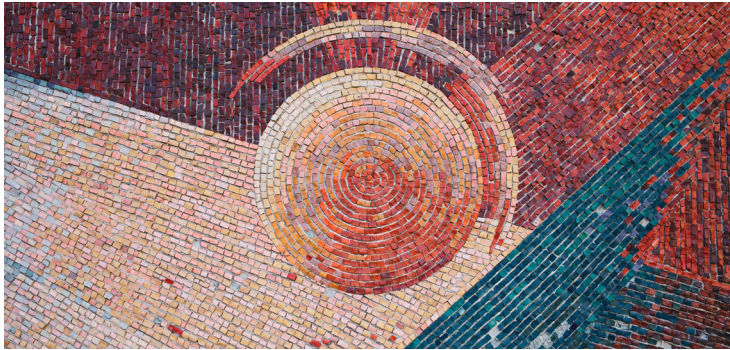


February 2025



EVENTS *at the* CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Events



Central Square Shares the Love Opening Reception

IN-PERSON

Tuesday, February 4, 5-6 p.m.

📍 **Central Square**

Celebrate our community and view this month's On the Wall Gallery exhibition created by...YOU! Join us for an opening reception with light refreshments. In January, we invited patrons to contribute to a community mosaic with the prompt share what you love about Central Square. Throughout February, we'll have the mosaic on display for everyone to enjoy. No registration is required.

Cambridge Cooks: The Life of a Plantain with Dietitian Nutritionist Christine

IN-PERSON

Thursday, February 6, 6-7 p.m.

📍 **Community Room**

Join Christine, registered dietitian nutritionist on a global journey to highlight a delicious staple enjoyed by many around the world, the plantain! This delicious, tropical fruit is used to prepare a multitude of flavorful, mouthwatering dishes. Let's talk about the plantain, it's health benefits and how to incorporate the plantain into a balanced meal. We will taste test a few ways the plantain is enjoyed by many around the world. **Registration is required.**



SERVICE ALERT

All Library locations will be closed Monday, Feb. 17, for Presidents Day.

Loretta J. Ross Presents: Calling In: How to Start Making Change with Those You'd Rather Cancel

IN-PERSON

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

📍 **Lecture Hall**

Harvard Book Store and the Cambridge Public Library welcome **Loretta J. Ross**—associate professor at Smith College, cofounder of the National Center for Human Rights Education, and cofounder of the SisterSong Women of Color Reproductive Justice Collective—for a discussion of her new book *Calling In: How to Start Making Change with Those You'd Rather Cancel*. Registration is required.



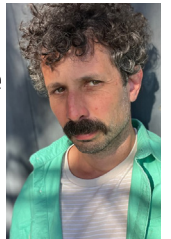
Grow Native Massachusetts Presents: Designing Biodiversity from Gardens to Regions

IN-PERSON

Wednesday, February 11, 7-8:30 p.m.

📍 **Lecture Hall**

Functionally diverse native pollinator habitat created in parks, sidewalks, and gardens can serve as a building block for linking intact natural areas across a fragmented landscape. But what to plant, where to focus first, and how to measure the results? Join Evan Abramson, a Pollination Systems Designer and Planner, to learn from case studies of his project sites across the Northeast. This event is cosponsored by Cambridge Public Library.



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VIRTUAL Virtual event

IN-PERSON In-person event

HYBRID In-person event with option to attend virtually

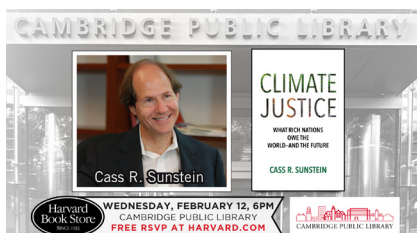
Cass Sunstein Presents: Climate Justice: What Rich Nations Owe the World—and the Future

IN-PERSON

Wednesday, February 12, 6-7:30 p.m.

📍 **Lecture Hall**

Harvard Book Store and the Cambridge Public Library welcome Cass R. Sunstein—the Robert Walmsley University Professor at Harvard University, where he is the cofounder and codirector of the Initiative on Artificial Intelligence and the Law—for a discussion of his new book *Climate Justice: What Rich Nations Owe the World—and the Future*. **Registration is required.**



Speed Dating with a Book

IN-PERSON

Thursday, February 13, 5-6:30 p.m.

📍 **Community Room**

Love is in the air! If you find yourself in a reading rut, join us in creating connections through your love of reading! Explore new authors, titles and genres, and meet new folks while you bond over books! You might find your next favorite read or meet a new friend! Light snacks and refreshments will be served. **Registration is required.**



Cambridge Cooks with Yego Coffee

IN-PERSON

Thursday, February 20, 6-7 p.m.

📍 **Community Room**

Yego Coffee is a family-owned company based in Somerville, Massachusetts by Fatuma and her husband Francois Tuyishime. Learn about the basics of coffee roasting with a presentation and demo. Cambridge Cooks invites local chefs for a free cooking demonstration, followed by a Q&A with the chef. **Registration is required.**



Homecoming: Celebrating Black Voices

IN-PERSON

Thursday, February 20, 7-8:30 p.m.

📍 **Central Square Branch Lewis Room**

Join us in Central Square for an evening event hosted by the Central Square Library, "Homecoming: Celebrating Black Voices." Hear from Omo Moses about the process of writing a family memoir and his experience living in Cambridge. Following the author presentation, attendees will be invited to share their experiences living in Cambridge and how they commemorate those experiences and their own family's legacy and history. **Registration is required.**

Saturday Screening: Black Panther 2

IN-PERSON

Saturday, February 15, 1-3 p.m.

📍 **Lecture Hall**

Stop by for a free movie screening of the 2022 film *Black Panther 2* directed by Ryan Coogler.

Our Path Forward Presents: Valeria Luiselli

HYBRID

Wednesday, February 26, 6-8 p.m.

📍 **Lecture Hall**

In the latest installment of the "Our Path Forward" Lecture Series, the Cambridge Public Library is thrilled to welcome Valeria Luiselli, the award-winning author of *Lost Children Archive*, *Tell Me How It Ends: An Essay in Forty Questions*, and other books. The recipient of a 2019 MacArthur Fellowship, Luiselli is a well-respected expert on immigration and immigrant rights, writing passionately about such topics in works of both fiction and nonfiction. **Registration is required.**

Workshops

Wellness for Older Adults: Low-Impact Fitness

HYBRID

Mondays, 11-11:45 a.m.

📍 **Valente/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! This program will be screened at the Valente Branch. Join in at Valente or participate over Zoom. **Registration is required.** A Zoom link will be sent to all virtual registrants one hour before the event. Class will not be in person on January 27 or February 3.

Aging with Mindfulness

VIRTUAL

Thursdays, 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. This is a drop-in session. A Zoom link will be sent to all registrants one hour before the event. **Presented in Partnership with Cambridge Insight Meditation Center (CIMC).**

Wellness for Older Adults

IN-PERSON

Fridays, 9:15-10 a.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. No dance experience needed—just bring your smile and a willingness to move! **Registration is required.**

Expressive Art for Older Adults: Open Studio

IN-PERSON

Fridays, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

📍 **Rossi Room**

Looking for a space to unleash your creativity? Join instructor



Marguerite White, Friday afternoons January 10 through February 28, for two hours each week to work on a drawing or watercolor project of your choice. A still-life arrangement and basic supplies will be provided. If you have any questions, please reach out to Brynne Quinlan at bquinlan@cambridgema.gov or (617)349-4035. **Registration required for each session.**

Zine Making: Craft-Along with Papercut Zine Library

IN-PERSON

Saturday, February 1, 1-3 p.m.

📍 Main Library Learning Lab

Come join the Papercut Zine Library for an afternoon of learning about and making zines! In this workshop you will learn about the history and culture of zines, browse some zines from Papercut's collection, and even get to make your own! All supplies will be provided. **Registration is required.**



BASIC TECH CLASSES



Basic Tech Classes IN-PERSON

Join us for Basic Tech Classes this February! 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 not required unless otherwise stated.**

Main Library

- Internet Basics
Tuesday, February 11, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Video Conferencing Basics (Zoom Basics)
Tuesday, February 18, 11 a.m.-12 p.m..
- Cybersecurity Basics
Saturday, February 22, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
- iPhone and iPad Essentials
Wednesday, February 26, 6-7 p.m.

Boudreau

- Video Conferencing Basics (Zoom Basics)
Tuesday, February 25, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Estate Planning for All VIRTUAL

Tuesday, February 4, 10-11:30 a.m.

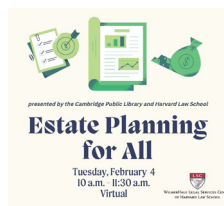
📍 Zoom

The Cambridge Public Library and Legal Services Center of Harvard Law School are excited to offer *Estate Planning for All*. Estate plans can help you prepare for unexpected changes, offer a sense of security in uncertain times, and ensure that your wishes will be carried out if you become ill, incapacitated, or die unexpectedly. Everyone—regardless of background or financial situation—can have an estate plan.

We will discuss:

- Financial issues during our lifetimes: power of attorney, homestead declaration, and trusts
- Health and medical issues: health care proxy, medical directives, and HIPAA authorization
- Preparing for death: wills and declaration as to remains

Registration is required.



Introduction to Genealogy Sources IN-PERSON

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

📍 Main Library Learning Lab

Thinking about trying to research your family tree? This class will teach you how to use the library's genealogy resources, and provide tips for researching at city halls, courthouses, and other institutions.

CPR for Parents and Caregivers IN-PERSON

CPR for Parents and Caregivers

📍 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. Please note that the City is not responsible for the content or training equipment. Space is limited to 20 adults, and **Registration is required.**

Name Change Clinic IN-PERSON

Tuesday, February 11, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

📍 Central Square Branch Lewis Room

Join representatives from the Massachusetts Transgender Political Coalition (MTPC) for a drop-in program providing assistance for legal name and other identity document changes. Learn how to start the legal process of changing your name/ gender and fill out forms alongside experienced volunteers. Financial assistance may be available. A limited supply of laptops will be available for filling out forms digitally. **No registration is required.**

Beginner Crochet Workshop IN-PERSON

Wednesday, February 19, 6-7:30 p.m.

📍 O'Neill Branch

Join us for a beginner-friendly crochet class at O'Neill! Learn how to chain, single crochet, and finish a project as we create simple and useful washcloths. All materials provided – no experience needed! **Registration is required.**

Wednesday Night Creative Writing Group

IN-PERSON

Wednesday, February 19, 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.**

Exhibits

Ukrainian Folk Art IN-PERSON

February 22-

📍 L2 Hallway

In this exhibit, curated by Sophia Sushailo, Ukrainian folk art demonstrates a people's "heroic stoicism and resilience." The artworks on display were created in the Petrykivka tradition, using an intricate brush made with cat fur.



Join us for special Vacation Week programming across the branches. Funding for Live at the Library has been generously provided by the Cambridge Public Library Foundation. **No registration is required.**

Live at the Library: Ethiopian Dance Performance and Demonstration

Tuesday, February 18, 6-6:45 p.m.

📍 **O'Neill**

Youth from Cambridge's own Enku Dankira Ethiopian Dance group will perform and instruct audience members in cultural dance.

Live at the Library: Artful Mechanisms

Wednesday, February 19, 12-1:30 p.m.

📍 **Boudreau**

Make and create! Extraordinary maker activities from paperclips, cardboard, dowels, paper cups, craft sticks, and other ordinary stuff.

Live at the Library: Story Terrarium

Wednesday, February 19, 2-3 p.m.

📍 **Main Library Curious George Room**

Join local artist, musician and educator Ben Cunningham for a transformative storytelling performance. The Story Terrarium is not your average storytelling experience—it's an educational, interactive adventure for children and families alike.

The Storytime Quintet presents The Tortoise and the Hare

Thursday, February 20, 11-11:45 a.m.

📍 **O'Connell**

The Storytime Quintet is a professional woodwind quintet that specializes in performances for children and families, bringing high quality music combined with storytelling to create a very engaging performance that kids really enjoy, featuring professional musicians who perform regularly with the Boston Symphony and the Boston Pops, and are members of the Boston Ballet, the Boston Lyric Opera, the Rhode Island, Springfield, and Albany Symphonies.

The Storytime Quintet presents Peter and the Wolf

Thursday, February 20, 1-1:45 p.m.

📍 **Valente**

The Storytime Quintet will present a 45 minute program where they introduce the instruments, talk about musical story telling, and play the complete performance of Peter and the Wolf (with some adapted plot points). Afterwards, they will host an instrument Q&A, and share a coloring activity. Recommended for children ages 5 and up.

Live at the Library: Words that Sing with Shaw Pong Liu

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

📍 **Central Square**

Join us for a musical story time with master musician Shaw Pong Liu with her erhu, violin, and guitar. This 45-minute program will teach participants Mandarin and share elements of Chinese culture through music and storytelling.

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.

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

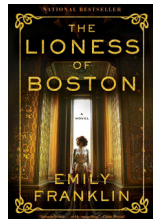


Adult Book Groups

Boudreau

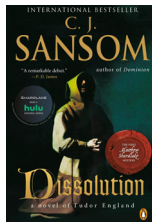


Boudreau Branch Book Group
HYBRID
Wednesday, February 12, 12-1 p.m.
Owner of a Lonely Heart: A Memoir of Motherhood and Absence by Beth Nguyen



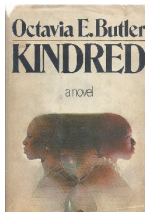
Collins Branch Book Group
IN-PERSON
Wednesday, February 19, 6-7 p.m.
The Lioness of Boston: A Novel by Emily Franklin
While Collins is closed for

construction, this book group will meet virtually and in person at the Boudreau Branch.

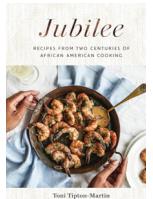


Boudreau Branch Mystery Book Group
HYBRID
Tuesday, February 25, 12-1 p.m.
Dissolution by C.J. Sansom

Central Square

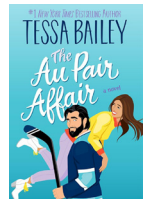


Central Square Book Club
IN-PERSON
Wednesday, February 19, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Kindred by Octavia Butler



Central Square Cook Book Club **IN-PERSON**
Thursday, February 27, 6-7 p.m.
Jubilee: Recipes from Two Centuries of African American Cooking by Toni Tipton-Martin

Main Library

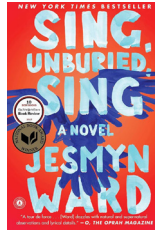


Romance Book Group
IN-PERSON
Tuesday, February 11, 7:15-8:15 p.m.
The Au Pair Affair by Tessa Bailey



Science Fiction & Fantasy Book Group **IN-PERSON**
Wednesday, February 19, 6-7 p.m.
An Ember in the Ashes by Sabaa Tahir

O'Connell



Adult Book Group
IN-PERSON
Tuesday, February 18, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Sing, Unburied, Sing by Jesmyn Ward

O'Neill



O'Neill Branch Book Group
IN-PERSON
Monday, February 10, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Wintering: The Power of Rest and Retreat in Difficult Times by Katherine May

Valente



Valente Branch Book Group
IN-PERSON
Wednesday, February 19, 6-7 p.m.
Moonrise Over New Jessup by Jamila Minnicks (ages 8-11)

Children's Book Groups

Central Square



MCBA Book Group
IN-PERSON
Wednesday, February 5, 6-7 p.m.
The Vanquishers by Kalynn Bayron (ages 8-11)



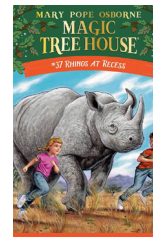
Books Not Binaries Reading Group
IN-PERSON
Wednesday, February 26, 6-7 p.m.
The Deep Dark by Molly Knox Ostertag (Ages 10-13)

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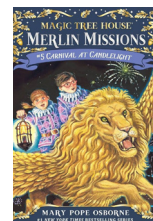


Parent/Child Book Group
HYBRID
Tuesday, February 11, 6-6:45 p.m.
Oh, Rats! by Tor Seidler (Ages 7-10)

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Magic Tree House Book Group
HYBRID
Friday, February 7, 4-4:30 p.m.
Rhinos at Recess by Mary Pope Osborne (Ages 5-11)



Merlin Missions Book Group
HYBRID
Friday, February 7, 4:30-5 p.m.
Carnival at Candlelight by Mary Pope Osborne (Ages 5-11)

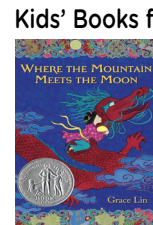


Middle Grade Mystery Book Group
HYBRID
Friday, February 14, 4-5 p.m.
Sammy Keyes and the Hotel Thief by Wendelin Van Draanen



Graphics Are Great! Book Group
HYBRID
Tuesday, February 25, 4-5 p.m.
Kyle's Little Sister by Bon Hyung Jeong (Ages 8-12)

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Kids' Books for Everyone **HYBRID**
Tuesday, February 4, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Where the Mountain Meets the Moon by Grace Lin

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, February 10 and February 24, 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.

One-on-One Tech Help

Wednesday, February 12 and February 26, 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.

Coffee, Cribbage, and Chess

Friday, February 28, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Join us on the fourth Friday of the month for coffee, treats, and games (Chess, Cribbage, Dominos, 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.

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 6pm. **No registration required.** If you have any questions, please contact library@cambridgema.gov.

Fiber Arts Circle

Thursdays, 7-8 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!

Lunchtime History: Black Cantabridgians from the 1700s

Thursday, February 6, 12-1 p.m.

Join Cambridge Black History Project at the Central Square Branch Library for a lunch and learn event about trailblazing Black Cantabridgians from the 1700s through today. Bring your own lunch and we'll have cookies for everyone.

Demystifying Tea Blending

Thursday, February 6, 5:30-7 p.m..

Looking to make something warm and cozy for your Valentine, your Gal-entine, or your Pal-entine? Make a delicious herbal tea blend! We will discuss a handful of common herbs for tea: their uses, flavors, energies, and what they add to a blend. We will smell each of the herbs and taste some as well, learning how the flavors blend and how they complement each other. Part information and science, part sensory exploration, this class will

be as playful as it is educational! Bring your own jar to take your tea blend home. **Registration is required.**

Sing-Along and Story Time in Mandarin

Saturday, February 15, 11-11:30 a.m.

We invite children and their caregivers to a 30-minute session of songs and stories in Mandarin Chinese with Mina (Yating) Fan, a local mother and educator. This fun and interactive session brings families together to enjoy lively songs and engaging stories in a warm, welcoming environment. **No registration required.** Tickets are available on a first come, first served basis on the day of the program.

Trans Stories Read Aloud

Friday, February 28, 4-5 p.m.

Join the Cambridge LGBT Commission and the Cambridge Public Library for the 10th Anniversary Welcoming Schools National Day of Reading: A Celebration of Trans Stories. At this all-ages story time, librarians will read aloud from books that support and affirm transgender and non-binary youth and celebrate gender diversity for everyone. Refreshments provided. **Registration is helpful but not required.**

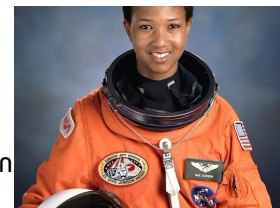
Main Library

Among the Stars: Dr. Mae Jemison

Saturday, February 1, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

📍 Curious George Room

Celebrate Black history in this interactive workshop exploring Dr. Jemison's incredible journey as the first Black woman astronaut to go to space. A person that contained multitudes, Jemison is an inspiration who defied expectations and paved her own path to the stars. Workshop includes storytelling, a teach-in about Black identity and exploration and a craft-making activity to imagine how they can reach for the stars in their own lives.



Recommended for Grades K - 2. Tickets are available on a first come, first served basis on the day of the program.

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.

📍 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, 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.

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.

Teen Advisory Board

Tuesday, February 25, 4-5 p.m.

📍 Teen Room

Teens! Help us plan teen programs for the Library. Earn community service hours! Enjoy free snacks! We meet monthly during the school year. **No registration is required.** Stop by the Teen Room or call 617-349-4027 to learn more.

Board Game Jam and Playtest

Tuesday, February 25, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

📍 The Hive

Join us for a night of playing and making games at The Hive! Bring your board game prototypes to share or just come play ones made with the Hive's own laser cutter and 3D printers. Learn about game design from industry professionals and meet fellow game designers in the community. Ages 12+ welcome. Email thehive@cambridgema.gov with any questions. **Registration is encouraged.**

Baby Sign with Sheryl White of Baby Kneads

Friday, February 28, 10-11 a.m.

📍 Rey Room

Join Sheryl White of Baby Kneads for an introduction to sign language for caregivers and babies. In this one-hour class, participants will:

- Learn the benefits of signing with babies
- Learn and practice several signs
- Watch the instructor sign with your baby
- Learn how to teach American Sign Language to your child

This program is appropriate for babies two months of age or older and pre-verbal. Tickets are available on a first come, first served basis on the day of the program. The program can accommodate 15 babies and their caregivers; multiple caregivers are welcome.

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.

Paint Party

Tuesday, February 4, 2-5 p.m.

Treat yourself to an afternoon of fun, creativity, and community while a local artist guides us step-by-step through the process of creating a beautiful, acrylic mountain landscape painting in your choice of colors. We'll provide the tea and coffee. No experience necessary. All are welcome. Acrylic paint can stain

clothing. Please wear old clothing. Seating is limited to 8. **Registration is required.**

Papercraft: Valentines

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

Join us at the O'Connell Branch to make valentines for family, loved ones or neighbors! We will have card making supplies available. All ages are welcome!

Wiggle Party

Wednesday, February 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 Macarena and the Electric Slide!

Vacation Week: Button Making Workshop

Thursday, February 20, 3-4 p.m.

Learn how to use a button maker (on loan from the Valente Branch) and turn your designs into wearable art!

Read to a Dog

Wednesday, February 26, 4-5 p.m.

Read with Bowie the Therapy Dog from Pets & People! Therapy dogs provide warm and non-judgmental reading companions for new or experienced readers of all ages. Registration for each 10-minute time slot is required and begins a week in advance. Sign up by phone or in person at the O'Connell Branch (617-349-4019).

Evening Family Story Time

Wednesday, February 5, 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.

O'Neill

CPL Nature Club: Birdwatching at Fresh Pond

Saturday, February 1, 1-2:30 p.m.

All ages are welcome to join us as we search the water and trees for birds! Fresh Pond Reservation attracts many birds throughout the year, and winter is no different. We will look for interesting ducks, sparrows, finches and more! A limited supply of binoculars will be available. We will be outside for the duration of the walk so dress accordingly. **Registration is required for this event.**

Saturday Songs and Stories

Saturday, February 1, 3:30-4 p.m.

Music, movement and stories! Join local storyteller and community member Ashley Herring as we honor the late Ella Jenkins, the "first lady of children's music!" For children of all ages and their grown-ups.

Reading is Magic: Story Time and Craft

Tuesday, February 4, 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. This month we will make magic wands!

Read to a Dog

Tuesday, February 4, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Read with a cuddly friend! Trained therapy dogs provide warm and non-judgmental reading companions for new or experienced readers up to age 14. **Registration for each 10-minute time slot is required** and begins on Tuesday, January 28 by calling or

visiting the O'Neill Branch (617-349-4023).

English Conversation Practice, Intermediate

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 - 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.**

- **February 5** Black History Month Buttons
- **February 12** Air-Dry Clay
- **February 19** Puppets
- **February 26** Scribble Art

Kids' Zine Collective

Friday, February 7 and February 28, 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!

Sew a Valentine

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

Come to the O'Neill Branch to sew a fabric Valentine or a heart plushie! This project is open to children and families who have some experience hand sewing. **No registration required.**

Cookie Decorating

Monday, February 10, 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Kids in 6th, 7th and 8th grade can come to the Library to decorate cookies! All supplies will be provided.

Trivia Night!

Wednesday, February 12, 6:15-7 p.m.

Come join us for Trivia Night! Test your knowledge of science, history, literature, and culture. Snacks will be provided. Individuals and groups are welcome. **Registration is helpful, but not required.**

Cambridge Young Authors' Squad

Friday, February 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, February 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.

This drop-in program is for people who feel comfortable using these machines on their own. The Library will not provide

instruction. Anyone wishing to use the sewing machines must have completed a Sewing 101 training through the Library. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Beginner Crochet Workshop

Wednesday, February 19, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Join us for a beginner-friendly crochet class at O'Neill! Learn how to chain, single crochet, and finish a project as we create simple and useful washcloths. All materials provided – no experience needed! **Registration is required.**

Community Build

Thursday, February 20, 2-4 p.m.

Join friends at the O'Neill Branch to build, build, BUILD! Let your imagination run wild with LEGOs and other building toys. The Library has plenty of LEGO pieces, so you don't need to bring your own. For children ages 5 and up. Children under age 7 must be accompanied by a caregiver. LEGO pieces are choking hazards for young children.

Family Movie Night: Lilo and Stitch

Friday, February 21, 2-3:45 p.m.

Join us over winter vacation for a cozy family movie at the Library! We will be screening *Lilo and Stitch* - (Walt Disney, rated PG) Snacks will be provided.

Artful Evenings: Open Crafting for Adults

Monday, February 24, 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 is suggested.**

Pajama Story Time

Tuesday, February 25, 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: Danehy Park Winter Plant Walk

Thursday, February 27, 4-5:30 p.m.

Join herbalist Mo Katz-Christy for a meander through Danehy Park to meet wintertime city plants and explore their medicinal uses! We will explore weeds and cultivated plants, trees and shrubs, and have lots of space for questions and conversation. Bring a notebook if you like, and meet us at the parking lot on Sherman Street (if you're late you should be able to find us -- we won't move too far too fast!). **Registration is required. Rain Date: 3/6.**

Valente

Evening Story Time

Monday, February 3, 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.**

Beginning English Class

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

Pop-Up Card Workshop

Wednesday, February 5, 3-4 p.m. .

Learn how to make pop-up cards for any occasion at the Valente Branch! The library will provide all materials. This program is recommended for ages 5-11 and their guardians.

Read to a Dog

Thursday, February 6, and Wednesday, February 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).

Coffee & Games for Adults

Friday, February 7, 11a.m.-12p.m.

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

Drop In Tech Help at the Library

Wednesdays, February 12 and 26, 10a.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. If you have questions, please send them to: kmcquown@cambridgema.gov. **No registration is required.**

Board Game Night for Adults

Tuesday, February 11, 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.

Cookie Decorating for Teens

Wednesday, February 12, 3-4 p.m.

Join us at the Valente Branch to decorate cookies with your friends! The library will provide all required materials. This program is recommended for ages 11-14.

Family Board Game Night

Wednesday, February 12, 5:30-7 p.m.

Challenge your family or meet new friends over board games in the Community Room. The library will supply games and snacks. This event is recommended for children ages 5 and up, with their caregivers. Contact the library at 617-349-4015 for more information.

Wiggle Party

Tuesday, February 18, 11-11:25 a.m.

Our usual weekly sing-along gets a vacation week upgrade - join us for a dance party to get your wiggles out!

This program will take place in the Community Room at the Valente Branch Library. **No registration is required.** For more information, please call the library at (617) 349-4015.

Movie Night: *Hidden Figures*

Tuesday, February 18, 5:30-7:40 p.m.

Join us for movie night at the Valente Branch! The movie is based on the book by Margot Lee Shetterly that chronicles the lives of Black female mathematicians at NASA and their contributions to achievements in space. The film stars Taraji P. Henson, Octavia Spencer, Janelle Mon  e, Kirsten Dunst, and Kevin Costner. We will provide popcorn & candy. **Registration is helpful.**

Nintendo Switch Party

Monday, February 24, 3:30-5 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 on a first-come, first serve basis. This program starts promptly, and any unclaimed spots will be offered to someone waiting.

Baby Signs with Sheryl White

Wednesday, February 26, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Join Sheryl White of Baby Kneads for an introduction to sign language for caregivers and babies. In this one-hour class, participants will:

- Learn the benefits of signing with babies
- Learn and practice several signs
- Watch the instructor sign with your baby
- Learn how to teach American Sign Language to your child

Learn how to teach American Sign Language to your child. This program is appropriate for babies two months of age or older and pre-verbal. The program can accommodate 15 babies and their caregivers; multiple caregivers are welcome. Please contact the Library if you will be bringing more than one child, including an older sibling. **Registration is required** and begins on Monday, February 17. We appreciate your patience and understanding. Please call 617-349-4015 for more information.

Cartoonist Keith Knight: "Comics Can Save the World!"

Wednesday, February 26, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Join Keith Knight a critically acclaimed comics creator and cartoonist as he explores the way comics have historically been used in social justice movements, cultural storytelling, and speaking truth to power for centuries. Using his own work and the work of others, Keith makes the case that cartooning can be a bridge to understanding, compassion, and even, liberation. **Registration is required.**

Collage Bookmark Making for Adults

Friday, February 28, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Join us for making paper-based collage bookmarks. We will provide materials; feel free to bring your own as well.

Save the Date

Winter Art Tour: CPL Main Branch IN-PERSON

T **Saturday, March 8, 2-3 p.m.**

📍 **Rossi Room**

Join Cambridge Arts and the Cambridge Public Library for a guided tour of the Main Library, including Sidewalk Poetry on the staircase, *Filament/Firmament* by Ellen Driscoll, and the historic murals in the reading room. Weather permitting, the tour will also include outdoor art, such as *The Librarian Speaks* by Liam Gillick.

Curious George Lecture with Jerry Craft IN-PERSON

Wednesday, March 12, 6-7:30 p.m.

📍 **Lecture Hall**

The Curious George Lecture returns with bestselling graphic novel author and illustrator, Jerry Craft! Learn about life, art, and telling your story with the *New York Times* bestselling and Newbery Medal winning author of *New Kid*, *Class Act*, and *School Trip*.

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.**

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

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

📍 **Lewis Room**

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

Collins

Service Alert: The Collins Branch Library is currently closed for construction.

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

Songs and Stories **Tuesdays, 11-11:25 a.m.**

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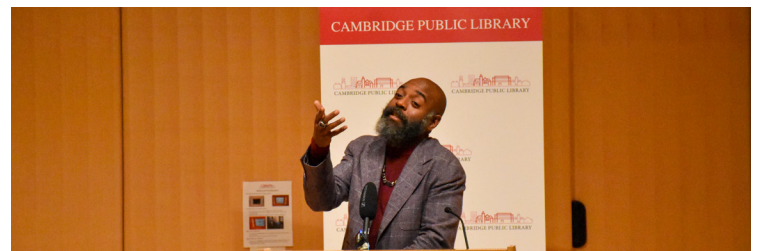
Highlights from January



Muna Kangsen, Manager of Communications, Programs, and Events, is honored by the Department of Defense agency Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.



January's Cambridge Cooks class is taught by Sophie Thakali, owner of Tasty Mo:Mo.



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Lecture speaker Reginald Dwayne Betts.



Omo Moses launches his book tour for his memoir *The White Peril*

Hive Workshops for February 2025

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 complete *The Hive Safety Training* and create a free Tinkercad account at 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 - February 2025



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