

May 2026



EVENTS *at the* CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Events

World Portuguese Language Day

Sunday, May 3, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

📍 **Lecture Hall**

World Portuguese Language Day is celebrated every year in May. It is a celebration shared by millions around the world, including among the vast and important Portuguese speaking communities in Massachusetts. Portuguese is a global language, spoken by millions in different continents, and it is one of the most spoken languages in Massachusetts.

Join us for an afternoon of celebration with the music of Portugal, Cape Verde, and Brazil, followed by light refreshments. Performers at the event include Mia Tomé, accompanied by Zé Manel Cavaco from Portugal; Vuca Pinheiro and Nhela Sax from Cape Verde; and the Trio Alma Brasileira from Brazil. The event is organized by the Consulates General of Portugal, Cape Verde, and Brazil, with the support of Camoes, Institute for Cooperation and Language, and in partnership with the Cambridge Public Library.

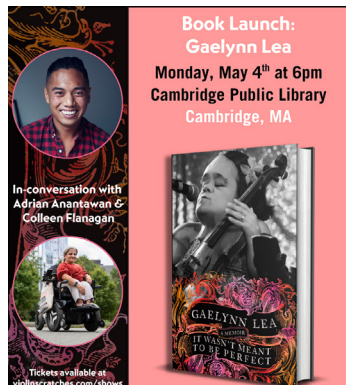


Gaelynn Lea Presents: *It Wasn't Meant to Be Perfect* **IN-PERSON**

Monday, May 4, 6-7:30 p.m.

📍 **Main Library Lecture Hall**

Harvard Book Store and the Cambridge Public Library welcome **Gaelynn Lea**—folk musician, Broadway composer, and disability advocate—for a discussion of her new memoir, *It Wasn't Meant to Be Perfect*. She will be joined in conversation by **Adrian Anantawan**—violinist, current Chair of Music at Milton Academy, the Artistic Director of Shelter Music Boston, and Associate Professor at Berklee College of Music—and **Colleen Flanagan**—Outreach and Engagement Specialist for the City of Boston Mayor's Commission for Persons with Disabilities. **Registration is required.**



A Force for Good: Gisela Warburg Wyzanski, A Life Dedicated to the Rescue of Children

IN-PERSON

Tuesday, May 5, 6-7:30 p.m.

📍 **Main Library Lecture Hall**

A Force for Good is the biography of the remarkable life of Gisela Warburg Wyzanski. Unlike many wealthy German Jews, Gisela chose to remain in Europe to combat the horrors wrought by Hitler and the Nazis. From both Europe and the United States, she worked tirelessly to bring war-torn European children to a new life in the land now known as Israel. **Registration is required.**

CAMBRIDGE HISTORY AUTHOR TALK



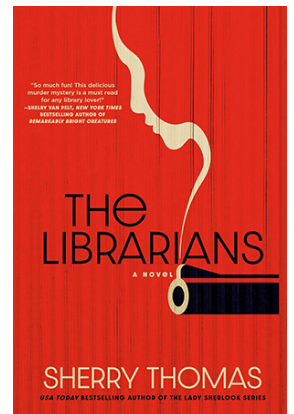
A FORCE FOR GOOD: GISELA WARBURG WYZANSKI, A LIFE DEDICATED TO THE RESCUE OF CHILDREN

Brewery Book Club **IN-PERSON**

Wednesday, May 6, 7-8:30 p.m.

📍 **Lamplighter Brewing Co., 284 Broadway**

Join our May Brewery Book Club, where Lamplighter and the Cambridge Public Library team up to highlight contemporary works from marginalized voices while having a beer. This month we'll read *The Librarians* by Sherry Thomas.



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.

For more information, contact us at library@cambridgema.gov, 617-349-4032 (voice), or via relay at 711.

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SERVICE ALERT

All Library locations will be closed Monday, May 25, for Memorial Day.

VIRTUAL Virtual event

IN-PERSON In-person event

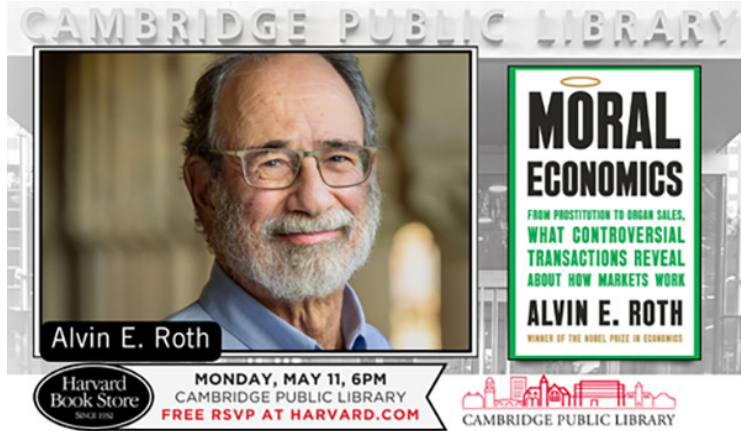
HYBRID In-person event with option to attend virtually

Fixit Clinic IN-PERSON

Saturday, May 9, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

📍 The Hive

Learn to fix your broken household items, such as electronics, appliances, clothing, and toys etc. at the Fixit Clinic. Fixit coaches will review, take apart, and assist in repair attempts. Gain the confidence and knowledge to make repairs. Open to all ages. **Registration is required.** This event is brought to you by the Cambridge Public Library, The Cambridge Department of



Alvin E. Roth
MONDAY, MAY 11, 6PM
CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY
FREE RSVP AT HARVARD.COM

MORAL ECONOMICS
FROM PROSTITUTION TO ORGAN SALES,
WHAT CONTROVERSIAL
TRANSACTIONS REVEAL
ABOUT HOW MARKETS WORK
ALVIN E. ROTH
WINNER OF THE NOBEL PRIZE IN ECONOMICS

HARVARD BOOK STORE
CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Public Works, and Fixit Clinic.

Alvin E. Roth Presents: Moral Economics IN-PERSON

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

📍 Main Library Lecture Hall

Harvard Book Store and the Cambridge Public Library welcome **Alvin E. Roth**—Nobel Prize-winning economist, the Craig and Susan McCaw Professor of Economics at Stanford University, and the George Gund Professor of Economics and Business Administration Emeritus at Harvard University—for a discussion of his new book, *Moral Economics: From Prostitution to Organ Sales, What Controversial Transactions Reveal About How Markets Work*. He will be joined in conversation by Ray Fisman. **Registration is required.**

CPL International Briefing: The Situation in Cuba with Professor Avi Chomsky HYBRID

Tuesday, May 12,
6-7:30 p.m.

📍 Main Library
Lecture Hall/ Zoom

What's going on with Cuba and why? This presentation will examine the current crisis in relations between the United States and Cuba in historical context. The talk will look at the reasons for U.S. enmity towards the Cuban Revolution and how the relationship has evolved in the post-Cold War era until today.

Registration is required.



CPL Presents: Warren Milteer Jr., author of *Out of This Strife Will Come Freedom* HYBRID

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

📍 Main Library Lecture Hall

The Cambridge Black History Project and the Cambridge Public Library welcome Warren Eugene Milteer Jr. for a reading and discussion of his new book, *Out of This Strife Will Come Freedom: Free People of Color and the Fight for Equal Rights in the Civil War Era*. The recipient of the 2022 Southern Historical Association's Charles S. Sydnor Award, Milteer will be joined in conversation by Susan Tomlinson, an associate professor of English at the University of Massachusetts Boston. **Registration is required.**



Park Sounds: Matching Set

IN-PERSON

Saturday, May 16, 2-3 p.m.

📍 Joan Lorentz Park

Park Sounds is back! This series brings free outdoor musical performances featuring local artists to the front lawn of the Main Library for all-ages. Bring a chair, food, and loved ones to celebrate the summer! Funding is provided by the CPL Foundation in memory of Janet Axelrod. Matching Set is a twin-led indie-folk band performing original songs with lush vocal harmonies and poetic lyrics.



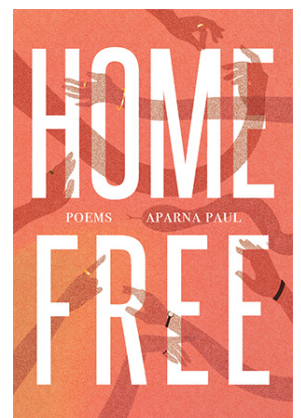
AAPI Voices Poetry Open Mic with Aparna Paul IN-PERSON

Saturday, May 16, 2-3:30 p.m.

📍 Valente

Celebrate AAPI voices through poetry! Poets of Asian American/ Pacific Islander heritage are invited to share their work and/or recite a cover poem by an AAPI poet. All adults are welcome to attend. Registration is required. Interested poets can sign up for a 3-5 minute timeslot by filling out the form on our website. We will be featuring Cambridge-based poet Aparna Paul.

Her poetry & prose has been recognized by *Reckoning*, *DMQ Review*, & *Gaining Ground*, among others. *HOME FREE* (Game Over Books, 2025) is her debut full-length poetry collection. Books will be available for purchase.



Blood Drive IN-PERSON

Thursday, May 21, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

📍 Joan Lorentz Park

The Bloodmobile is coming to Cambridge Public Library! The blood donation process is safe, simple, and satisfying. All donations will go directly to Massachusetts General Hospital where your 1 donation can save 3 different people. Please sign up at <https://bit.ly/MGHCambridge3?r=qr> (Walk-ins welcome!)



CPL Presents: Yiyun Li HYBRID

Wednesday, May 20, 6-7:30 p.m.

📍 Main Library Lecture Hall/ Zoom

Celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month by welcoming Yiyun Li, the author of several award-winning novels, including *The Book of Goose*, as well as the widely acclaimed memoir, *Things in Nature Merely Grow*. Registration is required.

CPL Presents: AAPI Heritage Month Celebration with Boston Festival Orchestra

IN-PERSON

Saturday, May 23, 1-2:30 p.m.

📍 Main Library Lecture Hall

The Boston Festival Orchestra returns for the second year of its AAPI Heritage Concert, celebrating the extraordinary breadth of musical voices from Asian American and Pacific Islander composers. This program brings together works that reflect personal history, cultural inheritance, and bold contemporary expression — offering a powerful snapshot of the many ways identity and artistry intersect. Registration is required.



Death Cafe VIRTUAL

Tuesday, May 26, 7-8 p.m.

📍 Zoom

Join us for a virtual Death Cafe - an evening of open, lively, and insightful discussion about death for adults aged 18 and older.

Virtual Death Café



Fourth Annual Spelling Bee Finals

Saturday, May 30, 12-4 p.m.

📍 Main Library Lecture Hall

Join us for the Fourth Annual Spelling Bee Finals. The Bee aims to enhance the spelling and vocabulary skills of contestants while promoting reading, writing, and appreciation for the power of words. Community members are invited to attend the finals to provide support and cheer on contestants.



Regular Programs for Children and Families

Boudreau

Baby Lapsit **Mondays, 11-11:30 a.m.**

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

Central Square

Baby Lapsit **Tuesdays, 5:30-6 p.m.**

📍 Lewis Room

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

📍 Children's Room

After School Stories and Crafts **Wednesdays, 4-5 p.m.**

📍 Children's Room

Stories, Songs & Play **Thursdays, 10:30-11:15 a.m.**

📍 Lewis Room

Twilight Music and Movement **Thursdays, 5:30-6 p.m.**

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Collins

Songs and Stories **Tuesdays, 10:30-11:00 a.m.**

Evening Family Story Time **Wednesdays, 5:30-6 p.m.**

Main Library

Morning Sing-Along

Mondays and Wednesdays, 11-11:25 a.m.

📍 Curious George Room

LEGO Time Ages 5+

Mondays, 4-4:45 p.m.

📍 Curious George Room

Toddler Story Time

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11-11:25 a.m.

📍 Rey Room

Preschool Story Time

Tuesdays, 4-4:25 p.m.

📍 Rey Room

Baby Lapsit

Wednesdays, 10-10:20 a.m.

📍 Rey Room

Afternoon Sing-Along

Thursdays, 4-4:25 p.m.

📍 Curious George Room

O'Connell

Baby Lapsit **Thursdays, 12:30-1 p.m.**

Toddler Story Time **Fridays, 11-11:30 a.m.**

O'Neill

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

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

Valente

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

Story Time **Thursdays 11-11:25a.m.**

Workshops

Aging with Mindfulness VIRTUAL

Mondays through
May 18, 9-10 a.m.

 Zoom

This program, led by Zeenat Potia, will introduce and utilize mindfulness techniques to help us examine and regulate everyday life changes with a focus on aging. Participants will learn and benefit from the development of a mindfulness practice to enable responding to getting older in a calm, clear and thoughtful manner. **Registration is required.**



Wellness for Older Adults: Zumba Gold VIRTUAL

Mondays, 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

 Zoom

Put on your dancing shoes to improve flexibility and balance, strengthen muscles and have fun! Certified Zumba Gold instructors will lead you through 45 minutes of low-impact and easy-to-follow choreography. A Zoom link will be sent to participants at 10:45am. **Registration is required.**



Creative Aging: Feast of Poetry IN-PERSON

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

 Main Library Rossi Room

Poetry lovers and skeptics alike are invited to this weekly workshop where we'll read poems that nourish the mind and spirit. We'll consult a diverse selection of contemporary and classic poets on meaningful topics, share personal reactions, and engage in reflective writing. Sample topics include identity, community, resilience, home, and more. You don't need to be a writer—or a poetry expert—to participate. Join us and see what's on the menu!



Documentary Photography with your Smartphone [55+] IN-PERSON

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

 Main Library Rindge Room

We live in an age where we carry our smartphones everywhere we go. Built into this device is a camera that can help us document the world around us. This class will not only teach you to take the best possible photos, but how to edit your photos to make them look as good as they possibly can. **Registration for each session is required.**

Coding and Web Development 101 IN-PERSON

Wednesdays, 6-8 p.m.

 Main Library Community Room

Would-be programmers with basic computer literacy are invited to join this workshop series. Over eight weeks, participants will learn programming fundamentals, build web pages with HTML, CSS, and JavaScript, use developer tools such as Git, and more. There will be time to work on projects and receive guidance from experienced developers, with optional homework materials made available for more in-depth learning. **Registration for each session is required** and opens two weeks in advance.



Wellness for Older Adults: Intermediate Zumba Gold

IN-PERSON

Fridays, 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

 Main Library Community Room

Join instructor Darren Hairston for Zumba Gold – the fun and energizing dance fitness class tailored for active older adults and beginners! Set to vibrant, upbeat music, Zumba Gold features low-impact, easy-to-follow dance moves that make staying fit enjoyable and accessible for all fitness levels. Improve your balance, flexibility, and cardio health while having a great time in a supportive and friendly environment. **Registration is required for each class.**

New to Medicare Workshop IN-PERSON

Tuesday, May 12, 1-3 p.m.

 Main Library Community Room

Led by a Minuteman Senior Services state-certified Medicare benefits counselor, this program is for people who are turning 65 or leaving an employer group health plan due to retirement. Topics include Medicare benefits and coverage gaps, how and when to apply for Medicare, health insurance plans that work with Medicare, understanding premiums, deductibles and maximum out of pocket costs, and choosing the right supplement plan. **Registration is encouraged.**



Healthy Mouth, Healthy Life IN-PERSON

Tuesday, May 12, 6-7 p.m.

 Main Library Community Room

The Harvard School of Dental Medicine's Students for Smiles Club and the Cambridge Public Library are hosting a free community event on oral health. Learn how to brush and floss the right way through a short talk and hands-on practice and simple tips for preventing common dental problems. Free toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, and local dental care resources will be available for everyone. **Registration is required.**



Wednesday Night Creative Writing Group

IN-PERSON

Wednesday, May 13,
6:30-8:30 p.m.

📍 Main Library Rossi Room

Writers of all experience levels are invited to join a casual, peer-supported writing group. Participants take turns bringing short in-progress or completed pieces of any genre. The group reads several pieces each month, sharing feedback and constructive criticism in a supportive and inclusive environment. **Registration is required.**



AI for Job Seekers

IN-PERSON

Saturdays, beginning
May 16, 1-4 p.m.

📍 Main Library Learning Lab

In partnership with the African Bridge Network (ABN), we are offering a four-part AI Literacy Training designed to empower job seekers with the knowledge and skills to leverage AI tools responsibly and effectively for career advancement. Participants who complete all sessions will be eligible to receive a free refurbished laptop and wi-fi hotspot. Registrations will be accepted on a rolling basis until capacity is reached or the deadline passes. Please submit your application by March 1, 2026. **To apply please visit: tinyurl.com/aitrainingcpl.**



The Essentials of Writing Poetry

IN-PERSON

Monday, May 18, 6-8:30 p.m.

📍 Main Library Rossi Room

Want to try your hand at poetry, or need a refresher on the fundamentals? Jacob Anavisca will go over some of the building blocks of poetry (musicality, imagery, forms, etc.). Participants will be given generative exercises and learn about submitting their work for publication. Jacob Anavisca is an assistant editor of *Only Poems* literary magazine. His work has appeared in HNDL MAG. **Registration is required.**



Playing with Poetry

IN-PERSON

Thursday, May 21, 6-7:30 p.m.

📍 Main Library Community Room

Join Bee & Ivy in this experimental writing workshop where you will engage with: music, rhyme, blackout poetry, letter writing, and more! Create, share your work, get feedback - at the final session, we'll have a poetry reading. **Registration is required.**



Expressive Art for Older Adults: Beading Workshop

IN-PERSON

Thursday, May 28, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

📍 Main Library Rossi Room

Learn the basics of beaded jewelry making and the difference between semi-precious stones and precious stones. Participants will keep all pieces they make. Space is limited to 10 participants. Led by Zangar Freeman. **Registration is required.**



Basic Tech Classes

IN-PERSON

Join us for Basic Tech Classes this May! Learn how to use email, search the internet, and grow your tech skills. Pick and choose the classes that are right for you. Look for new classes each month. **Registration is encouraged but not required.**

📍 Main Library

- Tuesday, May 12, 11 a.m.-12 p.m., Cybersecurity Basics
- Tuesday, May 19, 11 a.m.-12 p.m., iPhone and iPad Basics
- Tuesday, May 26, 11 a.m.-12 p.m., Gmail Basics

Database Spotlight: Mango Languages



LANGUAGE IS AN ADVENTURE



Studying a new language can help you broaden your horizons, prepare for a trip, deepen a friendship, or just keep your brain in shape. Cambridge residents can use their library cards to learn online with Mango Languages!

Mango immerses you in real, everyday conversations right from the start. Its comprehensive approach incorporates vocabulary, grammar, pronunciation, and culture, with an emphasis on comprehension and retention. With over 70 languages and dialects to choose from—including American Sign Language, and 10 indigenous or endangered languages—Mango offers something for every learner. It also features English language courses designed for speakers of over 20 different languages, such as Brazilian Portuguese and Haitian Creole.

Visit camb.ma/cplonline to try Mango today, or visit a CPL location to learn more.



Book Groups



Adult Book Groups

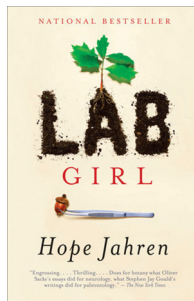
Boudreau

Boudreau Branch
Book Group

HYBRID

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

Lab Girl by Hope Jahren

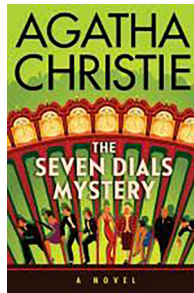


Boudreau Branch
Mystery Book
Group

HYBRID

Tuesday, May 26,
12-1 p.m.

*The Seven Dials
Mystery* by Agatha
Christie



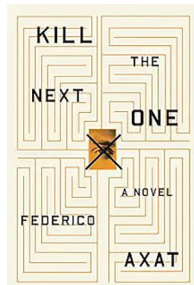
Central Square

Abating Reality:
Mystery/Thriller/
Sci-Fi Book Group

HYBRID

Wednesday,
May 6,
12:30-1:30 p.m.

Kill The Next One by
Federico Axa

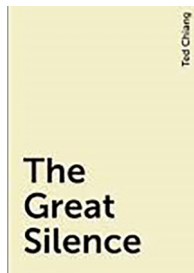


Short Story
Reading Group

IN-PERSON

Wednesday,
May 13, 6-8 p.m.

The Great Silence by
Ted Chiang.

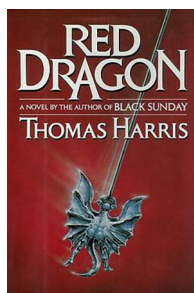


Horror Book Group

IN-PERSON

Thursday, May
14, 7-8 p.m.

Red Dragon by Thomas
Harris

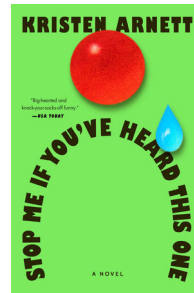


Central Square
Branch
Book Group

IN-PERSON

Wednesday,
April 15, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

*Stop Me If You've Heard
This One* by Kristen
Arnett

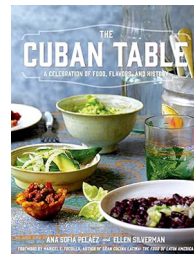


Central Square
Cookbook Club

IN-PERSON

Thursday,
May 21, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

*The Cuban Table: A
Celebration of Food,
Flavors, and History* by
Ana Sofia Peláez



Collins

Collins Branch Book
Group

IN-PERSON

Thursday, May 14,
6-7 p.m.

*You Could Make This
Place Beautiful* by
Maggie Smith

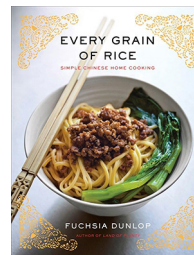


Cookbook Club

IN-PERSON

Wednesday,
May 20, 6-7 p.m.

*Every Grain of Rice:
Simple Chinese Home
Cooking*

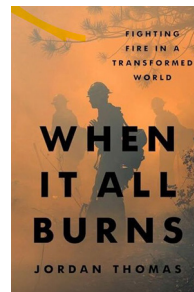


Climate Action
Book Club

IN-PERSON

Thursday,
May 28, 6-7:30 p.m.

*When It All Burns:
Fighting Fire in a
Transformed World* by
Jordan Thomas



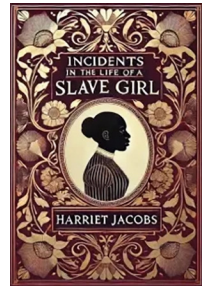
Main Library

Great Books Book
Group

HYBRID

Tuesday, May 5,
7-9 p.m.

*Incidents in the Life of
a Slave Girl* by Harriet
Jacobs

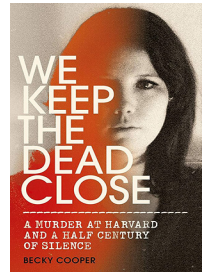


True Crime Book
Group

IN-PERSON

Monday, May 11,
2-3 p.m.

*We Keep the Dead
Close: A Murder at
Harvard and a Half
Century of Silence* by
Becky Cooper

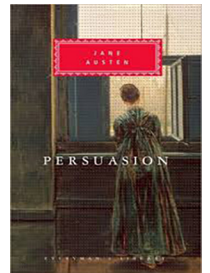


Romance Book
Group

IN-PERSON

Tuesday, May 12,
7:15-8:15 p.m.

Persuasion by Jane
Austen

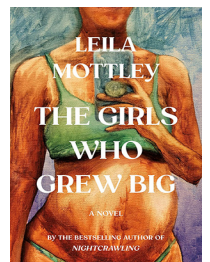


Contemporary
Book Group

IN-PERSON

Tuesday, May 19,
6-7 p.m.

The Girls Who Grew Big
by Leila Mottley

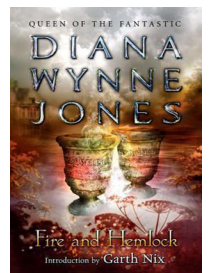


Science Fiction
& Fantasy Book
Group

IN-PERSON

Wednesday, May 20,
6-7 p.m.

Fire and Hemlock by
Diana Wynne Jones



Branch Events

Boudreau

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.

Chess Hour

Monday, May 4 and May 18, 5-6 p.m.

Join us for a chess challenge. Players of all skill levels and all ages are welcome to participate. Chess sets will be provided, but feel free to bring your own if you prefer. This is not an instructional class, but rather a gathering for individuals who want to play and test their skills against other members of the community.



One-on-One Tech Help

Wednesdays, May 6 and May 20, 4-5 p.m.

Looking for some basic computer or mobile device guidance? Want to learn how to access audiobooks and eBooks? Stop by at the Boudreau branch for our drop-in hours! Drop-in sessions will be limited to 30 minutes for each patron. **Registration is strongly encouraged but not required.**

Watercolor Workshop

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

Learn watercolor, including techniques in color mixing, observational painting, and composition. This class will cover wet on wet and wet-on-dry techniques, masking, pressing, shading and light techniques, ink washes, and pattern making. **Registration is required.**



After-school Craft

Thursday, May 7 and May 21, 3-5 p.m.

Stop by the Boudreau Branch after school for a drop-in craft using fun STEAM equipment from the library!

- **May 7:** 3D Pens
- **May 21:** Button Making

Coffee And Games!

Friday, May 22 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Join us for coffee, treats, and games (Chess, Cribbage, Rummikub, etc.). Bring a friend or meet a new one at the library!



Central Square

Drop-in Tech Help at the Library

Tuesdays, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Fridays, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

📍 **Lewis Room**

Looking for some basic computer or mobile

device guidance? Want help using an online resource? Need someone to read your resume and support navigating online job applications? Join us for our drop-in help hours between 4 and 6 p.m. **No registration required.** If you have any questions, please contact library@cambridgemā.gov



Fiber Arts Circle

Thursdays, 4-5 p.m.

📍 **Lewis Room**

Bring your project and come join other fiber crafters in your community! Crochet, sew, embroider, knit, cross stitch, spin, mend, and more at this informal drop-in fiber arts circle. All crafts are welcome!

LEGO Time

Tuesday, May 5, 4-5 p.m.

It's a monthly block party! Join friends to design and build amazing LEGO structures. Let your imagination run wild! For children ages 5 and up (children under age 7 must be accompanied by a caregiver). The library has plenty of LEGO pieces, so you don't need to bring your own.



Reading Group:

How We Get Free: Black Feminism and the Combahee River

Saturday, May 9, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

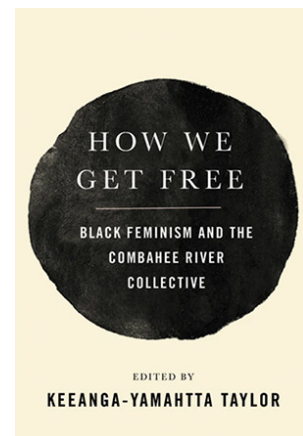
Tuesday, May 12, 6:30-8 p.m.

Saturday, May 23, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 26, 6:30-8 p.m.

This is a 4-part reading group to discuss *How We Get Free: Black Feminism and the Combahee River Collective* by Keeanga-Yamahtta

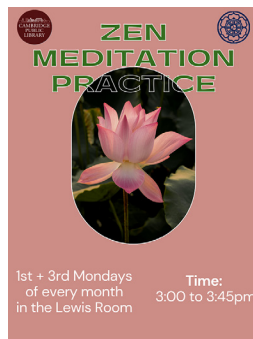
Taylor. Participants are encouraged to come to as many sessions as they can — and all are welcome! Copies of the book are available for pickup at the Central Square Branch. This event was created in partnership with Community Conversations: Sister to Sister, the Cambridge LGBTQ+ Commission, and the Cambridge Women's Commission.



Zen Meditation Practice with Cambridge Zen Center

Monday, May 18, 3-3:45 p.m.

Join us every first and third Monday of the month to learn and practice Zen meditation with our neighbors at the Cambridge Zen Center! Each session consists of 15 minutes of introduction meditation, 20 minutes of sitting, followed by 10 minutes for questions.



Paper Eyeglasses

Tuesday, May 19, 4-4:45 p.m.

May is Healthy Vision Month. Join the Collins Branch in celebrating by decorating your own unique pair of paper eyeglasses. Color, cut and assemble an imaginative style to take home. Recommended for children ages 6-12 and their caregivers.



Kickback and Watch a Movie

Friday, May 29, 3-5 p.m.

Come watch a movie on Central Square Library's big screen and eat free popcorn!

Collins

Baby Lapsit

Friday, May 1, 11-11:30 a.m.

Friday, May 29, 11-11:30 a.m.

Bounces and rhymes for caregivers and babies to learn, play and develop language and motor skills. Recommended for children from birth to 18 months with their caregivers.



CPL Nature Club: Morning Bird Watching Walk at Mt. Auburn Cemetery

Friday, May 22, 10:15-11:30 a.m.

Join us for a morning walk at one of the most renowned bird watching spots in Cambridge, Mount Auburn Cemetery! We will help you identify birds, learn birdwatching tips and tricks, and familiarize yourself with migratory birds as well as those that can be spotted all year round. A limited supply of binoculars will be available. Meet at the Collins Branch courtyard and we will walk over together. **Registration is required.**



Main Library

Sit 'n' Knit

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

📍 Rossi Room

Bring your project and enjoy the company of other fiber crafters. Drop-in with this informal group to work on your craft, get inspired, pick up skills and socialize. Knit, embroider, crochet, spin, and mend. Refreshments will be provided.

Pinwheel Craft

Tuesday, May 5, 4-4:45 p.m.

Get creative after school! Follow instructions to turn patterned paper into a pinwheel. Then, watch the springtime wind make it spin. Recommended for children ages 6-12 and their caregivers.



CPL Nature Club: Fresh Pond Nature Walk

Monday, May 18, 10:15-11:30 a.m.

Join us for a relaxing walk of Fresh Pond with Park Ranger Amanda Garms! No two weeks are the same in nature, and Amanda will share her insights about what's growing, changing, and blooming in the neighborhood. This walk is not on a paved path. We will walk on uneven terrain, down hills, and over roots. Meet at the Fresh Pond Ranger Station at 250 Fresh Pond Parkway. **Registration is required.**



Free Drop-In Tutoring for Teens

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 5-6 p.m.

📍 Teen Room

Need help with a class? Have a question before an exam? Tutors are available to help you! Cambridge School Volunteers and the Library are pleased to offer tutoring services in the Teen Room. **No registration required.**

One-on-One Tech Help

Thursdays, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

📍 Learning Lab

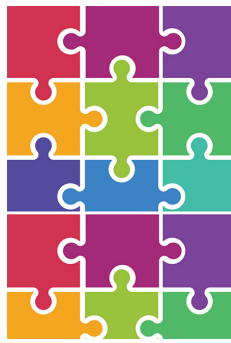
Looking for some basic computer or mobile device guidance? Want to learn how to access audiobooks and eBooks? Stop by at the Main Library for our drop-in hours! Drop-in sessions will be limited to 30 minutes for each patron. To view all available timeslots and dates, visit the Library website. If you have any questions, please contact Gina Josette Rivera by email at gjosette@cambridgema.gov.

Puzzle Party

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

 Rossi Room

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



CPR Class for Parents and Caregivers

Saturday, May 2, 9:30-11 a.m.

 Curious George Room

This CPR class will cover life-saving skills for infants, children and adults. We will use multi-media and hands-on practice to be sure students acquire skills and confidence to assist in a life-saving medical situation. This class will also cover training and the use of AED (Automated External Defibrillator) for all ages, along with life-saving skills in choking situations. Students will receive their certificate upon completion of class. Space is limited (20 adults), **registration is required**.

Adult Gaming: Unplugged

Monday, May 4, 6-7:30 p.m.

 Rossi Room

Are you suffering from chronic information overload? Feeling overwhelmed by too much technology in your life? Join us for an evening of old school board gaming! Relax and recharge your internal battery with one of our classic board games or bring your own personal favorite.



CPL Nature Club: Rethinking Urban Green Spaces: Nature Walk with Earthwise Aware

Tuesday, May 5, 1-2:30 p.m.

 Joan Lorentz Park

Join Earthwise Aware (EWA) for an interactive walk to observe, document, and take part in shaping urban spaces that work with nature. Together, we will explore how design choices and climate pressures shape the ecological value of our everyday green spaces, and document habitat conditions using simple citizen science tools. **Registration is required**.



LIBRARY LOCATIONS/PHONE/HOURS

Main Library

449 Broadway | 617-349-4040
Mon-Thu 9-9, Fri-Sat 9-5, Sun 1-5 (Sept-June)

Boudreau

245 Concord Ave. | 617-349-4017
Mon-Wed 10-8, Thu-Fri 10-6

Central Square

45 Pearl St. | 617-349-4010
Mon 10-6, Tue-Thurs 10-9, Fri 10-6, Sat 10-2

Collins Branch

64 Aberdeen Ave. | 617-349-4021
Mon 10-6, Tues-Thurs 10-8, Fri 10-6

O'Connell

48 Sixth St. | 617-349-4019
Mon 10-6, Tue-Thurs 10-8, Fri 10-6

O'Neill

70 Rindge Ave. | 617-349-4023
Mon-Wed 10-8, Thurs-Fri 10-6, Sat 1-5

Valente

826 Cambridge St. | 617-349-4015
Mon-Wed 10-8, Thurs-Fri 10-6, Sat 1-5

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

LITERACY CENTER PROGRAMS

The Literacy Center is located in the Central Square Branch at 45 Pearl Street. For more information call Maria Balestrieri at 617-349-4013.

Beginner ESOL IN-PERSON

Mondays, 1-2:30 p.m.
Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.
Fridays, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-2:30 p.m.

High Beginner ESOL IN-PERSON

Mondays, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1-2:30 p.m.

Intermediate ESOL IN-PERSON

Mondays, 1-2:30 p.m.
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Advanced ESOL IN-PERSON

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

Résumé & Job Application Support IN-PERSON

Wednesdays, 1-3 p.m.

Clase de RCP para Padres y Cuidadores

Saturday, May 9, 9:30-11 a.m.

📍 Curious George Room

Esta clase será en español. Esta clase de RCP cubrirá habilidades para salvar la vida de bebés, niños y adultos. Utilizaremos tecnología y práctica para que los estudiantes adquieran habilidades y confianza para ayudar a salvar la vida en una situación médica. Esta clase también cubrirá entrenamiento y el uso de DEA (Desfibrilador Externo Automatizado) para todas las edades, junto con habilidades para salvar la vida de una persona en situación de asfixia. Los estudiantes recibirán su certificado al completar la clase. Tenga en cuenta que la Ciudad no es responsable del contenido o equipo de entrenamiento. Cupos limitados (20 adultos), se requiere inscripción.

Clase de RCP para Padres y Cuidadores



Main Library Children's Room
449 Broadway | (617) 349-4038
cambridgepubliclibrary.org

CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Meditation for Wisdom and Renewal:

A Retreat for Elders

Friday, May 15, 1-3 p.m.

📍 Lecture Hall

In this retreat, we will explore simple mindfulness practices that can be adapted for all bodies and abilities. Together, we will create space for quiet contemplation and personal reflection, while also fostering a sense of community among elders walking this stage of life side by side. Whether you are new to meditation or have practiced before, you will leave with practical tools to support your well-being and cultivate greater wisdom in daily life. Presented in partnership with the Cambridge Insight Meditation Center.



Folk Concert for Children and Families: Award Winning Musician Kim Moberg

Saturday, May 9, 2-3:00 p.m.

📍 Curious George Room

Join us for live Folk Music with award-winning singer, songwriter, and guitarist Kim Moberg and enjoy classic folk songs, treasured favorites, and original music!



Kim was born in Juneau, Alaska, the daughter of a mother of Alaskan Native Tlingit descent and a US Coast Guard veteran father from Kansas. Her mission is to connect people in empathy and social consciousness through the storytelling power of Folk Music. Recommended for school-age children ages 6+ (younger siblings welcome with parent/caregiver). No tickets needed. Thank you to Folk New England and peaceeducators.org for their generous support!

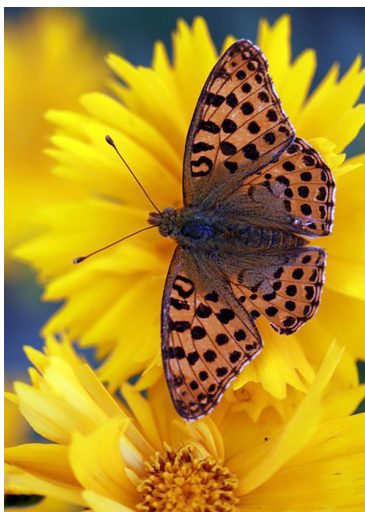
Choosing Native Plants for a Beautiful and Beneficial Garden

HYBRID

Wednesday, May 13, 7-8:30 p.m.

📍 Learning Lab/Zoom

Balance ecological value with your preferences in your garden! Learn how to select native plants that will suit your conditions and support birds and beneficial insects.



Gund Kwok Asian Women's Lion Dance Troupe

Saturday, May 16, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

📍 Curious George Room

Gund Kwok is the first all Asian and all female lion dance troupe in the country. They will present an interactive story about the origins and significance of the lion dance, followed by a lion dance performance that will include the traditional "eating of the greens" and the unrolling of good luck banners. After the performance, the audience will be invited to try on the lion heads and take photos. Recommended for children of all ages and their caregivers.

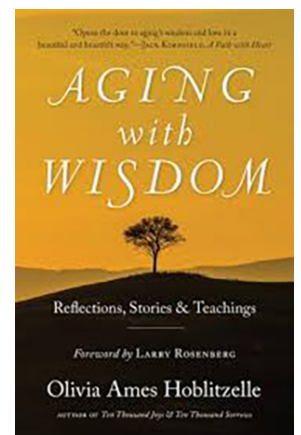
Aging with Wisdom: An Illustrated Talk with Olivia Hoblitzelle

IN-PERSON

Monday, May 18, 2-3:30 p.m.

📍 Lecture Hall

Olivia Hoblitzelle will be speaking about her book *Aging with Wisdom*, along with an illustrated slideshow that weaves in themes such as seeing beauty in old age, the role of her spiritual practice, inspiring elders, and awakened consciousness. Registration is requested.



Stories, Songs, and Play

Friday, May 29, 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

📍 **Curious George Room**

Join us for songs, stories and rhymes followed by open play. Recommended for children of all ages and their caregivers. Tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis on the day of the program.

Arabic Story Time

Saturday, May 30, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

📍 **Curious George Room**

The Library is pleased to be working with dedicated community members to offer a special story time in Arabic! This program will be conducted primarily in Arabic, with the intention of helping young Arabic language learners to improve their skills. Tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis on the day of the program. This program is suitable for children up to age 7.



O'Connell

Fiber Crafts Group Drop-In

Wednesdays, 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.

Cardboard Tube Crafts

Wednesday, May 6,
4-5 p.m.

Make trees, animals, rockets, castles, or anything you want from cardboard tubes.

Recommended for children ages 6-12 and their caregivers.



Wiggle Party

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

Join us for a dance party to get your wiggles out! Play a freeze dance game, shake some shakers, or dance with scarves! For more information, please call the library at (617) 349-4019.

Robot Story Time with the Museum of Science

Thursday, May 21, 4:40-5:10 p.m.

Can a robot be a friend? Can a robot help do your chores? An educator from the Museum of Science leads Robot Storytime to explore these questions through an original story. After the story, participants can interact with a robot dog! This program will happen twice. Come to either the 10:30 AM or 11:30 AM session. No registration required. Recommended for ages 0-7 with a caregiver.

Evening Family Story Time

Wednesday, May 13, 5:30-5:55 p.m.

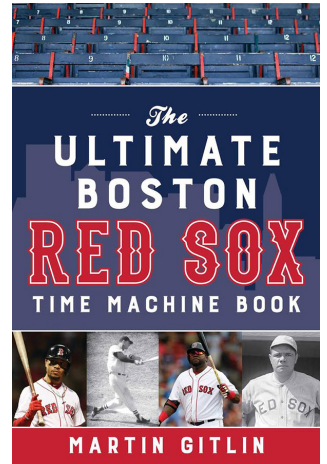
Wednesday, May 27, 5:30-5:55 p.m.

Join us for 20-25 minutes of stories, songs and rhymes. For children of all ages and their caregivers.

Ultimate Presentation for Red Sox Nation

Tuesday, May 26,
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Take a fun and enlightening journey through Boston Red Sox history with Marty Gitlin, the author of the *Ultimate Boston Red Sox Time Machine Book*. This presentation features exciting and nostalgic videos of the greatest and most fascinating players, teams, events and moments in franchise history. It covers Sox history from the Royal Rooters, who launched Red Sox Nation, to Babe Ruth to Ted Williams to The Impossible Dream Season of 1967 to Lynn, Rice and '75 to the heartbreak of 1986 all the way to the four World Series championships and beyond. There will be trivia questions and Q&A.



O'Neill

English Conversation Practice, Intermediate

Mondays and Wednesdays, 1-2:30 p.m.

Join us for an English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Conversation Practice. This conversation group is for those with an intermediate or high level of English language skill. No testing is required. For more information on other ESOL classes, please call Maria Balestrieri at 617-349-4013.

Wednesdays of Wonder- W.O.W.!

Wednesdays, 2:30-4 p.m.

Come to the Library for games and a different activity each week! Kids of all ages can hang out and do crafts or STEAM activities.

Kids' Zine Collective

Friday, May 1 and
May 22, 4-5 p.m.

What's a zine? And how do I make one? Come find out! Kids are invited to explore making, copying, sharing, and swapping zines. Making zines will include activities like writing, drawing, and using a photocopier. For kids ages 7 and up. Snacks are provided!





CPL Nature Club: Alewife Afternoon Nature Walk

Tuesday, May 5, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Come explore the nature in our urban backyard! We will take a leisurely walk as we observe and learn together about the animals and plants at Alewife Reservation. You are welcome to bring binoculars, magnifying glasses or any other observational tool. **Registration is helpful but not required.**

One-on-One Tech Help by Appointment

Thursday, May 7 and May 21, 10-10:30 a.m.

Looking for some basic computer or mobile device guidance? Want to learn how to access audiobooks and eBooks? Stop by at the O'Neill Branch Library for a tech help appointment! Sessions will be limited to 30 minutes for each patron.



Drop-In Tech Help

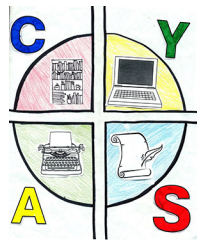
Thursday, May 7 and May 7, 10:45-11:45 a.m.

Looking for some basic computer or mobile device guidance? Want help using an online resource? Need someone to read your resume and support navigating online job applications? Join us for our drop-in help hours between 10:45 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. **No registration required.**

Cambridge Young Authors' Squad

Friday, May 8, May 15, and May 29, 4-5 p.m.

Young people ages 10 to 14 who love to write are welcome to share their ideas and writing. There will be time for share-outs/ workshoping, as well as group or solo writing. Snacks are provided!



Drop-in Maker Studio

Saturday, May 9, 1-3 p.m.

Come to the Library to create something special! Use your own supplies or try out our equipment! You can use our 1-inch button maker, 2.5-inch button maker, 3-D Doodle pens, or Janome sewing machines. The Library will provide basic supplies.

Freedom of Expression: A Movement Workshop

IN-PERSON

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

Wednesday, May 20, 6-7:30 p.m.

It's an act of rebellion to use your body in a public space, articulating power and transcending awkwardness or beauty.

Two community workshops, led by Professor of Dance Christine Bennett, will involve movement as a path toward understanding and resiliency in our own bodies and community spaces. Wear comfortable clothes. Register for one or both classes (5/13 & 5/20). **Registration is required.**



Bicycle Spoke Cards for Middle Schoolers

Monday, May 18, 3:30-5 p.m.

Kids in 6th, 7th and 8th grade can come to the Library to make their own bicycle spoke cards! Snacks provided. **No registration necessary.**



Pajama Story Time

Tuesday, May 19, 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 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.

CPL Nature Club: Story Time at Alewife Brook Reservation

Wednesday, May 20, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Children and families can join us for an outdoor story time and short walk at Alewife Brook Reservation to look for plant and animal life. We will meet at the seating area on the bike path near the Alewife Brook Pathway and DCR Wetland Boardwalk. There is no parking available on-site. Parking is available at Alewife MBTA station or limited on-street parking on Cambridgepark Drive.



CPL Nature Club: Spring Birdwatching at Fresh Pond

Saturday, May 30, 10-11:30 a.m.

All ages are welcome to join us as we observe birds at Fresh Pond. We will look for birds migrating to or through our area as well as year-round resident birds. As we walk, we will discuss general birdwatching tips and learn more about the birds we share our outdoor spaces with. A limited supply of binoculars will be available. **Registration is required.**



Valente

Beginning English Class

Mondays, 6-7:30 p.m.

Join us for an English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Class! This class will be taught at a beginner level. No testing is needed. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call Maria Balestrieri at **617-349-4013**.

Intermediate ESOL

Mondays, 6-7:30 p.m.

Join us for an English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Class. This class will be taught at an intermediate level. No testing needed. For more information call Maria Balestrieri at **617-349-4013**.

Drop In Tech Help

Tuesdays, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Tuesdays, 2-3:30 p.m.

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Wednesdays of Wonder- W.O.W.!

Wednesdays, 2:30-4 p.m.

Come to the Library for games and a different activity each week! Kids of all ages can hang out and do crafts or STEAM activities. **No registration required.**

Teen Hangout

Mondays, starting May 11, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Hangout with other teens in the Valente Branch Community Room after school: socialize, unwind, play a game, make some art - your choice!

Martial Arts

Demonstration for Kids

Saturday, May 2, 3-4 p.m.

Challenge your balance and willpower, build strength and confidence! Join us for a fun intro to martial arts! We will introduce basic kicks and self-defense. Recommended for kids aged 5 to 11, along with their caregivers. Children under the age of 7 must be accompanied by an adult.



Evening Family Story Time

Monday, May 6, 5:30-5:55 p.m.

Join us for 20-25 minutes of stories, songs and rhymes. For children of all ages and their caregivers.

Youth Dungeons and Dragons Campaign

Tuesdays, 4-5 p.m.

Youth ages 10-16 are welcome to join this eight-session campaign of Tuesdays in May and June of the table-top game Dungeons and Dragons (DnD), as we build our cooperative role-play and storytelling skills. **Registration is required.**

Read to a Dog

Wednesday, May 6, 3:30-5 p.m.

Read to Dante, our local cuddly therapy dog! Trained therapy dogs provide warm and non-judgmental reading companions for new or experienced readers up to age 14. Registration for each 15-minute time slot is required and begins on Wednesday, April 29 by calling or visiting the Valente Branch (**617-349-4015**).



Board Game Night for Adults

Tuesday, May 12, 6-7:30 p.m.

Join us for an evening of board games. We have: Wingspan, Ticket to Ride, Settlers of Catan, Azul, Splendor, Scrabble, chess, checkers, Boggle, Banagrams, and more! Feel free to bring a board game to play with others. We will provide pizza and beverages. **Registration helpful.**



Mend and Make Meetup

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

Have clothes to mend or craft projects to work on? Join us for our new monthly meetup! Bring what you are working on and we will provide basic mending supplies. **Registration is required.**

Evening Baby Lapsit

Monday, May 18, 5:30-5:55 p.m.

Bounces and rhymes for caregivers and babies to learn, play and develop language and motor skills. Recommended for babies ages 0-18 months and their caregivers.

Branch Walk (55+)

Thursday, May 21, 10:30-11:45 a.m.

Join guide Stefanie Haug while exploring our neighborhood nature and history. As a group, we'll connect with and explore the neighborhood mindfully with a gentle walk and draw on contemplative practices. **Registration is encouraged.**

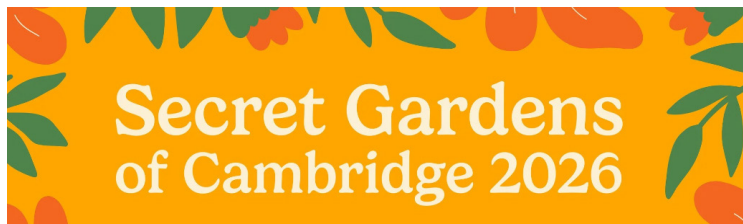
AAPI Poetry for Teens

Thursday, May 28, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Learn about poetry forms from Asia and the Pacific Islands and write some yourself! **No registration required.**

**TEENS:
WE
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Save the Date



Secret Gardens of Cambridge 2026

The Friends of the Cambridge Public Library, in partnership with Mount Auburn Cemetery, are proud to present the **Secret Gardens of Cambridge 2026**.

Sunday, June 7, 2026, 10am-4pm (rain or shine)

📍 ~45 gardens from East Cambridge to the Belmont border

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Tickets will go on sale at the beginning of May.

All proceeds will benefit the Cambridge Public Library.

More information can be found on our website:

<https://www.cambridgepubliclibraryfriends.org/secret-gardens-cambridge>.

To learn more about sponsorship or volunteer opportunities, please contact:

gardentour@cambridgepubliclibraryfriends.org.



Park Sounds with PanNeubean Steel

Saturday, June 6, 1-2:30 pm

📍 Joan Lorentz Park

PanNeubean Steel is a dynamic steelpan guided ensemble delivering vibrant Caribbean rhythms with modern flair.

Rooted in tradition and driven by innovation, the band brings energy, precision, and crowd-moving performances to every stage—celebrating culture, community, and the unmistakable sound of steel.



Radius Ensemble presents a Free Family Concert

Saturday, June 6, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

📍 Main Library

Join us for a relaxed Saturday morning concert with Radius Ensemble! The concert, geared toward preschool children but appropriate for all ages, includes string quartets from around the globe, as well as a show-and-tell of the instruments of the string family. From Mozart to Scott Joplin, repertoire spans centuries and traverses continents, exposing children to a variety of musical traditions. Kids are welcome to snuggle, dance, sing, walk around and just be kids. For the final piece of this 45-minute program, we invite children to play along on hand percussion instruments (provided by the Ensemble) such as tambourines and claves, and each child receives a free colorful shaker to take home.

Recommended for children ages 3 to 5 years with caregiver. This program can accommodate 130 people.

Tickets are available on a first come, first served basis on the day of the program.



Narcan Distribution

Tuesday, June 9, 1-3 p.m.

📍 Central Square Branch

Swing by the Central Square Branch Library to restock on Narcan and learn more about how to reverse overdoses.

Land/Mark: Enslavement, Resistance and Revolution

Saturday, June 13, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

📍 Main Library

Join the Cambridge Public Library for a symposium exploring themes of the Revolution and the history of Mark, Phillis and Phoebe. Mark and Phillis were two enslaved people who were publicly executed in Cambridge in 1755 after being found guilty of fatally poisoning John Codman, the man who enslaved them. After the execution, Mark's body was gibbeted, displayed publicly in chains on Charlestown Common, for many years.



Kyera Singleton

Dan Breen

Kellie Carter Jackson

Symposium participants will include Kyera Singleton, Executive Director of the Royall House and Slave Quarters and Postdoctoral Fellow at Tufts University's Slavery, Colonialism, and their Legacies at Tufts Initiative, as well as Brandeis University legal historian Dan Breen and others. The keynote speaker for the event will be Kellie Carter Jackson, Associate Professor of Africana Studies and the Chair of the Africana Studies Department Wellesley College. **Registration is required.**

Mend & Make Meetup

Wednesday, June 17, 6-7:30 p.m.

📍 Valente Branch

Join our monthly mending meetup and share tips and tricks with other crafters! Bring what you are working on and we will provide basic mending supplies. **Registration is required.**

Branch Walk [55+]

Thursday, June 18,
10:30 -11:45 a.m.

📍 Collins Branch

Join guide Stefanie Haug while exploring our neighborhood nature and history. As a group we'll connect with and explore the neighborhood mindfully with a gentle walk and draw on contemplative practices.

Registration is requested but not required.

What to bring: layered clothing, comfortable shoes and water.

Where to meet: At the Valente Branch entrance.



Summer Kickoff Party: Plant a Seed, Sing & Read!

Saturday, June 20, 2-3 p.m.

📍 Main Library

Join us in Joan Lorentz Park (outside the Main Library) for a Summer Kickoff Party for all ages! Enjoy a live concert with award-winning, GRAMMY nominated folk musician Alastair Mook and friends! Take home a tiny blossom kit and enjoy ice-cream (while supplies last). You can also register for Summer Reading, pick up a bingo board and learn more about special events happening across branches all summer long.

The Department of Public Works Recycling/Composting, Community Gardens, and Office of Sustainability departments will join us to celebrate summer and the natural world.

Cambridge Cooks: Caribbean Heritage Month Edition with Chef Gaitskell

Monday, June 22,
6-7:30 p.m.

📍 Main Library

Join Chef Gaitskell Cleghorn Jr. as he prepares Jerk Chicken and Mango Salsa in celebration of Caribbean-American Heritage Month. Gaitskell Cleghorn Jr., professionally known as Chef Gates, is an entrepreneur and culinary educator based in Boston. He specializes in culinary education, catering, and community outreach, partnering with organizations such as the Codman Square Farmers Market and BOLD Teens.

Registration is required.



CPL Presents: Dr. Beronda Montgomery, the author of *When Trees Testify: Science, Wisdom, History, and America's Black Botanical History*

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

📍 Main Library

CPL Presents: Dr. Beronda Montgomery, the author of *When Trees Testify: Science, Wisdom, History, and America's Black Botanical History* Tuesday, June 30, 6-7:30 p.m. Main Library Join Dr. Beronda L. Montgomery—writer, science communicator, and plant biologist—for a discussion of her new book, *When Trees Testify: Science, Wisdom, History, and America's Black Botanical History*. Dr. Montgomery will be in conversation with Tracy K. Smith, a former Poet Laureate of the United States, as well as the recipient of a Pulitzer Prize. **Registration is required.**

Highlights from April



Community members at the Curious George Lecture, April 15



Author Jasmine Warga Speaking at the CPL Curious George Lecture, April 15



AI for Job Seekers



Building a Terrarium at the Create your own Terrarium, April 15

Highlights from March and April



Instructor and participants at the Voices in Collage program in celebration of Women's History Month, March 12, 2026



Participant at the Voices in Collage program, March 12, 2026



REVMA at the Sacred Songs and Rituals Event. The band is comprised of Sandy Theodorou on accordion, laouto, vocals; Rohan Gregory on violin; and Fabio Pirozzolo on percussion.



Director McCauley visiting a Library in Istanbul, Türkiye in the middle of April

Hive Workshops for April 2026

All participants must complete the Hive Safety Training before attending Hive Workshops.



Getting Started

Completion of *Hive Safety Training* is the entry point to making, innovating, and collaborating in this space. Makers must also sign *The Hive User Agreement* and *Waivers*.

Hive Safety Training

(In-person OR virtual): Learn about our makerspace, how to utilize the resources we offer and how to keep safe in The Hive. The training includes a tour of The Hive, either in-person or virtually.

Certification Workshops

3D Printing 101: Game Piece Design

IN-PERSON Learn how to create your favorite game piece in digital space and print it out using our Prusa 3D printers.

Digital Embroidery 101 Want to learn how to create custom clothing and other fiber projects with embroidered text? In this workshop, you'll use a digital embroidery machine to stitch personalized designs and take home a unique piece. This class is for those with prior sewing machine experience. If you're new to sewing, we recommend taking our Sewing 101 workshop first.

Serger 101 **IN-PERSON** Are you an intermediate or advanced sewer? This workshop will cover serger machine setup, threading a serger, and identifying correct tension settings with different types of fabric.

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.



Welcome to the state-of-the-art makerspace located at the Main Library! It is a hub for STEAM learning, creativity, and community collaboration in Cambridge. Its mission is to provide free, hands-on learning opportunities to the Cambridge community, resources for personal projects, and to serve as a hub for skill sharing and creative collaboration.

The Hive is open to individuals with a Minuteman library card. The space is designed for independent use for patrons ages 12 and up and supervised use for children under the age of 12. **Registration is required for all Hive workshops.**

Studio Recording 101 **IN-PERSON** Are you interested in podcasting, audio production, or video production? 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? Learn how to use our Roland Camm-1 GS-24 vinyl cutter.

XR Lab 101 **IN-PERSON** Extended reality (XR) opens the door to worlds and experiences outside the everyday through virtual reality, augmented reality, and mixed reality equipment.

Zing Laser Cutting 101 **IN-PERSON**

Learn how to use our Epilog Zing to laser cut, engrave and shape designs from a variety of materials.

Open Shop-Equipment and Studio Reservations

Use the equipment and spaces in The Hive to design, craft, and make. Patrons certified on Hive equipment are welcome to reserve time for personal use.

Staff will assist as they are able.

Other Programs

Knitting 101 **IN-PERSON** In this hands-on session, you'll learn the basics of knitting, including how to cast on, do the knit stitch, and cast off. This workshop is intended for people with no prior knitting experience. All supplies will be provided!

Hive Teen Hangout **IN-PERSON** Teens are welcome to come learn about our space and try their hand at sticker making, video recording in our studio and more. This drop-in event is designed for patrons ages 12-18.

Sewing Circle **IN-PERSON** Continue building your machine-sewing skills AND receive support as you work on your own sewing projects with our Library sewing community. This program is designed for patrons who know the basics of how to use our Janome sewing machines.



Hive Calendar - May 2026



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Open Shop 11:30 AM - 4:30 PM	2 Sewing 101 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Hive Safety Training 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Open Shop 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM
4 Open Shop 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM	5 Open Shop 1:30 PM - 6:00 PM 3D Printing 101 with ASL Interpretation 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	6 Open Shop 2:30 PM - 6:30 PM Filmmaking 101 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	7 Sewing 101 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Open Shop 2:30 PM - 5:30 PM	8 3D Printing 101 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Open Shop 11:30 AM - 4:30 PM	9 FixIt Clinic 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM Sergers Training 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM Digital Embroidery 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM
11 Zing Laser Cutting 101 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM Studio Recording 101 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM	12 Open Shop 1:30 PM - 6:00 PM Digital Embroidery 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Hive Safety Training (Virtual) 8:00 PM - 8:30 PM	13 Vinyl Cutting 101 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM 3D Printing 101 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM Open Shop (Main) 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM	14 Knitting 101 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Open Shop 2:30 PM - 5:30 PM	15 Getting Started with Adobe Illustrator 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Open Shop 11:30 AM - 4:30 PM	16 Zing Laser Cutting 101 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Sewing 101 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Open Shop 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM
18 Open Shop 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM	19 Open Shop 1:30 PM - 6:30 PM 3D Printing 101 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	20 Digital Embroidery 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM Open Shop 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM	21 Sewing 101 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Open Shop 2:30 PM - 5:00 PM Sewing with Lenni: Earbud cases and Slippers! 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM	22 Filmmaking 101 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Open Shop 11:30 AM - 4:30 PM	23 Open Shop 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM 3D Printing 101 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM XR Lab 101 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
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