**DISCUSSION**

**Wole Soyinka in Conversation with Henry Louis Gates, Jr.**

*IN-PERSON*  
**NEW LOCATION**

*Wednesday, September 7, 6-7:30 p.m.*

Fitzgerald Theatre, Cambridge Rindge and Latin School

Nobel Prize Laureate Wole Soyinka will discuss his work with Henry Louis Gates, Jr. Nigerian playwright and activist, Soyinka is the author of numerous memoirs, plays and novels. Henry Louis Gates, Jr. is the Alphonse Fletcher University Professor and Director of the Hutchins Center for African & African American Research at Harvard University. This program is sponsored by the Cambridge Public Library Foundation.

**PERFORMANCE**

**Sacred Songs and Rituals: The Kora Performed by Yacouba Sissoko**

*IN-PERSON*

*Thursday, September 22, 6:30-8:30 p.m.*

Lecture Hall, Main Library

Join us for an evening of sacred songs based on the Mandinka djely tradition with master Kora player Yacouba Sissoko. Throughout West African history, djelys, or storytellers, were respected oral historians, jurists, interpreters of current events, and advisors to rulers. The djely’s signature instrument is the kora, a 21-string lute with a large gourd resonator. The djely and the kora played an important role in the founding of the Mali Empire. At the height of its power and influence in the 14th century, the Mali Empire encompassed present day Chad, Niger, Mali, Senegal, and the Gambia. This event is supported by the Friends of the Cambridge Public Library.

**CONCERT**

**CPL Park Sounds: The Albino Mbie Trio and HobArt Goulart**

*IN-PERSON*

*Wednesday, September 14, 6-7:30 p.m.*

Joan Lorentz Park, Main Library

Bring a blanket or a chair and join us in Joan Lorentz Park for an evening of Park Sounds with HobArt Goulart and the Albino Mbie Trio! Mbie’s music combines a unique Afro-Pop and Moz-Jazz sound. HobArt Goulart is a singer-songwriter whose music encompasses styles from Bossa Nova and Samba to Pop and R&B. This program is sponsored by the Cambridge Public Library Foundation and is hosted in memory of Janet Axelrod.

**AUTHOR TALK**

**Arthur C. Brooks Presents From Strength to Strength: Finding Success, Happiness, and Deep Purpose in the Second Half of Life**

*IN-PERSON*

*Tuesday, September 20, 4-5 p.m.*

Lecture Hall, Main Library

Join us for a lecture by Arthur C. Brooks, author of NYT bestseller *From Strength to Strength: Finding Success, Happiness, and Deep Purpose in the Second Half of Life*. Brooks is a professor at the Harvard Kennedy School and the Harvard Business School, where he teaches courses on leadership and happiness. He also writes the popular “How to Build a Life” column for *The Atlantic*. This program is sponsored by the Cambridge Public Library Foundation.

**AUTHOR TALK**

**Writing in Cambridge: Authors Donna Gordon and Rishi Reddi**

*IN-PERSON*

*Wednesday, September 28, 6:30-8 p.m.*

Lecture Hall, Main Library

Join us for a reading and discussion by two local debut novelists, Donna Gordon (*What Ben Franklin Would Have Told Me*) and Rishi Reddi (*Passage West*). Gordon’s writing has appeared in *Tin House, Ploughshares*, and *The Boston Globe Magazine*, among others. Reddi’s reviews, essays, and translations have appeared in the *New York Times, Kirkus Reviews*, and *Literary Hub*, among others.

**EVENTS** at the **CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**Service Update**

- All Library locations will be closed Monday, September 5, for Labor Day.
- Thanks for a wonderful summer of Sundays at the Valente Branch Library. Our last Sunday at the Valente Branch is September 4. Main Library Sunday hours resume on September 11, from 1-5 p.m.

**VIRTUAL** Virtual event.  
**IN-PERSON** In-person event.  
**HYBRID** In-person event with option to attend virtually.
Wellness for Seniors: Tai Chi Paradigm
**IN-PERSON**
Wednesday, September 7 to October 19, 10-11 a.m., no class 10/5
Community Room, Main Library
Join us in this seven-week Tai Chi practice, which focuses on the mind and body connection. Tai Chi is a fluid sequence of movements choreographed in a low impact routine.
Sifu Mynor Diaz has been learning and teaching Tai Chi classes for over 20 years. He has taught classes at five VA Boston Healthcare System locations and at Senior Centers. This is an in-person event and is sponsored by the Cambridge Public Library Foundation. Registration is required.

Wellness for Seniors: Low Impact Fitness
**VIRTUAL**
Thursday, September 8 to November 3, 2-4 p.m., no class 10/6
Community Room, Main Library
A series of classes with instruction from Improv Boston. Learn how to seamlessly integrate interactive improv games, scenes, and skillful storytelling that all come together with performance. The 8-week course will occur every Thursday, starting September 8 through November 3 (no class 10/6). Space is limited to 20 participants.
Due to the popularity and to gain the most out of this program, we expect all participants to commit to all sessions in this 8-week course.
Registration opens Thursday, August 18, 2022. This event is sponsored by the Cambridge Public Library Foundation.

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

**Family Cookbook Book Group**
**IN-PERSON**
Tuesday, September 13, 4-5 p.m.
O’Connell Branch
For ages 5 and up and their caregiver.
*Pretend Soup and Other Real Recipes* by Mollie Katzen and Ann Henderson

**Boudreau Book Group**
**HYBRID**
Wednesday, September 14, 12-1 p.m.
Boudreau Branch
All That She Carried: The Journey of Ashley’s Sack, a Black Family Keepsake by Tiya Miles

**Lamp x the CPL Present: A Book Club Walks Into a Bar**
**IN-PERSON**
Wednesday, September 7, 7-8:30 p.m.
Lamplighter
*Olga Dies Dreaming* by Xochitl Gonzalez

**O’Connell Book Group**
**HYBRID**
Tuesday, September 20, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
O’Connell Branch
The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek by Kim Michele Richardson

**Contemporary Book Group**
**HYBRID**
Tuesday, September 20, 6-7 p.m.
Main Library, Rossi Room
*Mercy Street* by Jennifer Haigh

**Science Fiction and Fantasy Book Group**
**HYBRID**
Wednesday, September 14, 6-7 p.m.
Main Library, Rossi Room
*A Fire Upon the Deep* by Vernor Vinge

**Collins Book Group**
**IN-PERSON**
Tuesday, September 20, 6-7 p.m.
Collins Branch
*The Library Book* by Susan Orlean

**Cookbook Book Group**
**IN-PERSON**
Tuesday, September 6, 6-7 p.m.
Collins Branch
What does local cooking mean to you? This month’s cookbook is themed and can be any book or recipe relating to foods made with garden or farmers market fresh ingredients! Since this month is themed rather than a specific book, possible titles include: *Bountiful: Recipes Inspired By Our Garden Greenfeast: Autumn, Winter Greenfeast: Spring, Summer The Garden Chef: Recipes from Plant to Plate Grow Cook Eat*

**O’Neill Branch Book Group**
**IN-PERSON**
Monday, September 19, 6:30-8 p.m.
O’Neill Branch
*Ordinary Girls* by Jaquira Díaz

**Creative Aging: Improv**
**IN-PERSON**
Thursday, September 8 to November 3, 2-4 p.m., no class 10/6
Community Room, Main Library
A series of classes with instruction from Improv Boston. Learn how to seamlessly integrate interactive improv games, scenes, and skillful storytelling that all come together with performance. The 8-week course will occur every Thursday, starting September 8 through November 3 (no class 10/6). Space is limited to 20 participants.
Due to the popularity and to gain the most out of this program, we expect all participants to commit to all sessions in this 8-week course.
Registration opens Thursday, August 18, 2022. This event is sponsored by the Cambridge Public Library Foundation.

**WORKSHOPS**

**Wellness for Seniors: Improv**
**IN-PERSON**
Thursday, September 12 & 19, 11-11:45 a.m.
Community Room, Main Library
This class is designed for people of all levels to strengthen the muscles, the heart and the brain—all while having fun and moving to great music! Come as you are and take everything at your own pace. You will feel the benefits in mind and body! Zoom links will be provided to those who registered.
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 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, 4-4:20 p.m.

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

**Valente Branch**
- **Outdoor Sing-Along**
  - Tuesdays, 11-11:25 a.m.
- **Outdoor Preschool Story Time**
  - Tuesdays, 3:30-3:55 p.m.
- **Outdoor Toddler Story Time**
  - Wednesdays, 11:30-11:55 a.m.

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

**Collins Branch**
- **Outdoor Story Time**
  - Tuesdays, 10:30-11 a.m.
  - No story time on September 20

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

**O'Neill Branch**
- **Outdoor Sing-Along**
  - Mondays, 10:30-10:50 a.m.
- **Outdoor Story Time**
  - Thursdays, 11-11:20 a.m.

**Pajama Story Time**
- **Tuesday, September 20, 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.

**KIDS BOOK GROUPS**


**Main Library**
- **Parent/Child Book Group**
  - **VIRTUAL**
  - Tuesday, September 13, 6-7 p.m.
  - For ages 7-10 and a parent or caregiver.
  - *Bob* by Wendy Mass & Rebecca Stead

**O’Connell Branch**
- **Parent/Child Book Group**
  - **VIRTUAL**
  - Tuesday, September 14, 6-7 p.m.
  - For ages 10-13 and a parent or caregiver.
  - *The Year I Flew Away* by Marie Arnold

**Magic Tree House Book Group**
- **HYBRID**
  - Friday, September 9, 4-5 p.m.
  - *Lions at Lunchtime* by Mary Pope Osborne

**Graphics are Great!**
- **HYBRID**
  - Tuesday, September 27, 4-5 p.m.
  - *Class Act* by Jerry Craft

**NEW TEEN ROOM HOURS!**
Starting on Tuesday, September 6, the Teen Room at the Main Library will expand its hours to:
- **Monday-Thursday** 12-7 p.m.
- **Friday** 12-5 p.m.
- **Saturday-Sunday** 1-5 p.m.

**STEAM program**

**YOUTH**

**Youth Only Events**

**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.**

**Beginner Fall ESOL at the Valente Branch**
- **IN-PERSON**
  - Mondays, 6-7 p.m.
  - Beginning September 19

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

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

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

**Résumé and Job Application Support**
- **IN-PERSON**
  - Wednesday, 1-3 p.m.
**BRANCH EVENTS**
The following events are all in-person. View more events on our website.

### Central Square

**After School Stories and Crafts**<br>**YOUTH**<br>**Wednesday, September 14, 4-5 p.m.**<br>**Wednesday, September 21, 4-5 p.m.**<br>**Wednesday, September 28, 4-5 p.m.**<br>Central Square Children’s Room<br>Join us in the Children’s Room for a fun craft and related stories. For more information, call 617-349-4010. Recommended for ages 5-10.

### O’Neill

**Books Unite Us: Drop-in for Banned Books Week**<br>**Wednesday, September 21, 1-3 p.m**<br>Books unite us. Books encourage boundless exploration and allow readers to spread their wings. Stories give flight to new ideas and perspectives. Reading—especially books that set us free—expands our worldview. Censorship, on the other hand, takes away our freedom and divides us. Celebrate the right to read and speak out against book bans and censorship! Activities will include button-making, postcards, and more.

**Family Game Night**<br>**Wednesday, September 28, 6-7 p.m**<br>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.

**Family STEAM Night: Pigeon Edition**<br>**YOUTH**<br>**Tuesday, September 13, 6:30-7:15 p.m.**<br>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! During this program we will read the new Mo Willems “Pigeon” book, explore principles of physics through a building activity, and even meet a real pigeon!

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**Housed In Cambridge: Drop-In Hours**<br>**IN-PERSON**<br>**Monday, September 19, 5-8 p.m.**<br>Community Room, Main Library<br>Do you have a question related to housing? Do you want to learn more about affordable rental opportunities? Need help navigating financial assistance programs for housing? Looking for advice about housing rights? Drop in to meet the Housed in Cambridge team and find out about housing resources in Cambridge!

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, at MMathieu@cambridgema.gov or Lucy, Librarian, at LFlamm@CambridgeMA.gov or by phone at 857-259-2647.
**Fiber Crafts Group - Drop-In**  
**O’Connell Branch**  
Every Thursday, 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!

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**Evening Story Time**  
**YOUTH**  
**Monday, September 12, 5:30-5:55 p.m.**  
**Program Room**  
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 in the Community Room of the Valente Branch Library, where space is limited. Free 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.

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**Scrabble Hour**  
**Wednesday, September 21, 10:30-11:30 a.m.**  
Use your B-R-A-I-N (7 points) for a game of Scrabble! Bring a friend or get to know your neighbors. Boards will be provided. Players of all levels are welcome.

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**Collins Community Ride**  
**Thursday, September 29, 5-6 p.m.**  
Join neighbors of all ages for a community bike ride on the Cambridge-Watertown Greenway! Library staff will lead a relaxing 30-minute community bike ride to get to know the new path in our backyard. We will depart together from the Collins Branch (64 Aberdeen Ave.) promptly at 5:05 p.m. and walk our bikes safely to the path together. This includes a 20 ft slight decline on a mulch pathway before arriving on the paved path. Community riders will venture down the path together before returning to the Collins Branch. Safety equipment, like helmets, are highly encouraged. We request that children under 10 come with a caregiver or loved one.

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**ANIMAL CORNER**

**Read to a Dog!**

- **O’Neill Branch**  
  **YOUTH**  
  **Thursday, September 15, 3-4 p.m.**  
  **Friday, September 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 time slot is required and begins on Thursday, September 8, by calling or visiting the O’Neill Branch (617-349-4023).

- **Boudreau Branch**  
  **YOUTH**  
  **Thursday, September 15, 3-4 p.m.**  
  Read with Ana the Therapy Dog! Therapy dogs provide warm and non-judgmental reading companions for new or experienced readers of all ages. Registration for each ten minute time slot is required. Sign up the day of the program by phone or in person at the Boudreau Branch (617-349-4017).

**CRAFT CORNER**

**Fiber Crafts Group - Drop-In**  
**Boudreau Branch**  
Every Thursday, 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!
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 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**
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 Zing—an 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 two-part series.

Check out our September 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
AN EXCITING LOOK BACK!

We had a lot of fun this summer!

With programs like our Juneteenth celebration, the Caribbean Heritage Month concert, the terrarium workshop, the stuffed animal sleepover, and Summer Sundays at Valente, we were certainly busy!

LIBRARY LOCATIONS

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 (STARTS SEP 11)

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 (THROUGH SEP 4)

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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