

# EVENTS at the CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY



### MARGRET AND H.A. REY CURIOUS GEORGE LECTURE

Meet Rita Williams-Garcia VIRTUAL

Saturday, April 9, 11 a.m.-noon

Meet Rita Williams-Garcia, the best-selling, awardwinning author of favorite novels like Clayton Byrd Goes Underground, One Crazy Summer, and the Gaither Sisters series. Rita will share more about her books and answer questions from the audience. The annual lecture is an initiative developed in partnership with the Cambridge Public Library, the Curious George Fund, and the Cambridge Public Library Foundation.

This event is intended for children and their caregivers.

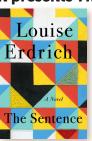




#### **AUTHOR TALK**

### Louise Erdrich presents The Sentence VIRTUAL





Thursday, April 7, 6-7:30 p.m. Join Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award-winning author Louise Erdrich in a virtual reading and discussion of her latest novel, The Sentence. Erdrich, a member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa, is the author of many novels as well as volumes of poetry,

children's books, and a memoir of early motherhood.

Joan Naviyuk Kane is Inupiaq, with family from King Island (Ugiuvak) and Mary's Igloo, Alaska. She is the author of several poetry collections and teaches at Harvard University. Sponsored by the Cambridge Public Library Foundation.

### **NERD ALERT!**

### When Poop Becomes Medicine: Using the Bacteria in Our Guts to Transform Public Health IN-PERSON

Monday, April 11, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Community Room, Main Library

Nerd Alert! is a series of public talks where local scientists demystify cutting-edge research in a casual setting. In this talk, we'll learn how a local stool bank uses bacteria to treat antibioticresistant infections and what's next for this new field of medicine. Presented by Justin Chen of OpenBiome.

All Library Locations will be closed on Monday, April 15 for Patriots' Day.

#### **ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

### Randa Jarrar and Hala Alyan in Conversation with





Jess Rizkallah VIRTUAL Wednesday, April 13, 6-7:30

Celebrate Arab American Heritage Month with us and join this reading! Hala Alyan is a Palestinian American writer and clinical psychologist whose debut novel, Salt Houses, was the winner of the

Arab American Book Award and the Dayton Literary Peace Prize. Randa Jarrar is the author of the memoir Love Is An Ex-Country, the novel A Map of Home, and the collection of stories Him, Me. Muhammad Ali. Sponsored by the Cambridge Public Library Foundation.

#### **NATIONAL POETRY MONTH**

#### Poets in Conversation with Golden and JR Mahung





VIRTUAL

Thursday, April 21, 6-7:15 p.m. Join Golden & JR Mahung for a conversation celebrating National Poetry Month. Golden (they/them) is a Black gender-nonconforming transfemme photographer, poet, and organizer, author of A Dead Name That Learned

How to Live. JR Mahung (they/she) is a Garifuna poet & educator, author of Since When He Have Wings. Supported by the Cambridge Public Library Foundation and created by the ARTF Public Programs subcommittee.

### **Service Update**

Beginning April 4, The Boudreau Branch Library's new regular hours of operation are:

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Beginning April 4, the Valente Branch Library's new regular hours of operation are:

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

VIRTUAL Virtual event.

IN-PERSON In-person event.

HYBRID In-person event with option to attend virtually.

#### **CAMBRIDGE ROOM LECTURE SERIES**

### Old House Do's and Don'ts VIRTUAL



Wednesday, April 6, 12-1 p.m.

As times change so do the needs and desires of families when it comes to modern living. Historic homes are often altered to realize these dreams, but it can be hard to know how to make changes that are sensitive to the existing character of the house. This online lecture defines "preservation" and how to apply its tenets effectively to old homes. Learn tips on how to read changes that have been made to old houses and identify those that were successful and those that weren't. Discover ideas for

how to recapture the historic character of an old house as well as improve its energy efficiency. Join us for this lecture presented by Elizabeth Paliga, Preservation Services Manager for Historic New England.

# **Democratizing Book Collecting: The First Bibliophiles of Cambridge**



Wednesday, April 13, 12-1 p.m.

Join Drew Griffin, Senior Librarian at the Cambridge Public Library, as he delves into the history of book collection in Cambridge. By 1850 two of the finest book collections in the Boston area were located within half a mile of one another on Mass Ave between Central and Harvard Squares. The two bibliophiles, Thomas Dowse and George Livermore, show a distinctly American approach to book collecting. Unlike their British peers, they came

from humble backgrounds, didn't attend college, and emphasized the democratic nature of their bookish pursuits by opening their libraries to the public (Dowse) and writing articles on book collecting for the nascent Cambridge Chronicle (Livermore).

### Central to It All: A Look at Central Square, the Nightclub ManRay, and Twenty Years of Change IN-PERSON



Wednesday, April 27, 7-8:30 p.m.

Quantity Cambridge Room, Main Library

Join Shawn Driscoll, author of We are But Your Children: An Oral History of the Nightclub Manray, for a look into Central Square during the years of ManRay's existence. Through presentation and a rich panel of speakers, we will explore the years of 1983 to 2006 and witness the growth and dynamic change within the square, through the lens of ManRay and its twenty years at 21 Brookline St.

### LITERACY CENTER

For more information call Maria Balestrieri at 617-349-4013. No classes are held on days the library is closed.

### Beginner ESOL VIRTUAL

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1-2 p.m.

### High Beginner ESOL VIRTUAL

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

#### Intermediate ESOL VIRTUAL

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3-4 p.m.



Resume and Job Application Support IN-PERSON

Wednesdays, 1-3 p.m.

Literacy Center, Central Square Branch

#### **SOCIAL HOUR**

Knitting Group IN-PERSON

Every Tuesday, 6:30-7:30 p.m. **P** Boudreau

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

#### **HOUSED IN CAMBRIDGE**

Have a housing or housing-related question? Want to learn more about affordable rental opportunities? **Need help navigating financial** assistance programs for housing? Looking for advice about housing rights?



### Drop-In Hours IN-PERSON

Friday, April 29, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Ommunity Room, Main Library Drop in to meet the Housed in Cambridge team and find out about housing resources in Cambridge! We look forward to meeting with you during Fair Housing Month, Housed in Cambridge is a citywide campaign designed to educate and inform residents on housing opportunities and housing related resources and services. Staff from the City Manager's Office of the Housing Liaison, the Housing Division of the Community Development Department, the Department of Human Service Programs Multi-Service Center, the Human Rights Commission, and the Social Work Staff of the Library will be on hand to answer your questions and provide information.

Have questions?

Contact the Library Social Worker, Marie Mathieu, at mmathieu@cambridgema. gov or by phone at (857) 235-9916 or Lucy Flamm, Librarian, at LFlamm@ cambridgeMA.gov.

### **Workshops**

### The World of Harmonica and the Pocket Musician VIRTUAL



Saturday, April 2 and 9, 12-1 p.m. Bob Hennessy's *The Beginners Harmonica* syllabus covers the history of the instrument with music examples of its use in Americana, Blues, Country, Jazz, Pop, and Rock, followed by instructions on basic grip, wah wah and tremolo, breath control, introduction to rhythm and train,

productive habits, and ways to practice.

### **Jumpstart Your Financial Future: Protecting** You and Your Assets VIRTUAL

Tuesday, April 12, 7-8 p.m.

Life as an independent adult can feel complicated and overwhelming. How can you be ready for the challenges ahead? This workshop will help you organize and prepare for your adult life! Presented by the Babson Financial Literacy Project.

### Career Skills VIRTUAL

Tuesday, April 5 and 19, 6-7:30 p.m. April 5: The Importance of Linkedin

**April 19:** Interview Workshop

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

### **Urban Gardening: Grow Your Own Sprouts**



Wednesday, April 13, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Sprouts are easy to grow at home and can add fresh flavor and nutrients to your diet all year round. Learn how to grow your own sprouts with a wide range of seeds, including radish, pea, chickpea, mung bean, alfalfa, fenugreek, sunflower, lentil,

and broccoli. Presented by the Trustees Boston Community Gardens Program.

### **Know Your Rights VIRTUAL**

Wednesday, April 13, 6-7:30 p.m.

This free workshop will focus on the rights of immigrants in our community. What you will learn: Changes in legal processes; Helpful community resources available to immigrants; Protecting your personal information from scams.

This workshop is available simultaneously in Amharic, English, Haitian Creole, and Spanish.

This event is presented in collaboration with the Political Asylum/Immigration Representation (PAIR) Project, the City's Commission on Immigrant Rights and Citizenship, and the Cambridge Police Department.

For more information or with any questions, contact Lucy at LFlamm@cambridgema.gov or by phone at (617) 349-4022.

### Green Cambridge "Art-Out" IN-PERSON

Tuesday, April 19, 1-3 p.m.

O'Connell Branch

Join Green Cambridge at the O'Connell Branch for an outdoor art-making session in which local plants, trees, animals, and any wild organism living in our city is the subject of your art. Make drawings, collages, or stitched and embellished fabric pieces to explore and celebrate the wildlife in the city. For all ages. Art supplies provided.

Grades 1–8 students in the Cambridge Public Schools can enter their creations into the Cambridge City Nature Art Challenge (CCNAC) with a completed and signed entry form. CCNAC and Art-Outs are cosponsored by Cambridge Local First.

### So You Wanna Be a Plant Parent? VIRTUAL



Saturday, April 23, 12-1 p.m.

Calling all new and prospective plant parents! Want to learn more about caring for and maintaining your indoor house plants? Join us for a presentation by Emerald City Plant Shop, a womxn-owned plant shop based in Norwood.

### Spatial Poetry with Cambridge GIS VIRTUAL



Monday, April 25, 6-7:30 p.m.

Find poetry in your neighborhood! Join the Cambridge Public Library and Cambridge GIS to explore the language of Cambridge maps, the history of Cambridge, and create poetry from place. Learn about Cambridge GIS' amazing work, data, and resources, to gain a better understanding of Cambridge. Thank you to MIT's Public Library Innovation Exchange (PLIX) for creating the Spatial

Poetry workshop.

#### Mending Matters HYBRID



Wednesday, April 27, 6:30-8 p.m. ♥ Valente Branch

Learn how to get more life out of your clothes or put household textiles to new use in this monthly handson workshop! Teaching artist Jessamy Kilcollins will demonstrate different techniques each month and provide guidance on your projects. A limited number of supply kits will be available for registered participants to pick up at the Valente Branch.



Scan with a smartphone camera to check out our schedule online and register for events!





### Workshops FOR SENIORS

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

Every other Thursday, 10:30-11:30 a.m. **April 14:** How to Enhance Your Support System April 28: What's Available: Aging in Community, Cohousing and Care Communities

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



Wellness for Seniors: Let Your Yoga Dance® VIRTUAL

Mondays, April 4, 11, 25, 11-11:45 a.m.

Breathe, stretch and dance your way to a blissful body, joyous heart and a steady, quiet mind! Open to all levels and abilities.

### **Adult Book Groups**

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

### **Main Library Contemporary Book Group**

HYBRID Tuesday, April 19, 6-7 p.m.

Rossi Room, Main Library Morningside Heights by Joshua Henkin

**Great Books Book Group VIRTUAL** 

Tuesday, April 5, 7-9 p.m. 4/5: Menaechmi by Plautus

4/19: The Comedy of Errors by Shakespeare

Nonfiction Book Group HYBRID

Monday, April 25, 1-2 p.m.

Rossi Room, Main Library

Owls of the Eastern Ice: A Quest to Find and Save the World's Largest Owl by

Jonathan C. Slaght

### Science Fiction and Fantasy Book Group VIRTUAL

Wednesday, April 13, 6-7 p.m. Mexican Gothic by Silvia Moreno Garcia

### **Branch Libraries** Boudreau Book Group HYBRID

Wednesday, April 13, 12-1 p.m. **9** Boudreau Branch

The Great Alone by Kristin Hannah

### Collins Book Group VIRTUAL

Thursday, April 14, 6-7 p.m. Anxious People by Fredrik Backman

### **Collins Cookbook Book Group** VIRTUAL

Tuesday, April 19, 7-8 p.m. **Dessert Person** by Claire Saffitz

### O'Neill Branch Book Group

Monday, April 11, 6:30-8 p.m. ♥ O'Neill Branch

Black Faces, White Spaces: Reimagining the Relationship of African Americans to the Great **Outdoors** by Carolyn Finney

### **Reading Together Book Group** HYBRID

Monday, April 26, 6:30-7:30 p.m. 

We choose the theme, you choose the

April theme: Pick a Poem

#### **ONLINE LEARNING RESOURCE**

Mango Languages is a language learning tool with everyday conversation in over 70 languages. It also features ESL instruction in English, tailored for speakers of more than a dozen languages.

To use Mango and other online resources resources, visit cambridgema.gov/cpl/ eLibrary/Databases

These resources offer a vast amount of authoritative information that can be accessed in the library or at home using your CPL card.







### REGULAR PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND THEIR CAREGIVERS

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

**Pajama Story Time** Presented by the Cambridge Public

Library and the Center for Families. Wednesday, April 27 6:45-7:30 p.m.

### Main Library

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

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

### Central Square Branch

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

### Collins Branch Coll

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

### O'Connell Branch

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

### O'Neill Branch

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

### ♥ Valente Branch

**Outdoor Story Time** Mondays, 4-4:30 p.m. Tuesdays, 11-11:30 a.m.

### KIDS BOOK GROUPS

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

### **Main Library**

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

### **Books Not Binaries VIRTUAL**

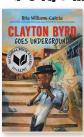


Wednesday, April 6, 6-7

For ages 11-14. Cemetery Boys by Aiden

Thomas

### Parent/Child Book Group VIRTUAL



Tuesday, April 12, 6-7 p.m. For ages 7-10 and a parent or caregiver. Clayton Byrd Goes **Underground** by Rita Williams-Garcia

### Parent/Child Book Group VIRTUAL



Wednesday, April 13, 6-7 p.m.

For ages 10-13 and a parent or caregiver. Clayton Byrd Goes *Underground* by Rita Williams-Garcia

### **Branch Libraries**

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

### Book Buzz HYBRID



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

For ages 10 and up. *One Crazy Summer* by Rita Williams-Garcia

### Chapter Chat HYBRID



Thursday, April 28, 4-5 p.m. **♀**O'Neill For ages 7-10. The Beatryce Prophecy by Kate DiCamillo

### **Magic Tree House Book Group** VIRTUAL



Friday, April 1, 4-5 p.m. For ages 5-10. Afternoon on the **Amazon** by Mary Pope Osborne

# SPECIAL EVENTS

### Read to a Dog IN-PERSON



Wednesday, April 13, 3-4 p.m. O'Neill Branch 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 opens a week before each session. Register by calling or visiting the O'Neill Branch.

### Family Night With the New England Aquarium VIRTUAL

Wednesday, April 20, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Join marine mammal trainers for a live training session with the California sea lions and northern fur seals. Learn about training and what you can do to protect the ocean environment for these amazing animals.

### Earth Day Celebration IN-PERSON Friday, April 22, 2:-4 p.m. O'Neill Branch

Drop in and create crafts using upcycled materials to celebrate Earth Day! For children of all ages and their grownups. This program will be held inside the O'Neill Branch Library.

Please call 617-349-4023 for more information.

### The Hive











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.

Check out our April workshops below. To learn more: camb.ma/cplhive thehive@cambridgema.gov 857-235-9819

### **Hive Safety Training (Virtual)**

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

### **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 2 part series.

#### 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**

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

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.

Monday

Tuesday

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**Friday** 

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### **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 and cut a sticker.

### **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.

### 3D Printing 101 (Part 1 &2)

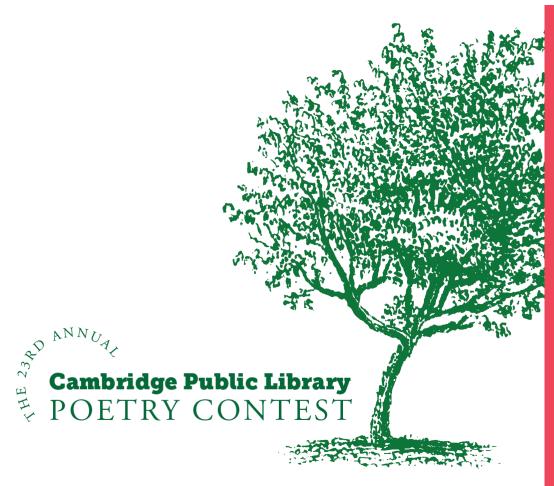
Learn how to create objects in digital space and fabricate those creations using our Sindoh 3D printers in this two-part series.

#### Learn more:

camb.ma/cplhive thehive@cambridgema.gov 857-235-9819

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Tuesday and Wednesday, 1 - 9 p.m.
Thursday, 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.





The Cambridge Public Library presents our 23rd Annual Youth Poetry Contest for K-8 students who live or attend school in Cambridge.

### Submit your original poems by Saturday, April 30.

Poems will be judged for interesting content and creativity as well as consistent and imaginative style. There will be an extra prize for winning poems about trees. Winners will be notified in early May, and prizes will be awarded at a ceremony and reading on Thursday, May 26 at 6 p.m.. Poems in languages other than English are welcome but must include English translations (which do not need to be poetic). Winning poems may be published online.

Include your name, grade, school, phone number, and email address with each entry. If you are a teacher submitting entries from your class, also include your name and email address on each entry—we will contact you if your class has a winner.

#### For more information:

Call 617-349-4012 or email agazin@cambridgema.gov.

### Mail entries to:

Poetry Contest Cambridge Public Library Central Square Branch 45 Pearl Street Cambridge, MA 02139

#### **Email entries to:**

agazin@cambridgema.gov

### **LIBRARY LOCATIONS**

### **Boudreau Branch**

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

### **Central Square Branch**

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

#### Collins Branch

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

### **Main Library**

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

### O'Connell Branch

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

#### O'Neill Branch

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

### Valente Branch

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

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

The City of Cambridge does not discriminate on the basis of disability. The Cambridge Public Library will provide auxiliary aids and services, written materials in alternative formats, and reasonable modifications in policies and procedures to persons with disabilities upon request.

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