

November 2025



## EVENTS *at the* CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

### Events

#### 2025 Boston Globe-Horn Book Awards Ceremony

IN-PERSON

Thursday, November 6,  
5-8:30 p.m.

📍 Main Library

Join the Cambridge Public Library in celebrating the winners and honorees of the 2025 Boston Globe-Horn Book Awards! First presented in 1967, the Boston Globe-Horn Book Awards celebrate excellence in children's and young adult literature. A book signing will follow the Awards Ceremony. Books will be available for purchase on-site. **Registration is required.**



#### Brewery Book Club

IN-PERSON

Thursday, November 6, 7-8:30 p.m.

📍 Lamplighter Brewing

You're invited to our November Brewery Book Club, where Lamplighter and the Cambridge Public Library team up to highlight contemporary works from marginalized voices while having a beer.

We meet at Lamplighter Brewing Co., 284 Broadway, in the back taproom. This month we'll read *We Will be Jaguars: A Memoir of My People* by Nemonte Nenquimo.

#### WE WILL BE JAGUARS

A Memoir of My People



NEMONTE NENQUIMO  
AND MITCH ANDERSON

### SERVICE ALERT

All Library locations will be closed Tuesday, November 11, for Veterans Day.

All Library locations will close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 26, and remain closed on Thursday, November 27, and Friday, November 28, for Thanksgiving.

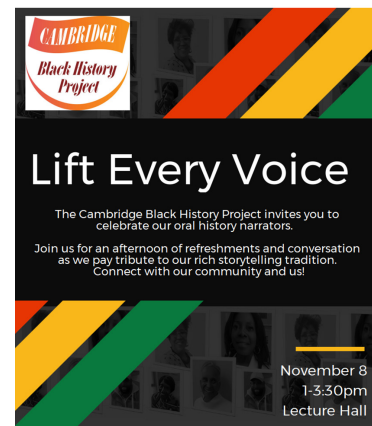
#### Lift Every Voice

IN-PERSON

Saturday, November 8,  
1-3:30 p.m.

📍 Main Library

The Cambridge Black History Project invites you to celebrate our oral history narrators. Join us for an afternoon of refreshments and conversation as we pay tribute to our rich storytelling tradition. Connect with our community and us! **Registration is required.**



CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Main Library  
448 Broadway | (617) 349-4040  
[cambridgepubliclibrary.org](http://cambridgepubliclibrary.org)

#### Valente Presents: Maria Lawton, *At My Portuguese Table*

IN-PERSON

Saturday, November 8, 2-4 p.m.

📍 Valente

Join **Maria Lawton**, Cookbook Author, TV host/Executive Producer, Speaker, Storyteller & Culinary Travel Guide for a presentation on Portuguese Cooking. Maria is the creator and host of the multi-award-winning PBS series *Maria's Portuguese Table*, and the author of two beloved cookbooks: *Azorean Cooking: From My Family Table to Yours* and *At My Portuguese Table*, winner of the Bronze IPPY Award. Born in São Miguel Azores, Portugal and raised in the U.S., Maria has dedicated her career to preserving and sharing the rich culinary and cultural traditions of Portugal. This event is generously sponsored by the The Manuel Rogers, Sr. & Mary R. Rogers Endowment Fund. **Registration is required.**



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VIRTUAL Virtual event

IN-PERSON In-person event

HYBRID In-person event with option to attend virtually

## From Revolution to Remembrance: Memory of the American Revolution HYBRID

Monday, November 10, 6-7:30 p.m.

📍 Main Library

To mark the 250th anniversaries of the American Revolution and the founding of the United States, a coalition of local non-profits and government agencies will present *Washington in American Memory*, a seven-part speaker series. Explore how Americans have remembered, reinterpreted, and reshaped the meaning of the American Revolution from 1776 to today, featuring Michael

Hattem, author of *Past and Prologue: Politics and Memory in the American Revolution* and Associate Director of the Yale-New Haven Teachers Institute and Nikki Stewart, Executive Director of Old North Illuminated. **Registration is required.**



## CPL Presents: Morgan Talty, author of *Fire Exit*

HYBRID

Thursday, November 13, 6-7:30 p.m.

📍 Main Library

Celebrate Native American Heritage Month by welcoming Morgan Talty, author of the award-winning story collection, *Night of the Living Rez*, as well as the novel, *Fire Exit*, published just last summer. *Fire Exit*—which *Booklist* called “tender and heartbreaking” in a starred review—is a novel about family secrets and how they inform the stories we tell ourselves about who we are and where we live. After reading from his work, Talty will answer questions from the audience and sign books. **Registration is required.**



## Are You Ready for Winter Weirder? IN-PERSON

Tuesday, November 18, 6-7 p.m.

📍 Main Library

A changing climate means that winters in Massachusetts are getting weird. Hear from some of Cambridge's sustainability experts on the ways climate change is affecting our winter weather -- and how to best prepare your home or apartment for colder weather while saving money. **Questions from attendees are highly encouraged!**

## Death Cafe VIRTUAL

Tuesday, November 18, 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. While not a support group nor a venue for bereavement, a Death Cafe seeks to provide an unscripted, non-judgmental platform for those wishing to explore the many facets of this often-taboo subject. **Registration is required.**

Virtual  
Death Café



## Workshops

### Aging with Mindfulness VIRTUAL

Mondays, 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: Low-Impact Fitness

VIRTUAL

Mondays, 11-11:45 a.m.

📍 Zoom

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! **Registration for each session is required.**



### Medicare Open Enrollment Workshop IN-PERSON

Monday, November 10, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

📍 Main Library

Thursday, November 13, 12-2 p.m.

📍 Valente

Learn about how Open Enrollment works and discover tools available to help you review your options. Medicare Open Enrollment is the one time of the year when all people with Medicare can review, compare, enroll or dis-enroll in Medicare Advantage, Original Medicare, and Part D drug plans. Medicare Open Enrollment runs from mid-October to early December. Coverage of all plans begins January 1 of the following year. **Registration requested but not required.**

### Wednesday Night Creative Writing Group

IN-PERSON

Wednesday, November 12, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

📍 Main Library Community 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. We may practice in-class writing exercises and read samples of published writing as time allows. **Registration is required.**

### Introduction to Book Collecting IN-PERSON

Thursday, November 13, 3-4:30 p.m.

📍 Main Library Cambridge Room

Learn the ins and outs of book collecting, what to collect, how to identify certain types of books, the most important considerations, and how to buy.

## Housing Know Your Rights Workshop **HYBRID**

Saturday, November 15, 2-3:30 p.m.

📍 **Lecture Hall**

Come and learn about your rights as a tenant along with Cambridge resources that support renters!

In this workshop, you will hear from attorneys from Cambridge and Somerville Legal Services and the City of Cambridge's Office of the Housing Liaison. We will be providing interpretation in Spanish and Haitian Creole on location during the event. The City of Cambridge can provide you with an interpreter for free.

To request an interpreter, please email [AccessHelp@CambridgeMA.gov](mailto:AccessHelp@CambridgeMA.gov) by November 3, 2025.



## Expressive Art for Older

Adults: Beading **IN-PERSON**

Tuesday, November 18, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

📍 **Main Library**

Learn the basics of beaded jewelry making and the difference between semi-precious stones and precious stones. Participants will keep all pieces they make.

Led by Zangar Freeman. Registration is required.

## Empowerment in Your Later Years: Caregiver Resilience **VIRTUAL**

Thursday, November 20, 2-3 p.m.

📍 **Zoom**

A webinar designed to invest in your health, wellness, and longevity. Tailored for all caregivers - such as direct care or caring for a loved one - this session will provide advice for building resilience and managing the physical and psychosocial demands of caregiving. We'll discuss your non-negotiables, defining your vision and strategy, identifying resources, and knowing your payer partners. Registration is required.



## Basic Tech Classes

Join us for Basic Tech Classes this November! 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**

Tuesday, November 4, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Intro to LinkedIn Learning

Tuesday, November 18, 11 a.m.- 12 p.m.

Gmail Basics - Manage your inbox and storage

Tuesday, November 25, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Google Photos Basics

## 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, 10:30-11:30 a.m.**

📍 **Lewis Room**

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

📍 **Lewis Room**

### 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

Preschool Story Time **Thursdays, 3:30-4 p.m.**

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

### O'Neill

Sing-Along **Mondays, 10:30-10:50 a.m.**

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

### Valente

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

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





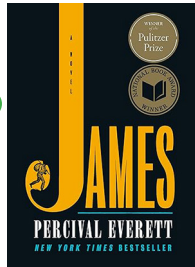
# Book Groups



## Adult Book Groups

### Boudreau

Boudreau Branch  
Book Group **HYBRID**  
Wednesday, November  
12, 12-1 p.m.  
*James* by Percival  
Everett



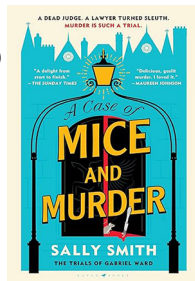
### Cookbook Club **IN-PERSON**

Wednesday, November  
19, 6-7 p.m.  
*The Perfect Pie* by  
America's Test Kitchen  
and Pie Academy by  
Ken Haedrich



### Boudreau Branch Mystery Book Group **HYBRID**

Tuesday, November 25,  
12-1 p.m.  
*A Case of Mice and  
Murder* by Sally Smith

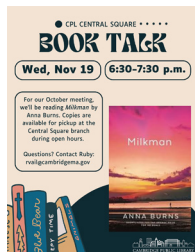


### Central Square

Central Square Short Story  
Reading Group **IN-PERSON**  
Wednesday, November 12, 6-7:30 p.m.  
Story TBD!

### Central Square Branch Book Group **IN-PERSON**

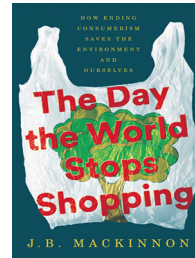
Wednesday, November  
19, 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
*Milkman* by Anna Burns



Cookbook Club  
& Community Potluck **IN-PERSON**  
Thursday, November 20, 6:30-7:30  
This month we're reading a collection of  
Filipino cookbooks

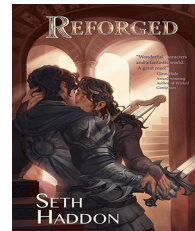
### Collins Climate Action Book Club **IN-PERSON**

Thursday, November  
20, 6-7:30 p.m.  
*The Day the World Stops  
Shopping: How Ending  
Consumerism Saves the Environment &  
Ourselves* by J.B. MacKinnon



### Main Library

Romance Book  
Group **IN-PERSON**  
Tuesday, November 4,  
7:15-8:15 p.m.  
*Reforged* by Seth  
Haddon

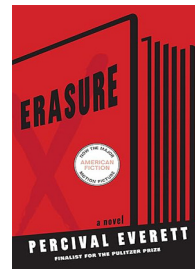


Contemporary  
Book Group  
**IN-PERSON**  
Tuesday, November 18,  
6-7 p.m.  
*Big Chief* by Jon Hickey



Science Fiction & Fantasy Book  
Group **IN-PERSON**  
Wednesday, November 19, 6-7 p.m.  
*Perilous Times* by Thomas D. Lee

O'Connell  
Adult Book Group  
**IN-PERSON**  
Tuesday, November 18,  
6:30-7:30 p.m.  
*Erasure* by Percival  
Everett



O'Neill  
O'Neill Branch Book  
Group **IN-PERSON**  
Monday, November  
10, 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
*Nicked* by M. T. Anderson



## Children's Book Groups

Central Square  
MCBA Book Group **IN-PERSON**  
Wednesday, November 5, 6-7 p.m.  
*Legendarios: Wrath of the Rain God* by  
Karla Arenas Valenti (9-11)

Books Not Binaries Reading Group  
**IN-PERSON**  
Wednesday,  
November 26,  
6-7 p.m.  
*Jude Saves the World* by Ronnie Riley (10-13)

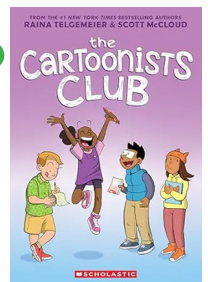


Main  
Parent/Child Book Group  
**IN-PERSON**  
Wednesday, November 12, 6-6:45 p.m.  
*Pie* by Sarah Weeks (7-10)

O'Connell  
Magic Tree House Book Group  
**HYBRID**  
Friday, November 14, 4-4:30 p.m.  
*Mummies in the Morning* by Mary Pope  
Osborne (5-10)

Merlin Missions Book Group  
**HYBRID**  
Friday, November 14, 4:30-5 p.m.  
*Moonlight on the Magic Flute* by Mary  
Pope Osborne (5-10)

Graphics Are Great!  
Book Group **HYBRID**  
Tuesday, November 18,  
5-6 p.m.  
*The Cartoonists Club* by  
Raina Telgemeier and  
Scott McCloud (Ages  
8-12)



O'Neill  
Kids' Books for Everyone  
**IN-PERSON**  
Tuesday, November 25, 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
*Magnolia Wu Unfolds it All* by Chanel  
Miller (all ages)

# Branch Events

## Boudreau

### Chess Hour

**Mondays, November 3 and November 17, 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.

### 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.



### One-on-One Tech Help

**Wednesdays, November 5 and November 19, 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.**

### CPL Nature Club: Elder Walks

**Thursday, November 6, 10:30-11:30 a.m.**

Join guide **Stefanie Haug** while exploring our neighborhood nature and celebrating Elderhood. As a group we'll connect with nature and the neighborhood mindfully with a gentle walk and draw on contemplative practices. Bring layered clothing, comfortable shoes and water. Meet outside the Boudreau entrance. **Registration is required.**



### After-school Craft

**Thursday, November 6, 3-5 p.m.**

**Thursday, November 20, 3-5 p.m.**

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

- November 6: 3D Pens
- November 20: Button Making

### Coffee And Games!

**Friday, November 21, 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

### Shop Free with The Spot

**Saturday, November 1, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.**

**Friday, November 14, 3:30-5:30 p.m.**

**📍 Lewis Room**

Come Shop for Free with The Spot at the Central Square Branch Library. Gear up with fall and winter clothes, accessories, supplies, and more -- all for free! First come, first serve. For more information: [spotcambridge@karayallc.com](mailto:spotcambridge@karayallc.com)

### Meditation Mondays

**Mondays, 12-1 p.m.**

**📍 Lewis Room**

Start your week off right with some meditation at the Central Square Library. Led by the Library Social Worker, **Brett Dixon**, we combine gentle breathwork, visualization practice and mindful meditation, for a relaxing and recharging experience.



### Remembering Together: Grief Support Group

**Tuesdays, 12-1 p.m.**

**📍 Virtual**

The "Remembering Together" support group is for patrons who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Facilitated by the library social worker, this online group offers a safe and confidential online space for peers to come together, share common experiences and heal in community. If you are interested in participating, or simply learning more about this offering, please email Brett Dixon, the library social worker, at [bdixon@cambridgema.gov](mailto:bdixon@cambridgema.gov).

### Wellness for Older Adults: Chair Yoga

**Tuesdays, 1:30-2:30 p.m.**

**📍 Lewis Room**

Join us each Monday at the Central Square Branch for Chair Yoga, led by experienced instructor Louise Parker. No equipment needed. **Registration is required for each session.**

### 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!

### Drop-in Tech Help at the Library

**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@cambridgema.gov](mailto:library@cambridgema.gov).

## Expressive Healing Group

Wednesday, November 5, 4-5 p.m.

Wednesday, November 19, 4-5 p.m.

📍 **Lewis Room**

The Expressive Healing Group is a support group co-facilitated by the Central Square Branch Manager, Ruby Vail, and the Library Social Worker, Brett Dixon, that offers a safe and nonjudgmental space to explore healing and self-expression through the art of creative writing.

## Kick Back and Watch a Movie

Friday, November 21, 3-5 p.m.

Join us for a special Halloween screening of Hocus Pocus (PG) on Central Square Library's big screen and eat free popcorn!

**No registration required.**



## Collins

### Drop-in Game Play

Tuesday, November 4, 2-3:30 p.m.

November is International Games Month. Drop-in to play board and card games with neighbors, friends and family. Recommended for children ages 5 and up and their caregivers.



### Cozy Crafternoon for Adults

Thursday, November 13, 4:30-6 p.m.

Come get creative at Collins! Join your neighbors at this casual, self-guided afternoon craft session for adults. Bring your own projects or find inspiration from a planned craft with materials provided. November's craft will be yarn painting, inspired by Huichol yarn art.

### Baby Lapsit

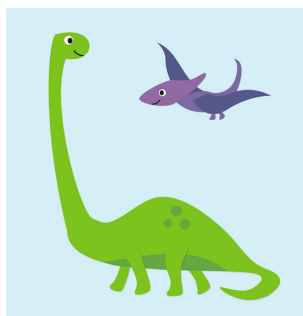
Friday, November 14, 11-11:30 a.m.

Enjoy time together with other caregivers and babies to learn, play and develop language and motor skills. Recommended for children from birth to 18 months with their caregivers.

### DINO-vember Preschool Story Time

Monday, November 17, 4-4:45 p.m.

The month of November is now DINO-vember! Celebrate with stories, songs and a craft featuring triceratops, stegosaurus and t-rex. Recommended for children ages 3-7 and their caregivers.



## 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.**

### CPL Nature Club: Morning Bird Watching Walk at Mount Auburn Cemetery

Monday, November 24, 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. **Registration is required.**

### Grab and Go Boredom-Buster Activity Packs

Tuesday, November 25, 4-5:30 p.m.

Are you looking for fun stuff to do when boredom strikes? Take home a packet of simple activities such as mazes, word searches and drawing prompts. Find ideas for fun requiring only a few things and lots of imagination. Recommended for children ages 6-12, available while supplies last.



# 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.



## 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](mailto: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.

## Adult Gaming: Unplugged

Monday, November 3, 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 fave. Gaming: Unplugged takes place on the first Monday of every month in the Rossi Room. Be there or be square!

## Crafternoon: Make Your Own Book

Tuesday, November 4, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

📍 Curious George Room

Celebrate Family Literacy Month by binding your own book! Choose a custom cover and learn a simple bookbinding method. All materials are provided. Recommended for ages 5 and up. Registration is not required for this event.



## Meditation for Wisdom and Renewal: A Retreat for Elders

Friday, November 7, 1-4 p.m.

📍 Community Room

Join us for a 3-hour Community Retreat. Mindfulness offers a gentle yet powerful way to meet the challenges of aging with calm, resilience, and compassion. In this retreat, we will explore simple 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. Come as you are—all levels of experience are welcome. Presented in partnership with the Cambridge Insight Meditation Center. **Registration is required.**

## Stories, Songs & Play

Friday, November 14, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

📍 Curious George Room

Join us for this new hour-long program, featuring thirty minutes of songs and stories and thirty minutes of open play! This program is recommended for children ages 0-5 and their caregivers. This program can accommodate 50 people. Tickets are available on a first come, first served basis on the day of the program. Please call 617-349-4038 for more information.

## José Mateo Ballet Theatre Presents: Storytime Excerpts from The Nutcracker

Saturday, November 15, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

📍 Lecture Hall

Join José Mateo Ballet Nutcracker cast members in the Lecture Hall for a fun story time reading of The Nutcracker coupled with live ballet dancing. Learn some ballet moves and meet the dancers as well! All ages.

## Fandom Days: Minecraft

Saturday, November 15, 2-2:45 p.m.

📍 Curious George Room

Join us at the Main Library to celebrate your favorite fandoms! We're throwing a Minecraft party, where you can make Minecraft themed crafts, get snacks, and play Minecraft trivia! Grab your diamond axe, saddle up your chicken, and get ready to mine. This program is intended for ages 9 - 12. For more information, contact Ellen Kaluza at [ekaluza@cambridgema.gov](mailto:ekaluza@cambridgema.gov).

# 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.

## Alphabet Craft Party

Wednesday, November 5, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Come hear stories and songs about things that start with the letter C, and make a cookie cutter craft. We will be using scissors and glue. Recommended for ages 4-6 with a caregiver.

## Wiggle Party

Wednesday, November 12, 5:30-6 p.m.

Join us for a dance party to get your wiggles out! Play a freeze dance game, shake some shakers, and learn the steps to the Electric Slide!



## Robot Story Time with the Museum of Science

Tuesday, November 18, 10:30-11 a.m.

Tuesday, November 18, 11:30 a.m.- 12 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! Recommended for ages 0-7 with a caregiver.

## Evening Family Story Time

Wednesday, November 19, 5:30-6 p.m.

We invite children and their grown-ups to join us for a special evening story time event. This program will run for 20-25 minutes, with songs, stories and rhymes.

## Little Groove Movement and Music

Friday, November 21, 11-11:45 a.m.

This interactive children's show is designed to engage young audiences through music, movement, and play. A professional musician with an acoustic guitar leads the program, and an assistant guides the kids through activities with rhythm instruments, scarves, original songs, and familiar favorites to keep the kids engaged and excited. Recommended for ages 0-4 with a caregiver.

# O'Neill

## Intermediate ESOL Class

Mondays, 1-2:30 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 is needed. For more information call the O'Neill Branch at 617-349-4023.

## Robot Story Time with the Museum of Science

Tuesday, November 4, 11 a.m.-12 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! Recommended for ages 0-7 with a caregiver.

## One-on-One Tech Help by Appointment

Wednesday, November 5 and November 19, 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

Wednesday, November 5 and November 19, 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.**

## English Conversation Class

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.**

## CPL Nature Club: Medicinal Plant Walk at Alewife Reservation

Wednesday, November 5, 2:30-4 p.m.

Join clinical herbalist Mo Katz-Christy for a walk around the Alewife Reservation to learn about the medicine, botany and magic of medicinal herbs. We will discuss medicinal plants in Cambridge and their specific indications and properties. Bring a notebook as we delight in the bounty of our neighborhood! **Registration is required.**



## Wednesdays of Wonder - WOW!

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.**

## Kids' Zine Collective

Friday, November 7 and November 21, 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!

## Twilight Party for Middle Schoolers

Monday, November 10, 3:30-5 p.m.

Kids in 6th, 7th and 8th grade can come to the Library to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Twilight series! We will watch highlights from the movies, make fan art and celebrate sparkly vampires. Snacks provided.

## Cambridge Young Authors' Squad

Friday, November 14, 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! **If you are attending for the first time, registration is helpful, but not required.**



## Drop-In Maker Studio

**Saturday, November 15, 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.

## Pajama Story Time

**Tuesday, November 18, 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.

## Read to a Dog

**Saturday, November 22, 2-3 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 for each 10-minute time slot is required and begins on Saturday, November 15 by calling or visiting the O'Neill Branch (617-349-4023).

## Saturday Songs and Stories

**Saturday, November 29, 3:30-4 p.m.**

Music, movement and stories! Join librarians for 20 minutes of fun! For children of all ages and their grown-ups.

# 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.

## 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

**Thursdays, November 6, 13, 20 3:30-5 p.m.**

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

## Evening Story Time

**Monday, November 3, 5:30-5:55 p.m.**

We invite children and their grown-ups to join us for our monthly evening story time event. This program will run for 20-25 minutes, with songs, stories and rhymes. **No registration is required.** Due to Early Voting at Valente, this program will be held in the Children's Area.

## Youth Dungeons and Dragons

**Friday, November 7, 4-5:30 p.m.**

**Friday, November 14, 4-5:30 p.m.**

**Friday, November 21, 4-5:30 p.m.**

Youth ages 10-16 are welcome to join for three sessions of cooperative role-play and storytelling as we build out skills playing the table-top game DnD. The first session will include a character-building introduction followed by play continued into the next two sessions. No prior DnD experience is required, and experienced players are also welcome to join. **Registration is required, as the program is capped at 8 players.** Please plan to attend all sessions!

## Watercolor Adventure

**Saturday, November 15, 3-4pm**

Children ages 5 and up are invited to join us to play with watercolor and experiment with texture. Each child will have the chance to make several abstract paintings to test out this art form! Children under the age of 7 must be accompanied by an adult. **Registration is required.**

## Trans Tea Time with Mo Katz-Christy

**Tuesday, November 18, 6-7:30 p.m.**

Calling all trans and nonbinary herb lovers! Join us over a cup of herbal tea to discuss how we can work with plants to care for ourselves and each other. Trans herbalist **Mo Katz-Christy** will share some herbs and blends that can support communal care, and we will have time to gather and celebrate Transgender Awareness Week. Bring your favorite mug, your questions, and your trans pals! **Registration is required.**

## CPL Nature Club Elder Walks

**Thursday, November 20, 10:30-11:30 a.m.**

Join guide **Stefanie Haug** while exploring our neighborhood nature and celebrating Elderhood. As a group we'll connect with nature and the neighborhood mindfully with a gentle walk and draw on contemplative practices. Bring layered clothing, comfortable shoes and water. **Meet outside the Valente entrance.**

## Coffee and Games for Adults

**Friday, November 21, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.**

Join us at the Valente Branch for coffee and games. We have Scrabble, cribbage, cards, Bananagrams, chess, checkers, Boggle and more! **Registration helpful.**

## Board Game Party

**Saturday, November 22, 2-4 p.m.**

Join us for at the Valente Branch for a game filled afternoon! Play board games with family, friends and neighbors. This program is recommended for children aged 5+ and their caretakers.

## Watercolor Galaxies

**Tuesday, November 25, 3:30-5**

Children ages 9 and up are invited to create a watercolor galaxy using a combination of watercolor and splatter paint techniques. **Registration is required.**

# Save the Date

## The First Commander Remembered: Washington's Legacy in Cambridge

Tuesday, December 2, 6-7:30 p.m.

📍 Main Library

To mark the 250th anniversaries of the American Revolution and the founding of the United States, a coalition of local non-profits and government agencies will present *Washington in American Memory*, a seven-part speaker series.



Debunk myths and trace the evolution of the public memory of George Washington in Cambridge, Massachusetts, featuring:

- J.L. Bell, author of *The Road to Concord: How Four Stolen Cannon Ignited the Revolutionary War* and proprietor of Boston1775.net
- Charles Sullivan, co-author of *Building Old Cambridge: Architecture and Development* and Executive Director of the Cambridge Historical Commission

## Wellness Art Wednesday: Snowy House Luminaria

IN-PERSON

Wednesday, December 3, 5:30-7 p.m.

📍 Community Room

Get in the winter spirit with Pop Up Art School! Create a cozy winter scene that glows with warmth and creativity! In this mixed-media art lesson you'll craft a charming snowy landscape featuring a glowing paper house nestled among wooly trees. A perfect display during those cold, dark months of winter. All supplies will be provided.

## 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.

# Highlights from October



We celebrated the freedom to read during Banned Books Week with giveaways and a creative display.



Elaine Castillo discusses her novel, *Moderation*, with Meagan Masterman.



Patrons learn how to paint watercolor leaves.



# Hive Workshops for November 2025

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

### Fiber Arts Adventure with Lenni: A Machine-Sewing Workshop Series

**IN-PERSON** Continue building your machine-sewing skills AND create bespoke sewn crafts in this **four-part series!** Learn pattern-making and create customized projects with fiber artist and designer Lenni Armstrong.

**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 - November 2025

Mon                      Tue                      Wed                      Thu                      Fri                      Sat

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Vinyl Cutting 101  
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Hive Safety Training  
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

Open Shop  
2:00 PM - 4:30 PM

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Open Shop  
1:30 PM - 4:30 PM

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Open Shop  
1:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Sewing 101  
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

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Open Shop  
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Hive Teen Hangout  
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Videography 101  
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Digital Embroidery  
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM

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Knitting 101  
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Open Shop  
3:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Zing Laser Cutting 101  
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

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Vinyl Cutting 101  
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Open Shop  
11:30 AM - 2:30 PM

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3D Printing 101  
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Open Shop  
12:30 PM - 4:30 PM

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Open Shop  
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Zing Laser Cutting 101  
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM

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Hive Teen Hangout  
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Open Shop  
5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

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Serger Training  
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Hive Safety Training  
(Virtual)  
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Open Shop  
2:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Vinyl Cutting 101  
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

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Open Shop  
11:30 AM - 2:30 PM

3D Printing 101  
3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

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Studio Recording 101  
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

XR Lab 101  
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Open Shop  
1:30 PM - 4:30 PM

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Open Shop  
1:30 PM - 4:30 PM

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3D Printing 101  
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Open Shop  
5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

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Serger Training  
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

Hive Teen Hangout  
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Open Shop  
5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

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Digital Embroidery  
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Open Shop  
3:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Videography 101  
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Sewing Circle  
5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

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Sewing 101  
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Open Shop  
11:30 AM - 2:30 PM

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Zing Laser Cutting 101  
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Vinyl Cutting 101  
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Open Shop  
1:30 PM - 4:30 PM

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Open Shop  
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Sewing 101  
3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

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Open Shop  
1:30 PM - 7:00 PM

XR Lab 101  
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM

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Open Shop  
2:30 PM - 4:30 PM

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Sewing 101  
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Open Shop  
12:30 PM - 4:30 PM