

June 2024



EVENTS *at the* CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Events

Park Sounds 2024 IN-PERSON

Saturdays, June 1, 15, and 29

📍 **Joan Lorentz Park**

Park Sounds 2024 brings free musical performances featuring local artists to the front lawn of the Cambridge Public Library Main Branch. These events are for all ages. Bring a chair, food, and loved ones to celebrate the summer! **No registration is required.**



Lady Lee and the New Awakening Band

Saturday, June 1, 2024 1-3 p.m.
Outside the Main Library in Joan Lorentz Park



Lady Lee and the New Awakening Band kick off Park Sounds 2024 with a mix of reggae originals, and popular covers.

June 1, 1-3 p.m. Lady Lee and the New Awakening Band: Celebrate Caribbean Heritage Month as Lady Lee and the New Awakening Band kick off Park Sounds 2024 with a mix of reggae originals and popular covers.

Rain date: Thursday, June 6 from 5-7 p.m.

June 15, 1-3 p.m.

The Squeezebox Stompers: 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. They are noted for their step-lively up-beat music inspiring audiences to get up and dance.

Rain date: Saturday, June 22 from 1-3 p.m.

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

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

Rain date: Wednesday, July 10 from 5:30-7 p.m.



Harvard Book Store Presents: Karen Tang, Author of *It's Not Hysteria* IN-PERSON

Tuesday, June 4, 6:30-8 p.m.

📍 **Lecture Hall**

Harvard Book Store and the Cambridge Public Library welcome Dr. Karen Tang—board-certified gynecologist and minimally invasive gynecologic surgeon—for a discussion of her new book *It's Not Hysteria: Everything You Need to Know About Your Reproductive Health (But Were Never Told)*. She will be joined in conversation by Schuyler Bailar—educator, author, and the first transgender athlete to compete on an NCAA Division 1 men's team. **Registration is required.**



TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 6:30PM
CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY
FREE RSVP AT HARVARD.COM

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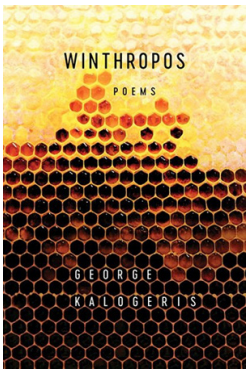
SERVICE UPDATE

All library locations will be closed on Friday, June 7 for staff training and Wednesday, June 19 for Juneteenth.

VIRTUAL Virtual event

IN-PERSON In-person event

HYBRID In-person event with option to attend virtually



Art of Translation: Modern Greek Voices, Ancient Greek Sources with George Kalogeris **IN-PERSON**

Tuesday, June 4, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

📍 Valente

Join poet and translator George Kalogeris as he discusses translating works by Greek poet Constantine P. Cavafy and examines the challenges of translating poetic grammar and syntax. Registration is required.

WildKat Hoops Presents: Hula Hooping Fun!

IN-PERSON

Wednesday, June 5, 3-4 p.m.

📍 Joan Lorentz Park

Put on your dancing shoes for an unforgettable workshop of hula hoop magic with Kat Suwalski! You will learn basic hooping moves while increasing hand-eye coordination, strength, balance, and agility. No prior hooping experience is required. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a water bottle and an open mind. Hoops are provided. No registration is required.



Harvard Book Store Presents: Ann Leary in conversation with Denis Leary **IN-PERSON**

Wednesday, June 5, 6-7:30 p.m.

📍 Lecture Hall

Harvard Book Store and the Cambridge Public Library welcome Ann Leary—*New York Times* bestselling author of *The Good House* and *The Foundling*—for a discussion of her new essay collection *I've Tried Being Nice*. She will be joined in conversation by Denis Leary—stand-up comedian, actor, and husband of Ann Leary. Registration is required.



Secret Gardens of Cambridge Tour **IN-PERSON**

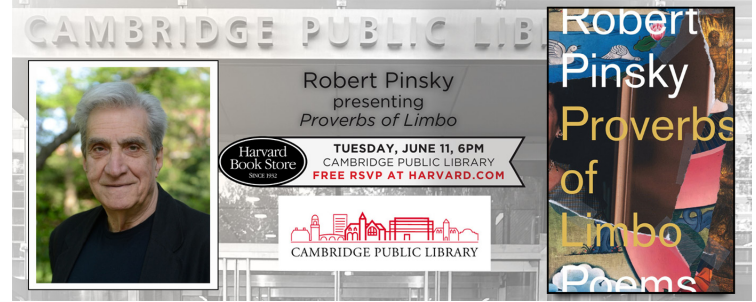
Sunday, June 9, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

The Secret Gardens of Cambridge is a biennial fundraising event of the Friends of the Cambridge Public Library. The Secret Gardens of Cambridge offers a special self-guided tour for all members of the community to discover and explore private gardens in neighborhoods all across the city. Buy your ticket here: <https://tinyurl.com/CPLsecretgarden2024>.

Harvard Book Store Presents: Robert Pinsky, Author of *The Want Bone* **IN-PERSON**

Tuesday, June 11, 6-7:30 p.m.

📍 Lecture Hall



Harvard Book Store and the Cambridge Public Library welcome Robert Pinsky—Poet Laureate of the United States from 1997 to 2000, author of *At The Foundling Hospital*, *The Figured Wheel*, and *The Want Bone*, and professor in the graduate creative writing program at Boston University—for a discussion of his new poetry collection *Proverbs of Limbo*. He will be joined in conversation by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Stephen Greenblatt. Registration is required.

Cambridge Cooks with Afton Cyrus **IN-PERSON**

IN-PERSON

Wednesday, June 12, 5:30-7 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. Registration is required.



Cambridge Youth Gamelan Orchestra **IN-PERSON**

Saturday, June 15, 2:30-4 p.m.

📍 Lecture Hall

Join the Cambridge Youth Gamelan for a special performance featuring Balinese musicians, Dewa Ayu Eka Putri and Putu Tangkas Adi Hiranmayena. In this performance, you will hear traditional Balinese music performed on the gamelan gong kebyar, one of Bali's most popular ensembles. Registration is not required.

Cambridge Cooks: Pride Pasta! **IN-PERSON**

IN-PERSON

Thursday, June 20, 6-7 p.m.

📍 Community Room



Cambridge School of Culinary Arts is back with a special Pride Month-themed pasta-making class! Join us as we make rainbow pasta. Registration is required.



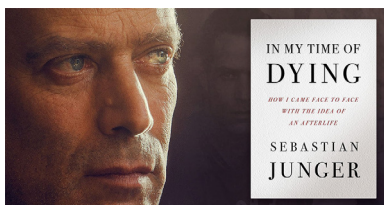
3rd Annual Juneteenth Parade and Celebration

IN-PERSON

Wednesday, June 19,
10 a.m.-4 p.m.

📍 Riverside Press Park

Join the Cambridge Families Of Color Coalition for a Juneteenth celebration. Come celebrate freedom with music, fun, food, games, and more. The Parade starts at 10 a.m., and then we will celebrate at Riverside Press Park until 4. Stop by the Library's table to learn about our Black Voices collection, our partnership with the Cambridge Black History Project, and more!



CPL Presents: Sebastian Junger, Author of *In My Time of Dying*

HYBRID

Tuesday, June 25,
6-7:30 p.m.

📍 Lecture Hall

Join Sebastian Junger in a discussion of his latest book, *In My Time of Dying: How I Came Face to Face with the Idea of an Afterlife*. As an award-winning journalist, a contributing editor to *Vanity Fair* and a special correspondent at ABC News, he has covered major international news stories around the world and has received both a National Magazine Award and a Peabody Award. **Registration is required.**

CPL Presents: Diannely Antigua and Patrick Sylvain in Celebration of Caribbean American Heritage Month

HYBRID

Wednesday, June 26, 6-7:30 p.m.

📍 Lecture Hall

Join the Cambridge Public Library in celebrating Caribbean American Heritage Month with a poetry reading and conversation featuring two award-winning local poets with roots in the Caribbean, Diannely Antigua and Patrick Sylvain.

Digital Discovery: Exploring Fun and Practical Artificial Intelligence Tools

IN-PERSON

Thursday, June 27, 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.**

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

Service Alert: No June Story Time

Please note that Collins Branch will temporarily pause all youth programs, including weekly story times, for the month of June.

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.

High Beginner ESOL IN-PERSON

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

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

Intermediate ESOL IN-PERSON

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11 a.m.-12 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.

Workshops



Basic Tech Classes IN-PERSON

Various dates

Learning Lab

Join us for Basic Tech Classes this June! 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.

- Google Docs Basics **Tuesday, June 4, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.**
- Google Docs Tips and Tricks **Thursday, June 13, 6-7 p.m.**
- Email Basics **Tuesday, June 18, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.**
- Email Tips and Tricks **Wednesday, June 26, 3-4 p.m.**



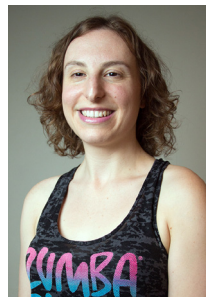
Wellness for Seniors: Introduction to Tai Chi Paradigm IN-PERSON

Mondays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Community Room

Join us in this 4-week *Introduction to Tai Chi Paradigm* practice, which focuses on the mind and body connection. Tai Chi is a fluid sequence of movements choreographed in a low impact routine. Priority will be

given to individuals who have not previously attended a Tai Chi Class. Registration is required.



Wellness for Seniors: Combo Dance Fitness & Let Your Yoga Dance

VIRTUAL

Mondays, 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! This is a virtual event. A Zoom link will be sent to all registered participants 1 hour before the event. Registration is required.



Queer Zine Making Workshop

IN-PERSON

Tuesday, June 11, 6-8 p.m.

Central Square

In this hands-on workshop, you'll learn what exactly a zine is. Then, you will

learn how to make your very own, very queer zine!

Registration is required.



Juneteenth Meets 'Froca Fitness' **IN-PERSON**

Thursday, June 13, 6-7:30 p.m.

📍 **Central Square**

In celebration of Juneteenth, come groove with dance founder of 'Froca Fitness, Sylvester, at the Dance Complex! Meet at the Central Square Branch at 6 p.m. before we walk over to the Dance Complex or meet us at the Dance Complex at 6:30 p.m. **Registration is required.**



Mindfulness and Aging with Wisdom **VIRTUAL**

Wednesday, June 26, 10-11 a.m.

📍 **Zoom**

Zeenat Potia, instructor at the Cambridge Insight Meditation Center, will lead this workshop on mindfulness and the skills needed to establish an attitude of ease and stability within the context of aging. No meditation experience is necessary. A Zoom link will be sent out 1 hour prior to the event start time. **Registration is required.**



Isha Kriya **IN-PERSON**

Saturday, June 15, 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!**

Watercolor Class: Being with Trees Creatively **IN-PERSON**

IN-PERSON

Thursday, June 13, 5-7 p.m.

📍 **Rossi Room**

Explore the unique features of individual trees and tree species using your senses and watercolor paint. All experience levels welcome. This workshop is led by artist and naturalist, Rebecca Arnoldi. **Registration is required and opens on May 30.**

ASL at the Library - Signing Rocks!

IN-PERSON

Saturday, June 15, 1-2 p.m.

Monday, June 17, 6-7 p.m.

📍 **Main Library Community Room**

Monday, June 17, 12-1 p.m.

📍 **O'Neill**

Join us for a party and an American Sign Language (ASL) class rolled into one! SIGNING Basics hosts this event which teaches ASL signs through fun games and activities for all experience levels. **Registration is required.**



Exhibits



Freedom, Liberty, and Independence: Celebrating Independence Day with Autistic Artists **IN-PERSON**

June 24-June 27: 5-8 p.m.

July 1-July 3: 5-8 p.m.

July 6: 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

📍 **L2 Hallway**

This exhibition is a tapestry of two historic celebrations of freedom: America's Fourth of July and Korea's Liberation Day on August 15. It's a tribute to the spirit of independence that spans continents and cultures, reminding us of the universal desire for liberty that echoes through time. Join us for an opening reception on Saturday, June 22.



Summer Solstice Collage Event

IN-PERSON

Thursday, June 20, 6-8 p.m.

📍 **Central Square**

Join us for an evening of collaging at the Central Square Branch. The Summer solstice ushers in abundance and blooming of spring seeds! What are you ready to receive? Materials will be provided! **No registration is required.**

Cambridge Public Library Summer Reading

Read, Renew, Repeat
June 24 - August 23

 All branches

Celebrate reading with CPL 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!

Learn more at camb.ma/summerreading.

In addition to bingo, the Library is hosting special Summer Reading events across all branches. All Summer Reading events are in-person.

No registration is required unless stated otherwise:



O'Neill Summer Reading Kickoff Monday, June 24, 1-3 p.m.

 O'Neill

Celebrate the start of the summer! We will have food, games and outdoor art. All ages are welcome!

Tuesday Teen Room Hangout

Tuesdays, June 25 - August 20, 2-5 p.m.

 Main Library

Drop into the Teen Room any Tuesday afternoon this summer and enjoy a variety of FREE activities, from board games to video games, 3D pens, paper crafts, anime, and more. Or just sit down with a great book from our shelves.



Pajama Story Time

Tuesday, June 25,
6:45-7:30 p.m.

 O'Neill

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.

Chalk Art Summer Reading Kickoff

Wednesday, June 26, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

 Central Square

Come meet our new Youth Services Librarian and join us during story time for a special summer reading kickoff! Celebrate the start of the season by beautifying our plaza with your chalk drawings, listening to stories, enjoying a summertime treat, and learning more about the special events that CPL will be hosting all summer long. In the event of rain, this program will be held in the Central Square Children's Room.



Crocodile River Music

Wednesday, June 26, 4-5 p.m.

 Main Library

African rhythms, history, and culture merge into an evening of movement, cultural exploration, and joy. Crocodile River Music's mission is to connect audiences with African artists and cultures through performance and education. This program is recommended for children of all ages and their families.

Boudreau Summer Reading Kickoff

Thursday, June 27, 2-5 p.m.

 Boudreau

Help us kick off the start of summer! Enjoy some snacks, check out some books for your first summer reading challenge, and help us decorate our bulletin board with a beautiful summer ecosystem. There will be a multitude of nature-related crafts for you to take home or hang up on the board. All ages are welcome!

Make a Pinhole Camera

Friday, June 28, 2-4 p.m.

 O'Neill

Learn about long-exposure photography and build your own camera! Recommended for children ages 10 and up. Children ages 5-9 are welcome to participate with an adult. **Registration is required.**



Ed Popielarczyk's Comedy Magic

Friday, June 28, 4-4:45 p.m.

 O'Connell

Ed Popielarczyk is a professional magician, balloon twister and entertainer. This program is recommended for children of all ages and their caregivers.

Mike the Bubble Man

Saturday, June 29, 3-4 p.m.

 Valente

Bubbles come alive through music, choreography and comedy to spark imagination and wonder. This program is recommended for children of all ages and their caregivers.



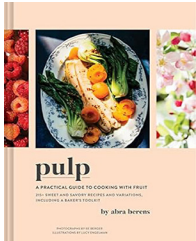


Book Groups



Adult Book Groups

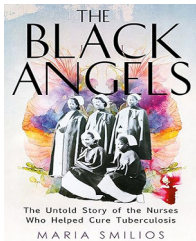
Boudreau



Cookbook Book Group **IN-PERSON**

Wednesday, June 5, 6-7 p.m.

Pulp by Abra Berens and *Dappled* by Nicole Rucker

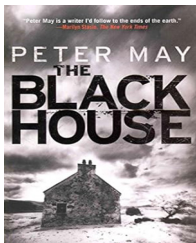


Boudreau Branch Book Group

HYBRID

Wednesday, June 12, 12-1 p.m.

The Black Angels by Maria Smilios

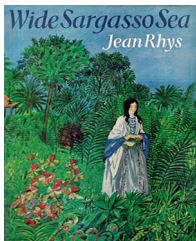


Boudreau Branch Mystery Book Group **HYBRID**

Tuesday, June 25, 12-1 p.m.

The Blackhouse by Peter May

Collins



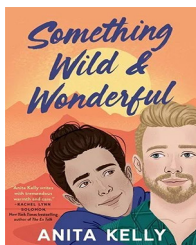
Collins Branch Book Group

IN-PERSON

Tuesday, June 25, 6-7 p.m.

Wide Sargasso Sea by Jean Rhys

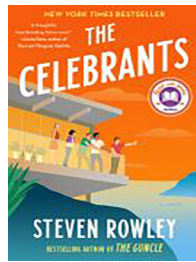
Main Library



Romance Book Group **IN-PERSON**

Tuesday, June 11, 7:15-8:15 p.m.

Something Wild & Wonderful by Anita Kelly

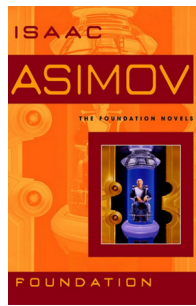


Contemporary Book Group

IN-PERSON

Tuesday, June 18, 6-7 p.m.

The Celebrants by Steven Rowley



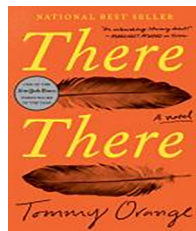
Science Fiction & Fantasy Book Group **IN-PERSON**

SCIFI Group is full, 14 on waiting list

Wednesday, June 26, 6-7 p.m.

Foundation by Isaac Asimov

O'Connell



Adult Book Group

IN-PERSON

Tuesday, June 18, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

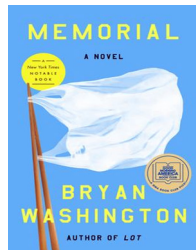
There There by Tommy Orange

Mystery Book Group **IN-PERSON**

Friday, June 21, 3-4 p.m.

Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone by Benjamin Stevenson

O'Neill



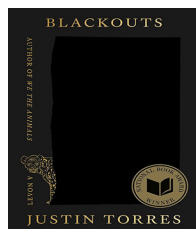
O'Neill Branch Book Group

IN-PERSON

Monday, June 10, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Memorial by Bryan Washington

Valente



Valente Branch Book Group

IN-PERSON

Wednesday, June 12, 12-1 p.m.

Blackouts by Justin Torres

Children's Book Groups

Main Library

Books Not Binaries Book Group **IN-PERSON**

Wednesday, June 26, 6-7 p.m.

Cross My Heart and Never Lie by Nora Dasnes; translated by Matt Bagguely. This group is currently full.

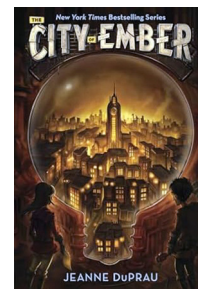
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Kids' Classic Fantasy Book Group

HYBRID

Friday, June 14, 4-5 p.m.

The City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau (Ages 10-14)

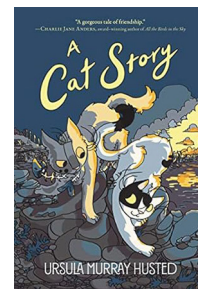


Graphics Are Great! Book Group

HYBRID

Tuesday, June 25, 4-5 p.m.

A Cat Story by Ursula Murray Husted (Ages 8-12)



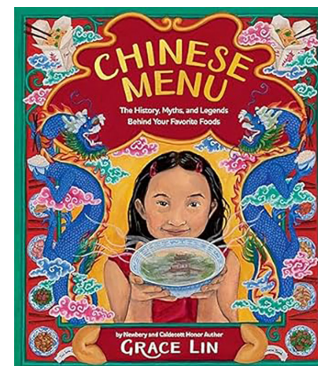
O'Neill

Kids' Books for Everyone

IN-PERSON

Tuesday, June 11, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Chinese Menu by Grace Lin



Branch Events

Boudreau



Chess Hour

Monday, June 3 and June 17, 5-6 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. **No registration is required.**



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.



One-on-One Tech Help

Wednesday, June 5, and Tuesday, June 18, 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@cambridgemā.gov.



Pineapple Project

Tuesday, June 11, 4-5 p.m.

Celebrate Pride Month with us with a performance from Pineapple Project! This original, theatrical show features the power of friendship, the importance

of being your true self, and lots of laughs.

No registration necessary.



Coffee, Cribbage, and Chess

Friday, June 28, 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@cambridgemā.gov



Fiber Arts Circle

Wednesdays, 1-2 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! **No registration required.**

Narcān Distro

Thursday, June 6, 12-3 p.m.

Learn about overdose prevention and pickup free Narcān from Cambridge Public Health Department. **No registration required.**



Cambridge City Dance Party Pre-Party

Friday, June 28, 5-5:45 p.m.

Gather with friends and neighbors for snacks and tunes before the annual Cambridge City Dance Party. We'll head over to City Hall together at

5:45 p.m. If we don't see you here, we hope to see you dancing on the streets! More information about the City Dance Party. **No registration is required.**

Collins

CPL Nature Club: Morning Bird Watching Walk at Mount Auburn Cemetery

Friday, June 28, 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 migratory birds as well as those that can be spotted all year round. A limited supply of binoculars will be available. **Registration is required.**



Main Library



Sit 'n' Knit

Tuesdays, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

📍 Rossi Room

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.



Puzzle Party

Thursdays, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

📍 Rossi Room

Join our librarians for tea, cookies and a jigsaw puzzle. An hour of fun and conversation on a Thursday afternoon. Refreshments will be provided.



Drag Story Time

Saturday, June 1, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

📍 Curious George Room

Kick off Pride Month with Drag Story Time at the Cambridge Public Library! Join us on Saturday, June 1st at 11 a.m.

in the Main Library Curious George Room for songs and stories about what makes each of us fabulous. This program is for children and their caregivers. **No registration is required.**



Pop-Up Video Game Arcade for Teens

Wednesday, June 12, 3:30-6:30 p.m.

📍 Learning Lab

Come game with us! Recreational gaming company, One Up Games, will provide new games and old games across a variety of systems, including Nintendo Switch, Xbox, and PlayStation. There will be capacity for up to 30 gamers to play at the same time.

End-of-Year Teen Party

Friday, June 14, 3-5 p.m.

📍 Teen Room

Come party in the Teen Room to celebrate the end of the school year! Enjoy pizza, drinks, snacks and games, and DJ your favorite songs as we dance our cares away.



O'Connell



Fiber Crafts Group Drop-In

Wednesdays (except June 19), 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. **No registration is required.**

Wednesday Word Puzzles

Wednesdays (except June 19), 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. Email cmeisler@cambridgema.gov for more details. **No registration is required.**



Pride Month Story Time

Thursday, June 6, 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 being yourself! Please call (617) 349-4019 for details. **No registration is required.**



Rainbow Chalk Art

Thursday, June 6, 4-5 p.m.

Celebrate Pride Month by decorating the O'Connell Reading Garden with chalk, in all the colors of the rainbow! For children of all ages and their caregivers. **No registration is required.**

Create Your Own Vision Board

Tuesday, June 11, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Come to the O'Connell Branch to create your very own vision board! A vision board is a collage of images and words that you create to represent your future goals and aspirations. Vision boards can spark your motivation and remind you of the things that bring you joy! All materials will be provided.

No registration is required.



Songs and Stories with Guest Author Ellen Mayer

Wednesday, June 12, 5:30-6:15 p.m.

Stories, songs, and activities with author Ellen Mayer celebrating her new book *Gift & Box*. Families with children of all ages can join us for a story time, plus singalong with a bluegrass trio, The

Incorrigibles! 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.



CPL Nature Club: Plant a Seed, Grow a Flower

Thursday, June 13, 4-5 p.m.



Spring is in full swing, so it's time to plant seeds! Join us to plant your very own marigolds, decorate a container, learn about the lifecycle of a plant, and check out some books about gardening! This event is open to children ages 5 and up and their caregivers. **Registration is required for child participants - caregivers do not need to register.**

CPL Nature Club: Butterfly Story Time

Thursday, June 20, 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 butterflies! Please call (617) 349-4019 for details. **No registration is required.**



Read to a Dog

Wednesday, June 26, 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 one week in advance. Sign up by phone or in person at the O'Connell Branch.**



Family Crochet Hour

Thursday, June 27, 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. **No registration is required.**

O'Neill



Drop-in Maker Studio

Saturday, June 1, 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.

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.



CPL Nature Club: Bug Walk and Story Time

Tuesday, June 4, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.



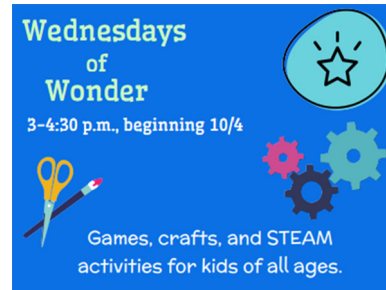
We invite children and their grown-ups to join us for stories, followed by an outdoor walk around the Library (weather permitting), and a simple insect-themed craft.



Decorate the Library for Pride

Tuesday, June 4, 3-4:30 p.m.

Visit the Library and help us decorate for Pride Month! We will have craft supplies and decorations to help us celebrate. All ages are welcome! **No registration is required.**



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.**

June 5, 1:30-4:30 p.m. Open Play with One Up Games

June 12, 3-4:30 p.m. Building a Solar System

June 26, 2-4 p.m. Making Robots



Celebrate World Oceans Day with Delilah the Whale

Saturday, June 8, 2-4 p.m.

People of all ages can go inside of a life-size inflatable whale!

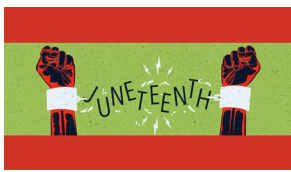
Registration is required and will begin May 24. This program will happen outside. In case of rain or bad weather it will be in the gym of the Peabody School. **Each person attending (of any age) must sign up individually.**

CPL Nature Club: Spring Birdwatching

Monday, June 10, 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. We will meet inside the O'Neill Branch before walking together to Danehy. **Registration is required.**



Juneteenth Unlimited with Wee the People

Tuesday, June 11, 3-4 p.m.

Get ready for a summer celebration of freedom and resilience with

Juneteenth Unlimited! In this interactive workshop, we'll explore the story of Juneteenth, the oldest commemoration of the outlawing of slavery in the United States. Through stories, craft-making, and a Jubilee teach-in, we'll honor the joy and radical resistance of Black Americans then and now. Geared for ages 6 and older accompanied by an adult. **No registration is required.**



Read to a Dog

Thursday, June 13, 3-4 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).



Kids' Zine Collective

Friday, June 14, 4-5 p.m.

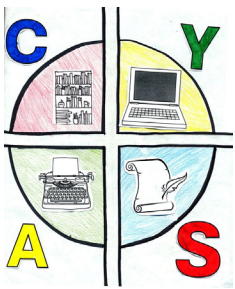
What's a zine? And how do I make one? Come find out! Kids are invited to explore making, copying, sharing, and swapping zines.

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

Anime Afternoon for Middle Schoolers

Tuesday, June 18, 4:15-5:30 p.m.

Middle schoolers are invited to watch anime! Snacks provided. **Registration is optional.**



Cambridge Young Authors' Squad

Friday, June 21, 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.

Saturday Songs and Stories

Saturday, June 22, 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.

Sewing 101

Tuesday, June 25, 2-5 p.m.

Learn to use a sewing machine at the O'Neill Branch! This class is designed for ages 7 through adult. Ages 7-11 must participate with an adult. Ages 12 and up may participate alone or with a partner.

In this class, you will learn the basics of sewing machine operation and safety. We will cover machine setup, basic functions, threading the machine, reloading the bobbin, sewing straight stitches, and recognizing when problems arise. As we learn together, we'll work on one or two simple sewing projects.



Trivia Night!

Wednesday, June 26, 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.**



Chess Hour

Saturday, June 29, 3-4 p.m.

Join us for a game of chess at the O'Neill Branch! Players of all skill levels and all ages are welcome to participate. Chess sets will be provided, but feel free to bring your own. This is a space for individuals to play and test their skills against other members of the community. This is not an instructional class.

Valente

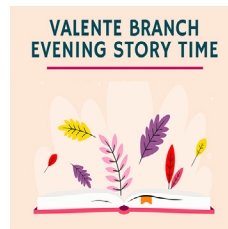


Pride Button Drop-in for Youth

Monday, June 3, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Usher in pride month in style! Make buttons to show off pride flags or make your own pronoun pins! We will have templates available to fill in. Use your

new pride swag to celebrate all month long! This program is recommended for ages 8 and up. If younger siblings under the age of 8 are joining, they must be accompanied by a caregiver. **Registration is helpful to receive a program reminder but is not required.**



Evening Story Time

Monday, June 3, 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.**



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.



Half-Day Take-and-Make Wednesday, June 5, 1-3 p.m.

Stop by Valente after the half-day to pick up a take-and-make activity to make at the library or bring home with you. Available while supplies last.

No registration is required.



Board Game Night for Adults Tuesday, June 11, 6-7:30 p.m.

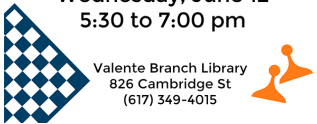
Join us for an evening of board games. We have: Ticket to Ride, Settlers of Catan, Scrabble, chess, checkers, Boggle, Bananagrams, and more! Feel free to

bring a board game to play with others. We will provide pizza and beverages.



Family Board Game Night

Wednesday, June 12
5:30 to 7:00 pm



Valente Branch Library
826 Cambridge St
(617) 349-4015

Family Board Game Night Wednesday, June 12, 5:30-7 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.

SATURDAY STORY TIME

Starting at 2pm



Saturday Story Time Saturday, June 15, 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.



End of School Year Party Friday, June 21, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Celebrate the end of the school year and the start of summer! Join us for snacks, sidewalk chalk, bubbles, and fun! Free ice cream will be available first-come, first-served. One ice cream per person, only while supplies last. This event is for children and their caregivers. **No registration is required.**



Ammaya Dance & Drum

Juneteenth Drum Circle with Ammaya Dance & Drum Saturday, June 22, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

In celebration of Juneteenth, come participate in a drum circle and enjoy stories and songs about freedom with Ammaya Dance & Drum. This event is hosted jointly by the O'Connell and Valente Branches and will take place in the courtyard outside the Valente Branch. The drum circle will move inside the building if there is inclement weather. **Registration is required.**



Make Along for Adults: Doodling with 3D Pens

Tuesday, June 25, 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.

Save the Date

Park Sounds



ALDRA

**Saturday,
July 13, 2024**
1:30-3 p.m.
Outside the
Main Library in
Joan Lorentz Park

Saturday, July 13,
1:30-3 p.m.
Saturday, July 27,
1:30-3 p.m.
📍 **Joan Lorentz Park**

**Saturday, July 13:
ALDRA**
ALDRA is a
Somerville, MA-

based performing and recording artist whose music draws influence from soul, R&B, and alternative pop. She captivates listeners with velvety tones, profound lyrics, and imagery to bring them on a journey through her life experiences.
Rain date: **Wednesday July 17 from 5:30 - 7 p.m.**



Il Contrapposto

**Saturday,
July 27, 2024**
1:30-3 p.m.
Outside the
Main Library in
Joan Lorentz Park

**Saturday, July 27:
Il Contrapposto**
Il Contrapposto is an
early music ensemble
and continuo
team dedicated to
traversing the more
untrodden paths
of 16th- and 17th-

century European music. Performing on historical instruments, with historically informed performance practices, their varied and engaging live performances are a step back into the homes and courts of Renaissance Europe.
Rain date: **Saturday, August 3 from 1:30 - 3 p.m.**

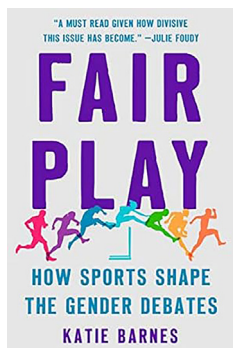


Cambridge Public Library
Summer Reading
Read, Renew, Repeat
June 24 - August 23

Summer Reading with CPL
Monday, June 24- Friday, August 23
📍 **All Branches**

Keep working on your bingo challenges! Complete reading challenges and fill out your bingo

board for a chance to win prizes. To find July Summer Reading events, visit <https://tinyurl.com/CPLSummerReadingJuly>.



"A MUST READ GIVEN HOW DIVISIVE THIS ISSUE HAS BECOME." —JULIE FOODY

FAIR PLAY

HOW SPORTS SHAPE THE GENDER DEBATES
KATIE BARNES

Brewery Book Club
Wednesday, July 10, 7-8:30 p.m.
📍 **Lamplighter Brewing Co.**

You're invited to our July 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 *Fair Play: How Sports Shape the Gender Debates* by Katie Barnes.

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Highlights from May



Haitian band, Tjovi Ginen, performs sacred songs and rituals in celebration of Haitian Flag Day.



Members of the Cambridge Young Authors' Squad at the O'Neill Branch had a guest visit from Horn Book Editor-in-Chief Elissa Gershowitz!



Nella Mareti teaches beginner friendly watercolor tips for a special Mother's Day Paint and Sip.



Chef Afruza Akther makes ghugni, a Bengali-style chickpea salad.



Art instructor Lynn Vandick led O'Connell patrons in creating floral acrylic paintings.



Chef Ayida Solé teaches us how to make Bannann Pézén, or plantain nachos.

Hive Workshops for June 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 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.

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.

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



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. **Registration is required for all Hive workshops.**

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.

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!

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 - June 2024



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9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Equipment and Studio
Reservations
11:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Equipment and Studio
Reservations
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

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

Equipment and Studio
Reservations
2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Studio Recording 101
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

3D Printing 101:
Game Piece Design
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

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Game Piece Design
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

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Vinyl Cutting 101
10-11 AM

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Equipment and Studio
Reservations
9:30 AM - 4:30 PM

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Vinyl Cutting 101
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Equipment and Studio
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3:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Hive Safety Training
(Virtual)
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