Featured Events
Sola Mahfouz and Malaina Kapoor Present: Defiant Dreams
Wednesday, September 6, 6-7:30 p.m. (Main Library)

Join Sola Mahfouz, the author of the debut memoir Defiant Dreams: The Journey of an Afghan Girl Who Risked Everything for Education, appearing with her co-author Malaina Kapoor. A reading and conversation, the program will be moderated by Matthieu Aikins, the author of The Naked Don't Fear the Water: An Underground Journey with Afghan Refugees and a 2023-2024 Radcliffe Fellow in Journalism and Nonfiction. Registration is required.

Mona Awad Presents: Rouge: A Novel in conversation with Laura Zigman
Monday, September 11, 6-8 p.m. (Main Library)

Harvard Book Store welcomes Mona Awad, acclaimed author of the books All’s Well and Bunny, for a discussion of her latest novel Rouge. She will be joined in conversation by Laura Zigman, author of Separation Anxiety and Small World. Cosponsored by the Cambridge Public Library. Registration is required.

Isabella Hammad in conversation with Namwali Serpell
September 14, 6-7:30 p.m. (Main Library)

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Service Update
All Library locations will be closed Sunday, Sep. 3 and Monday, Sep. 4 for Labor Day.
Main Library Sundays resume on Sunday, September 10, 1-5 p.m.

Join Isabella Hammad, the award-winning author of The Parisian for a conversation about her latest book, Enter
**Cousins by Kristin Emack**

On DISPLAY September 11-October 12, (Main Library, L2)

Emack has been photographing her daughter and nieces for over a decade. She has captured the girls' childhood in an unfiltered way as they move with confidence throughout Cambridge and their environment. Her work is an undeniable celebration of Black girlhood.

Join us for an opening reception on September 21 at 6:30 p.m. with a panel discussion by Kristen Emack, Dr. Alisa Victoria Prince, and cousins Apple Emack, Leyah Bernard, Kayla Bernard and Layla Bernard, as they discuss the process, inspiration, and impact of Cousins.

**Main Sundays**

Main Library Sundays resume on Sunday, September 10, 1-5 p.m.

**Workshops**

**Death Café**

VIRTUAL Tuesday, September 5, 7-8:30 p.m.

Join other adults, 18 and older, for Cambridge's virtual Death Café - an evening of open, lively, and insightful discussion about death. While not a support group nor a venue for bereavement, a Death Café 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 Café 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. Space is limited. Questions? Contact Marie at MMathieu@cambridgema.gov

Wellness for Seniors: Tai Chi Paradigm (Community Room)

Join us in this 12-week Tai Chi practice, which focuses on the mind and body connection. Tai Chi is a fluid sequence of movements choreographed in a low impact routine.
Sifu Mynor Diaz has been learning and teaching Tai Chi classes for over 20 years. He has taught classes at five VA Boston Healthcare System locations and at Senior Centers.
Note: We will be running two separate Tai Chi Paradigm series this year, a Wednesday series and a Friday series. Please register for only one of the series.
Sponsored by the Cambridge Public Library Foundation.

Mindfulness Meditation (Community Room)

Join Laura Carmen Arena for a beginner-level meditation class with a focus on mindfulness and journaling.
Laura Carmen Arena is an Argentinian-American writer and visual artist and an experienced yoga and meditation teacher based in Cambridge. She has led workshops on meditation and yoga at universities and other professional settings. She studied literature at NYU, and contemplative traditions, education and creative writing at Harvard University, where she also served as a teaching fellow, photographer, webmaster and assistant director of multicultural affairs. She enjoys leading mind-body practices to pollinate creative outlooks and a more peaceful, centered awareness.

Cambridge Cooks: Celebrating Latinx Heritage Month with Tres Latinas

Tuesday, September 19, 6-7 p.m.

Join us for Cambridge Cooks, an exciting new series that invites local chefs to the Cambridge Public Library for free cooking demonstrations and classes.

Learn how to make your own arepas with Tres Latinas! This live cooking demonstration will be followed by a free tasting and a Q&A with the chefs.

About the Chef: Tres Latinas LLC is a women-owned and operated business. The owners are Eli and Vero, two friends from Caracas with a passion for sharing their delicious Venezuelan arepas with everyone. Their food truck can be found at events across Massachusetts.

Registration is required for this event.

Basic Tech Classes, various dates

Join us for Basic Tech Classes this September! Learn how to use email, search the internet, and grow your tech skills. Pick and choose the classes that are right for you. Look for new tech classes each month. Registration is required for each class.

• Mouse and Keyboard
  Tuesday, September 12, 10 - 10:30 a.m.
• Email Basics
  Tuesday, September 12, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
• Email Tips and Tricks
  Wednesday, September 13, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
• Google Docs Basics
  Monday, September 18, 1 - 2 p.m.
Book Groups

Adult Book Groups

Romance Book Group

IN-PERSON
Tuesday, September 12, 7:15-8:15 p.m.

September selection: *Pride, Prejudice, and Other Flavors* by Sonali Dev

Brewery Book Club

(at Lamplighter Brewing Co., Broadway location)

IN-PERSON
Wednesday, September 13, 7-8:30 p.m.

September selection: *What Happened to Ruthy Ramirez* by Claire Jimenez

Contemporary Book Group

IN-PERSON
Tuesday, September 19, 2023, 6-7 p.m.

September selection: *True Biz* by Sara Nović

To sign up for classes, visit cambridgepl.libcal.com or call us at 617-349-4041.

Google Docs Tips and Tricks

IN-PERSON
Wednesday, September 20, 1 - 2 p.m.

Internet Basics

IN-PERSON
Tuesday, September 26, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Internet Safety

IN-PERSON
Wednesdays, September 27, 6 - 7 p.m.

Intro to Library e-Resources

IN-PERSON
Friday, September 29, 2 -3 p.m.

Literacy Center Programs

Intermediate ESOL

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

High Beginner ESOL

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

Advanced ESOL

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

Beginner ESOL

IN-PERSON
Wednesday and Fridays, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Résumé and Job Application Support

IN-PERSON
Wednesdays, 1-3 p.m.
Science Fiction & Fantasy Book Group  
IN-PERSON  
Wednesday, September 20, 6-7 p.m.

September selection:  
**Black Sun**  
by Rebecca Roanhorse

O'Connell Branch

Adult Book Group  
IN-PERSON  
Tuesday, September 19, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

September selection:  
**The Last White Man**  
by Mohsin Hamid

Boudreau Branch

Boudreau Branch Book Group  
HYBRID  
Wednesday, September 13, 12-1 p.m.

September title:  
**Run**  
by Ann Patchett

O'Neill Branch

O'Neill Branch Book Group  
IN-PERSON  
Monday, September 18, 6:30-8 p.m.

September selection:  
**The Undocumented Americans**  
by Karla Cornejo Villavicencio

Main Library

Romance Book Group  
IN-PERSON  
Tuesday, September 12, 7:15-8:15 p.m.

Valente Branch

Valente Branch Book Group  
IN-PERSON  
Wednesday, September 27, 6:30-7:45 p.m.

September selection:  
**The Last Great Road Bum**  
by Hector Tobar

Boudreau Branch Mystery Book Group  
HYBRID  
Tuesday, September 26, 12-1 p.m.

September title:  
**The Windsor Knot**  
by SJ Bennett

O'Connell Branch

Adult Book Group  
IN-PERSON  
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IN-PERSON  
Tuesday, September 12, 7:15-8:15 p.m.
Children’s Book Groups

- **Books Not Binaries Reading Group**
  Wednesday, September 27, 6-7 p.m.
  September selection: *The Civil War of Amos Abernathy* by Michael Leali

- **O’Connell Branch**
  Friday, September 8, 4-5 p.m.
  September selection: *Civil War on Sunday* by Mary Pope Osborne (Ages 5-10)

- **Main Library**
  - **Parent/Child (Ages 10-13) Book Group**
    Virtual
    Wednesday, September 13, 6-7 p.m.
    September selection: *Paradise On Fire* by Jewell Parker Rhodes

  - **Parent/Child (Ages 7-10) Book Group**
    Virtual
    Tuesday, September 19, 6-7 p.m.
    September selection: *The Mysterious Howling* by Maryrose Wood

  - **Kids’ Classic Fantasy Book Group**
    Hybrid
    Friday, September 15, 5-5:40 p.m.
    September selection: *Mary Poppins* by P. L. Travers (Ages 5-11)

  - **Graphics Are Great! Book Group**
    Hybrid
Tuesday, September 26, 4-5 p.m.

September selection:

**New Kid**

by Jerry Craft (Ages 8-12)

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 Stories and Songs  
Thursdays, 5:30-6 p.m.

**Collins**

Story Time  
Tuesdays, 10:30-11 a.m.

**Main Library**

Baby Lapsit (Rey Room)  
Mondays, 10-10:20 a.m.

Morning Sing-Along (Curious George Room)  
Mondays and Wednesdays, 11-11:25 a.m.

LEGO Time (Curious George Room)  
Mondays, 4-4:45 p.m.

Toddler Story Time (Rey Room)  
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11-11:25 a.m.

Preschool Story Time (Rey Room)  
Tuesdays, 4-4:25 p.m.

Afternoon Sing-Along (Curious George Room)  
Thursdays, 4-4:25 p.m.

**O’Connell**

Preschool Story Time  
Thursdays, 3:30-4 p.m.

**O’Neill**

Toddler Story Time  
Fridays, 11-11:30 a.m.

**Valente**

Songs and Stories  
Tuesdays, 11-11:25 a.m.

More Events Section

**Boudreau Branch**

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, September 11 and September 25, 6-7 p.m.

Come join us at the Boudreau branch 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. Contact the Boudreau Branch by phone at 617-349-4017 or via email: ipachoncaballero@cambridgema.gov or mmcglathery@cambridgema.gov.
**One-on-One Tech Help by Appointment**

*Wednesday, September 13 and September 27, 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: Downloading library eBooks, audiobooks, and magazines to your tablet, smartphone, or laptop, navigating databases and other library resources such as LinkedIn Learning, Using the Internet, and e-mail, Setting up devices like smartphones or streaming devices, and much more. Scheduled sessions run between 30 min to 45 min. Please bring your device, cords, and any necessary account information. Contact the Boudreau Branch (617-349-4017) with questions about this program.

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**Read to a Dog**

*Thursday, September 14, 3-4 p.m.*

Read with Ana the Therapy Dog! Therapy dogs provide warm and non-judgmental 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).

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**Central Square Branch**

**One-on-One Tech Help**

*Tuesday, September 5 and September 19, 5-7 p.m.*

Looking for some basic computer or mobile device guidance? Want to learn how to access audiobooks and eBooks? Stop by at the Central Square Branch for our drop-in hours! A laptop will be available for use during the session. If you have any questions, please contact syasuda@cambridgema.gov.

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**Collins Branch**

**Special Story Time: All About Fall**

*Monday, September 11, 10:30-11:15 a.m.*

Autumn is almost upon us. Celebrate the new season with stories, songs and a craft about changing the leaves and crisp apples. For children of all ages and a caregiver.

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**Watercolor Painting Workshop**

*Tuesday, September 19, 5-7 p.m.*

Create beautiful paintings with watercolor at the Collins Branch! Learn to paint with watercolor at your own pace in a fun and relaxing environment. We will cover techniques in color mixing, observational painting, composition, shading, light techniques, ink washes, and pattern making. Materials will be provided and no experience is necessary. Registration is required.

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**Morning Birdwatching Walk at Mount Auburn**

*Friday, September 22, 10:15-11:30 a.m.*

Join us at the Collins Branch library for a morning walk at the renowned birdwatching spot in our own backyard, Mount Auburn Cemetery! We will help you identify birds, learn birdwatching tips and tricks, and familiarize yourself with the summer migratory birds as well as those that can be spotted all year round. A limited supply of binoculars will be available. Registration is required.

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**Cambridge Science Festival: Fresh Pond Fungi Tour**

*Wednesday, September 27, 3:30-5:30 p.m.*

Join the local mycologist Lawrence Millman for an educational walking tour of Fresh Pond Reservation. Together we will learn about existing species, the history of different species, and their role in our ecosystem. Registration is required.

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**Read to a Dog**

*Thursday, September 28, 10:15-11:30 a.m.*

Join us for a 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 neighborhood. Registration is required.

**Main Library**

**Sit 'n' Knit**

*Tuesdays, 2:30-3:30 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, and mend. Refreshments will be provided.

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Due to the popularity of this series, we expect participants to attend all the classes.

These events are part of Cambridge Science Festival, a weeklong celebration showcasing the leading edge in science, technology, engineering, art and math (STEAM). A multifaceted, multicultural event, the Festival makes science accessible, interactive and fun, highlighting the impact of STEAM in all our lives.

**Eyes in the Field: Participatory Science as an Essential Practice for Conservation Research**

*Tuesday, September 26, 6:30-7:45 p.m.*

The recent discovery of a marbled salamander larva by Earthwise Aware volunteers in the Middlesex Fells illustrates the importance of participatory science to conservation research. In addition to collecting critical data, these science programs can foster a robust research community of scientists, field leaders, and local experts.

**Design With Us: Marvel's Hero Project & STEM on Stage Short Film Screenings**

*Tuesday, September 26, 6:30-8:30 p.m.*

How can design thinking and STEM innovation change our world? Join Design With Us and STEM on Stage for a STEAM-inspired evening with double short film screenings featuring pioneering innovators Jordan Reeves in Marvel's Hero Project and Humanity Needs Dreamers: A Visit With Marie Curie — plus fun trivia with prizes and more! Recommended for families and students, ages 9 & older.

**Science Story Slam**

*Wednesday, September 27, 6:30-8:30 p.m.*

Watch high school storytellers compete for $5000 in cash prizes! The Science Story Slam is an invitation to all US high schoolers to share their stories about science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM), live at the
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Saturday, September 20, 10-11 a.m.
With climate change increasing wildfire frequency and our wildland-urban interface (WUI) expanding, wildfire fuel management is more important than ever. Learn about the science and reality of wildfires and fuel reduction methods from Georgia Scarr - a young wildland firefighter, environmental non-profit co-founder, and wildfire researcher at the Stanford Bill Lane Center for the American West. This workshop includes hands-on demonstrations modeling wildfire behavior, first-hand accounts of fuel reduction case studies, and a chainsaw maintenance lesson.

OctoStudio Play Time

Saturday, September 30, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.
Join us to play with craft materials and preview OctoStudio creative coding app with your family. OctoStudio is a free coding app project in development at MIT Media Lab’s LifeLong Kindergarten Group (the same group who developed Scratch coding!) It encourages children and families to create and share stories and games. With the app, children can add photos and sounds from their environment, or integrate their creations into their physical world!

The Hive Maker Showcase

Saturday, September 30, 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
Join us as we celebrate making in The Hive and highlight community makers! Explore finished and in-process Hivemade projects and meet fellow community members. If you would like to have a project featured in the showcase, please email The Hive: thehive@cambridgema.gov.

Transforming AI with iFp Emerging Innovators: Ensuring Equity, Justice and Inclusion

Thursday, September 28, 4-6 p.m.
Get ready to be part of an exclusive behind-the-scenes reveal of Innovators for Purpose’s (iFp) latest project: “Transforming AI: Ensuring Equity, Justice, and Inclusion.”

The teen Emerging Innovators are excited about the potential of AI tools. However, they are also deeply concerned about the rising mistakes and harms that come with the technology. Join us for a special open house event where you'll get an insider's look into our early research. Your feedback will play a pivotal role in shaping the final version of "Transforming AI" which will run throughout the school year for students in grades 7-12.
We're wrapping up the event with a fireside chat, led by iFp Innovators themselves. If you’re passionate about making AI more equitable and just for all, we can’t wait to welcome you!

Youth Demands in Sustainability

Friday, September 29, 12-1 p.m.
Youth should be the centerpiece of climate education since they are the key stakeholder. It's time to ensure that youth feel included, represented and invited to engage in curriculum and conferences as well as in the classroom. Hear from a young person about what their demands look like, how youth would like to plug in, and what institutions can do to support them.

Bridging Cultural Identity

Women in Wildfire
Research Passion: Exploring Microplastics in India
Saturday, September 30, 12-1 p.m.
Some people might think of scientific research to be something only related to textbook facts. While that is true to some extent, the great passion that you bring to the research can be even more powerful. Join Nikhita Varma as he shares how his research in India about microplastics helped him bridge the gap between research and cultural background.

Mind Tricks: The Magic of Neuroscience
Saturday, September 30, 1-2 p.m.
Are you interested in neuroscience or want to learn more about how your brain operates? Do you enjoy watching and learning magic tricks? Join us as Sabrina Welch shares her knowledge of brain function using magic tricks to illustrate neuroscience concepts! Within this comedic magic show we explore the function of the brain! All featured neuroscience concepts are displayed through the lens of card magic in an understandable and fun way for all to enjoy.

Ice Cream Science is -321 Degrees COOL!
Saturday, September 30, 2-3:30 p.m.
Interactive experiments showing States of Matter, Ideal Gas Law, Density, Pressure, Wavelength then the final experiment, making ice cream with liquid nitrogen right before your eyes! Taste the science with yummy ice cream samples!

Protecting Yourself Online: A Quick and Simple Guide to Information Security
Saturday, September 30, 3-4 p.m.
The digital world is full of promise but it also holds risks untold for the everyday computer user. Malware, ransomware and surveillance lurk in every corner of the Internet. Data breaches and financial fraud are now an unfortunate daily occurrence. We will explore the risks of the digital realm from apps, to social media, email and then-some. Learn real world tools and techniques to minimize your risks, protect your privacy/identity and shield your financial health – all while getting the most out of your digital tools. We will explore the risks to you as a computer user from your desktop to the ever-expanding world of smart phones, tablets, and the world of cloud computing. The digital realm can be a dangerous place; this presentation will give you the practical knowledge to protect yourself.

Youth Involvement in Energy
Saturday, September 30, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
There are many misconceptions about the energy industry. Many believe it to be slow moving and dominated by old, white men. However, this isn’t true. There are opportunities for young people of all backgrounds and interests, from policy to tech, to get involved in the clean energy transition. This event is all about educating young people on energy and how they can connect their passions to the topic. Energy doesn’t just come from a hole in the wall, there is a world of innovation and exciting opportunities to get involved with!

Fiber Crafts Group Drop-In
Thursdays, 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.

Cambridge Science Festival: Evening Family Story Time- Stories About Scientists
Wednesday, September 27, 6:30-7 p.m.
We invite children and their caregivers to join us for a special evening story time event: learning fun things about the lives of famous scientists like Jane Goodall and George Washington Carver. This program will
English Conversation Practice

Fridays 10-11:30 a.m.
Class is currently full. Please call the O’Neill Branch at 617-349-4023 for more information.

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.

Crafting Corner

Saturdays, 1:30-3 p.m.
Fiber arts crafters of all skill levels are welcome to drop in for companionable crafting! Bring your current work in progress, and enjoy tea, snacks, and conversation with other crafters. Chat, share tips, and maybe even inspire others. No registration required.

Read to a Dog

Thursday, September 14, 3-4 p.m.
and
Saturday, September 23, 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 on one week before by calling or visiting the O’Neill Branch (617-349-4023).

Cambridge Science Festival: Tin Foil Boats

Friday, September 29, 4-5 p.m.
Think you have what it takes to build an unsinkable ship? Join us for some stories and then we will build boats out of tin foil. If your boat floats, we’ll add pennies to see how much weight they hold! For children ages 5 and up and their caregivers.

No registration is required. Please call (617) 349-4019 for more information.
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!

Saturday Songs and Stories

Saturday, September 23, 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.

Pajama Story Time

Tuesday, September 26, 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 may be held indoors or outdoors, depending on the weather. Please call ahead to inquire 617-349-4023. This program is recommended for children of all ages and their caregivers.

This program will be held in the Community Room of the Valente Branch Library. Please call 617-349-4015 for more information.

Half-Day Hangout: Anime Afternoon

Wednesday, September 20, 1-3 p.m.
Join us after the half-day to watch some kid-friendly anime and wind down with some coloring! Snacks will be provided.
No registration is required for this drop-in program. Contact the library at 617-349-4015 for more information.

Cambridge Science Festival: Hands-on Entomology with Professor Bugma

Saturday, September 30, 2-4 p.m.
How do you inspire a new generation of entomologists and scientists? With hands-on fun, of course! Stop by and see some of the amazing arthropods featured in educational kids' enrichment programs from Professor Bugman Entomology Adventures!

Cambridge Science Festival: Science Educators Meetup

Saturday, September 30, 2-4 p.m.
Science educators of all levels are welcome to bring a portable demo or instrument to share how your students are learning about science phenomena. Tabletop wind turbines, cell-phone-based electrophoresis kit, fossil collections, chaotic pendulums, your best paper airplane design, home titration kit, and more! EnergyTeachers.org will bring doppler radar, a handheld oscilloscope, a solar cooker, and more from our lending library for teachers.

EnergyTeachers.org is a network for educators interested in energy production and use.
YOUR NEXT GREAT READ

Need suggestions for your next read?
Ask your local librarian for recommendations!

Stop by any Cambridge Public Library location or receive personalized reading recommendations by visiting this link or scanning the QR code:

https://www.cambridgema.gov/cpl/Services/yournextgreatread

HIGHLIGHTS FROM LAST MONTH

Jenny Odell presents her latest work, “Saving Time: Discovering a Life Beyond the Clock”

Director McCauley introducing Jenny Odell, August 8, 2023

Jenny Odell in conversation with Nina MacLaughlin

Library patrons line up for a book signing
The Hive Workshops for September 2023

All participants must complete the Hive Safety Training before attending Hive Workshops.

3D Printing 101: Game Piece Design

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

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)

Learn how to cut, engrave, and shape designs from a variety of materials using the Glowforge Pro laser cutter in this two-part series.

Hive Safety Training

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

Sewing Circle

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.

Videography 101

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.

Vinyl Cutting 101

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.

Sewing 101

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

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XR Lab 101

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

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.
The Hive Calendar - September 2023

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