

April 2025



EVENTS *at the* CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Events



Ora Grodsky and Colleagues Present: *Justice, Love, and Organizational Healing: A Guide to Transformational Consulting* **IN-PERSON**

Tuesday, April 1, 6-7:30 p.m.

📍 **Lecture Hall**

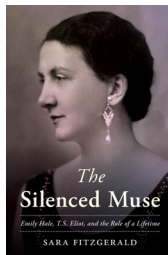
Join Ora Grodsky in a discussion about her new book. Ora Grodsky is a mission-driven organizational development consultant with over 25 years of experience. Ora will be in conversation about the book and organizational healing with colleagues and friends Joyce Shabazz, Melinda Barbosa, Daniel Michaud Weinstock, Jeremy Philips. **Registration is not required.**

Sara Fitzgerald Presents: *The Silenced Muse: Emily Hale, T.S. Eliot, and the Role of a Lifetime* **IN-PERSON**

Tuesday, April 1, 6:30-8 p.m.

📍 **Cambridge Room**

Join us for a talk on the lifelong love affair between T.S. Eliot and Cambridge educator and actress Emily Hale. Don't miss this fascinating look into literary history by the author of a *Washington Post* named 2024 notable book of the year. **Register here:** <https://bit.ly/haletthemuse>.



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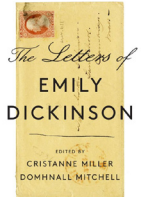
All Library locations will be closed Monday, April 21 for Patriots' Day.

CPL Presents: Cristanne Miller, *Editor of The Letters of Emily Dickinson* **HYBRID**

Wednesday, April 2, 6-7:30 p.m.

📍 **Lecture Hall**

Join the Cambridge Public Library in welcoming Cristanne Miller, the co-editor of *The Letters of Emily Dickinson*, for a reading and conversation moderated by the Library's Program and Events Coordinator, Zachary Bond. **Registration is required.**



Teen College Prep Panel **IN-PERSON**

Thursday, April 3, 5-7 p.m.

📍 **Community Room**

The Cambridge Youth Council is holding its first College Prep Panel to provide students with valuable insights on how to maximize their time in preparation for college success. Our panelists, with diverse post-graduation experiences, will share their perspectives to help students plan their futures. Light refreshments provided. **Registration is not required.**



Kenneth Roth Presents: *Righting Wrongs: Three Decades on the Front Lines Battling Abusive Governments* **IN-PERSON**

Thursday, April 3, 6-7:30 p.m.

📍 **Lecture Hall**

Harvard Book Store, the Carr Center for Human Rights Policy at the Harvard Kennedy School, and the Cambridge Public Library welcome

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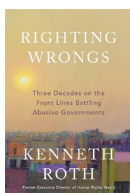
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VIRTUAL Virtual event

IN-PERSON In-person event

HYBRID In-person event with option to attend virtually

Kenneth Roth—former executive director of Human Rights Watch—for a discussion of his new book *Righting Wrongs: Three Decades on the Front Lines Battling Abusive Governments*. **Registration is required.**



PL Presents: Barry Schneier, *The Song is Still Being Written* **IN-PERSON**

Tuesday, April 8, 6-7:30 p.m.

Lecture Hall

Internationally renowned photographer Barry Schneier captures Boston's unique and impacting folk music scene in his new book *The Song is Still Being Written*. The book is a collection of photos and narratives capturing stories of singer-songwriters, past, present, and future who have made the Boston/Cambridge area their home for artistic development and specifically from those who have graced one of the most heralded performance spaces in folk history, Harvard Square's Passim (originally Club 47).



The Practitioner's Story: Black Mens' Perspective on The Core of Restorative Practice **IN-PERSON**

Thursday, April 10, 2025

Lecture Hall

Join us for a discussion with five Black men working restoratively in different contexts: at home with family, through meditation and yoga, on the sports field, in business, and in the courts providing health and mental wellness. Panelists include Sam Williams, a yogi, professor, and healer; Damon Banks, a Social Worker and Chief Probation Officer; Omo Moses, the CEO of Math Talk and the author of *The White Peril*; Herman Banks, an educator and consultant; and Vinson Givans, a mitigation manager and football coach. The conversation will be moderated by Indi Wit The Tea, a journalist and media personality.

Sacred Songs and Rituals: Secret Worship Under the Tudors **IN-PERSON**

Thursday, April 17, 6:30-8 p.m.

Lecture Hall

Sacred Songs and Rituals brings Kendra Comstock, soprano, and Charles Iner, lute, to explore Catholic persecution during the English Renaissance and the forms of secret musical resistance Catholic musicians created during this time. **Registration is required.**



FixIt Clinic **IN-PERSON**

Saturday, April 19, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

The Hive

Learn to fix your broken household items, such as electronics, appliances, clothing, and toys etc. at the Fixit Clinic. Volunteer Fixit coaches will review, take apart, and assist in repair attempts. Gain the confidence and knowledge to make repairs and teach others to do the same. This event takes place in The Hive, located on L1 of the Main Library. Open to all ages,

registration is required. This event is brought to you by the Cambridge Public Library, The Cambridge Department of Public Works, and Fixit Clinic.

Create Your Own Terrarium **IN-PERSON**

Tuesday, April 22, 5-6:30 p.m.

Community Room

In honor of Earth Day, spend your afternoon at the Library creating your own terrarium. In partnership with Emerald City Plant Shop, you will have the opportunity to learn more about different kind of plants and plant care. This event will be conducted in the front park area of the Library. In the case of rain, the class will be moved to the community room. **Registration is required.** The Library will provide supplies.

Workshops

Wellness for Older Adults: Let Your Yoga Dance

VIRTUAL

Mondays, 11-11:45 a.m.

Zoom

A fun, dynamic, and ultimately blissful class. We'll work our way through the seven energy centers (chakras) with Let Your Yoga Dance. You will leave with a good workout and a peaceful happy mind/body/spirit. Good for every body! A Zoom link will be sent to all registered participants 1 hour before the event. **Registration is required.**

Expressive Arts for Older Adults: Open Studio

IN-PERSON

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

Zoom

Join instructor Marguerite White, Wednesday afternoons through April 30 (No group on April 2), 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)349-4041. **Registration required for each session.**



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 1 hour before the event. **Presented in partnership with Cambridge Insight Meditation Center (CIMC).**



BASIC TECH CLASSES



Basic Tech Classes

Join us for Basic Tech Classes this April! 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.**

Main Library

- Cybersecurity Basics: Avoiding Online Scams
Tuesday, April 8, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Mac OS: Finding and Organizing Your Files
Tuesday, April 22, 2-3 p.m.
- Resume Building with Google Docs
Saturday, April 26, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Zoom Basics
Tuesday, April 15, 12-1 p.m.
- Budgeting with Google Sheets
Wednesday, April 30, 6-7 p.m.

Central Square

Valente

Wellness for Older Adults: Tai Chi Paradigm

IN-PERSON

Wednesdays, 10-11 a.m.

📍 Main (Intermediate)

Fridays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

📍 Valente (Beginner)

Join us in this twelve-week Tai Chi Paradigm practice, which focuses on the mind and body connection. Tai Chi is a fluid sequence of movements choreographed in a low impact routine. Due to the popularity of Sifu Diaz's classes, participation in this program was decided by lottery and registration is full.

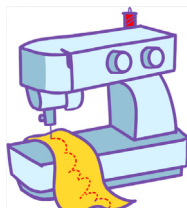
Learn to Sew! A Workshop for Teens, by Teens

IN-PERSON

Wednesday, April 2, 3-5 p.m.

📍 The Hive

Don't think you have what it takes to use a sewing machine? Think again! In this FREE workshop, teens from the Cambridge Community Art Center will teach you how to properly thread a machine, sew a straight stitch, hem an unfinished edge, and secure your stitches. Practice by sewing colorful shapes onto small flags. Following the workshop, the flags will be made into a banner and displayed at the Library. No experience necessary. Sign up for your 30-minute slot now!



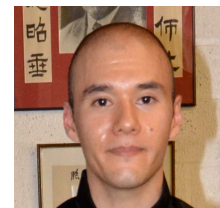
Acrylics Workshop

IN-PERSON

Wednesday, April 2, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

📍 Boudreau

Learn how to create beautiful and colorful acrylic paintings! In this class you will be introduced to painting with acrylic, including techniques in color mixing, observational painting, and composition. This class will cover wet on wet and wet and dry brush techniques, sgraffito/combing, overlays/glazing, gel mediums, pattern making, and masking. All experience levels welcome. **Registration is required.**



Goal Setting for Teens

IN-PERSON

Tuesday, April 8, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

📍 Rindge Room

Thinking about the future can be exciting and nerve-racking. In this workshop we will be discussing goal setting for our future by creating vision boards to help visualize our goals and discuss the steps to achieve them and any obstacles that we may encounter. Presented by CHA Teen Health Clinic.



Wednesday Night Creative Writing Group

IN-PERSON

Wednesday, April 16, 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.**

Creative Expression for Teens with Zahirah Nur Truth

IN-PERSON

Thursday, April 17, 3-5 p.m.

📍 Teen Room

Guest artist Zahirah Nur Truth of ZNT Arts will facilitate a workshop that honors creative expression as a tool to empower young people to celebrate joy! Spring is the time to set new intentions. We will use text art inspired by artists that work in collage, stencil, and 3D art. Come make your very own unique colorful vibrant Spring posters. We will be using flowers, fabric and more.



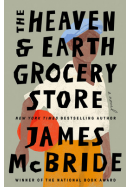


Book Groups



Adult Book Groups

Boudreau



Boudreau Branch Book Group

HYBRID

Wednesday, April 9, 12-1 p.m.
Heaven and Earth Grocery Store by James McBride



Cookbook Book Group

HYBRID

Wednesday, April 9, 6-7 p.m.
Cool Beans by Joe Yonan



Boudreau Branch Mystery Book Group

HYBRID

Tuesday, April 29, 12-1 p.m.
Better the Blood by Michael Bennett



Contemporary Book Group

IN-PERSON

Tuesday, April 15, 6-7 p.m.
Behind You Is the Sea by Susan Muaddi Darraj

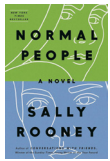


Science Fiction & Fantasy Book Group

IN-PERSON

Wednesday, April 16, 6-7 p.m.
The Curse of Chalion by Lois McMaster Bujold

Central Square



Central Square Book Club

IN-PERSON

Wednesday, April 16, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Normal People by Sally Rooney



Central Square Cookbook Group

IN-PERSON

Thursday, April 24, 6-7 p.m.
Smitten Kitchen Keepers by Deb Perelman

Main Library



Great Books Book Group

HYBRID

Tuesday, April 8, 7-9 p.m.
A River Runs Through It by Norman MacLean



Romance Book Group

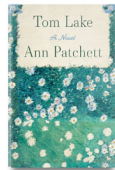
IN-PERSON

Tuesday, April 22, 7-9 p.m.
King Lear by Shakespeare

Tuesday, April 8, 7:15-8:15 p.m.
Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen



O'Connell

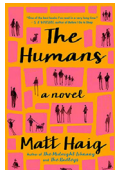


Adult Book Group

IN-PERSON

Tuesday, April 15, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Tom Lake by Ann Patchett

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O'Neill Branch Book Group

IN-PERSON

Monday, April 14, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
The Humans by Matt Haig

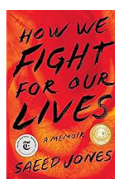


Collins Branch Book Group

HYBRID

Wednesday, April 23, 6-7 p.m.
Radio Free Vermont by Bill McKibben
 This month, this book group will meet virtually and in person at the O'Neill Branch.

Valente



Valente Branch Book Group

IN-PERSON

Wednesday, April 16, 12-1 p.m.
How We Fight for Our Lives by Saeed Jones

Children's Book Groups

Central Square



MCBA Book Club

IN-PERSON

Wednesday, April 2, 6-7 p.m.
Violet & Jobie in the Wild by Lynne Ray Perkins (ages 8-11)

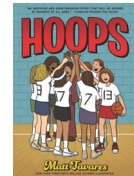


Books Not Binaries Reading Group

IN-PERSON

Wednesday, April 30, 6-7 p.m.
The Flicker by H.E. Edgemon (Ages 10-13)

Main



Parent/Child Book Group

IN-PERSON

Tuesday, April 8, 6-6:45 p.m.
Hoops by Matt Tavares



Tween Book Group

IN-PERSON

Monday, April 28, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
To Night Owl From Dogfish by Holly Goldberg Sloan & Meg Wolitzer

O'Connell



Magic Tree House Book Group

HYBRID

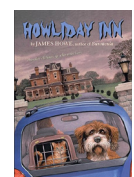
Friday, April 4, 4-4:30 p.m.
Windy Night with Wild Horses by Mary Pope Osborne (Ages 5-11)



Merlin Missions Book Group

HYBRID

Friday, April 4, 4:30-5 p.m.
Night of the New Magicians by Mary Pope Osborne (Ages 5-11)



Middle Grade Mystery Book Group

HYBRID

Friday, April 11, 4-5 p.m.
Howliday Inn by James Howe



Graphics Are Great! Book Group

HYBRID

Tuesday, April 29, 4-5 p.m.
Parachute Kids by Betty C. Tang (Ages 8-12)

O'Neill



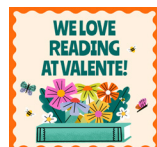
Kids' Books for Everyone

IN-PERSON

Tuesday, April 1, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

New Kid by Jerry Craft

Valente



We Love Reading

IN-PERSON

Monday, April 28, 4-4:50 p.m.

Beginning Reader collection

Title: TBD

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 (Lewis Room) [Thursdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.](#)

Twilight Songs and Stories [Thursdays, 5:30-6 p.m.](#)

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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.](#)

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

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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.

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.



CPL Nature Club: Elder Walks

Thursday, April 3 and April 17, 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 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.**



One-on-One Tech Help

Wednesday, April 9 and April 23, 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.

Chess Hour

Monday, April 14 and April 28, 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.



CPL Nature Club: Cloud & Nature Walk

Wednesday, April 16, 3-4:30 p.m.

Join us as we take a walk to enjoy the natural wonders of spring and learn about clouds. We will get to know some spring birds, look for early flowers and leaf buds, and see how many different types of clouds we can identify!

Coffee, Cribbage and Chess!

Friday, April 25, 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!



Bookmaking for Kids

Friday, April 25, 1:30-3 p.m.

Learn to make unique and creative books using paper, scissors, and a little bit of glue. No registration is required. This event is intended for school-aged children and is open to drop-in attendees while supplies last.

Central Square



Wellness for Older Adults: Chair Yoga

Mondays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Join us each Monday at the Central Square Branch for Chair Yoga, led by experienced instructor Louise Parker. **Registration is required.**

Drop-In Hours with the Social Worker

Mondays, 2-5 p.m.

Stop by the Lewis Room to get support from our Library social worker!

Drop-in Tech Help at the Library

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

Fridays, 11 a.m.-1 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 6 p.m. **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!

Friday Kickback

Fridays, 3-5 p.m.

Drop by the Lewis Room on Friday afternoons for a rotating activity.

- **April 4** Jigsaw Puzzles
- **April 11** Short Story Reading Group
- **April 18** Coloring Party
- **April 25** Watch a Movie

Introduction to Forest Bathing for Elders

Tuesday, April 1, April 8, April 22 and April 29, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, April 16, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Curious about “forest bathing” and how to experience it indoors? Join us for a calming and restorative indoor introduction to the practice of Forest Bathing, specially designed for people 55 and over. Come once or join every workshop in this 6-part series to explore the concept of “Shinrin-yoku” (“forest bathing”) which is the practice of being mindful and contemplative within nature, using all your senses. **Registration is required.**

Celebrate Earth Day: Pot Painting

Tuesday, April 22, 12-2 p.m.

Celebrate Earth Day! Come decorate a terracotta pot or recycled planter, then plant a seed in your new pot to take home to watch grow. All seeds and supplies will be provided. **Registration encouraged.**

Adult Board Game Night

Tuesday, April 22, 6:30-8 p.m.

Join us for an evening of board games. We have a range of classic, strategy, and party games including Bananagrams, Chess, Ticket to Ride, Azul, and more! Feel free to bring a board game to play with others. We will provide pizza and beverages. **Registration helpful.**

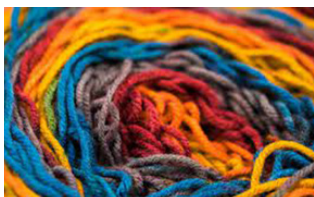
Main Library

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! Feel free to drop by. Please contact 617-349-4027 with any questions. **There will be no tutoring during school vacation week (April 21-25).**

Hive Teen Hangout

Wednesdays, 3:30-5 p.m.

📍 **The Hive**

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.



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@cambridgemā.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. The April 17 meeting will be a puzzle swap! Donate your gently used jigsaw puzzles and take home some fun, new puzzles!

Tween Hangout

Monday, April 7 and April 14, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

📍 **Teen Room**

On the first and second Mondays we're opening up the Curious George Room on the third floor for ages 10-12 to snack, relax, and play video games. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and we invite all tweens to make this space their own! There are no tickets or registration required. Please call 617-349-4038 for more information.



Teen Advisory Board

Tuesday, April 29, 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.

O'Connell

Fiber Crafts Group Drop-In

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Wiggle Party

Wednesday, April 9, 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!

Earth Day: Preschool Story Time

Thursday, April 24, 3:30-4 p.m.

We invite children and their grown-ups to join us for 20-25 minutes of songs, stories, and rhymes about taking care of our planet!

Middle Grade Mystery Writing Group

HYBRID

Friday, April 25, 4-5 p.m.

Our Middle Grade Mystery Writing group is for kids aged 10-14. We're writing a mystery about a "murder" of crows -- bring your best crow facts, crow puns, character names, and plot ideas! Please register on our website if you would like to attend virtually.

Paint Party at the Library

Tuesday, April 29, 2-5 p.m.

📍 Rossi Room

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 painting. We'll provide the tea and light refreshments. No experience necessary. Please wear old clothing. Seating is limited to 8. **Registration opens April 15.** Register early!

Evening Family Story Time

Wednesday, April 30, 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

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.

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.

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.

- April 2 Jokes and Riddles
- April 9 5-Minute Portraits
- April 16 Cardboard Binoculars
- April 23 Finger Knitting
- April 30 Chalk Murals

Cambridge Young Authors' Squad

Friday, April 4 and April 18, 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.**

On April 18, we will be joined by guest author Patrick Joyce, author of *Back in the USSR and Strawberry Fields*.

Buttons and Magnets for Middle Schoolers

Monday, April 7, 3:30-5 p.m.

Kids in 6th, 7th and 8th grade can come to the Library to make buttons and magnets. Snacks provided.

Read to a Dog

Tuesday, April 8, 4-5 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 Tuesday, April 1 by calling or visiting the O'Neill Branch Library at 617-349-4023.**

Read to a Dog - for Adults!

Tuesday, April 8, 5-6 p.m.

Come spend time with a cuddly friend! Trained therapy dogs provide warm and nonjudgmental reading companions, this time for adults. **Registration for each 10-minute time slot is required and begins on Tuesday, April 1 by calling or visiting the O'Neill Branch Library at 617-349-4023.**

CPL Nature Club: Seed Swap

Wednesday, April 9, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Bring the extra garden seeds you don't think you will plant this year! See what your neighbors have before you purchase more! We will have envelopes and pens to help keep them straight. If you don't have seeds, come anyway, as we will have extras. This event is co-hosted by Cambridge City Growers.

Kids' Zine Collective

Friday, April 11, 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!

Beginner Crochet Workshop

Wednesday, April 16, 6:15-7:45 p.m.

Join us for a beginner-friendly crochet class at O'Neill! Learn how to chain, single crochet, half double crochet, and finish a project as we create a stitch sampler. All materials provided – no experience needed! You'll leave with materials and a pattern to continue your practice after class. **Registration required.**

CPL Nature Club: Fresh Pond Nature Walk

Thursday, April 17, 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. **Registration is required.**

Chess Hour

Saturday, April 19, 3-4 p.m.

Join us for a game of chess at the O'Neill Branch Library! Players of all skill levels and all ages are welcome to participate. Chess sets will be provided, but feel free to bring your own. This is a space for individuals to play and test their skills against other members of the community. This is not an instructional class.

CPL Nature Club: Morning Birdwatching

Wednesday, April 23, 10:15-11:30 a.m.

Join us for a morning walk at one of the most renowned birdwatching 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.**

Family Movie at the Library

Friday, April 25, 2-3:45 p.m.

Join us over April vacation for a family movie at the Library! We will be screening *Moana 2* - (Walt Disney, rated PG). Snacks will be provided.

Drop-In Maker Studio

Saturday, April 26, 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.

Artful Evenings

Monday, April 28, 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. Snacks provided! **Registration suggested.**

Pajama Story Time

Tuesday, April 29, 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.

Valente

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.

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.**

Mass Capoeira

Saturday, April 5, 2-3 p.m.

Mass Capoeira's performance will uplift the spirit and expose audiences to the magic of Afro-Brazilian art and culture. This event is generously sponsored by The Manuel Rogers, Sr. & Mary R. Rogers Endowment Fund. **Registration is required.**

Evening Story Time

Monday, April 7, 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.**

Board Game Night for Adults

Tuesday, April 8, 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.

Family Board Game Night

Wednesday, April 9, 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.

Read to a Dog

Thursday, April 10, 3:30-5 p.m.

Wednesday, April 30, 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 one week in advance by calling or visiting the Valente Branch (617-349-4015).

Reading with Ducks from Land's Sake Farm

Tuesday, April 22, 3-3:45 p.m.

Meet a swimming, quacking friend! This program includes a duck-themed story time, a lesson about duck behavior and anatomy, and a duck-themed activity! Best of all, in the Duck Circle, youth are able to touch and interact with a live duck. **Registration is required.**

Coffee & Games for Adults

Friday, April 25, 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 is helpful.**



Massachusetts Space Week is an annual, week-long celebration that seeks to bridge the gap between academia and the broader community and to foster a shared enthusiasm for space science, through engaging events such as a Space Film Festival, a Space Career Fair, and more than 25 space events statewide.

Space Politics and Space Policy Education

IN-PERSON

Wednesday, April 23, 3-4 p.m.

📍 Main

Join us for a thought-provoking discussion on space politics and space policy education offered in partnership with The Space Consortium. This MA Space Week special panel brings together leading experts to explore how space policy shapes international cooperation, national strategies, and future space missions.

Contact - MA Space Week 2025 Space Film Festival Evening # 4

IN-PERSON

Thursday, April 24, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

📍 Main

Join us for a special **MA Space Week 2025 Space Film Festival** screening of *Contact*, followed by an expert panel discussion exploring the search for extraterrestrial intelligence, interstellar communication, and the intersection of science and policy.



Lilo & Stitch - MA Space Week 2025 Space Film Festival Matinée

IN-PERSON

Saturday, April 26, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

📍 Main

Join us for a special matinée screening of *Lilo & Stitch* as part of the MA Space Week 2025 Space Film Festival! This kid-friendly event will kick off with a 15-minute pre-screening presentation by astronomer and SETI expert Simon Steel, exploring the search for life beyond Earth.

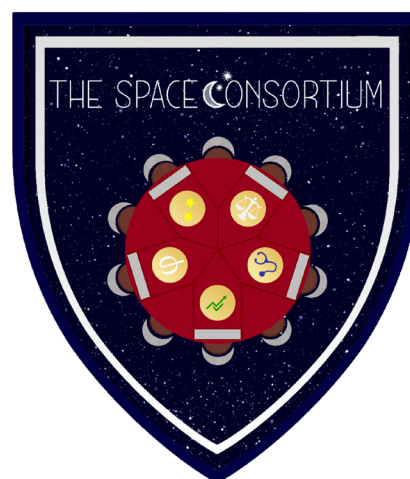
Mission to Mars: How to Eat, Sleep and Think Like an Astronaut

IN-PERSON

Saturday, April 26, 1-2 p.m.

📍 Main

In this session, we discuss the design and completion of two analog (Earth-based, Mars simulation) missions: Project MADMEN and Pale Red Dot. Come experience life on Mars as we traverse rocky terrain for geology and astrobiology experiments, test different cooking methods to make Martian meals, and navigate emergencies in space.



Save the Date



CPL Nature Club: Protecting Urban Biodiversity

IN-PERSON

Wednesday, May 7, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

📍 Main Library

Join Earthwise Aware for a fascinating walk as we explore how land use and climate change shape the future of urban green spaces. The loss of biodiversity and the impacts of climate change are pressing challenges, but small actions can lead to big change. **Registration is required.**

Traditional Chinese Watercolor Exhibit

IN-PERSON

Saturday, May 3- Thursday, May 22

📍 Main Library

View this exhibit by traditional Chinese watercolor painter Xiang Li in the L2 Hallway.

Mental Health Awareness Month: Building a Caring Community

IN-PERSON

Tuesday, May 6, 6-8 p.m.

📍 Main Library

Join the Cambridge Public Health Department, the Community Safety Department, and the Cambridge Public Library for a panel discussion that aims to raise awareness and community knowledge about how to access national, state, and local resources.

Attendees will hear from representatives with the Samaritans, the Community Safety Department (CARE team), and the Community Behavioral Health Center. Light refreshments and childcare will be provided.

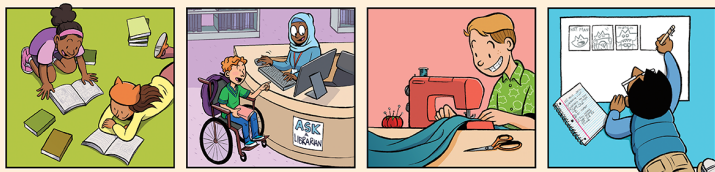
The Age of Love Screening

IN-PERSON

Thursday, May 15, 4-6 p.m.

📍 Main Library Lecture Hall

The Age of Love follows the poignant adventures of thirty seniors who attend a first-of-its-kind Speed Dating event for 70- to 90-year-olds and discover how the search for love changes — or doesn't change — from first love to the far reaches of life. The film's director, Steven Loring, will join us virtually after the film for an audience Q&A. Presented in partnership with the Cambridge Council on Aging and the Living Well Network.



Drawn to the Library

National Library Week

April 6-12, 2025

ALA American Library Association

Library Champions

SCHOLASTIC

National Library Week is an annual celebration highlighting the valuable role libraries, librarians, and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening our communities.

Monday, April 7

Right to Read Day, a day for readers, advocates, and library lovers to take action to protect, defend, and celebrate the right to read.

Tuesday, April 8

National Library Workers Day, a day for library staff, users, administrators, and Friends groups to recognize the valuable contributions made by all library workers.

Wednesday, April 9

National Library Outreach Day (formerly National Bookmobile Day), a day to celebrate library outreach and the dedicated library professionals who are meeting their patrons where they are.

Thursday, April 10

Take Action for Libraries Day, a day to rally advocates to support libraries.

Visit ala.org to get involved. And make sure to thank library staff for their hard work!

LIVE AT THE LIBRARY

Live at the Library Vacation Week Programming

April 22-April 26

📍 Main Library Lecture Hall

Join us for special programming for youth during Cambridge Public Schools' vacation week. Live at the Library is designed to support the cultural, recreational, and educational needs of the community with joyful, inspiring, and interactive fine-arts experiences. Funding has been generously provided by the Cambridge Public Library Foundation. **Registration is not required unless otherwise noted.**

Folktales & Origami for Families

Tuesday, April 22, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

📍 Boudreau

Tuesday, April 22, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

📍 O'Connell

Join award-winning storyteller Motoko for delightful folktales and a hands-on origami activity. Motoko's step-by-step instructions make the ancient Japanese art fun and accessible.

Rosalita's Puppets: Enchanted Castle

Wednesday, May 7, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

📍 Main Library

Join Earthwise Aware for a fascinating walk as we explore how land use and climate change shape the future of urban green spaces. The loss of biodiversity and the impacts of climate change are pressing challenges, but small actions can lead to big change. **Registration is required.**

Rosalita's Puppets: Puppet-Making Workshop

Wednesday, April 23, 3-4 p.m.

📍 Curious George Room

Join us for a 60-minute puppet-making workshop following the performance of, *Enchanted Castle*, by Rosalita's Puppets. For children ages 5 and up and their caregivers. This program can accommodate 30 children. Tickets are available on a first come, first served basis on the day of the program.

Learn How to Play the Ukulele

Thursday, April 24, 2-2:45 p.m.

📍 O'Neill

Julie Murray will teach the fundamentals of ukulele playing to children ages 8-12. No experience necessary. Ukuleles provided or bring your own. **Registration is required.**

Story Terrarium

Friday, April 25, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

📍 Central Square

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.

Library BEATS Drum Circle with Otha Day

Saturday, April 26, 3-4 p.m.

📍 Donnelly Field

Join us at Donnelly Field (behind the Valente Library) for a joyful celebration with musician and educator Otha Day! A drum circle is a highly interactive group of people who play drums and percussion instruments together to create in-the-moment music.

Poetry, music, & banjolele

Hive-lights with Chelsea Sparks

The Idea

When looking for her next project, local musician Chelsea Sparks turned to a unique source of inspiration — a book of Dorothy Parker Poems.

"I'll just sit down on my lunch break, open to a page, and write a song based on the poem," she explained.

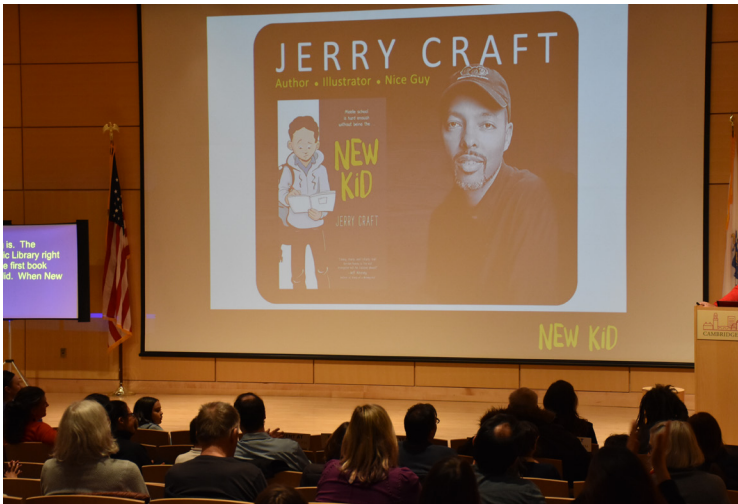
Using The Hive recording studios, Chelsea has recorded vocals and backing with her "banjolele," a stringed instruments that combines the body of a banjo with the tuning and strings of a ukulele.



Library Resources

- The Hive Media Studio
- A Book of Dorothy Parker Poems

Highlights from March



Graphic novelist Jerry Craft speaks for the 7th annual Curious George Lecture.



Chef Afruza teaches patrons how to make a Bengali lentil fritter called pigaju.



O'Connell patrons learn the history of candy-making in Cambridge.



Patrons view "Still Marching 1970-2017," photographs by Liane Brandon that capture two women's marches nearly 50 years apart.



The Winter Art Tour, in partnership with Cambridge Arts, stopped by *Drawing Books: A Tribute to Ed Emberley* by Caleb Neelon in the Children's Room.



Display Spotlight: Lumon Industries takes the Library in this *Severance* display curated by staff member Francesca!

Hive Workshops for April 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**

HYBRID 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.

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.

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.



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.

Vinyl Cutting 101 **HYBRID** 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.

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.

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 - April 2025

Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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Equipment and Studio
Reservations
1:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Studio Recording 101
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM

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Sewing 101
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

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

Fiber Arts Adventure with
Lenni: A Machine-Sewing
Workshop Series (Main)
5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

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Hive Safety Training
(Main)
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Serger Training
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Equipment and Studio
Reservations
2:00 PM - 8:30 PM

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Equipment and Studio
Reservations
9:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Vinyl Cutting 101
3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

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Zing Laser Cutting 101
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Studio Recording 101
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Vinyl Cutting 101
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Equipment and Studio
Reservations
1:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Sewing 101
5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

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

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3D Printing 101: Game
Piece Design
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

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

Fiber Arts Adventure with
Lenni: A Machine-Sewing
Workshop Series (Main)
5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

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Sewing 101
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

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

Equipment and Studio
Reservations
2:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Videography 101
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM

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Serger Training
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Equipment and Studio
Reservations
11:30 AM - 4:30 PM

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Sewing 101
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

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

Equipment and Studio
Reservations
1:30 PM - 4:30 PM

XR Lab 101
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

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Hive Safety Training
(Virtual)
1:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Zing Laser Cutting 101
2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

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Equipment and Studio
Reservations
1:00 PM - 6:30 PM

3D Printing 101: Game
Piece Design
7:00 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

Fiber Arts Adventure with
Lenni: A Machine-Sewing
Workshop Series (Main)
5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

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Sewing 101
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Digital Embroidery
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Equipment and Studio
Reservations
2:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Studio Recording 101
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM

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Equipment and Studio
Reservations
9:30 AM - 4:30 PM

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FixIt Clinic
(Main)
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Vinyl Cutting 101
3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

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Equipment and Studio
Reservations
1:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Videography 101
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

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Vinyl Cutting 101
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

STEAM Storytelling
Workshop (Main)
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Fiber Arts Adventure with
Lenni: A Machine-Sewing
Workshop Series (Main)
5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

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

Equipment and Studio
Reservations
2:00 PM - 6:30 PM

3D Printing 101: Game
Piece Design
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

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Sewing 101
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

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

Equipment and Studio
Reservations
1:00 PM - 4:30 PM

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Equipment and Studio
Reservations
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Studio Recording 101
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XR Lab 101
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3D Printing 101: Game
Piece Design
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Equipment and Studio
Reservations
1:00 PM - 6:30 PM

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Hive Teen Hangout
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Reservations
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