

July 2025



EVENTS *at the* CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Events



Evening Yoga at the CPL IN-PERSON

Thursday, July 3, 6-7 p.m.

Thursday, July 24, 6-7 p.m.

📍 Joan Lorentz Park

Shayla Tate of M.U.D.D. Flower Yoga leads us through a 60-minute outdoor evening flow. **Registration is preferred but not required.** The Library will not provide any materials - please bring your own mat and whatever items are in your practice. In case of inclement weather, the event will take place in the Community Room.

SERVICE ALERT

All Library locations will be closed Friday, July 4, for Independence Day.

Summer Sundays will take place at the O'Neill Branch Library from July 6 through August 24. Sunday service at the Main Library will resume Sunday, September 7.

The Valente Branch Library is closed until further notice due to a maintenance issue.



Tai Chi Under the Tree IN-PERSON

Thursday, July 10, 6-7 p.m.

📍 Joan Lorentz Park

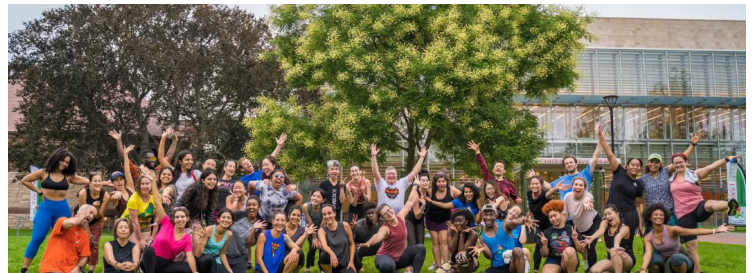
Explore Qigong warm-ups and the elements of Tai Chi with instructor Ellen DeGenova. This class offers highly adaptable and accessible ways of moving for everyone. No experience necessary. A seated option will be available. **Registration is preferred but not required.**

'Froca Fitness Series IN-PERSON

Saturday, July 26, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

📍 Joan Lorentz Park

Back by popular demand: Join us on outside the Main Library for an hour of electrifying, hip-whining, and upbeat African and Caribbean fusion dance fitness class with founder and instructor Sylver! In case of inclement weather, 'Froca Fitness will be held in the Community Room on L2. **Registration is required.**



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

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instagram [@cambridgepubliclibrary](https://www.instagram.com/cambridgepubliclibrary)

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facebook www.facebook.com/CambridgePL

VIRTUAL Virtual event

IN-PERSON In-person event

HYBRID In-person event with option to attend virtually



Cambridge Public Library

Summer Reading

June 21 - August 15, 2025

Summer Reading Bingo will run from June 21 through August 15, 2025. Register online starting June 1, then print or pick up your bingo board from any Library location. Visit camb.ma/summerreading to learn more. See below for special Summer Reading events happening across all branches! All Summer Reading programs are in-person and no registration is required, unless otherwise noted. Funding for Summer Reading has been generously provided by the City of Cambridge, Cambridge Public Library Foundation and Friends of the Cambridge Public Library.

Adult

Let's Get CRAFTSY!

Tuesday, July 8, 2-4 p.m.

📍 Main Library

Experience the Library's free online crafting resource, Craftsy. We'll sample content, share tips and tricks, and get you ready to start your next creative project! Please bring your Cambridge Public Library card to this session.

The Life of Colors: Stanley Whitney at the ICA

HYBRID

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

📍 Main Library

Join Tessa Bachi Haas, ICA/Boston Assistant Curator, for a deep dive into *Stanley Whitney: How High the Moon*, the first retrospective to trace the evolution of Stanley Whitney's unique and powerful abstractions. **Registration is required for Zoom participants**, but not for in-person attendance.

Summer Art Nights: Acrylic Painting

Wednesday, July 9, 5-7 p.m.

📍 Main Library

Enjoy an art-filled evening learning the techniques of acrylic painting. In partnership with artist Brooke Lambert, a professional printmaker and painter, she will take you through this guided art class. The library will provide all materials. **Registration is required.**

Wikipedia Edit-a-thon: Artists of Color

Saturday, July 19, 1-4 p.m.

📍 Main Library

Join us as we edit and create Wikipedia pages related to artists of color! At an edit-a-thon, people work together to contribute to Wikipedia, often focusing on expanding our knowledge of underrepresented groups. No experience necessary! Laptops will be provided.

Artful Evenings: Open Crafting for Adults

Monday, July 28, 6-7:30 p.m.

📍 O'Neill

Bring your own project or start something new with our assortment of materials and supplies. Enjoy a casual evening and connect with others. Snacks provided! Registration is helpful but not required.

Craft & Art Supply Swap

Tuesday, July 29, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

📍 Main Library

Exchange your surplus paint, fabric, fiber, and other supplies with fellow crafters and artists in the community! Donations accepted at the Main Library Q&A desk starting July 19. Make & Mend Somerville has generously offered to accept leftover supplies, so please make sure your donations follow their guidelines: <https://makeandmendshop.com/pages/donate>.

Youth

Story Time with José Mateo Ballet Theatre

Thursday, July 2, 2-3 p.m.

📍 O'Connell

Join us for a read aloud and learn some ballet moves. Recommended for children ages 0-7 with a caregiver.

DIY Friendship Bracelets

Wednesday, July 2, 2-2:45 p.m.

📍 Main Library

Make colorful friendship bracelets to let your friends know how much you care! Recommended for children ages 7+.

Community Build

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

📍 O'Neill

Let your imagination run wild with LEGOs, Magna-Tiles and other building toys. For children ages 5 and up. Children under age 7 must be accompanied by a caregiver. LEGO pieces are choking hazards for young children.

Crafternoon Perler Beads

Thursday, July 3, 2-3 p.m.

📍 Collins

Instructions and supplies will be provided for an afternoon activity. Work with Perler Beads to follow a pattern or create your own unique design. We'll fuse the finished product into place for you to take home. Recommended for ages 6-12 with a caregiver.

Take and Make Tiny Art

Thursday, July 3, 5-6:30 p.m.

📍 Collins

Stop by before the holiday weekend to pick up a tiny art kit.

Paint your own miniature masterpiece with a watercolor set, wooden easel and two-inch canvas. If you're playing Summer Bingo, use this kit to complete the square: **create something inspired by a book.**

Bug Walk

Wednesday, July 9, 12-1:30 p.m.

📍 Boudreau

Join us for a walk at Fresh Pond as we explore the wonderful world of bugs! We will learn about some common local insects, arachnids, and other invertebrates, and get to know some plants that host lots of local bug species.

Dance Workshop with Jean Appolon Expressions

Wednesday, July 9, 4-5 p.m.

📍 Central Square

This accessible class incorporates fun, expressive rhythms from Haitian Folklore. For kids of all ages and their caregivers.

Storytelling with Ben Cunningham

Wednesday, July 9, 4-5 p.m.

📍 O'Connell

Wednesday, July 16, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

📍 Boudreau

Musical instruments bring stories to life in this interactive show. Recommended for children ages 5 and up with a caregiver.

Crafternoon Dinosaur Airplanes

Thursday, July 10, 2-3 p.m.

📍 Collins

Instructions and supplies will be provided for an afternoon activity. Learn to fold paper airplanes inspired by flying dinosaurs. We'll follow complex instructions and share flying tips to make these Jurassic models. Recommended for ages 6-12 with a caregiver.

Bingo Friday

Friday, July 11, 2-2:45 p.m.

📍 Main Library

Five squares in a row and BINGO! Join us for an hour of this fun, exciting game. Recommended for children ages 6+ and their caregivers.

Take and Make Sticker Art

Friday, July 11, 3:30-5 p.m.

📍 Collins

Stop by to pick up an activity before the weekend. Choose a "Paint by Sticker" design to take home. Match the numbered stickers to the numbered spaces and watch your artwork come alive. Recommended for children ages 6-12, while supplies last.

Community Celebration with Little Uprisings

Saturday, July 12, 2-3 p.m.

📍 O'Neill

Explore the meaning of neighborhood, community and equity through stories, activities and games. Recommended for children ages 5 and up with a caregiver.

Live Animal Program with Harvard Alpaca Ranch

Monday, July 14, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

📍 O'Connell

Wednesday, July 16, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

📍 Collins

Meet a live alpaca and learn about these gentle farm animals. This outdoor event will move indoors or be postponed in the event of rain. All ages.

Beading for Reading

Tuesday, July 15, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

📍 O'Neill

Make a beaded bracelet or keychain to help keep track of your Summer Reading in a fun and creative way! All ages.

Capoeira for Everyone with Mass Capoeira

Tuesday, July 15, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

📍 Main Library

This demonstration and interactive practice showcases the fluid, acrobatic movements that define the dynamic art form. All ages.

Dinosaurs! with Dinoman

Wednesday, July 16, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

📍 O'Neill

Saturday, July 26, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

📍 Main

Join us on a trip through the Mesozoic era. Lookout for inflatable dinosaurs! Recommended for children ages 4 and up and their caregivers.

Live Animal Story Time with Land's Sake Farm

Wednesday, July 16, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

📍 Central Square

Thursday, July 17, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

📍 Collins

Listen to stories and interact with live animals. All ages.

Teen Journaling

Thursday, July 17, 5-6 p.m.

📍 O'Connell

We'll provide a blank journal for you to decorate and write whatever you feel. Recommended for ages 12-18.

Hooping Program with Wild Kat Hoops

Friday, July 18, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

📍 Main

Tuesday, July 29, 2-3 p.m.

📍 **O'Neill**

Learn basic hula hoop moves while increasing strength, balance and agility. Recommended for children ages 6 and up with a caregiver.

Live Animal Program with Mass Audubon

Tuesday, July 22, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

📍 **Boudreau**

Tuesday, July 29, 2-3 p.m.

📍 **Main**

Meet wildlife ambassadors and ask questions to learn how to protect them. For children of all ages and their caregivers.

Stay Cool Craft

Friday, July 18, 2-3 p.m.

📍 **Boudreau**

Join us for a nice, cool afternoon of crafting at the Boudreau branch. All crafting materials will be provided by the library. This event is intended for school-age children.

Kamishibai Storytelling with Yumi Izuyama

Tuesday, July 22, 2-3 p.m.

📍 **O'Connell**

Kamishibai, or Japanese Paper Theater, is a picture-based storytelling performance featuring folktales. Recommended for children ages 3-9 with a caregiver.

Open Painting

Tuesday, July 22, 3:30-5 p.m.

📍 **O'Neill**

We will provide washable tempera paint, brushes and canvasses. Wear clothes suitable for messy activities!

Music and Movement with Rockabye Beats

Wednesday, July 23, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

📍 **Central Square**

Sing, play and dance with this bilingual Spanish/English music class. Recommended for children ages 0-5 with a caregiver.

Movie Night

Wednesday, July 23, 6-7:30 p.m.

📍 **Boudreau**

Join us at the Boudreau Branch as we watch a movie together. There will be pizza available!

Swifties Sing Along

Wednesday, July 23, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

📍 **O'Connell**

Are you in your library era? Celebrate your favorite singer-songwriter and make friendship bracelets. Recommended for ages 10-18.

Bingo Book Story Time

Friday, July 25, 11-11:45 a.m.

📍 **Collins**

Join us for a special story time featuring books to match a square on this summer's bingo board for young children. Today, we will read stories featuring collage illustrations and create something inspired by the books. Recommended for ages birth to five with a caregiver.

Chalk Art

Friday, July 25, 3-4 p.m.

Tuesday, July 29, 3-4 p.m.

📍 **O'Connell**

Decorate the reading garden with sidewalk chalk. All ages! Children 7 and under must have a caregiver.

Take and Make Paper Masks

Friday, July 25, 3:30-5 p.m.

📍 **Collins**

Stop by to pick up an activity before the weekend. Choose a paper mask template to take home; then color, cut and assemble. Recommended for ages 4-10, while supplies last. Crayons/markers, scissors and glue/tape not provided.

Artful Evenings: Open Crafting for Adults

Monday, July 28, 6-7:30 p.m.

📍 **O'Neill**

Unleash your creativity at our open crafting program for adults! Bring your own project 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 helpful but not required.

Pajama Story Time Outdoors at the Fresh Pond Apartments

Tuesday, July 29, 6:45-7:30 p.m.

📍 **O'Neill**

Come to the playground 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. This summer Pajama Story Time will happen outside in the playground area at the Fresh Pond Apartments. In case of bad weather, the story time will happen inside the Community Room of 362 Rindge Ave.

Bug Walk

Wednesday, July 30, 12-1:30 p.m.

📍 **Boudreau**

Join us for a walk at Fresh Pond as we explore the wonderful world of bugs! We will learn about some common local insects, arachnids, and other invertebrates, and get to know some plants that host lots of local bug species.

Workshops

Smartphone Photography (55+) IN-PERSON

Wednesdays, July 2 - September 24,
10:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.

📍 Main Library

This 12-week class will not only teach you to take the best possible smartphone photos, but how to edit your photos to make them look as good as they possibly can. We will also cover how to organize the photos on your phone. You need only bring two things to this class: your smartphone and your imagination. **Registration is required.**

Wellness for Older Adults: Low-impact Fitness

VIRTUAL

Mondays, July 7 - 28 11-11:45 a.m.

📍 Zoom

This class is designed for people of all levels to strengthen the muscles, the heart and the brain--all while having fun and moving to great music! Come as you are and take everything at your own pace. You will feel the benefits in mind and body! **Registration for each session is required.** A Zoom link will be sent to all registered participants 1 hour before the event.

Basic Tech Classes IN-PERSON

📍 Main Library

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

Central Square

- Intro to LinkedIn Learning
Saturday, July 26, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Main

- Google Drive Basics
Tuesday, July 15, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Google Drive Tips and Tricks
Tuesday, July 22, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

O'Neill

- Google Drive Basics
Tuesday, July 8, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Virtual

- Intro to LinkedIn Learning
Wednesday, July 30, 6-7 p.m.

Expressive Art for Older Adults: Beading Workshop IN-PERSON

Friday, July 25, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

📍 Main Library

Learn the basics of beaded jewelry making and the difference between semi-precious stones and precious stones. Participants will keep all pieces they make. This will be an in-person program at the Valente Branch. Space is limited to 10 participants. Led by Zangar Freeman.

LIBRARY LOCATIONS/PHONE/HOURS

Main Library

449 Broadway | 617-349-4040
Mon-Thu 9-9, Fri-Sat 9-5

Boudreau

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

Central Square

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

Collins Branch

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

O'Connell

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

O'Neill

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

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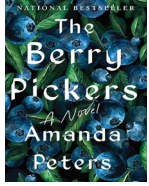
826 Cambridge St. | 617-349-4015
The Valente Branch Library is closed until further notice.

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

Book Groups

Adult Book Groups

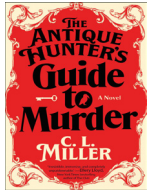
Boudreau



Boudreau Branch Book Group

HYBRID

Wednesday, July 16, 12-1 p.m. *The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters



Boudreau Branch Mystery Book Group

HYBRID

Tuesday, July 22, 12-1 p.m. *The Antique Hunter's Guide to Murder* by C.L. Miller

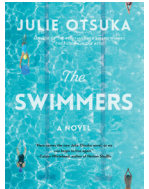
Central Square



Short Story Reading Group

IN-PERSON

Wednesday, July 9, 6-7:30 p.m. Story TBD!



Central Square Book Group

IN-PERSON

Wednesday, July 16, 6:30-7:30 p.m. *Swimmers* by Julie Otsuka



Central Square Branch Cookbook Group

IN-PERSON

Thursday, July 24, 6:30-7:30 p.m. *Keep it Zesty: A Celebration of Lebanese Flavors and Culture* by Edy Messih

Collins



Collins Branch Book Group

IN-PERSON

Wednesday, July 2, 6-7 p.m. *Ripe Figs: Recipes and Stories from Turkey, Greece, and Cyprus* by Yasmin Khan



Climate Action Book Club

IN-PERSON

Thursday, July 10, 6-7:30 p.m. *Twelve Trees: The Deep Roots of Our Future* by Daniel Lewis



Collins Branch Book Group

IN-PERSON

Thursday, July 24, 6-7 p.m. *The Honjin Murders* by Seishi Yokomizo

Main Library



Romance Book Group

IN-PERSON

Tuesday, July 8, 7:15-8:15 p.m. *A Tropical Rebel Gets the Duke* by Adriana Herrera



Bring Your Own Book

IN-PERSON

Wednesday, July 16, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Join for a casual discussion of your recent reads relating to a monthly theme from your Summer Reading Bingo Board. No specific book required! This month's theme is: **read a book translated from another language**. Enjoy light snacks, good company, and great book recommendations from your fellow readers!

O'Connell



Adult Book Group

IN-PERSON

Tuesday, July 15, 6:30-7:30 p.m. *The Sympathizer* by Viet Thanh Nguyen

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O'Neill Branch Book Group

IN-PERSON

Monday, July 14, 6:30-7:30 p.m. *Three Junes* by Julia Glass

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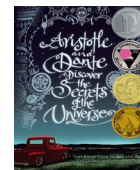
Valente Branch Book Group

IN-PERSON

Wednesday, July 16, 12-1 p.m. *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt

Children's Book Groups

Central Square



Books Not Binaries Reading Group

IN-PERSON

Wednesday, July 30 6-7 p.m.

Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe by Benjamin Alire Sáenz (Ages 10-13)

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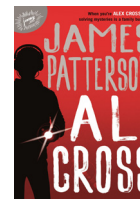


Parent/Child Book Group

IN-PERSON

Tuesday, July 8, 6-6:45 p.m. *Julieta and the Diamond Enigma* by Luisana Duarte Armendáriz

O'Connell



Graphics Are Great! Book Group

HYBRID

Tuesday, July 22, 4-5 p.m. *Ali Cross* by James Patterson (Ages 8-12)



Middle Grade Mystery Book Group

HYBRID

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

The Case of the Missing Marquess by (Enola Holmes #1) by Nancy Springer

Branch Events

Boudreau

NEW! Baby Lapsit

Mondays, 11-11:30 a.m.

Bounces and rhymes for our youngest library patrons.
Recommended for babies 0-18 months and their caregivers.

Knitting Group

Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Bring your project, yarn, and needles to enjoy an hour in the company of other crafters.

One-on-One Tech Help

Wednesday, July 2 and July 16, 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, July 7 and July 21, 5-6 p.m.

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

Coffee, Cribbage and Chess!

Friday, July 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!

Central Square

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, 4-5 p.m.

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

Cake Swap

Saturday, July 12, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Calling all bakers for a cake potluck! Make a cake and come bring it to share with others. Everyone will go home with slices of different cakes to sample.

Various baking and cake cookbooks are available for pickup at the Branch.

Paint Night

Tuesday, July 29, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Come meet your neighbors for some casual painting. We'll have all the supplies -- just bring your creativity.

For those who are interested, you can contribute your mini painting to our September Great Big Tiny Art Show Gallery.

Collins

CPL Nature Club: Fresh Pond Nature Walk

Wednesday, July 9, 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.

LITERACY CENTER PROGRAMS

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

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.

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

Friday, July 18, 10:15-11:30 a.m.

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

Cozy Crafternoon

Friday, July 18, 3:30-5 p.m.

Come get creative at Collins! Join your neighbors at this casual, self-guided afternoon craft session for adults. Bring your own projects or start something new with assorted materials provided. No expertise required, snacks provided, registration encouraged.

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.

One-on-One Tech Help

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

📍 Learning Lab

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

Puzzle Party

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

📍 Rossi Room

Join our librarians for tea, cookies and a jigsaw puzzle. An hour of fun and conversation on a Thursday afternoon. Refreshments will be provided. The April 17 meeting will be a puzzle swap! Donate your gently used jigsaw puzzles and take home some fun, new puzzles!

Librarian Office Hours

Tuesday, July 21, 2-4 p.m.

📍 Rossi Room

Visit with our librarians in this informal session – no appointment needed! We can connect you to the reliable information you need and the popular entertainment you want. Come with your questions or let us guide you to some hidden gems.

Regular Programs for Children and Families

Boudreau

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

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

Central Square

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

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

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

📍 Lewis Room

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

📍 Lewis Room

Collins

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

Evening Family Story Time Wednesdays, 5:30-6:00 p.m.

Main Library

Morning Sing-Along Mondays and Wednesdays, 11-11:25 a.m.

📍 Curious George Room

LEGO Time Ages 5+ Mondays, 4-4:45 p.m.

📍 Curious George Room

Toddler Story Time Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11-11:25 a.m.

📍 Rey Room

Preschool Story Time Tuesdays, 4-4:25 p.m.

📍 Rey Room

Baby Lapsit 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.

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

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

Valente

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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.

CPL Nature Club: Elder Walks

Thursday, July 3 and July 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 and the neighborhood mindfully with a gentle walk and draw on contemplative practices. What to bring: layered clothing, comfortable shoes and water. Where to meet: O'Connell Branch entrance on 6th Street. **Registration is required.**

Paint Party

Tuesday, July 8, 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 painting. We'll provide the tea and light refreshments. No experience necessary. All are welcome. **Registration is required.**

Middle Grade Mystery Writing Group

Monday, July 14 and July 28, 2:30-3 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. For questions, please email cmeisler@cambridgema.gov.

Evening Family Story Time

Wednesday, July 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.

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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.

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, 3:30-5 p.m. **Please note new summer hours**

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.

One-on-One Tech Help by Appointment

Wednesdays, July 2, 16 and 30 10-10:30 a.m.

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

Drop-In Tech Help

Wednesdays, July 2, 16 and 30 10:45-11:45 a.m.

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

Drop-In Maker Studio

Saturday, July 5, 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.

Kids' Zine Collective

Friday, July 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!

CPL Nature Club: Seed, Plant and Garden Swap

Saturday, July 26, 2-3 p.m.

Bring extra seeds, plants or harvested items from your garden to swap at the Library! We will also have seeds, soil and biodegradable pots so you can plant flowers and vegetables to grow in the late summer and fall. All ages welcome!

Valente

The Valente Branch Library is closed until further notice. Some programs will be relocated. Stay tuned for Valente on the Move!

Save the Date

Summer Art Nights: Printmaking IN-PERSON

Wednesday, August 6, 5-7 p.m.

📍 Main Library Rossi Room

Enjoy an art filled evening learning the techniques of printmaking. In partnership with artist Brooke Lambert, a professional printmaker and painter, she will take you through this guided art class. The library will provide all materials. Registration is required.

Summer Reading: A Library of Rare and Familiar Colors IN-PERSON

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

📍 Main Library

Join Conservation Coordinator Alison Cariens for a closer look at pigments in the Harvard Art Museums' famed Forbes Pigment Collection. In this illustrated talk, Alison will discuss the history of the collection, the function of the materials within the conservation labs, and the significance of the collection as a "library of color." No registration required.

Summer Reading: A Closer Look at the Forbes Pigment Collection IN-PERSON

Wednesday, August 6, 2-3:30 p.m.

📍 Harvard Art Museum

Join Conservation Coordinator Alison Cariens for a closer look at pigments in the famed Forbes Pigment Collection at the Harvard Art Museums.

This event will take place at the Harvard Art Museums. Registration is required but does not guarantee entry. By registering here, you are joining the pool of interested patrons. From this pool, eight names will be drawn randomly. All registrants, whether selected to attend or not, will be notified of their status one week in advance.

Highlights from June



Dave Macklin Band celebrates Juneteenth with iconic hits from Black artists.



Kristen Arnett and Jill McDonough discuss Arnett's latest novel, *Stop Me If You've Heard This One*.



Patrons at the O'Neill Branch enjoy story time featuring a special guest, Mama the duck!

Hive Workshops for July 2025

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



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



Hive Safety Training **IN-PERSON** or **VIRTUAL** Learn about our makerspace, how to utilize the resources we offer and how to keep safe in The Hive. The training includes a tour of The Hive, either in-person or virtually.

Certification Workshops

3D Printing 101: Game Piece Design **IN-PERSON** Learn how to create your favorite game piece in digital space and print it out using our Prusa 3D printers.

Digital Embroidery 101 **IN-PERSON** Want to learn how to create custom clothing and other fiber projects with embroidered text? In this workshop, you'll use a digital embroidery machine to stitch personalized designs and take home a unique piece.

This class is for those with prior sewing machine experience. If you're new to sewing, we recommend taking our Sewing 101 workshop first.

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

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

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

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

Studio Recording 101 **IN-PERSON** Are you interested in podcasting, audio production, or video production? Join this workshop to become familiar with studio equipment and software.

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

Vinyl Cutting 101 **IN-PERSON** Would you like to make your own vinyl signs, stickers, or images to transfer to T-shirts and other textiles? Learn how to use our Roland Camm-1 GS-24 vinyl cutter.

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

Zing Laser Cutting 101 **IN-PERSON** Learn how to use our Epilog Zing to laser cut, engrave and shape designs from a variety of materials.

Equipment and Studio Reservations

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

Other Programs

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

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

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

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

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

Hive Calendar - July 2025

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		Zing Laser Cutting 101 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Hive Safety Training (Virtual) 8:00 PM - 8:30 PM		Equipment and Studio Reservations 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM
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