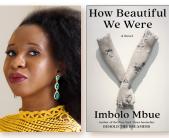


EVENTS at the CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

AUTHOR TALK

Imbolo Mbue Presents How Beautiful We Were



IN-PERSON Thursday, August 4, 6-7:30 p.m.

Lecture Hall, Main Library Imbolo Mbue's stunnina 2016 debut novel, Behold the Dreamers, marked her as a significant new literary voice. Her second novel, How Beautiful We Were, is a sweeping tale about the collision of a small

African village and an American oil company. This event will be moderated by Aliyyah Abdur-Rahman, Associate Professor of American Studies and English at Brown University. Supported by the Cambridge Public Library Foundation.

WORKSHOP

CPL Crafts: Draw in the Park O



Tuesday, August 9, 6-7:30 p.m. 💡 Joan Lorentz Park, Main Library

Have you ever sat in Joan Lorentz Park and admired the trees? In this outdoor drawing workshop, local artist and illustrator Julia Emiliani will provide instruction on illustrating plants and natural subject matter. Attendees will learn basic drawing and observation skills, while exploring the expression of plants. Bring

your blanket or chair; we will provide the drawing materials and a clipboard! If it rains, the workshop will be held on August 11. Registration is required.

PARK SOUNDS

Grace Givertz and Naomi Westwater IN-PERSON



Wednesday, August 10, 6-7:30 p.m. **Q** Joan Lorentz Park, Main Library

Bring a blanket or a chair and join us outside of the Main Library in Joan Lorentz Park for Park Sounds!

Grace Givertz is a multi-instrumentalist singer-songwriter who performs using guitar, banjo, mandolin, and harmonica.

Naomi Westwater (she/they) is a queer, Black-multiracial singersongwriter. Naomi's music weaves in and out of Americana music, flirting with jazz, soul, folk, and electropop.

This program is supported by the Cambridge Public Library Foundation and is hosted in memory of Janet Axelrod. In the event of inclement weather, this program will be held in the Lecture Hall.



SUMMER READING

Literary Trivia Night IN-PERSON Wednesday, August 24, 6:30-8:30 p.m. **Program Room, Valente Branch**



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

Block Party IN-PERSON Thursday, August 25, 3-5 p.m. **O'Neill Branch**



Celebrate the end of summer with fun, games, snacks and neighbors old and new! Bring your bicycle for bike-decorating activities and your pet for a pet parade! For all ages.



PLAY SUMMER READING BINGO WITH US.

Complete a horizontal, vertical, or diagonal line for a BINGO win! Show your completed BINGO card to a Library staff and you will be entered into a drawing for a \$100 gift card to a local independent bookstore.

Have you picked up your BINGO card?



Get it today at any Library location.

Service Update

- The Main Library will be closed on Sundays, July 3 through September 4.
- The Valente Branch Library will be open on Sundays, July 3 through September 4 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Adult Book Groups

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

Main Library Book Groups will be on hiatus in July and August.

Boudreau Book Group (HYBRID)

Wednesday, August 10, 12-1 p.m. Boudreau Branch Owls of the Eastern Ice by Jonathan C. Slaght

Collins Book Group

Tuesday, August 16, 6-7 p.m. **Q** Collins Branch Nickel Boys by Colson Whitehead

Cookbook Book Group

Thursday, August 2, 6-7 p.m. **Q** Collins Branch August Theme: Food Traditions in New England

O'Connell Book Group (HYBRID)

Tuesday, August 16, 6:30-7:30 p.m. O'Connell Branch Taste My Life Through Food by Stanley Tucci

O'Neill Branch Book Group

IN-PERSON Monday, August 8, 6:30-8 p.m. O'Neill Branch The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison



A Yearlong Library Challenge

Reading Together Book Group: Beach Reads IN-PERSON

Tuesday, August 23, 6:30-7:30 p.m. **Valente Branch**

We choose the theme, you choose the book!

August theme: Read a Recommended Book

LITERACY CENTER

The Literacy Center is located at the Central Square Branch, 45 Pearl St. For more information call Maria Balestrieri at 617-349-4013. No classes are held on days the Library is closed.

Regular ESOL classes and Resume Workshops at the Literacy Center are on hiatus in August.

New! Summer ESOL IN-PERSON Mondays, 6-7:30 p.m. Program Room, Valente Branch

Workshops

Plant Parents: Terrarium Workshop IN-PERSON Saturday, August 6, Noon-2 p.m.

Soan Lorentz Park, Main Library

Do you want to create your own terrarium of mini plants to green up your space? Learn the best methods from Emerald City Plant Shop to design and care for your new terrarium, and connect with other plant parents. We will provide the materials and plants. In the case of rain, this program will be held in the Community Room.

Fresh Pond Nature Walk

IN-PERSON

Monday, August 8, 10:15-11 a.m. **Q** Collins Branch



Join us on the second Monday of each month for a 45-minute 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 required.

Patio Project: Push and Pull 📿 IN-PERSON Monday, August 15, 5-6 p.m.

Valente Branch

Join us outside in front of the Valente Branch for activites for all ages!

This month we will make Monster Mouths by pushing and pulling air through pistons! We will also build catapults to see how far we can launch small objects.

In the case of rain, this program will be held indoors.

SOCIAL HOUR

Knitting Group Every Tuesday, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

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

Fiber Arts Drop-In IN-PERSON

Every Thursday, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. O'Connell Bring your project and enjoy an hour in the company of other crafters!

Social Hour IN-PERSON

Wednesday, August 17, 10:30-11:30 a.m. O'Connell Join old friends or meet new ones in the O'Connell Branch Reading Garden.

Scrabble Hour for Adults IN-PERSON

Thursday, August 25, 10:30-11:30 a.m. **Collins Branch**

Use your B-R-A-I-N (7 points) for a game of Scrabble at the Collins Branch!

Bring a friend or get to know new neighbors. Boards will be provided. Players of all levels are welcome.

REGULAR PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND THEIR CAREGIVERS

We invite children and their grown-ups to join us for story times and sing-alongs. Outdoor programs will be moved indoors in the 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.

Main Library

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

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

Outdoor Story Time Thursdays, 4-4:20 p.m.

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

Soudreau

Outdoor Songs and Stories Thursdays, 10:30-10:50 a.m. August 4: **9** Raymond Park August 11-25: 9 Boudreau Branch

KIDS BOOK GROUPS

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

NEW! Summer Reading: Teen Book Discussion IN-PERSON

Tuesday, August 2, 6-7 p.m. **O'Neill Branch** Wednesday, August 17, 12-1 p.m. **9** Teen Room, Main Library

Tuesday, August 23, 5-6 p.m. **Q** Central Square Branch

For teens.



Attention teen readers! Join other students to talk about *Long Way* **Down** by Jason Reynolds, the CRLS "One School One Story" read.

NEW! Summer Reading: Family Cookbook Book Group HYBRID Tuesday, August 9, 4-5 p.m. **O'Connell**

For ages 8-12.

Bake, Make, & Learn to Cook: Fun and Healthy Recipes by David Atherton

A cookbook group for kids ages 5 and up and their grownups! You can make something from this book or a different cookbook of your choice, and we will all share what we made. Learn more on our website.

Q Central Square Branch **Outdoor Story Time** Wednesdays, 10:30-11 a.m. Thursdays, 10:30-11 a.m.

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

9 O'Connell Branch **Outdoor Story Time** Thursdays, 3:30-4 p.m. Fridays, 11-11:30 a.m.

O'Neill Branch Outdoor Sing-Along Mondays, 10:30-10:50 a.m.

Outdoor Story Time Thursdays, 11-11:20 a.m.

O'Neill Branch (cont.) **Outdoor Pajama Story Time** Tuesday, August 23, 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! Pajama Story Time is presented by the Cambridge Public Library and the Center for Families.

Valente Branch

Outdoor Sing-Along Tuesdays, 11-11:25 a.m.

Outdoor Preschool Story Time Tuedays, 3:30-3:55 a.m. **Outdoor Toddler Story Time** Wednesdays, 11:30-11:55 a.m.

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



6-7 p.m. For ages 11-14. Thanks a Lot. Universe by

Chad Lucas

Parent/Child Book Group VIRTUAL



Tuesday, August 16, 6-7 p.m.

For ages 7-10 and a parent or caregiver.

Adventures with Waffles by Maria Parr

Branch Libraries

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

Magic Tree House Book Group

HYBRID

SHIRLFY

JAMILA

TREE HOUSE



For ages 5-10.

Ghost Town at Sundown by Mary Pope Osborne

Graphics are Great! HYBRID



For ages 8-12.

Shirley and Jamila Save Their Summer by Gillian Goerz

SUMMER READING YOUTH EVENTS

The following youth events are all in-person. View more Summer Reading events on our website.



Main Library

Stuffed Animal Sleebover

Friday, August 5, 3-3:30 p.m. Calling all stuffies! Your favorite lovey won't want to miss this special Stuffed Animal Sleepover at the Library event! Bring your beloved



toy to the Main Library Children's Room on Friday, August 5th at 3 p.m. for a send-off story time. Your friend will stay overnight in the Children's Room and be ready for pick up on Saturday, August 6th with fun stories to tell.

Snail Mail Party! Tuesday, August 16, 3-4 p.m.

Please join us for an epic letter-writing event. Get connected with a pen pal who you can exchange letters with. Or send a note or picture to a senior in our community. There's nothing better than a letter! For children of all ages.



Rhythm Delivered presented by **DrumatiX** Wednesday, August 17, 2-3 p.m.

A fun, funny, and high energy blend

of tap dance, body percussion and drumming on and with various drums, found objects and invented instruments. This show is an intersection of genres, presenting "audible dance" and "visual music." Families will enjoy following the antics of a group of friends as they discover objects in cardboard boxes and creatively turn each one into a musical or rhythmic device.

Boudreau

Card Making Wednesday, August 3, 10, 3-7 p.m.

Drop in Wednesdays from 3-7p.m. to create cards for our neighbors at Cadbury Commons

Outside Chalk Fun!

Tuesday, August 9, 1-2 p.m. Sidewalk Games and Mosaic Art Raindate: August 12

Central Square

Get Cozy with Stories! Wednesday, August 3, 10:30-11:15 AM

Come to story time in your jammies and bring your favorite stuffy--or all your favorite stuffies! We'll read some stories about being cozy and just have a lovely time together. Outdoors in the plaza weather permitting; indoors if it's not cozv out there.

Connect with Cards Wednesday, August 17, 11 a.m.-Noon

Come make and decorate greeting cards and postcards to connect the oldfashioned way with your friends and family. We'll make some to share with our community too! We will do this indoors unless it is very dry and

calm outside.

Collins



Friday, August 12 and 26, 2-3 p.m.

Make and take a hands-on project! Recommended for children ages 5-10 and their caregivers.

O'Conhell

Stuffed Animal Storytime Wednesday, August 3, 3-3:30 p.m.

Bring your favorite cuddly toy companion, and snuggle up in the O'Connell Reading Garden for some cozy stories and songs. For children of all ages and their grownups.

O'Conhell

Friendly Fuzzballs! Wednesday, August 10, 3-3:30 p.m.

Craft a big, fluffy yarn pompom to take home. Recommended for children ages 5 and up and their grownups. This event will take place outdoors. In the event of inclement weather, it will be canceled.

Shail Mail Party!

Friday, August 19, 3-4 p.m.

We'll make cards, pictures, postcards, and letters to send to someone vou know or to someone at a senior living center! For children of all ages and their grownups.



Charades! Tuesday, August 23, 2-3 p.m.

Come play this fun classic game in the O'Connell Reading Garden. Can you communicate with your teammates without saying a word? For children ages 5 and up and their grownups.

Family Jigsaw Puzzles Wednesday, August 24, 3-5 p.m.

We'll work together on some jigsaw puzzles for people who like a challenge! For children ages 5 and up and their grownups.

O'Neill

Family Game Night

Wednesday, August 3, 17, 31, 6-7:30 p.m.

Challenge your family or meet new friends over board games and puzzles. Play an old favorite or learn a new game. The library will supply games. All ages welcome.

Mindfulness for Teens and Tweens

Wednesday, August 10, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

We invite teens and tweens for a relaxing evening filled with ambient music and aromatherapy as we discuss helpful mindfulness tips. Participants will create and take home their very own mini glitter jar.



O'Neill

Kids Resist! Outdoors with Wee the People



Saturday, August 13, 2-3:30 p.m.

Kids of all ages will explore social movements through games, hands-on projects, and making their own t-shirt! Presented by Wee the People. In the event of inclement weather, this program will move indoors.

Crafternoon

Monday, August 1 and 15, 3-5 p.m.

Visit the O'Neill Branch to make and take a hands-on project. Recommended for children ages 5-10 and their caregivers. Explore fiber arts and projects with recycled clothing. Feel free to bring an old t-shirt or two that you want to repurpose!

Outdoor Evening Sing-Along Tuesday, August 16, 6:30-7 p.m.

Head over for an evening of singing and dancing for families and little ones! Feel free to bring your evening meal and a

blanket to sit on. For children of all ages and their grownups. In the event of inclement weather, this program will be moved indoors.

Outdoor Fun with Bubbles O Saturday, August 20, 2-3 p.m.

Join us outdoors at the O'Neill Branch to explore and learn with bubbles! We will blow bubbles of all sizes, make our own bubble wands, and play bubble games!

Stories from Around the World

Wednesday, August 24, 6:30-6:50 p.m. We invite children and their grown-ups to join us for stories from around the world.

Valente

Exploring China Through Music and Story with Shaw Pong Liu Tuesday, August 2, 2-3 p.m.



Shaw Pong Liu is a violinist who is fluent in both western and Chinese musical traditions. Her suitcase packed with languages and musical instruments, Shaw Pong weaves history, geography, the Mandarin language and Chinese folk music in a dynamic exploration of China.

This program can accommodate 50 people. Tickets are available on a first come, first served basis on the day of the program. The entire party must be present to receive a ticket. Please call 617-349-4015 for more information.

Make a Mini Zine Wednesday, August 3, 4-5 p.m.

Got something to say and want to get it in print? Join fellow teens at the Valente Branch for a workshop on how to create your own zine, or homemade magazine, using just one piece of paper! Materials will be provided. This program is recommended for ages 12 to 18.

Family Game Night Monday, August 8, 5-6:30 p.m.

Challenge your family or meet new friends over board games and puzzles. Play an old favorite or learn a new game. The library will supply games. All ages welcome.

Crafternoon Wednesday, August 10, 3-4:30 p.m.

Make and take a hands-on project! Recommended for children ages 5-10 and their caregivers. No registration required.

Paper Airplane Workshop O Wednesday, August 17, 4-5 p.m.

Prepare for take-off at the Valente Branch with paper airplanes of all sizes, shapes and structures in this workshop! Participants will be given all the materials required to create the smoothest, strongest and wackiest airplane of them all. Recommended for children ages 5 and up and their families.

Valente

Desigh Squad Maker O Saturday, August 27, 2-4 p.m.

Welcome to Design Squad Maker, a program that engages children and their caregivers in the engineering design process. Together, you'll come up with problems that you want to solve, brainstorm solutions, build prototypes, and test them to see how they work. Experience the same steps that engineers use to solve real-world problems! This family workshop is geared toward kids ages 8–11 and their caregivers.



ANIMAL CORNER

Read to a Dog!

Boudreau Branch Thursday, August 11, 3-4 p.m.

Read with a cuddly friend! Trained therapy dogs provide warm and nonjudgmental reading companions for new or experienced readers up to age 14. Registration will be in-person or via phone the day of the event.

Meet a Mini!

O'Connell Branch Tuesday, August 16, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Boudreau Branch

Tuesday, August 16, 12:30-1:30 p.m. Therapy horses bring happiness, hope, and a sense of well being to people of all ages. Come meet a miniature horse from Lifting Spirits Miniature Therapy Horses! Listen to a story, learn about what therapy horses do, and pat the horse afterwards.

Registration is limited and required. Register online on our website or by calling the host Branch.



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, handson 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 Safety Training VIRTUAL

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

Hive Safety Training and Badge Making IN-PERSON

In this workshop, you will learn about our makerspace, how to utilize the resources we offer, and how to keep safe in The Hive. You will also create your Hive badge ID using our Glowforge laser cutter.

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 (Part 1 & 2) IN-PERSON

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

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

August Workshops

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 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 101 IN-PERSON

Learn how to use our Epilog Zingan industry-standard laser cutting machine.

3D Printing 101 (Part 1 & 2) IN-PERSON

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

Check out our August workshop calendar on the following page! **Registration is required for all Hive** workshops. To learn more: camb.ma/cplhive thehive@cambridgema.gov 857-235-9819



YOUR NEXT GREAT READ



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

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

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

SUMMER READING





1. Boudreau Branch

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

2. 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

3. Collins Branch

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

4. 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)

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

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

7. 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 (JULY-AUGUST ONLY)

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

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