May 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 Sindoh 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 complete *The Hive Safety Training*** and 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.

Fiber Arts Adventure with Lenni: A Machine-Sewing Workshop Series

IN-PERSON Continue building your machine-sewing skills AND create bespoke sewn crafts! Learn pattern-making and create customized aprons and backpacks. This four-part series is led by fiber artist and designer Lenni Armstrong. Registration is required. Those registered for the first session will automatically be enrolled in the following weeks. Spots are very limited; kindly only enroll if you plan to make all four workshops.

Glowforge 101: Creative Laser Cutting

IN-PERSON Learn how to cut, engrave, and shape designs from a variety of materials using the Glowforge Pro laser cutter.

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



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.

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 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. You must complete *The Hive Safety Training* before registering.

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 - May 2024

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1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Hive Teen Hangout
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Sewing Circle
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Glowforge 101: Creative
Laser Cutting
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Equipment and Studio
Reservations
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Equipment and Studio
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Hive Safety Training (Virtual)
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Equipment and Studio
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Equipment and Studio
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Zing Laser Cutting 101
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Equipment and Studio
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3D Printing 101: Game Piece
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Sewing 101
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Hive Safety Training (Virtual)
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Equipment and Studio
Reservations
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