

December 2024



## EVENTS *at the* CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

### Events



#### Bill Ayers in Conversation with Michael Patrick MacDonald IN-PERSON

Wednesday, December 4, 6-7:30 p.m.

📍 Lecture Hall

Bill Ayers is a scholar known widely for his social justice activism. His new book, *When Freedom is the Question, Abolition is the Answer: Reflections on Collective Liberation*, shares reflections that incorporate history, political theory, literature, and his own personal experience within social movements. They come together to offer a radical vision for a more just and equitable world. Ayers will be in conversation with Michael Patrick MacDonald, the author of the New York Times Bestselling memoir, *All Souls: A Family Story From Southie*. **Registration is required.**



#### Culinary Classes for Older Adults VIRTUAL

Thursday, December 5 and December 19, 10-11 a.m.

📍 Zoom

On December 5, join Chef Kelcy for "Food Prep 101" and discover how to efficiently plan meals for one or two while making the most of your fridge and freezer. Learn freezer-friendly recipes and portioning tips that simplify weekly meal prep, helping you stay organized even on the busiest days. Whether you're cooking solo or just looking to streamline your routine, this class will give you practical tools for creating delicious, easy-to-store meals.

On December 19, Chef Kelcy shares her favorite farm-fresh holiday dishes. **Registration is required.**

### SERVICE ALERT

All Library locations will be closed on Tuesday, Dec. 24, and Wednesday, Dec. 25, for Christmas.

All library locations will close at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 31.  
All Library locations will be closed Wednesday, Jan. 1, for New Year's Day.

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](mailto:library@cambridgema.gov), 617-349-4032 (voice), or via relay at 711.

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VIRTUAL Virtual event

IN-PERSON In-person event

HYBRID In-person event with option to attend virtually



## Cambridge Cooks - Icing Decoration for Teens

IN-PERSON

December 18, 3:30-5 p.m.

📍 Community Room

Professional pastry chefs will teach tips and tricks for icing cookies, cakes and more! This special edition of Cambridge Cooks is recommended for teens and preteens. **Registration is required.**

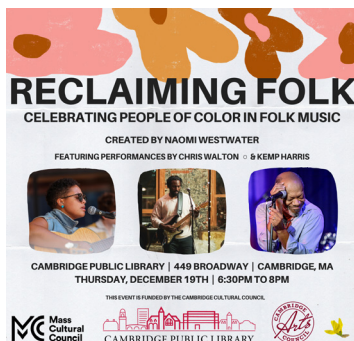
## Reclaiming Folk: Celebrating the Voices of People of Color in Folk Music

IN-PERSON

Thursday, December 19, 6:30-8 p.m.

📍 Lecture Hall

The Reclaiming Folk event series is a celebration of people of color in folk music. Folk music is traditional music, folk music is storytelling, folk music is music of the people, and folk music is a voice for what's happening in the world today. Featuring Naomi Westwater, Chris Walton, and Kemp Harris, this 90-minute program includes a 60-minute performance followed+ by a 30-minute talkback and Q&A.



## Festive Fanfare with Musicians of Boston Festival Orchestra

IN-PERSON

Saturday, December 21, 2 - 3 p.m.

📍 Lecture Hall

Join musicians of the Boston Festival Orchestra for "Festive Fanfare," a dazzling celebration of the season's joy and warmth at the Cambridge Public Library! Featuring the radiant power of brass instruments, this festive concert will fill the air with beloved holiday classics, heartwarming melodies, and jubilant fanfares. No registration is required.

## Workshops

### Introduction to E-bikes Workshop

IN-PERSON

Wednesday, December 4, 5:45-6:45 p.m.

📍 Valente

Join us for this new workshop about e-bikes offered by the Cambridge Community Development Department. **Registration is required.**

## CPL Arts Collective: Winter Felted Landscape Hoop

IN-PERSON

Wednesday, December 11, 5-8 p.m..

📍 Community Room

Learn how to "paint" a seasonal landscape with wool. You'll learn how to attach loose wool fibers with a special barbed needle. It's easier than it looks, relaxing and fun to needle felt wool! You'll leave the class with the skills and tools needed to continue needle felting on your own. **Registration is required.**

## Wellness for Older Adults: Zumba Gold

IN-PERSON

Mondays, 11-11:45 a.m.

📍 Zoom

Put on your dancing shoes to improve flexibility and balance, strengthen muscles and have fun! Certified Zumba Gold instructor Emily B. will lead you through 45 minutes of low-impact and easy-to-follow choreography in your own home through Zoom. Join us! **Registration is required.**



## BASIC TECH CLASSES



### Basic Tech Classes, various dates

IN-PERSON

📍 Main Library

Join us for Basic Tech Classes this December! 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 required for each class.**

- Google Drive Basics  
Tuesday, December 3, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Google Sheets Budgeting Tips and Tricks  
Wednesday, December 11, 6-7 p.m.
- Intro to E-books and Digital Audiobooks  
December 12, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Google Photos Basics  
Tuesday, December 17, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Healthy Digital Habits  
Thursday, December 19, 3-4 p.m.

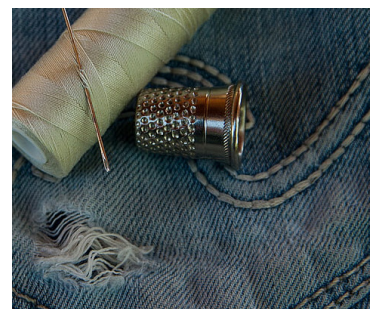
### Handsewing for Mending

Tuesday, December 17, 6-7:30 p.m.

IN-PERSON

📍 Zoom

Handsewing For Mending will focus on hand sewing techniques that can be used to repair seams, hems, tears, and more. Participants will learn about tools and materials for hand sewing, a variety of stitches, and when to apply them to restore garments back to wearability. **Registration is required.**



## Wednesday Night Creative Writing Group

IN-PERSON

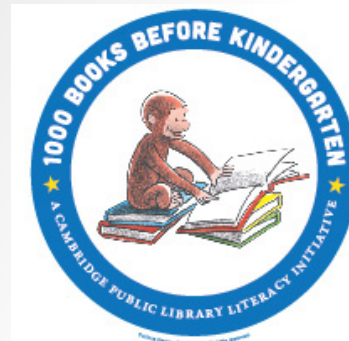
Wednesday, December 18, 6:30-8:30 p.m..

📍 Community Room

Writers of all experience levels are invited to join a casual, peer-supported writing group. In this 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.**



# Did You Know?



The Cambridge Public Library invites all pre-kindergarten children and their families to read 1000 Books Before Kindergarten and begin a lifetime of learning and fun. Get a free tote bag when you sign up and earn your very own books with each milestone met.

Our expert children's librarians can help you find books that are just right.

Whenever you hit a 250-book milestone, there is a new gift book waiting for you at the Library.

1000 Books would be about 4 books a week from the time you are born until just about the time you will start kindergarten. You can do it! Learn more at <https://bit.ly/CPL1000Books>.



## 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

**The Collins Branch Library is currently closed for construction**

### 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.**



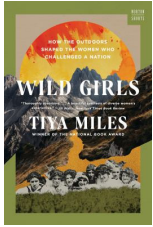


# Book Groups



## Adult Book Groups

### Boudreau



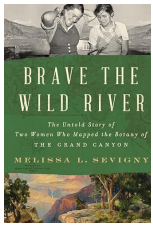
Collins Branch Book Group

HYBRID

Wednesday, December 4, 6-7 p.m.

*Wild Girls: How the Outdoors Shaped the Women Who Challenged a Nation* by Tiya Miles

Join us for the return of the Collins Branch Book Group! Meet Jo, the new Collins Branch Manager, and reconnect with neighborhood friends. While Collins is closed for construction, this book group will meet virtually and in person at the Boudreau Branch.



Boudreau Branch Mystery Book Group

HYBRID

Wednesday, December 11, 12-1 p.m.

*Brave the Wild River* by Melissa L. Seigny

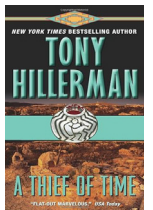


Cookbook Book Group

IN-PERSON

Wednesday, December 11, 6-7 p.m.

*The Perfect Cookie* by America's Test Kitchen



Boudreau Branch Mystery Book Group

HYBRID

Tuesday, December 17, 12-1 p.m.

*A Thief of Time* by Tony Hillerman

### Central Square



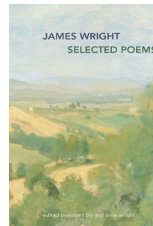
Central Square Book Club

IN-PERSON

Wednesday, December 18, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

*My Sister the Serial Killer* by Oyinkan Braithwaite

## Main Library



Great Books Book Group

HYBRID

Tuesday, December 3, 7-9 p.m.

James Wright, *Selected Poems*  
Tuesday, December 17, 7-9 p.m.

The Bible: Exodus



Romance Book Group

IN-PERSON

Tuesday, December 10, 7:15-8:15 p.m.

*Three Holidays and a Wedding* by Uzma Jalaluddin & Marissa Stapley



Contemporary Book Group

IN-PERSON

Tuesday, December 17, 6-7 p.m.

*Crooked Plow* by Itamar Vieira Junior. This group is currently full, but a waitlist is available.

Science Fiction & Fantasy Book Group

IN-PERSON

Wednesday, December 18, 6-7 p.m.

Hugo nominated short stories and novelettes

### O'Connell



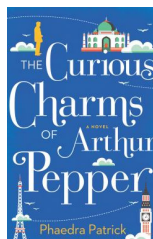
Adult Book Group

IN-PERSON

Tuesday, December 17, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

*Portrait of a Thief* by Grace D. Li

### O'Neill



O'Neill Branch Book Group

IN-PERSON

Monday, December 9, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

*The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper* by Phaedra Patrick

## Valente



Valente Branch Book Group

IN-PERSON

Wednesday, December 11, 6-7 p.m.

*No One Left to Come Looking for You* by Sam Lipsyte

## Children's Book Groups

### Central Square



MCBA Book Club

IN-PERSON

Wednesday, December 4, 6-7 p.m. (Ages 8-11)

*A Rover's Story* by Jasmine Warga



Books not Binaries Book Group

IN-PERSON

Wednesday, December 18, 6-7 p.m.

*Sir Callie and the Champions of Helston* by Esme Symes-Smith (Ages 10-13)

## Main



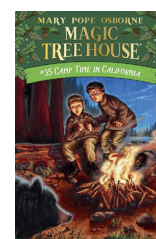
Parent/Child Book Group

IN-PERSON

Tuesday, December 10, 6-6:45 p.m.

*The Lost Library* by Rebecca Stead and Wendy Mass (Ages 7-10)

### O'Connell



Magic Tree House Book Group

HYBRID

Friday, December 6, 4-4:30 p.m.

*Camp Time in California* by Mary Pope Osborne (Ages 5-11)

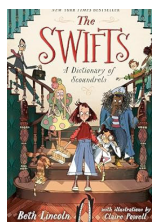


## Merlin Missions Book Group

HYBRID

Friday, December 6, 4:30-5 p.m.

*Winter of the Ice Wizard* by Mary Pope Osborne (Ages 5-11)



## Middle Grade Mystery Book Group

HYBRID

Friday, December 13, 4-5 p.m.

*The Swifts: A Dictionary of Scoundrels* by Beth Lincoln (Ages 10-14)



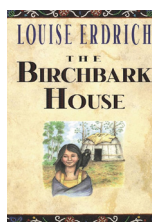
## Graphics Are Great! Book Group

HYBRID

Tuesday, December 17, 4-5 p.m.

*Mexikid* by Pedro Martin (Ages 8-12)

## O'Neill



## Kids' Books for Everyone

IN-PERSON

Tuesday, December 10, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

*The Birchbark House* by Louise Erdrich

## LITERACY CENTER PROGRAMS

The Literacy Center is located in the Central Square Branch at 45 Pearl Street.

### 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

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

### Advanced ESOL IN-PERSON

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

### Beginner ESOL IN-PERSON

Mondays, 1-2:30 p.m.

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

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

### Résumé and Job Application Support

IN-PERSON

Wednesdays, 1-3 p.m.

## Regular Programs for Children and Families

### Boudreau

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

### Central Square

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

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

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

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

Stories, Songs & Play (Lewis Room) **Thursdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.**

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

### Collins

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### 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 **Wednesday, 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, 11-11:25 a.m.**

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

# Branch Events

## Boudreau

### Chess Hour

**Monday, December 2 and December 16, 5-6 p.m.**

Come 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

**Wednesday, December 4 and December 18, 4-4:45 p.m.**

Would you like help navigating the library's e-resources like Libby or Hoopla? Or maybe you need some basic computer or mobile device guidance? Book a free one-on-one tech help session at the Boudreau branch.

### Winter Crafting Bonanza

**Wednesday, December 11, 3-5 p.m.**

Come learn to make some crafts with us and celebrate the coming winter solstice! You can choose to bring your crafts home or use them to help decorate Boudreau's bulletin board for the winter. This event is intended for school-age children and is open on a drop-in basis while supplies last. No sign-up necessary!

### Drop-In Button Making

**Thursday, December 19, 3-5 p.m.**

Come try your hand at making a beautiful button! Draw your own design, and learn to use our button making machine. Whether you're making a pin or a magnet, these are excellent gifts for friends and family!

This event is recommended for school-age children. No registration necessary - just drop in anytime during the event (while supplies last).

### Coffee, Cribbage and Chess!

**Friday, December 27, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.**

Join us on the fourth Friday of the month 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, 4-6 p.m.**

**Fridays, 3-5 p.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 4 and 6p.m. No registration required. If you have any questions, please contact library@cambridgemā.gov

### Fiber Arts Circle

**Thursdays, 4-5 p.m.**

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!

### Time for Tree Stories!

**Friday, December 13, 10-10:45 a.m.**

**📍 344 Broadway, 2nd Floor (City Hall Annex)**

Join us for story time and art activities. Learn about The Community Grafting Project, a public art project for the new Tobin Montessori & Darby Vassall Upper Schools. Help build the future of this artwork with Legos! No registration required. This program is recommended for children ages 0-5 and their caregivers.

## Main Library

### STEAM Academy: iFp Studio

**Mondays through Thursday, 3:30-7 p.m.**

**📍 Learning Lab**

Innovators for Purpose (iFp) Studio is a teen-powered design and innovation program where teens channel their energy and creative vision to imagine and build a better world. Blending art, design, science, technology, and storytelling within a social justice framework, teens engage in real-world client-sponsored projects. Teens are invited to learn more on the iFp website and submit an application .

### 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! Feel free to drop by. Please contact 617-349-4027 with any questions.



## One-on-One Tech Help

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

📍 Rossi Room

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, use the following link: [One-on-One Tech Help schedule](#). 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.

## CPL Nature Club: Winter Solstice Story Time

Saturday, December 21, 11-11:30 a.m.

📍 Rey Room

Brrr... Winter is coming! On the shortest day of the year, we'll gather for a cozy story time. Come read, sing, and welcome back the light! This program can accommodate 45 people. Tickets are available on a first come, first served basis on the day of the program.

## 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.

## O'Neill

### Crayon Mural: Story Time and Craft

Tuesday, December 3, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

We invite children of all ages and their grown-ups to join us for stories and a simple art activity.

## CPL Nature Club: Fresh Pond Nature Walk

Wednesday, December 4, 10:15-11:30 a.m.

Join us for a relaxing walk of Fresh Pond with Park Ranger Tim Puopolo! No two weeks are the same in nature, and Tim will share his insights about what's growing, changing, and blooming in the neighborhood. This walk is not on a paved path. We will walk on uneven terrain, down hills, and over roots. The meeting location for this walk will be in front of the Fresh Pond Ranger Station at 250 Fresh Pond Parkway (under the clock tower). **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.

- **December 4** Winter Decorations
- **December 11** Paper Models
- **December 18** Painting

## Code a Holiday Card with OctoStudio

Wednesday, December 4, 5:30-7 p.m.

Families are invited to join us for a drop-in creative coding workshop using OctoStudio, a new app developed by the team behind Scratch. We will make digital interactive holiday cards together! No registration required. Adults are encouraged to participate alongside their children! Devices will be provided, or families may bring their own. Food will be provided!

## Kids' Zine Collective

Friday, December 6 and December 20, 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!

## Saturday Songs and Stories

Saturday, December 7, 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.

## Trivia Night!

Wednesday, December 11, 6:15-7 p.m.

Come join us for Trivia Night! Players of all ages are welcome to test their knowledge of science, history, literature, and culture. Snacks will be provided. Individuals and groups are welcome. **Registration is helpful, but not required.**

## Taylor Swift Party

Friday, December 13, 3-4:30 p.m.

Calling all Swifties! Join us for a celebration of Taylor Swift's birthday at the Library. Feel free to come dressed in an outfit inspired by your favorite album. We will listen to music, make and exchange friendship bracelets and more! No registration is required.

## Cambridge Young Authors' Squad

Friday, December 13, 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, December 14, 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. This drop-in program is for people who feel comfortable using these machines on their own. Anyone wishing to use the sewing machines must have completed a Sewing 101 training through the Library. The Library will not provide instruction. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

## Artful Evenings: Open Crafting for Adults

**December 16, 6-7:30 p.m.**

Unleash your creativity at our open crafting program for adults! Bring your own projects or start something new with our assortment of materials and supplies. This self-guided, relaxed environment is perfect for crafting enthusiasts of all levels to enjoy a casual evening and connect with others. Snacks provided! **Registration suggested.**

## Pajama Story Time

**Tuesday, December 17, 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: Winter Solstice Celebration

**Thursday, December 19, 3:30-5 p.m.**

Celebrate the shortest day of the year and the beginning of the winter season! Join us for a seasonal story time, a winter nature craft and a cozy treat..

## Family Movie at the Library: *The Wild Robot*

**Friday, December 27, 2-3:45 p.m..**

Join us over winter vacation for a cozy family movie at the Library! We will be screening *The Wild Robot* (Universal Pictures, rated PG). Snacks will be provided.

## Drop-In Crafts

**Saturday, December 28, 2-4 p.m.**

Drop-in for open crafting time at the Library! This event is for people of all ages and no registration is required.

## “Noon Year’s” Eve Party

**Tuesday, December 31, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.**

Celebrate the beginning of the new year, 12 hours early! Families with children of all ages join us for crafts, activities, treats and a Noon Year's Eve countdown!

# Valente

## Evening Story Time

**Monday, December 2, 5:30-5:55 p.m.**

We invite children and their grown-ups to join us for a special evening story time event. This program will run for 25-30 minutes, with songs, stories and rhymes. No registration is required. **Due to early voting, November's evening story time will be held in the Children's Area of the Valente Branch Library.** Please call 617-349-4015 for more information.

## Beginning English Class

**Mondays, 6-7:30 p.m.**

**Tuesdays, 2:30-4 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.

## Holiday Cards Write-Along

**Tuesday, December 3, 6-7:30 p.m.**

Write your holiday greeting cards with us! We will provide pizza, pens, and blank cards for you to decorate. You are welcome to bring your own cards if you have them. **Registration is required.**

## Drop In Tech Help

**Wednesday, December 4 and December 18, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.**

Looking for some basic computer or mobile device guidance? Want help using an online resource? Drop in tech help at Valente can assist you with signing up for low-cost home internet, setting up your computer or mobile device, making an email account, navigating websites or databases, and other basic technology assistance. If you would like assistance with a device, please bring the device, all cords, and any account information. Library staff cannot be held responsible for damage to patron-owned equipment.

## Tech Help by Appointment

**Wednesday, December 4 and December 18, 2-4:30 p.m.**

Looking for some basic computer or mobile device guidance? Want help using an online resource? Join our Digital Navigator for assistance with signing up for low-cost home internet, setting up your computer or mobile device, making an email account, navigating websites or databases, or other basic technology assistance. If you would like assistance with a device, please bring the device, all cords, and any account information. Library staff cannot be held responsible for damage to patron-owned equipment. Appointments are 30 minutes. **Registration is required.**

## Read to a Dog

**Thursday, December 5 and December 19, 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 a week in advance by calling or visiting the Valente Branch (617-349-4015).



## Creativity Club: Fuse Beads

Friday, December 6, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Join us once a month for Creativity Club, where we will learn or practice an arts & crafts activity. Recommended for children ages 7-11. All materials will be provided by the library. **Registration is required.**

## Board Game Night for Adults

Tuesday, December 10, 6-7:30 p.m.

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

## Board Game Afternoon for Teens

Wednesday, December 11, 3:30-5 p.m.

Join us for a chill afternoon of gaming with friends! The library will provide food. This event is recommended for teens and preteens.

## Family STEAM Night

Wednesday, December 18, 5:30-7 p.m.

Create 3-D shapes at a family origami night! The library will provide all required materials. This event is recommended for children over 5 and their caregivers.

## Nintendo Switch Party

Monday, December 23, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

We will be using library consoles to enjoy multiplayer games. This program is for ages 11-14. This program can accommodate 16 gamers. Tickets are available on a first come, first served basis on the day of the program. The gamer must be present to receive a ticket. This program starts promptly, and any unclaimed spots will be offered to someone waiting. We appreciate your patience and understanding. Please call 617-349-4015 for further details.

## Winter Vacation Boredom Busters

Friday, December 27, 3-5 p.m.

Drop by the Children's Area at Valente to pick up logic puzzles, word searches, color-by-number pages, and other winter themed activities. Hang out at the library or take them home with you for later!

# Save the Date



## Cambridge Cooks with Tasty Mo:Mo! IN-PERSON

Wednesday, January 8, 6-7 p.m.

📍 **Community Room**

Chef Sophie Thakali, owner of Tasty Mo:Mo teaches how to make momos, a dumpling found in Nepal and Tibet. Cambridge Cooks invites local chefs for a free cooking demonstration, followed by a tasting and Q&A with the chef.

## Brewery Book Club IN-PERSON

Wednesday, January 8, 7-8:30 p.m.

📍 **Lamplighter**

You're invited to our January 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 Ministry of Time* by Kaliane Bradley. **Registration is required.**

## Writing Workshop: Finding and Refining Your Voice in Non-Fiction

IN-PERSON

Thursday, January 9, 16, 23, and 30, 6:30-8 p.m.

📍 **Community Room**

This series of four workshops – which can be taken independently or sequentially – will help you nurture your unique perspective in nonfiction. We will cover how to refine your topic, research effectively, define your point of view, and build effective arguments and narratives. This will be suitable for writers of many types of nonfiction – essays, feature writing, creative nonfiction, biography, cultural criticism, memoir, and more.

These workshops can be taken independently, so patrons must register for each session they wish to attend.

## Martin Luther King, Jr. Day: 50th Annual Lecture

HYBRID

Tuesday, January 14, 6-7:30 p.m.

📍 **Lecture Hall**

Join us in welcoming Reginald Dwayne Betts, a poet, lawyer, and the Executive Director of the nonprofit Freedom Reads, for a lecture celebrating Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy. **Registration is required.**

# Highlights from November



Cambridge Cooks attendees make Vietnamese spring rolls with Pagu.



The José Mateo Ballet Theatre performs excerpts of *The Nutcracker*.



ALDRA performs at the opening reception for the Lewis Room.



Families use button makers, 3-d pens, and sewing machines at O'Neill's monthly Drop-In Maker Studio. This patron made their own scrunchie!



Patrons make hand-knit pumpkins with Craft Loft.



# Hive Workshops for December 2024

All participants must complete the Hive Safety Training before attending Hive 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 Sindoh 3D printers. You will get hands-on experience running the 3D printer, gain fundamental 3D modeling skills using Tinkercad, and earn your 3D Printing badge for future reservations in The Hive. Before taking this workshop, you must create a free Tinkercad account at [www.tinkercad.com](http://www.tinkercad.com).

## Equipment and Studio Reservations

**IN-PERSON** Anyone who has completed Hive training and is badged to use equipment or studio(s) can reserve Hive equipment or studio spaces during these times. Staff will assist participants as they are able.

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

**IN-PERSON** Continue building your machine-sewing skills AND create bespoke sewn crafts! Learn pattern-making and create customized aprons and backpacks. This four-part series is led by fiber artist and designer Lenni Armstrong. **Registration is required.** Those registered for the first session will automatically be enrolled in the following weeks. Spots are very limited; kindly only enroll if you plan to make all four workshops.

## Glowforge 101: Creative Laser Cutting (Part 1 & 2)

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

**Hive Safety Training** **HYBRID** You will learn about our makerspace, how to use our resources, and how to keep safe in The Hive.



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.**

**Hive Teen Hangout** **IN-PERSON** Have you checked out The Hive yet? Teens are welcome to come learn about our space and try their hand at sticker making, video recording in our studio and more. This is a drop-in event 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. Participants must register but may drop-in any time during the program. This program is designed for patrons who know the basics of how to use our Janome sewing machines.

**Serger 101** **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. You will learn about ways to use our Elna Extend 864 Air serger to take your sewing skills to the next level by producing special finishing styles, hemming, trimming, and assembling your garments.

**Sewing 101** **IN-PERSON** Learn the basics of sewing machine operation and safety. This session will cover machine setup, basic functions, threading the machine, reloading the bobbin, sewing straight stitches, and recognizing when stitch tension has gone awry.

**Studio Recording 101** **IN-PERSON** Are you interested in podcasting, audio production, or video production? The Hive has two state-of-the-art recording studios! Join this workshop to become familiar with studio equipment and software. You must complete *The Hive Safety Training* before registering.

**Videography 101** **IN-PERSON** Step into the Hive's state-of-the-art recording studio and film a short video of yourself in front of our green screen. Then, spend some time becoming familiar with video editing software while working with your footage.

**Vinyl Cutting 101** **IN-PERSON** Would you like to make your own vinyl signs, stickers, or images to transfer to T-shirts and other textiles? In this workshop, you can learn how to use our Roland Camm-1 GS-24 vinyl cutter. You can then design a sticker and cut it with our vinyl cutter! **Registration is required.**

**XR Lab 101** **IN-PERSON** Extended reality (XR) opens the door to worlds and experiences outside the everyday through virtual reality, augmented reality, and mixed reality equipment. Test drive our Microsoft HoloLens augmented reality glasses, Structure Sensor 3D scanner, Merge headsets, and more.

**Zing Laser Cutting 101** **IN-PERSON** Learn how to use our Epilog Zing—an industry-standard laser cutting machine. Complete this workshop to earn a badge for the Zing laser cutter.





# Hive Calendar - December 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
Zing Laser Cutting 101 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Equipment and Studio Reservations 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Serger Training 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Equipment and Studio Reservations 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Equipment and Studio Reservations 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM	Sewing 101 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM
	Studio Recording 101 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Hive Teen Hangout 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Equipment and Studio Reservations 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM	3D Printing 101: Game Piece Design 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM	XR Lab 101 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM
		Equipment and Studio Reservations 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Videography 101 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM		Equipment and Studio Reservations 11:30 AM - 4:30 PM
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Sewing 101 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Equipment and Studio Reservations 1:00 PM - 6:30 PM	Vinyl Cutting 101 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Zing Laser Cutting 101 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Equipment and Studio Reservations 12:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Serger Training 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM
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	Equipment and Studio Reservations 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Hive Teen Hangout 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Equipment and Studio Reservations 2:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Paper Lantern-Making 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM	Equipment and Studio Reservations 11:30 AM - 4:30 PM
		Equipment and Studio Reservations 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM			
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Hive Safety Training (Virtual) 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM			Equipment and Studio Reservations 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Sewing 101 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Hive Safety Training (In-Person) 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM
			Equipment and Studio Reservations 2:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Equipment and Studio Reservations 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM	3D Printing 101: Game Piece Design 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
					Equipment and Studio Reservations 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM
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