All Library locations will be closed Monday, February 17 in observance of Presidents’ Day.

**EVENTS at the CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**February 2020**

**Jaclyn Friedman presents Believe Me: How Trusting Women Can Change the World in conversation with Stacy Malone**

Tuesday, February 4, 6:30 PM

Main Library, Lecture Hall

Harvard Book Store and the Cambridge Public Library welcome writer, performer, and activist Jaclyn Friedman for a discussion of her new co-edited anthology, Believe Me: How Trusting Women Can Change the World. She will be joined in conversation by contributor and Executive Director of the Victim Rights Law Center Stacy Malone.

**Alexis Coe presents You Never Forget Your First: A Biography of George Washington**

Monday, February 10, 6:30 PM

Main Library, Lecture Hall


**Suraj Yengde presents Caste Matters in conversation with Cornel West**

Wednesday, February 26, 6:30 PM

Main Library, Lecture Hall

Suraj Yengde is an award-winning scholar and activist from India, and author of the bestseller, Caste Matters. Caste Matters delves into the oldest surviving form of discrimination: Caste. The book challenges deep-seated beliefs about caste and unpacks its many layers. It exposes the multiple humiliations suffered by Dalits on a daily basis, and their incredible resilience enabled by love and humor.

**James Mann presents The Great Rift**

Tuesday, February 18, 6:30 PM

Main Library, Lecture Hall

The Great Rift is a sweeping history of the intertwined careers of Dick Cheney and Colin Powell, whose rivalry and conflicting views of U.S. national security color our political debate to this day. Mann explores each man’s biography and philosophical predispositions to show how and why this deep and permanent rupture occurred. Through dozens of original interviews and surprising revelations, he brings to life the very human story of how this influential friendship turned so sour and how the eminence of these powerful men colored the way America acts in the world. This event is cosponsored by Henry Holt and Company.
Kenneth Headley, aka Kencaid, was born and raised in Cambridge and still calls the City home. Headley creates images of Cambridge landmarks using a unique method: he sketches the bare lines of the work on his canvas, burns the lines of the prospective piece with a wood burner, and applies paint to the outline using a paper clip. His work will be on display at the Main Library from February 10 – 22.

Yoga nidra – Deep Relaxation for Stress Relief
Tuesday, February 11
3:00 - 6:00 PM
Main Library, Community Room

Yoga nidra is practiced lying down and incorporates body scanning, guided imagery and breath awareness. Yoga nidra is deeply restorative and helps alleviate stress, anxiety and insomnia and leads to a greater sense of peace and well-being. Suitable for all levels, no experience required. Please bring a yoga mat, wear comfortable clothes, and bring any props that will make you comfortable while lying on the floor – blanket, bolster, eye pillow, etc. To register, please visit our website.

Teens’ Room

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Bullet Journaling 101
Wednesday, February 5, 6:30 - 8:30 PM
Main Library, Community Room

Bullet journaling combines creativity with structure in a flexible format that includes list making, planning, and journaling. This session will provide an overview of the Bullet Journal method created by Ryder Carroll and will demonstrate how it is customizable to your life. We will focus on templates that you can immediately put to use for better organization of your notebook, time, and thoughts. Register on our website.

Ken Gloss presents The Value of Old & Rare Books
Wednesday, February 12, 6:00 PM
Main Library, Lecture Hall

Ken Gloss, proprietor of the internationally known Brattle Book Shop will discuss the value of old and rare books. Ken will talk about and show some of the joys of the “hunt,” as well as explain what makes a book go up in value. There will be a Q&A session before the conclusion of his talk. Following the talk and Q&A session, he will give free verbal appraisals of all books that attendees have brought.

Contemporary Book Group
Tuesday, February 18, 6:00 - 7:00 PM
Main Library, Rossin Room
The Forgiven by Lawrence Osborne

Great Books
Tuesday, February 4 & 18, 7:15 - 8:45 PM
Curious George Room, Main Library
2/4: Long Day’s Journey Into Night by Eugene O’Neill
2/18: Philip Larkin, selected poems

Nonfiction Book Group
Monday, February 24, 1:00 - 2:00 PM
Rossi Room, Main Library
Out of Line: A Life of Playing with Fire by Barbara Lynch

Science Fiction & Fantasy Reading Group
Wednesday, February 12, 6:30 - 7:00 PM
Main Library, Community Room
An Unkindness of Ghosts by Rivers Solomon

Mindfulness Book Group
Thursday, January 16, 6:00 - 7:00 PM
Rossi Room, Main Library
Mindful of Race: Transforming Racism from the Inside Out by Ruth King

Boudreau Book Group
Wednesday, February 12 & 25, 12:00 - 1:00 PM
Boudreau Branch
2/12: The Overstory by Richard Powers
2/25: Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson

Central Square Social Club
Tuesday, February 4, 7:00 - 8:00 PM
Central Square Branch, Lewis Room
To be Taught, If Fortunate by Becky Chambers

Collins Book Group
Thursday, February 13, 6:00 - 7:00 PM
Collins Branch
Blood by John Careyrou

O’Connell Book Group
Tuesday, February 18, 6:30 - 7:30 PM
O’Connell Branch

O’Neill Book Group
Monday, February 24, 6:30 - 7:30 PM
O’Neill Branch
The Warmth of Other Suns by Isabel Wilkerson

Valente Branch Perspectives Book Group
Monday, February 10, 6:30 - 7:30 PM
Program Room, Valente Branch
Black is the Body: Stories from My Grandmother’s Time, My Mother’s Time, and Mine by Emily Bernard

Job Hunting & Resume Writing Help
Monday, February 3, 6:00 - 7:30 PM
Main Library, Community Room
February 10, 6:00 - 7:30 PM
Monday, March 2, 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Central Square

Beginner ESL
Mondays, Tuesdays, & Wednesdays, 11:00 AM & 1:00 PM

Intermediate ESL
Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 11:00 AM & 1:00 PM

Advanced ESL
Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 3:00 PM

Job Hunting and Resume Writing Help
Wednesday, 10:00 - 3:00 PM

Valente Branch
Beginner ESL
Mondays, 6:00 PM

Literacy & English for Speakers of Other Languages
No ESL classes on Monday, February 17 for Presidents’ Day

Main Library

Beginner ESOL
Saturday, 9:15 AM, Rossi Room

Intermediate ESOL
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 1:00 & 6:30 PM, Rossi Room

O’Neill Branch
Intermediate ESOL
Mondays & Wednesdays, 6:15 PM

Freelance ESL
Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays, 11:00 AM & 1:00 PM

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Free Tax Help

Harvard Law School Tax Assistance
Main Library, Community Room | February 3 through April 13
Fridays 12:00 - 4:00 PM, Saturdays 10:00 AM - 3:30 PM | Mondays from 5:00 - 7:30 PM

There will be no tax help on February 17 (President’s Day) or March 13, 14, 16, 20 or 21 due to Harvard’s Spring Break. This program is available to people who generally make $56,000 or less, persons with disabilities, the elderly, and limited English speaking taxpayers. Due to capacity constraints and training requirements, we will be unable to prepare returns for any taxpayers in the U.S. on a visa, including foreign students and teachers.Space is limited. Tickets will be handed out on a first-come first-served basis on the day of the program when the Main Library opens.

To get your taxes done you MUST bring:
Your social security card or other government issued ID showing your social security number (a W-2 is not sufficient)
Government issued photo ID (driver’s license, passport, etc.)
Social security cards for all dependents (and spouse if filling a joint return)
Any tax forms you have received (W-2, 1099-HC, etc.)

Tax Help is an all volunteer group from Harvard Law School. The program is extremely popular every year and, while Tax Help tries to accommodate everyone, service is not guaranteed.

For more information about HLS Tax Help visit our website.

Resources Class
Wednesday, February 19
3:00 - 6:00 PM
Main Library, Community Room
Looking for a new appliance, car, or computer? Lost in a sea of reviews (are they real or fake)? Let the library help! Explore the Consumer Resources available at the Cambridge Public Library and learn how to buy with confidence. No registration required.
Children’s Room

Bookshop
Monday, February 3, 5:30 - 6:45 pm
Main Library, Curious George Room
Bookshop is a hybrid book-group and makerspace workshop for ages 11-13/Grades 6-8. Advance registration is required. For more information or to register, email Emily Meyer at emeyer@cambridgema.gov.

Instrument Petting Zoo 🎵
Saturday, February 8, 2:00 - 3:00 pm
Curious George Room, Main Library
Come meet musicians, hear great music, and discover an instrument hiding inside yourself! We’ll be joined by vocalists from Longy School of Music of Bard College’s Teaching Assistantship Program to rap, rhyme, read poetry, and talk about the voice as an instrument. Recommended for children ages 5+ and their caregivers. Sponsored by the Cambridge Public Library Foundation.

Queer Kids Stuff LIVE
Tuesday, February 18, 2:00 - 3:00 pm
Main Library, Curious George Room
Celebrate LGBTQ+ history and present day with songs and storytelling. Recommended for children ages 5 and up and their caregivers.

Regular Programs for Children and Their Caregivers

Main Library *

Movies for Little Kids
Saturday, 11:30 AM
Baby Lapsit *
Mondays, 10:00 AM
Sing-Along *
Mondays & Wednesdays, 11:00 AM & Thursdays, 4:00 PM
Afterschool LEGO® Time *
Mondays, 4:00 PM
Toddler Storytime
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 11:00 AM
Preschool Storytime *
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 11:00 AM
Onesies (and Twosies) *
Wednesdays, 10:00 AM
Parent/Child Book Group
Wednesday, February 11, 6:30 PM
For ages 7-10

Curious George Room, Main Library
Curious George Room
Tuesday, February 19, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Jenny the Juggler Wednesday, February 19, 2:00 - 3:00 pm
Curious George Room, Main Library
Jenny the Juggler’s fabulous variety show includes juggling, magic, music, and more! Children of all ages and their caregivers.

Choose Your Own Afternoon
Thursday, February 20, 2:00 - 3:00 PM
Main Library, Curious George Room
Board games, puzzles and pop-up books. Children all ages and their caregivers.

Family Movie - Abominable
Friday, February 21, 2:00 - 3:45 PM
Main Library, Curious George Room

Word Play Saturday, February 29, 2:00 - 2:45 PM
Main Library, Curious George Room
Clown around with the alphabet in this fun and interactive show! A puppet show recommended for children ages 3+ and their caregivers.

Main Library, Curious George Room
Saturday, February 22, 2:00 - 3:30 PM

Queer Kids Stuff LIVE Saturday, February 22, 2:00 - 3:00 PM
Main Library, Curious George Room
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STEAM Events

LEARNING LAB CLASSES
Main Library, 449 Broadway, Cambridge, MA 02138 | Register at cambridgepl.libcal.com or call 617-349-4041

Introduction to Google Drive
Saturday, February 15, 2:00 - 3:30 PM
This course provides an overview of Google Drive. You will learn how to save, organize, and share files in the cloud. Enjoy a brief introduction to Google apps including Docs, Sheets, Photos, and Maps. Registration required.

Introduction to Audio Editing with Audacity (CCTV)
Thursday, February 20, 6:00 - 8:00 PM
Audacity is a free and powerful open-source audio editor that works on Mac, Windows, and Linux. Students will learn the basics of post-production techniques including audio restoration, noise reduction, EQ’ing, and compression. Instructor: Scotty Vercoe. Taught by expert instructors from Cambridge Community Television (CCTV). Registration required.

Branch Events

Boudreau Branch

Boudreau Cooks!
Tuesday, February 4, 6:30 - 7:45 PM
Read, cook, discuss and eat! Call 617-349-4077 for more information.

Valentine Fun!
Monday, February 10, 3:00 - 3:30 PM
Make a sweet treat for someone special.

Knitting Group
Tuesday, February 11 & 25, 7:00 - 8:00 PM
Bring your project and enjoy an hour in the company of other crafters.

Central Square Branch

Central Square Branch

Vaccination Week Program: Barn Babies
Saturday, February 22, 2:00 - 3:30 PM
Join us for a fun and engaging original theater piece for children that explores gender, creativity, and each child’s freedom to be who they are. Recommended for ages 4 - 8 and their caregivers.

2020 Census Info Session
Tuesday, February 18, 6:00 - 7:30 PM
This information session will help explain what the Census means for you as well as a timeline of what to expect and what you need to do to make sure you, your family, and others are counted.

Grassroots Rising: A Call to Action on Climate, Farming, Food, and a Green New Deal with Living on Earth Radio
Thursday, February 20, 6:30 - 8:30 PM
Join host Steve Curwood as he discusses his new book Grassroots Rising: A Call to Action on Climate, Farming, Food, and a Green New Deal with Living on Earth Radio host Steve Curwood.
Collins Branch

Get All Your Critical Documents in One Place with Jana Odette
Thursday, February 18, 2:00 - 3:00 PM
Get a jump on peace of mind by learning a straightforward, gradual system to organize your critical documents in one compact, portable place. Professional organizer and coach Jana Odette brings humor, humanity and real-life tips to help you set your process in motion. You will walk away empowered!

Family Math Games
Tuesday, February 11, 4:30 - 5:30 PM
School age children and their families are invited to play math games such as Sleeping Queens, Blokus, Connect 4 and more!

Vacation Week Program: Alternate & Virtual Reality
Tuesday, February 18, 2:00 - 3:00 PM
Join us for opportunity to experiment with visual and augmented reality! This immersive experience utilizes Merge headsets and Merge Cubes. Ages 10+

Vacation Week Program: Third Thursdays
Thursday, February 20, 5:00 - 6:00 PM
Drop in for a STEAM Kit petting zoo and take these circulating sets for a test run. Did you know you can borrow a kit featuring activities in science, technology, engineering, art and/or math from any location of the Cambridge Public Library? Come to Collins to see what we have from computer coding to tinkering and take one home today. All ages.

Vacation Week Program: Children’s Concert
Friday, February 21, 10:30 - 11:00 AM
Mai Nguyen is a flutist from Cambridge, MA. She has performed with the Boston Youth Symphony and NEC’s Youth Philharmonic, and has also attended BU’s Tanglewood Institute and the Vancouver Symphony’s Orchestral Institute. At her former high school, Cambridge Rindge and Latin School, she founded the Chamber Music Collaboration. Currently, she leads the Greater Boston Music Outreach and works in the Boston Symphony’s Education and Community Engagement Department. Children of all ages and their caregivers are invited for a morning of musical engagement.

Vacation Week Program: Perler Beads
Friday, February 21, 2:00 - 3:00 PM
Follow a pattern or create your own design with fusible Perler beads. For children age 5 and up with their caregivers.

Collins Branch

Knitting & Crochet Meetup and Yarn Swap
Thursday, February 27, 6:00 - 7:00 PM
Join fellow crocheters, knitters, and makers for a yarn swap, skill share, and crafting meetup! Stop by to destash, relax, and share your current work. All ages, skill and interest levels welcome!

Fourth Friday Fun
Friday, February 28, 10:30 - 11:15 AM
Skip, Hop, Jump - On the Fourth Friday of each month, Collins Branch hosts a special storytime and craft at 10:30am. Leap Day falls only once every four years. With February 29 occurring in 2020, we will celebrate with an active morning of movement and stories. For children of all ages and their caregivers.

O’Connell Branch

Kindness Club
Monday, February 3, 3:00 - 4:00 PM
Join us to talk about random acts of kindness we can do in our lives. Meet the “Kindness Challenge!” This month: make valentines to let people know you’re thinking of them!

STEAM Story Time
Tuesday, February 11, 3:00 - 4:00 PM
A science-themed story for preschoolers, followed by hands-on activities to explore. February Theme and Story: Hearts and Lungs! Hear Your Heart by Paul Shover.

Vacation Week Program: Pineapple Project
Tuesday, February 18, 10:00 - 2:00 PM
Join us for a fun and engaging origami theater piece for children that explores gender, creativity and each child’s freedom to be who they are. Recommended for ages 4 - 8 and their caregivers.

Random Fandom: My Little Pony!
Wednesday, February 19, 3:00 - 5:00 PM
Join fellow fans of My Little Pony Friendship is Magic at O’Connell! We’ll play friendship games, color, and sing “Winter Wrap-Up!”

Random Fandom: Wings of Fire
Friday, February 21, 3:00 - 5:00 PM
Join fellow fans of Tui Sutherland’s Wings of Fire series at O’Connell to draw dragons, do a trivia challenge, and talk about the stories.

Fiber Crafts Group
Thursday, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Whether you knit, crochet, embroider or enjoy other fabric crafts connect with this group for creative inspiration, advice, conversation or just a block of time to work on your project. Drop-ins welcome.

O’Connell Branch

Read to a Dog
Monday, February 10, 4:00 - 5:00 PM
A feel-good experience: Dog transforms reading into a special, warm and fuzzy experience. Sign-ups for a 10-minute time slot beginning an hour before the start of the program, by phone or in person. For new or experienced readers of all ages. Please contact the Branch for details at 617-349-4019.

Vacation Week Program: Drop-In at Studio
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
Wednesday, February 19
Thursday, February 20
Friday, February 21
Calling all young artists! Come to the O’Neill branch to explore your creativity! Each day we will discover different artists and make creations based on their work and style. This art will hang in the public display space in March for all to see! Recommended for ages 4-10.

Vacation Week Program: Zoo New England Presents Wildlife Conservation
Friday, February 21, 2:30 - 3:15 PM
Zoo New England comes to the library to discuss wildlife conservation efforts. Learn about the zoo is working on, how you can do your part, and meet some real live animals! For ages 5 and up.

Explore Microbits
Thursday, February 27, 4:45 - 5:30 PM
Learn how to control Microbits computers using the microBlocks program. Create games, sounds, and messages on a hand-held computer! For ages 10-18. No registration required.

Read to a Dog
Wednesday, February 5, 3:00 - 4:00 PM
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 1 week in advance by calling or visiting the O’Neill Branch (617-349-4023).

Coding Club
Thursdays, 3:00 - 4:00 PM
Whether you are a complete beginner, or an advanced coder, kids ages 8-14 can drop in to play around on various coding platforms, and build skills.

O’Neill Branch

Family Game Night
Monday, February 10, 6:00 - 7:30 PM
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 and puzzles. All ages welcome.

Valente Branch

Tasty Winter Soups & Stews
Monday, February 3, 6:30 - 7:30 PM
Get a fresh start in 2020 at your library! Do you resolve to cook more in the new year? Thinking for some inspiration for quick and healthy dinners? Chef 33 Gonson will show you how to prepare some delicious, hearty soups that will warm you from the inside out. Register for more information on our website or by calling the branch.

Drop-in Crafts
Fridays, 3:00 - 4:00 PM
Come make something fabulous to take home or share with a friend! For children of all ages and their caregivers.

2020 Census Info Session
Wednesday, February 12, 6:00 - 7:30 PM
This information session will help explain what the Census means for you. The US Census determines congressional representation and federal funding we all rely on, but did you know that Cambridge receives approximately $2,000 per resident, per year based off the US Census? Completing your US Census form impacts funding for programs that affect you and your family like education and childcare, public transportation, affordable housing, healthcare, and food assistance programs. Visit cambridgema.gov/2020census to learn more.

Vacation Week Program: How to Boil Water
Tuesday, February 18, 2:00 - 3:00 PM
If you can boil water, you can make a delicious meal! Chef Liz will take the class step-by-step through one pasta dish and one rice dish everyone can make at home with confidence and success. For children and teens ages 8 and up. To register, please visit our website or call the Valente Branch at 617-349-4015.

Leap Day Dance Party
Saturday, February 29, 3:00 - 4:00 PM
Celebrate the extra day with a dance party at the library! Children of all ages and their caregivers.