

EVENTS at the CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRA

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH



Hike the Good Hike with Jesse Cody

IN-PERSON

Thursday, May 5, 6-7:30 p.m. Q Lecture Hall, Main Library

In honor of Mental Health Awareness Month, please join us for a presentation by Jesse Cody about the relationship between mental health and nature. Learn about Cody's experiences

restoring his mental health through hiking. Jesse Cody, a Cambridge native, is the founder of Hike the Good Hike.

PRESENTATION

Exploring Alternative Medicine: Intro to Medical Cannabis VIRTUAL

Tuesday, May 10, 7-8 p.m.

Join the Cannabis Nurses at Azalla Education to gain a basic understanding of the Endocannabinoid System (ECS), why cannabis is medicine and how over 80 years of prohibition have harmed our communities at large, especially BIPOC communities. This event will include a succinct guided meditation and a Q&A session following the presentation.

AUTHOR TALK

Homeira Qaderi Presents Dancing in the Mosque: An Afghan Mother's Letter to Her Son



Thursday, May 12, 6-7:30 p.m. Lecture Hall, Main Library

Join us for a bilingual reading conversation with Dr. Homeira Qaderi and Aria Aber. Qaderi's *Dancing in the Mosque* is a mother's searing letter to a son she was forced

to leave behind.

This event will include live translation from Persian to English, and questions can be asked in both languages. Supported by The Cambridge Public Library Foundation.

HAITIAN FLAG DAY







Haitian Flag Day Celebration: A Lecture and Discussion IN-PERSON

Saturday, May 14, 1:30-3 p.m. Lecture Hall, Main Library

Join us for a celebration of Haitian Flag Day with presentations by Dr. Régine Michelle Jean-Charles, Dr. Jean Eddy Saint Paul, and former Cambridge Poet Populist Jean Dany Joachim. Then enjoy a small reception with Haitian Patties and a drop-in art station for all ages.

This event is cosponsored by the Cambridge Public Schools District, the Mayor's Office, and the City Manager's Office and supported by the Cambridge Public Library Foundation.

AUTHOR TALK

Katie Kitamura in Conversation with Rivka Galchen



Wednesday, May 18, 6-7:30 p.m.

Q Lecture Hall, Main Library

Join Katie Kitamura as she discusses her novel Intimacies with Rivka Galchen, the author of Everyone Knows Your Mother is a Witch. *Intimacies* is a story about an unnamed woman working as an interpreter in an international

court. She is a woman of many languages and identities and is looking for a place to finally call home.

This program is supported by The Cambridge Public Library Foundation.

AUTHOR TALK

Robert Kuttner Presents Going Big: FDR's Legacy, Biden's New Deal, and the Struggle to



Save Democracy IN-PERSON Tuesday, May 24, 6:30-8 p.m.

The Library and Harvard Book Store welcome acclaimed journalist and political analyst Robert Kuttner for a discussion of his

latest book, Going Big: FDR's Legacy, Biden's New Deal, and the Struggle to Save Democracy.

AAPI HERITAGE MONTH

Poets in Conversation: Yanyi and Victoria Chang





VIRTUAL Thursday, May 26, 6-7:15 p.m. Join us for a reading and conversation between two exceptional poets: Yanyi and Victoria Chang. We will also celebrate their respective, much-anticipated releases Dream of the Divided

Field and The Trees Witness Everything!

This program is part of our AAPI Heritage Month Programming and supported by by Friends of the Cambridge Public Library Foundation.

Service Update

Beginning May 3, the O'Neill Branch Library's new regular hours of operation are:

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, 1-5 p.m.

All Library Locations will be closed Sunday, May 29 and Monday, May 30 for Memorial Day.

VIRTUAL Virtual event.

IN-PERSON In-person event.

HYBRID In-person event with option to attend virtually.

CAMBRIDGE ROOM LECTURE

The Beauty of Book Binding and Decoration: Linked Spine Bindings



IN-PERSON

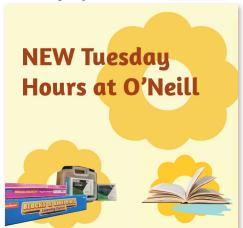
Wednesday, May 11, 7-8 p.m. Q Lecture Hall, Main Library

Join book conservator Sam Ellenport for an illustrated talk on the history of linked spine bindings, a little known aspect of bookbinding decoration used on sets of books. The binder makes use of the entire rectangle comprised of all the spines as a canvas on which to produce an overall design, whether representational or abstract. Sam Ellenport has been a hand-bookbinder since he bought the Harcourt Bindery in Boston over 40 years ago.

Trained as an historian, Ellenport has written and lectured about the history of the craft throughout the country. He is a passionate collector of books about binding and helped establish the bookbinding program at the North Bennet Street School.

NEW HOURS

Tuesday Open House IN-PERSON



Tuesday, May 3, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. O'Neill Branch

Join us to celebrate the new Tuesday hours at the O'Neill Branch!

Drop in any time to meet new and returning staff, enjoy refreshments, and participate in activities for all ages.

Special scheduled activities include:

Outdoor story time at 11 a.m.

Outdoor fun and games at 3 p.m.

STEAM Kit Exploration at 5:30 p.m.

LITERACY CENTER

The Literacy Center is located at the Central Square Branch, 45 Pearl St. For more information call Maria Balestrieri at 617-349-4013. *No classes are held on days the library is closed.*

High Beginner ESOL IN-PERSON

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

Beginner ESOL IN-PERSON

Wednesdays and Fridays, 10:30 a.m.-noon

Intermediate ESOL IN-PERSON

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

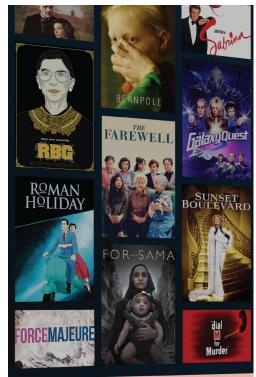
Advanced ESOL IN-PERSON

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

Resume and Job Application Support IN-PERSON

Wednesdays, 1-3 p.m.







SOCIAL HOUR

Bring your project and enjoy an hour in the company of other crafters!

Knitting Group IN-PERSON

Every Tuesday, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Soudreau

Fiber Arts Drop-In IN-PERSON

Every Thursday, 11 a.m. - Noon O'Connell

Workshops

Bicycle Maintenance Clinic IN-PERSON

Tuesday, May 3, 5:30 -7:30 p.m.

Valente Branch

Would you like to tune your bike up for spring riding? This hands-on workshop at the Valente Branch, held in collaboration with Cambridge's Community Development Department, will cover the ABCs (Air, Brakes, Chain) of bicycle maintenance, with time at the end for any specific questions you may have about basic repairs. Bring your own bike or work on one provided by the instructor.

Gentle Movement IN-PERSON

Tuesday, May 3, 5-5:45 p.m.

Ollins Branch

Join us in the Collins Branch courtyard for an afternoon of gentle yoga with Cambridge-based Carol Faulkner. Carol will guide us through a 45-minute period of movement, stretching, and reflection. We will move our bodies slowly through introductory yoga poses. All abilities are welcome. Please bring your own mat, towel, blanket, or piece of clothing to practice on.

Don't have something to use? No problem! Contact Lucy at LFlamm@CambridgeMA.gov. This event is outdoors and limited to those who register.

How to Buy a Used Bicycle! IN-PERSON



Monday, May 9, 6-8 p.m. Ocean Community Room, Main Library

This hands-on workshop led by Cambridge's Mobility Education Coordinator is intended to show you what to look for when buving a used bicycle. We will cover how to evaluate a bicvcle's condition, the different styles of bikes, and how to find a

bicycle that fits your needs. We will finish off with a review of the best locking techniques!

Fresh Pond Nature Walk IN-PERSON

Monday, May 9, 10:15-11 a.m.

Ocollins Branch

Join us on the second Monday of each month for a 45-minute relaxing walk of Fresh Pond with Park Ranger Tim Puopolo! No two weeks are the same in nature, and Tim will share his insights about what's growing, changing, and blooming in the neiahborhood.

The walk will meet in the courtyard of the Collins Branch (64 Aberdeen Ave.) and leave together towards Fresh Pond Reservation at 10:15am.

Urban Gardening VIRTUAL



Wednesday, May 11, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Whether you're new to gardening or have been doing it for years, there's always more to learn. In this workshop, we'll cover the basics of growing a healthy, organic garden including soil prep, planting, watering, and garden planning. Join us and get your garden growing right this season!

Registration is required. Presented by the Trustees Boston Community Gardens Program.

HAITIAN FLAG DAY

Napsnacks: Spaghetti Squash VIRTUAL



Saturday, May 21, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

The Library is happy to welcome back The Haitian Croissant for another edition of Napsnacks. In celebration of Haitian Flag Day, chef and blogger Ayida Solé will demo and walk us through Spaghetti Squash in Haitian Style. Please visit our website for the suggested list of ingredients.

Mending Matters HYBRID



Wednesday, May 25, 6:30-8 p.m. Valente Branch

Learn how to get more life out of your clothes or put household textiles to new use in this monthly handson workshop! Teaching artist Jessamy Kilcollins will demonstrate different techniques each month and provide guidance on your projects. A limited number

of supply kits will be available for registered participants to pick up at the Valente Branch.

Career Skills VIRTUAL

Tuesday, May 3, 17, and 31, 6-7:30 p.m.

May 3: Tips for a Successful Virtual Interview

May 17: Changing Careers

May 31: The Art of Networking

The online Career Skills workshop series, presented by employment specialist Gary Gekow, will cover the fundamentals of job search strategies, from writing a strong resume to preparing for a virtual job interview

Workshops FOR SENIORS

Navigating Solo: Tools for Creating Your Plan for Aging Well VIRTUAL

Every other Thursday, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

FOR ADULTS

May 12: How to Evaluate What's Best for

May 26: Assessing and Prioritizing What Needs to Get Done

In partnership with Cambridge Neighbors and supported by the Cambridge Public Library Foundation.

Wellness for Seniors: Zumba Gold VIRTUAL

Mondays, 11-11:45 a.m.

No class will be held on Memorial Day.

Put on your dancing shoes to improve flexibility and balance, strengthen muscles, and have fun! Certified Zumba Gold instructor Emily B. will lead you through 45 minutes of low-impact and easy-to-follow choreography in your own home through Zoom. Open to all levels and abilities.

Adult Book Groups

Visit bit.ly/cplbookgroups or call the host Library for more information about joining.

Main Library

Contemporary Book Group

HYBRID

Tuesday, May 17, 6-7 p.m.

Rossi Room, Main Library

Beautiful Country: A Memoir by Qian Julie Wana

Great Books Book Group VIRTUAL

Tuesday, May 3, 7-9 p.m.

5/3: Selected stories by Alexander Pushkin

Nonfiction Book Group HYBRID

Monday, May 23, 1-2 p.m.

Rossi Room, Main Library

Made in China: A Prisonor, an SOS Letter, and the Hidden Cost of

America's Cheap Goods by Amelia Pang

Science Fiction and Fantasy Book Group HYBRID

Wednesday, May 11, 6-7 p.m. Rossi Room, Main Library

Klara and the Sun by Kazuo Ishiquro

Branch Libraries

Boudreau Book Group HYBRID

Wednesday, May 11, 12-1 p.m.

♥ Boudreau Branch

The Sentence by Louise Erdrich

Collins Book Group IN-PERSON

Thursday, May 12, 6-7 p.m.

♥ Collins Branch

Botany of Desire by Michael Pollan

Cookbook Book Group IN-PERSON

Thursday, May 5, 6:30-7:30 p.m. ♥ Collins Branch

Indian-ish by Priva Krishna

O'Connell Book Group HYBRID

Tuesday, May 17, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

O'Connell Branch

A Promised Land by Barack Obama

O'Neill Branch Book Group

IN-PERSON

Monday, May 9, 6:30-8 p.m.

O'Neill Branch

The Parted Earth by Anjali Enjeti

Reading **Together**

A Yearlong Library Challenge

Reading Together Book Group

HYBRID

Monday, May 24, 6:30-7:30 p.m. ∇alente Branch

We choose the theme, you choose the

May theme: Celebrate Asian American Voices!

REGULAR PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND THEIR CAREGIVERS

We invite children and their grown-ups to join us for story times and sing-alongs. Outdoor programs will be moved indoors in the the event of inclement weather. Please check our website for programming updates and additions or call 617-349-4038 for more information. No programs are held on days the Library is closed.

♥ Main Library

Outdoor Songs and Stories Tuesdays, 11-11:20 a.m. Wednesdays, 11-11:20 a.m. Thursdays, 11-11:20 a.m. Thursdays, 4-4:20 p.m.

Outdoor Baby Lapsit Mondays, 10-10:20 a.m.

♥ Boudreau (Raymond Park)

Outdoor Songs and Stories Thursdays, 10:30-10:50 a.m.

Ocentral Square Branch

Outdoor Story Time Wednesdays, 10:30-11 a.m. Thursdays, 10:30-11 a.m.

Collins Branch

Outdoor Story Time Tuesdays, May 17, 24, and 31 10:30-11 a.m.

O'Connell Branch

Outdoor Story Time Thursdays, 3:30-4 p.m. Fridays, 11-11:30 a.m.

O'Neill Branch

Outdoor Sing-Along Mondays, 10:30-10:50 a.m.

Outdoor Story Time Thursdays, 11-11:20 a.m.

Outdoor Paiama Story Time Tuesday, May 24, 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!

Pajama Story Time is presented by the Cambridge Public Library and the Center for Families.

♥ Valente Branch

Outdoor Preschool Story Time Tuesdays, 4-4:25 p.m.

Outdoor Sing-Along Tuesdays, 11-11:25 a.m.

Outdoor Story Time Mondays, 4-4:30 p.m.

Outdoor Toddler Story Time Wednesdays, 11-11:25 a.m.

KIDS BOOK GROUPS

Let's talk about a book together! Register online at **bit.ly/cplbookgroups**



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HYBRID

Tuesday, May 24, 4-5 p.m. O'Connell

For ages 8-12.

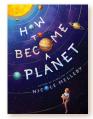
El Deafo by Cece Bell

New! Our monthly "Graphics Are Great!" book group is for kids aged 8-12. Check out a copy of the book beforehand, or download it from the Libby app.

Main Library

Join us virtually for a lively discussion. For a copy of the book, stop by the Children's Room or call 617-349-4038.

Books Not Binaries VIRTUAL



Wednesday, May 4, 6-7 p.m.

For ages 11-14.

How to Become a Planet by Nicole Melleby

Branch Libraries

Please pick up a copy of the book beforehand at the host Branch.

Rook Ruzz HYBRID



Monday, May 2, 3:30-4:30 p.m. **♀**O'Neill

For ages 10 and up.

The Golden Hour by Niki Smith

Parent/Child Book Group VIRTUAL



Tuesday, May 10, 6-7 p.m. For ages 7-10 and a parent or caregiver.

Special guest visit by Elaine by author!

Turn the Tide Dimopoulos

Chapter Chat HYBRID



Thursday, May 26, 4-5 p.m. **♀**O'Neill

For ages 7-10.

Stuntboy, in the *Meantime* by Jason Revnolds

Parent/Child Book Group VIRTUAL



Wednesday, May 11, 6-7 p.m.

For ages 10-13 and a parent or caregiver.

Playing the Cards You're

Magic Tree House Book Group



VIRTUAL

Friday, May 6, 4-5 p.m. For ages 5-10.

Sunset of the **Sabertooth** by Mary Pope Osborne

Dealt by Varian Johnson

STEAM AT THE LIBRARY

Outdoor Family STEAM Night: Sorting and Collecting IN-PERSON

Tuesday, May 10, 6:30-7:15 p.m. O'Neill Branch

Families with children join us outdoors for hands-on activities focused on STEAM. Adults and children will learn and play together!

In this workshop, we will explore our local urban ecosystem, collect various artifacts, and find different ways of sorting and categorizing.



LEGO STEAM Kit Play Day IN-PERSON

Wednesday, May 11, 3-5 p.m. O'Connell Branch

Join us to try out the

Library's newest STEAM kits: LEGO Storytales and LEGO STEAM Park! Drop in anytime between 3-5 to give your creativity a workout, and maybe check out a STEAM kit to take home.

YOUTH EVENTS

Half-Day Hangout IN-PERSON Wednesday, May 11, 1-3 p.m.

♥ Valente Branch

Join us after school for low-key games and activities. The Library will provide craft materials and board games. This event is recommended for children ages 5 and up.

Family Game Night IN-PERSON

Monday, May 16, 5:30-7 p.m. Valente Branch

Challenge your family or meet new friends over board games and puzzles. Play an old favorite or learn a new game. The Library will supply games. All ages welcome. Registration required.

Dinoman Presents Dinosaurs -Outdoors IN-PERSON

Saturday, May 21, 2-3 p.m. O'Neill Branch

Join us outdoors at the O'Neill Branch for Dinoman Presents Dinosaurs!

With magic, merry mayhem, and magnificent props, Dinoman takes the audience on a trip throughout the mesozoic era. How do we know dinosaurs were here? What is a fossil? How are they made? This program is fun and informative for all ages.

In case of inclement weather, this program will be moved to Saturday, May 28, at 2 p.m.

Read to a Dog IN-PERSON

Wednesday, May 11, 1-2 p.m. O'Neill Branch

Thursday, May 19, 3-4 p.m. ♥ Boudreau Branch

Wednesday, May 25, 3-4 p.m. **♀**O'Connell Branch

Read with a cuddly friend! Trained therapy dogs provide warm and nonjudgmental reading companions for new or experienced readers up to age 14.

Registration for each 10-minute time slot at O'Neill and O'Connell is required and opens a week before each session. Register by calling or visiting the host Branch.

Boudreau's registration will be in-person or via phone the day of the event





May Workshops

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, handson 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.





Recent 3d prints made by workshop participants

Hive Safety Training VIRTUAL

In this virtual workshop, you will learn about our makerspace, how to use our resources, and how to keep safe in The

Hive Safety Training and Badge Making IN-PERSON

In this workshop, you will learn about our makerspace, how to utilize the resources we offer and how to keep safe in The Hive. You will also create your Hive badge ID using our Glowforge laser cutter.

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.

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 and cut a sticker.

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.

3D Printing 101 (Part 1 & 2)

IN-PERSON

Learn how to create objects in digital space and fabricate those creations using our Sindoh 3D printers in this two-

Check out our May workshop calendar on the following page! Registration is required for all Hive workshops. To learn more:

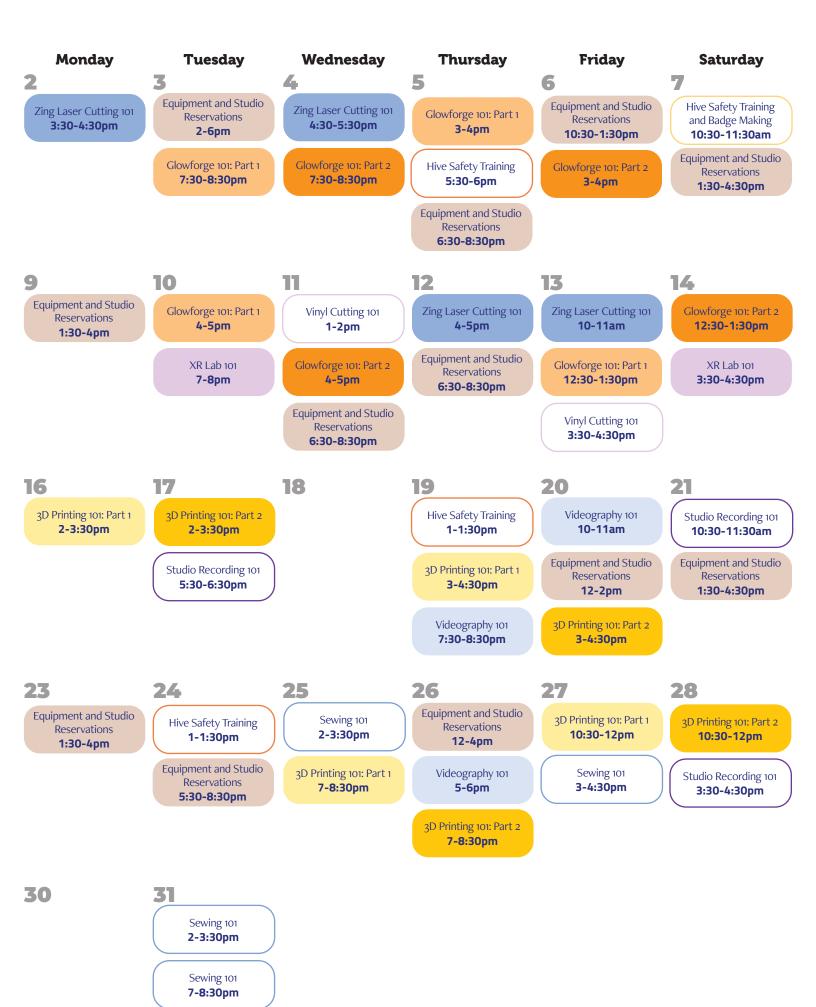
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NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

Small Business Open House

Wednesday, May 4, 6-7 p.m.

Are you a Cambridge entrepreneur or business owner looking to prototype a new item? Perhaps you are thinking about starting a cottage food business and not sure where to make labels? Come to our Hive Small Business Open House event to learn about our makerspace. Offered in collaboration with the City of Cambridge Community Development Department. Refreshments will be served.

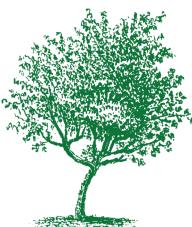




23rd Annual Youth Poetry Awards

IN-PERSON

Our K-8 winners of this year's contest will read their winning poems.



These events are cosponsored by the Cambridge Public Schools District, the Mayor's Office, and the City Manager's Office and funded by the Cambridge Public Library Foundation.

HAITIAN Flag Day CELEBRATION

Saturday, May 14, 1:30-3 p.m. | Lecture Hall and Joan Lorentz Park, Main Library presentations by







followed by a reception with Haitian patties and an art station for all ages!

Haitian Flag Day Story Time

Saturday, May 14, 3-3:25 p.m. | O'Neill Branch

We invite children and their grown-ups to join us for 20-25 minutes of stories to celebrate Haitian Flag Day. Stories will be read in English and Haitian Creole. All language speakers are welcomed!

Napsnacks with The Haitian Croissant

Saturday, May 21, 12:30-1:30 p.m. | Virtual Event

Spaghetti for breakfast? Yes, please. The best part? It's so easy and quick to make! Join the Haitian Croissant for this virtual cooking lesson. Learn how to make delicious Haitian Spaghetti using spaghetti squash from the comfort of your kitchen.



LIBRARY LOCATIONS

1. Boudreau Branch

245 Concord Ave. | 617-349-4017 MON 10-8, TUE 10-8, WED 10-8, THU 10-6, FRI 10-6

2. Central Square Branch

45 Pearl St. | 617-349-4010 MON 10-6, TUE 10-9, WED 10-6, THU 10-9, FRI 10-6, SAT 10-2

3. Collins Branch

64 Aberdeen Ave. | 617-349-4021 MON 10-6, TUE 10-6, THU 1-8, FRI 10-6

4. Main Library

449 Broadway | 617-349-4040 MON 9-9, TUE 9-9, WED 9-9, THU 9-9, FRI 9-5, SAT 9-5, SUN 1-5

5. O'Connell Branch

48 Sixth St. | 617-349-4019 MON 10-6, TUE 10-8, WED 10-8, THU 10-8, FRI 10-6

6. O'Neill Branch

70 Rindge Ave. | 617-349-4023 MON 10-8, TUE 10-8, WED 10-8, THU 10-6, FRI 10-6, SAT 1-5

7. Valente Branch

826 Cambridge St. | 617-349-4015 MON 10-8, TUE 10-8, WED 10-8, THU 10-6, FRI 10-6, SAT 1-5

All locations are accessible by public transportation. Details are on our website.

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.

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