Featured Events

Jenny Odell Presents Saving Time: Discovering a Life Beyond the Clock
August 10, 6-7:30 p.m. (Main Library)

Join Jenny Odell, the author of the New York Times bestseller How to Do Nothing: Resisting the Attention Economy for a discussion and signing of her latest book, the New York Times bestseller Saving Time: Discovering a Life Beyond the Clock.

In Saving Time, Odell examines a new way to think about time and raises questions about our conceptions of time by taking a deep dive into the fundamental structure of our society. Odell will discuss these questions and more in conversation with Nina McLaughlin, the author of Wake, Siren: Ovid Resung.

Registration is required. Sponsored by the Cambridge Public Library Foundation.

Workshops

Main Library

Capoeira with Mestre Chuvisquinho
August 5, from 11 a.m.-Noon (Joan Lorentz Park)

Capoeira is a unique Afro-Brazilian martial art developed initially by African slaves during the colonial period. Renowned for its fluidity, grace, and power, capoeira combines elements of martial-arts, dance, music, spirituality, and acrobatics. It develops strength, coordination, self-confidence, musical skills, flexibility, endurance, confidence, and self-awareness. Capoeira with Mestre Chuvisquinho combines the Brazilian art of capoeira with fitness science to deliver an unbelievable full body workout where the elegance of dance, the power of martial arts and the rhythms of Brazilian music are displayed. No registration is required.

Valente Summer Sundays!

While the Main Library is closed, visit the Valente Branch Library this summer on Sundays.

Come play with us in August from 1-5 p.m. Main Library Sunday hours resume on Sunday, September 10.

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.
Isha Kriya - A Guided Meditation for Beginners
Saturday, August 5, 11 a.m.-Noon (Community Room)

In this one-hour session you will learn Isha Kriya, a simple 12–18-minute practice, to help you to become meditative effortlessly. Designed by Sadhguru, a self-realized yogi and foremost authority in the field of yoga. Isha Kriya sessions will be conducted by a trained instructor, after which ongoing online support will be available.

Sustain your health and happiness - MEDITATE!

Daily practice of Isha Kriya offers:
1. Enhanced clarity
2. Improved health
3. Heightened focus and energy
4. Greater prosperity and state of peacefulness and joy

Registration is required.

Estate Planning for All - VIRTUAL
Friday, August 25, 10:30-12

The Cambridge Public Library and Legal Services Center of Harvard Law School are excited to offer Estate Planning for All. We will discuss:

- Financial issues during our lifetimes: power of attorney, homestead declaration, and trusts
- Health and medical issues: health care proxy, medical directives, and HIPAA authorization
- Preparing for death: wills and declaration as to remains

Estate planning issues specific to veterans and individuals with disabilities will also be discussed. This event will be virtual on Zoom. Registration is required.

Library Locations/Phone/Hours

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 (Sep-June Only)

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 10-9, Wed 10-6, Thu 10-9, Fri 10-6

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, Tue 10-8, Wed 10-8, Thu 10-6, Fri 10-6, Sat 1-5

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, Sun 1-5 (Jul-Aug)

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

Literacy Center Programs

High Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced Classes will resume in September.

ESOL at the Valente Branch - IN-PERSON
Mondays, 6-7 p.m.
Valente Branch

Beginner ESOL - IN-PERSON
Wednesdays and Fridays, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.
Central Square Branch

Résumé and Job Application Support - IN-PERSON
Wednesday, 1-3 p.m.
Central Square Branch (canceled on August 2)
**Adult Book Groups**

**Boudreau Branch**

Boudreau Branch Book Group  
**HYBRID**  
**Wednesday, August 9, 12-1 p.m.**  
August selection: *This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger

Boudreau Branch Mystery Book Group  
**HYBRID**  
**Tuesday, August 22, 12-1 p.m.**  
August selection: *Cover Her Face* by P.D. James

**Collins Branch**

Collins Branch Book Group  
**IN-PERSON**  
**Tuesday, August 29, 6-7 p.m.**  
August Selection: *Interior Chinatown* by Charles Yu

Cookbook Book Group  
**IN-PERSON**  
**Thursday, August 24, 6-7 p.m.**  
August Selection: *Salad Freak* by Jess Damuck

**O’Connell Branch**

O’Connell Branch Adult Book Group  
**IN-PERSON**  
**Tuesday, August 15, 6:30-7:30 p.m.**  
August selection: *Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow* by Gabrielle Zevin

**O’Neill Branch**

O’Neill Branch Book Group  
**IN-PERSON**  
**Monday, August 14, 6:30-8 p.m.**  

**Children’s Book Groups**

**Main Library**

Parent/Child (Ages 7-10) Book Group  
**HYBRID**  
**Tuesday, August 8, 6-7 p.m.**  
August selection: *The Misadventures of the Family Fletcher* by Dana Alison Levy  
Session is currently full.

**Books Not Binaries Reading Group**  
**IN-PERSON**  
**Wednesday, August 30, 6-7 p.m.**  
August selection: *Camp QUILT BAG* by Nicole Melleby and A. J. Sass  
Session is currently full.

**O’Connell Branch**

Magic Tree House Book Group  
**HYBRID**  
**Friday, August 4, 4-5 p.m.**  
August selection: *Dingo at Dinnertime* by Mary Pope Osborne (Ages 5-10)

Kids’ Classic Fantasy Book Group  
**HYBRID**  
**Friday, August 11, 5-5:40 p.m.**  
August selection: *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* by L. Frank Baum (Ages 5-11)

**Graphics Are Great! Book Group**  
**IN-PERSON**  
**Tuesday, August 22, 4-5 p.m.**  
August selection: *The Bad Guys* by Aaron Blabey (Ages 8-12)
Regular Programs for Children & Families

**Boudreau**

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

**Central Square**

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

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

**Collins**

Story Time
**Tuesdays, 10:30-11 a.m., and Wednesdays, 3:30-4 p.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.**

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.**

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Save the Dates
**Main Library**

**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**
**Thursday, September 14, 6-7:30 p.m. (Main Library)**

Join Isabella Hammad, the award-winning author of *The Parisian* (Grove Atlantic, 2019) for a conversation about her latest book, *Enter Ghost* (Grove Atlantic, 2022). Hammad will be in conversation with Namwali Serpell, the author of *The Old Drift* (Hogarth, 2019) winner of Windham-Campbell Prize, and *The Furrows: An Elegy* (Hogarth, 2022), a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award. This program is supported by the Cambridge Public Library Foundation.
**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.

**Summer Reading Paper Weaving**
*Wednesday, August 2, 3-3:45 p.m.*
Come to our paper weaving workshop to learn how to make a beautiful bookmark or placemat you’ll be using for years to come! Please register in advance for this event, as space is limited.

**Summer Reading: Learn Ukelele with Julie Stepanek**
*Thursday, August 3, 3-3:45 p.m.*
Want to try an instrument that is fun and easy to play? Join Julie Stepanek as she shows the fundamentals of ukulele playing. No experience necessary. Ukuleles provided. This program is recommended for ages 8 and up. Registration is required.

**Summer Reading: Rockabye Beats**
*Wednesday, August 30, 11-11:45 a.m.*
Come join Rockabye Beats for an interactive, musical program experience! We’ll sing, play, explore instruments, dance, pretend, learn a little Spanish, and show off our goofy side. For children of all ages and their caregivers.

**Chess Hour**
*Monday, August 7 and August 21, 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 mmcgglathery@cambridgema.gov

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**Central Square Branch**

**One-on-One Tech Help by Appointment**
*Wednesday, August 16 and August 30, 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.

**One-on-One Tech Help**
*Tuesdays, 5-8 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.

We can help you with:
- Setting up e-mail accounts and learning how to use e-mail
- Searching for resources online
- Smartphone and mobile app questions
- Accessing library eBooks, audiobooks, and other eResources

We are not able to help you with:
- Installing advanced software programs
- Completing online transactions for you
- Computer hardware and technical maintenance

If you have any questions, please contact syasuda@cambridgema.gov

**Summer Reading: Rockabye Beats**
*Saturday, August 5, 11-11:45 a.m.*
Come join Rockabye Beats for an interactive, musical program experience! We’ll sing, play, explore instruments, dance, pretend, learn a little Spanish, and show off our goofy side. For children of all ages and their caregivers.

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Summer Reading: Paper Engineering
Tuesdays, August 1 through August 15, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Each week, participants will take simple paper and cut, fold and combine it into a new creation. A new activity will be featured in every session. Recommended for children ages 5-12 and their caregivers.

Summer Reading: Wildlife Encounters with Mass Audubon
Friday, August 4, 2-2:45 p.m.
What better way to learn about wildlife than by observing them in person? Meet wildlife ambassadors and discover the amazing adaptations that help them survive in the wild. Ask questions and learn what you can do to protect the wildlife of Cambridge. For children of all ages and their caregivers.

Summer Reading: Cosmic Story Time
Monday, August 7, 10:30-11:15 p.m.
We invite children and their grown-ups to join us for an out of this world story time. Aspiring astronauts will travel to outer space through stories, songs and a craft all about planets, galaxies and the universe.

Lawrence Millman on Fungi and Foraging
Tuesday, August 15, 6-7 p.m.
Join local mycologist Lawrence Millman for an educational reading and discussion from his new book, Foraging with Jeeves. This book of essays and stories defy any genre, just as fungi often tend to defy our attempts to identify them. Think science (the Salem witchcraft fungus) followed by satire (a fungal Faust) followed by an account of what sorts of fungi we might find in Antarctica. Millman is also the author of the first guidebook dedicated to understanding New England mushrooms. Registration is required.

Morning Birdwatching Walk at Mount Auburn
Wednesday, August 16, 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.
Summer Reading: Talewise Presents: Science Heroes: Saving Earth Together
Wednesday, August 16, 6-6:45 p.m.
In this action-packed story, two unlikely heroes work together to save their town (and the planet) from a super-polluting mastermind! Throughout the adventure, volunteers will help the performer conduct several exciting science experiments that bring this story to life! Together we’ll explore Newton’s Laws of Motion, air pressure, chemical reactions and more! Recommended for children ages 5 and up and their caregivers.

Summer Reading: Evening Story Time
Wednesday, August 23, 6:30-7 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.

Fresh Pond Nature Walk
Monday, August 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

Summer Reading: Cozy Up with a Good Book (Teen Room)
August 1 and August 15, 1-5 p.m.
Too hot to do anything? Come into the air-conditioned teen room and read (or listen to) a good book! Beanbag chairs, snacks and reading suggestions provided.

Sit ‘n’ Knit (Main)
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.

Summer Reading: Scythe Teen Book Discussion (Teen Room)
Wednesday, August 2, 1-2 p.m.
Join others to discuss the CLRS Summer Reading book Scythe by Neal Shusterman. Get your free copy at the Main Library Teen Room. Pizza will be provided.

Summer Reading: Nintendo Switch (Teen Room)
Wednesday, August 2 and August 16, 3-5 p.m.
Come to the Teen Room and try out a bunch of different Switch games, from Animal Crossing to Mario Kart to the Legend of Zelda. Play on your own or with friends. Every other Wednesday in the Teen Room this summer from 3 to 5 p.m.

Summer Reading: Afrikan Dance and Drums with Wyoma (Curious George Room)
Wednesday, August 2, 3-3:45 p.m.
Dance your spirit! Have fun! Wyoma shares this spirit through a participatory presentation of traditional Afrikan dance and culture. For children of all ages and their caregivers.

Summer Reading: STEAM Afternoons (Teen Room)
Wednesday, August 9 and August 23, 3-5 p.m.
Try out a STEAM Kit, make your own buttons or express your creativity with a 3D pen.

One-on-One Tech Help (Main)
Thursdays, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Looking for some basic computer or mobile device guidance? Want to learn how to access audiobooks and eBooks? Stop by the Main Library for our drop-in hours! Drop-in sessions will be limited to 30-minutes for each patron. A laptop will be available for use during the session.

We can help you with:
- accessing library eBooks, audiobooks, and other eResources on your devices
- e-mail, creating documents, and searching the web
- smartphone and mobile app questions
- other basic computer or mobile device questions

We are not able to help you with:
- installing advanced software programs
- completing online transactions for you
- computer hardware and technical maintenance

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Summer Reading: Puppet Show (Curious George Room)
Wednesday, August 16, 3-4 p.m.
Moon meets the Boggles: Beware! When Moon takes a rest, the Boggles come out to play tricks on anyone travelling through the swamp. Recommended for children ages 5 and up and their caregivers.

Summer Reading: Board Game Afternoon (Curious George Room)
Wednesday, August 23, 3-4 p.m.
Join us for an afternoon of board games, JENGA, and more! This program is for children of all ages and their caregivers.

Summer Reading: Board Games for Teens (Teen Room)
Thursday, August 24, 1-5 p.m.
Bring friends and play games - Uno, Sorry!, Taboo, Chess, Connect 4...
Or try something new, like Pandemic, Code Names, Snake Oil and more.
Snacks will be provided while supplies last.

Summer Reading: Nintendo Switch Party! With Cookies!
(Curious George Room)
Friday, August 25, 3-4:30 p.m.
Come play video games using the Library’s Switch console and taste test a variety of different cookies before voting on the best one! For ages 10-13.

Summer Reading: Classic Card Games
Wednesday, August 9, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Come play Go Fish, Old Maid, War, Cribbage, Crazy Eights or other favorite games with a deck of cards! For children ages 5 and up, and their grown-ups.

Summer Reading: Cosmic Story Time
Thursday, August 10, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
We invite children and their grown-ups to join us for an out of this world story time. Aspiring astronauts will travel to outer space through stories, songs and crafts all about planets, galaxies and the universe.

Summer Reading: Comic Book Workshop with LJ Baptiste
Wednesday, August 16, 6-7 p.m.
We’ll focus on the art of crafting original character-driven comics and cartoons, while also starting the work of prose and graphic novels, newspaper comics, and manga. Recommended for ages 8-13.

Read to a Dog
Wednesday, August 23, 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 on Thursday, June 8. Sign up by phone (617-349-4019) or in person at the O’Connell Branch.

Evening Family Story Time
Wednesday, August 30, 6:30-7 p.m.
We invite children and their grown-ups to join us for a special evening story time event. This program will run for 20-25 minutes, with songs, stories and rhymes. This program will be held indoors at the O’Connell Branch Library. Please call 617-349-4019 for more information.

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.

Summer Reading: Family STEAM Night
Tuesday, August 1, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
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! This program may be held indoors or outdoors, depending on the weather. Please call ahead to inquire (617-349-4023).

Summer Reading: Afrikan Dance and Drums with Wyoma
Thursday, August 3, 2-2:45 p.m.
Dance your spirit! Have fun! Wyoma shares this spirit through a participatory presentation of traditional Afrikan dance and culture. For children of all ages and their caregivers.
Read to a Dog
Saturday, August 19, 3-4 p.m.
Wednesday, August 23, 3-4 p.m.
Read to a Dog Saturday, August 19, 3-4 p.m. Wednesday, August 23, 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 slot is required and opens one week before each event. Call or visit the O’Neill Branch (617-349-4023).

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Summer Reading:
Neighborhood Bird Watching at Danehy Park
Tuesday, August 22, 10-11:30 a.m.
All ages are welcome to join us as we observe birds at Danehy Park. 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. Registration is encouraged, but not required. The walk will meet at Danehy Park at the entrance off Sherman Street. Danehy Park is located at 99 Sherman St, Cambridge, MA 02138. In the case of inclement weather, this event will be moved to Tuesday, August 29, at 10 a.m.

Summer Reading: Pajama Story Time
Tuesday, August 29, 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. Pajama Story Time is presented by the Cambridge Public Library and the Center for Families.
Valente Branch

Summer Reading: Sulinha Boucher Trio
Wednesday, August 2, 6:30-7:15 p.m.

Join us for a performance of original songs in the style of Bossa Nova and Baiao accompanied by the sounds of Brazilian instruments like Berimbau and pandeiro. This trio features Sulinha Boucher on vocals and acoustic guitar, Erico Menino on percussion and Tom Yates on electric guitar. For children of all ages and their caregivers.

Summer Reading: Evening Story Time
Monday, August 7, 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. This program will be held in the Community Room of the Valente Branch Library. Please call 617-349-4015 for more information.

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Summer Reading Patio Project
Monday, August 21, 5-6 p.m.

Join us outside in front of the Valente Branch Library for STEAM activities for all ages! This program will move indoors to the Community Room in the case of inclement weather. Please call 617-349-4015 for more information.

Summer Reading: Literary Trivia Night!
Tuesday, August 22, 6:30-8 p.m.

Come celebrate the end of Summer Reading with an evening of bookish team trivia! Make a team of up to five people or come on your own. Light snacks will be provided. Registration is required.

The Cambridge Public Library invites people of all ages to adventure together this summer. Until August 25, visit any Library location to receive your Adventure Guide, full of activities and reading suggestions. Participate during this last month of summer for chances to win a gift card to a local independent bookstore. For more information, visit your neighborhood Library or camb.ma/summerreading.

Funding for Summer Reading has been generously provided by the City of Cambridge, Cambridge Public Library Foundation, East Cambridge Savings Bank, Friends of the Cambridge Public Library and Massachusetts Board of Library Commission.

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.
Hive Workshops for August 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.

Fiber Arts Adventure with Lenni: A Machine Sewing Workshop

Continue building your machine-sewing skills AND create bespoke sewn crafts! Design your own fiber arts adventure as you make dinner napkins, high-visibility patches for being seen at night, and customized wearable Hive-made creations.

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.

Serger 101

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

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. You must complete The Hive Safety Training before registering.

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.

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.

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.
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