

Cambridge Rindge & Latin School SUMMER READING 2015



This brochure contains the directions for summer reading.

All students are expected to read their grade-level book *plus* one additional book from the summer reading choice lists.

Reading over the summer will help your reading, writing, and thinking skills so you can succeed in your English class – and in school – next year!



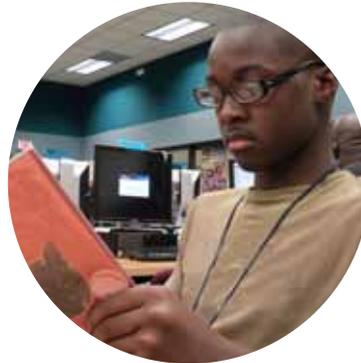
CRLS SUMMER READING 2015 GUIDELINES

The CRLS English department would like all of our students to enjoy and learn from reading!

SUMMER READING PROGRAM GOALS

The goals of the summer reading program are for students to:

- Read interesting books throughout the year
- Continue thinking and learning throughout the year



DIRECTIONS

- Students are expected to read their **grade-level book** (see page 2).
- Additionally, you will read a **second book** from the summer reading choice list (see pages 3-6).
- If you are taking multiple English classes next year (ie. English 11 and a senior elective), **you should read the required book** for each class you will take.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM WEBSITE

- www.cpsd.us/for_cps_students/summer_reading

SUMMER BOOK DISCUSSIONS

The Cambridge Public Library will offer book discussions for each grade. Students are encouraged to attend the discussion session for their grade for an opportunity to talk to librarians and to their classmates about the grade-level books.

Dates & times for book discussion sessions:
Stay tuned for details!

Location of book discussion sessions:
Cambridge Public Library
Teen Room
449 Broadway, Cambridge, MA

Note: If a movie version of the grade-level book is available, it will be shown at the discussion session.



SUMMER READING: GRADE-LEVEL BOOK LIST

GRADE 9: IDENTITY

THE CONTENDER BY ROBERT LIPSYTE

Alfred's life is going nowhere fast. He's a high-school dropout working at a grocery store. His best friend is drifting behind a haze of drugs and violence, and now some street punks are harassing him for something he didn't do. Feeling powerless and afraid, Alfred gathers up the courage to visit Donatelli's Gym, the neighborhood's boxing club. He wants to be a champion--on the streets and in his own life. Slowly he learns that a winner isn't necessarily the one standing when the fight is over.



GRADE 10: POWER

THE LONE RANGER AND TONTO FISTFIGHT IN HEAVEN
BY SHERMAN ALEXIE

In this darkly funny short story collection, Alexie weaves fantasy and realism to paint a complex portrait of life in and around the Spokane Indian Reservation. These inter-linked tales are narrated by characters filled with passion and affection. For example, nine-year-old Victor crawls between his unconscious parents hoping that the alcohol seeping through their skins might help him sleep; Jimmy Many Horses, dying of cancer, writes on stationery that reads "From the Death Bed of James Many Horses III." Against a backdrop of car accidents and basketball, Alexie poetically depicts the distances between modern Indians and the traditions of the past.



GRADE 11: THE AMERICAN DREAM

THE NAMESAKE BY JHUMPA LAHIRI

After their arranged marriage in India, Ashoke and Ashima Ganguli move to Cambridge, MA, where they start their family. Although adjusting to life in America is hard for the Gangulis, it is particularly challenging for their son Gogol, named for a Russian writer by his father in memory of a catastrophic accident years before. Gogol hates his odd name which is neither American nor Indian, and he struggles to find himself, from changing his name to searching for love, as he attempts to understand his parents, who came from a very different world but love him nevertheless.



GRADE 12: ELECTIVES

THE KITE RUNNER BY KHALED HOSSEINI

In 1975, Amir and Hassan run the streets of Kabul, Afghanistan. This is before the revolution, before the Taliban, before terrorists. However, their relationship is complex, as Hassan and his father are the servants of Amir and his father. When Amir has to make a choice to stand up for his best friend or stay silent, he doesn't know that the repercussions of that choice will haunt him for years. Life is only complicated further when Afghanistan is invaded by Russia, setting in motion political events that affected all of us on September 11, 2001.



SUMMER READING: CHOICE BOOK LISTS

DIRECTIONS

All students are expected to read at least ONE choice book in addition to their grade-level book for a total of TWO books. Students may choose their choice book from any list on pages 3-6 regardless of their grade level.

Note: Books labeled with * are more challenging reads.

NON-FICTION

**The New Jim Crow*, Michelle Alexander
I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings, Maya Angelou
Walking on Fire: Haitian Women's Stories of Survival and Resistance, Beverly Bell
I Have Lived a Thousand Years, Livia Bitton-Jackson
Nine Years Under: Coming of Age in an Inner City Funeral Home, Sherri Booker
A Short History of Nearly Everything, Bill Bryson
They Called Themselves the KKK, Susan Campbell Bartoletti
Street Gang: The Complete History of Sesame Street, Michael Davis
Death by Black Hole, Neil deGrasse Tyson
We Beat the Street, Sampson Davis, et. al.
**The Souls of Black Folks*, W.E.B. DuBois
**Avengers of the New World: The story of the Haitian Revolution*, Laurent Dubois
Life after Death, Damien Echols
**The Worst Hard Time*, Timothy Egan
**Nickel and Dimed*, Barbara Ehrenreich
Time Travel and Warp Drives, Allen Everett & Thomas Roman
**Haiti after the Earthquake*, Paul Farmer
How to Read Literature Like a Professor, Thomas C. Foster
Minecraft: The Unlikely Tale of Markus "Notch" Persson and the Game that Changed Everything, Daniel Goldberg & Linus Larsson
The Autistic Brain, Temple Grandin
An Astronaut's Guide to Life on Earth, Chris Hadfield
The New Kids, Brooke Hauser
A Brief History of Time, Stephen Hawking

**Confederates in the Attic*, Tony Horwitz
Our America, LeAlan Jones and Lloyd Newman
Mountains Beyond Mountains, Tracy Kidder
**On Writing*, Stephen King
Bird by Bird, Anne Lamott
**Flash Boys: A Wall Street Revolt*, Michael Lewis
**Moneyball*, Michael Lewis
Brilliant Blunders: From Darwin to Einstein-Colossal Mistakes by Great Scientists, Mario Livio
Drift, Rachel Maddow
**Angela's Ashes*, Frank McCourt
**Born to Run*, Christopher McDougall
**Cinderella Ate My Daughter*, Peggy Orenstein
Primates, Jim Ottaviani & Maris Wicks
Feynman, Jim Ottaviani & Leland Myrick
**Her: A Memoir*, Christa Parravani
The Omnivore's Dilemma, Michael Pollan
**Spillover: Animal Infections and the Next Human Pandemic*, David Quammen
**127 Hours: Between a Rock and a Hard Place*, Aron Ralston
The Pregnancy Project, Gaby Rodriguez & Jenny Glatzer
Gulp, Mary Roach
Being Wrong, Kathryn Schulz
Where Did You Sleep Last Night?, Danzy Senna
The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks, Rebecca Skloot
**The Wordy Shipmates*, Sara Vowell
**Ebony and Ivy: Race, Slavery, and the Troubled History of America's Universities*, Craig Wilder
**The Warmth of Other Suns*, Isabel Wilkerson

SUMMER READING: CHOICE BOOK LISTS

HISTORICAL FICTION

**Daughter of Fortune*, Isabel Allende
Forge, Laurie Halse Anderson
The Astonishing Life of Octavian Nothing, M.T. Anderson
People of the Book, Geraldine Brooks
**The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay*, Michael Chabon
The Girl with the Pearl Earring, Tracy Chevalier
**The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao*, Junot Diaz
Revolution, Jennifer Donnelly
Copper Sun, Sharon Draper
**The Pillars of the Earth*, Ken Follet
Cold Mountain, Charles Frazier
**The Other Boleyn Girl*, Philippa Gregory
The Girl is Murder, Kathryn Miller Haines
The Secret Life of Bees, Sue Monk Kidd

All the Earth, Thrown to the Sky, Joe Lansdale
**The Coffee Trader*, David Liss
**Wolf Hall*, Hilary Mantel
**Atonement*, Ian McEwan
Soldier's Heart, Gary Paulsen
The Ruby in the Smoke, Philip Pullman
**Wide Sargasso Sea*, Jean Rhys
**Cinnamon Gardens*, Shyam Selvadurai
**Caucasia*, Danzy Senna
Between Shades of Gray, Ruta Sepetys
The Berlin Boxing Club, Robert Sharenow
The Madman's Daughter, Megan Shepard
The Samurai's Garden, Gail Tsukiyama
Code Name Verity, Elizabeth Wein
The Book Thief, Markus Zusak

CLASSIC LITERATURE

**In the Time of the Butterflies*, Julia Alvarez
**Sense and Sensibility*, Jane Austen
**Jane Eyre*, Charlotte Bronte
**Manchild in the Promised Land*, Claude Brown
**In Cold Blood*, Truman Capote
My Antonia, Willa Cather
The Chocolate War, Robert Cormier
Great Expectations, Charles Dickens
**Crime and Punishment*, Fyodor Dostoevsky
**The Invisible Man*, Ralph Ellison
**Madame Bovary*, Gustave Flaubert
The Old Man and the Sea, Ernest Hemingway
**Snow Country*, Yasunari Kawabata
On the Road, Jack Kerouac
**Passing*, Nella Larsen
**One Hundred Years of Solitude*, Gabriel Garcia Marquez

Sula, Toni Morrison
1984, George Orwell
**The Republic*, Plato
A Tree Grows in Brooklyn, Betty Smith
The Grapes of Wrath, John Steinbeck
**Dracula*, Bram Stoker
**Anna Karenina*, Leo Tolstoy
Slaughterhouse-Five, Kurt Vonnegut
The Color Purple, Alice Walker
**All the King's Men*, Robert Penn Warren
**House of Mirth*, Edith Wharton
**Mrs. Dalloway*, Virginia Woolf
**Black Boy*, Richard Wright
The Autobiography of Malcolm X, Malcolm X & Alex Haley

SUMMER READING: CHOICE BOOK LISTS

CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE

Dare Me, Megan Abbott
The White Tiger, Aravind Adiga
Speak, Laurie Halse Anderson
The Future of Us, Jay Asher & Carolyn Mackler
Tyrell, Coe Booth
My Name is Memory, Ann Brashares
Hate List, Jennifer Brown
Little Bee, Chris Cleave
Ready Player One, Ernest Cline
The Perks of Being a Wallflower, Stephen Chbosky
Love Sick, Jake Coburn
Very LeFreak, Rachel Cohn
Claire of the Sea Light, Edwidge Danticat
Mexican Whiteboy, Matt de la Pena
That Summer, Sarah Dessen
Big Girl Small, Rachel DeWoskin
Little Brother, Cory Doctorow
Room, Emma Donoghue
Forged by Fire series, Sharon Draper (choose one)
Middlesex, Jeffrey Eugenides
The View from the Top, Hillary Frank
The Fault in Our Stars, John Green
Will Grayson, Will Grayson, John Green & David Levithan
Jazmin's Notebook, Nikki Grimes
Water for Elephants, Sara Gruen
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time, Mark Haddon
The Summer I Turned Pretty, Jenny Han

Burn for Burn, Jenny Han & Siobhan Vivian
Horns, Joe Hill
Everybody Sees the Ants, A.S. King
The Taqwacores, Michael Muhammad Knight
The Monster Variations, Daniel Kraus
Interpreter of Maladies, Jhumpa Lahiri
Every Day, David Levithan
Life of Pi, Yann Martel
Yaqui Delgado Wants to Kick Your Ass, Meg Medina
Easy Rawlins Mysteries series, Walter Mosley (choose one)
The Sky is Everywhere, Jandy Nelson
Bel Canto, Ann Patchett
12 Things to Do Before You Crash and Burn, James Proimos
The Things a Brother Knows, Dana Reinhardt
I'll Be There, Holly Goldberg Sloan
When You Reach Me, Rebecca Stead
Marcelo in the Real World, Francisco X. Stork
We the Animals, Justin Torres
Freaks Like Us, Susan Vaught
The List, Siobhan Vivian
Small Town Sinners, Melissa Walker
Salvage the Bones, Jesmyn Ward
Winter's Bone, Daniel Woodrell
If You Come Softly, Jacqueline Woodson
Paper Valentine, Brenna Yovanoff
Food, Girls, and Other Things I Can't Have, Allen Zadoff

SCI-FI/FANTASY

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, Douglas Adams
Feed, M.T. Anderson
Pure, Julianna Baggott
The Coldest Girl in Cold Town, Holly Black
**A Clockwork Orange*, Anthony Burgess
**Parable of the Sower*, Octavia E. Butler
Ender's Game, Orson Scott Card
Graceling series, Kristin Cashore (choose one)
The Hunger Games series, Suzanne Collins (choose one)
Good Omens, Neil Gaiman & Terry Pratchett
**The Magicians*, Lev Grossman
Dune, Frank Herbert
Brave New World, Aldous Huxley
Living Hell, Catherine Jinks
The Name of the Star, Maureen Johnson

Lies, Knives and Girls in Red Dresses, Ron Koertge
Cinder series (choose one), Marissa Meyer
The Night Circus, Erin Morgenstern
The Knife of Never Letting Go series, Patrick Ness (choose one)
Delirium, Lauren Oliver
Discworld series, Terry Pratchett (choose one)
Divergent series, Veronica Roth (choose one)
Timeriders, Alex Scarrow
The Marbury Lens, Andrew Smith
This is Not a Test, Courtney Summers
The Hobbit or *The Lord of the Rings* series, J.R.R. Tolkien (choose one)
Blood Red Road, Moira Young
All These Things I've Done, Gabrielle Zevin

SUMMER READING: CHOICE BOOK LISTS

GRAPHIC NOVELS

A Game of Swallows, Zeina Abirashed
King: A Comics Biography of MLK, Jr., Ho Che Anderson
Fun Home, Alison Bechdel
Ghost World, Daniel Clowes
Booth, C.C. Colbert & Tanitoc
Hawkeye: Little Hits, Matt Fraction & David Aja
King City, Brandon Graham
Friends with Boys, Faith Erin Hicks
The Odyssey, Gareth Hinds
I Kill Giants, Joe Kelly & J.M. Ken Niimura
Sweet Tooth, Jeff Lemire
The Silence of Our Friends, Mark Long & Jim Demonakos
War Brothers, Sharon E. McKay
Hellboy series, Mike Mignola (choose one)
V for Vendetta, Alan Moore & David Lloyd

Watchmen, Alan Moore and Dave Gibbons
WE3, Grant Morrison
Americus, M.K. Reed & Jonathan Hill
Persepolis, Marjane Satrapi
Manga Shakespeare series (choose one)
Nothing Can Possibly Go Wrong, Prudence Shen & Faith Erin Hicks
Maus I & II, Art Spiegelman
Creature Tech, Doug TenNapel
Blankets, Craig Thompson
Lola: A Ghost Story, J. Torres
Nelson Mandela: The Authorized Comic Book, Umland Wezithombe
Prince of Cats, Ronald Wimberly
Level Up, Gene Luen Yang & Thien Pham

CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY LOCATIONS

Cambridge Public Library (Main Branch)
449 Broadway, Cambridge, MA 02138 | 617.349.4040

Boudreau Branch Library
245 Concord Ave., Cambridge, MA 02138 | 617.349.4017

Central Square Branch Library
45 Pearl St., Cambridge, MA 02139 | 617.349.4010

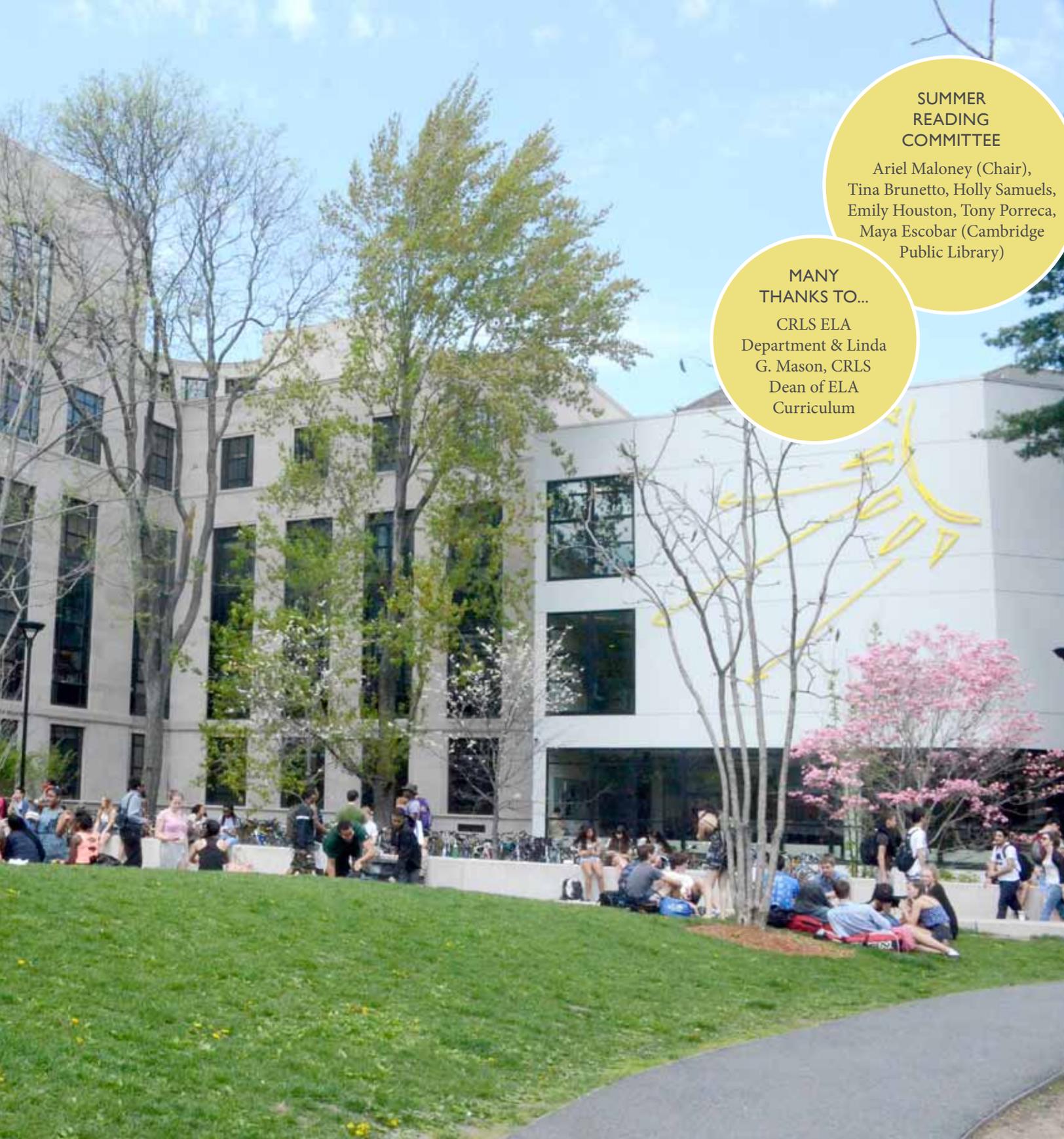
Collins (Mt. Auburn) Branch Library
64 Aberdeen Ave., Cambridge, MA 02138 | 617.349.4021

O'Connell (East Cambridge) Branch Library
48 Sixth St., Cambridge, MA 02141 | 617.349.4019

O'Neill (North Cambridge) Branch Library
70 Rindge Ave., Cambridge, MA 02140 | 617.349.4023

Valente (Cambridge Field) Branch Library
826 Cambridge St., Cambridge, MA 02141 | 617.349.4015





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