

December 2025



## EVENTS *at the* CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

### Events



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

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

📍 Main Library Lecture Hall

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

In the second session, debunk myths and trace the evolution of the public memory of George Washington in Cambridge, Massachusetts, featuring:

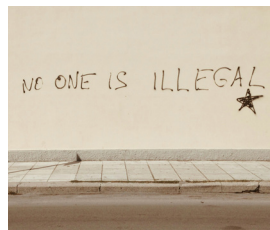
- J.L. Bell, author of *The Road to Concord: How Four Stolen Cannon Ignited the Revolutionary War* and proprietor of Boston1775.net
- Charles Sullivan, co-author of *Building Old Cambridge: Architecture and Development* and Executive Director of the Cambridge Historical Commission

#### Know Your Rights: Information Session for TPS Recipients IN-PERSON

Tuesday, December 2, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

📍 Central Square

Join us for a Know Your Rights presentation led by an attorney from De Novo. This session will



### SERVICE ALERT

All Library locations will be closed on Wednesday, December 24, and Thursday, December 25, for Christmas.

All library locations will close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, December 31.

All Library locations will be closed Thursday, January 1, 2026, for New Year's Day.

share important updates for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) recipients, including: How to renew your TPS; Work permit and travel information; Legal supports and available resources. Registration is encouraged, and pizza will be provided.

#### Wellness Art Wednesday: Snowy House Luminaria

IN-PERSON

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

📍 Main Library Community Room

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

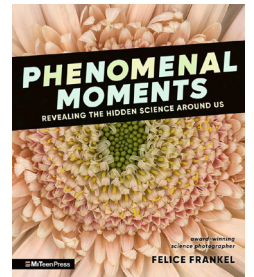


#### Felice Frankel presents: *Phenomenal Moments: Revealing the Hidden Science Around Us* IN-PERSON

Wednesday, December 3, 6-7:30 p.m.

📍 Main Library Lecture Hall

Harvard Book Store, the Harvard University Division of Science, the Harvard Library, and the Cambridge Public Library welcome Felice Frankel—award-winning science photographer and research scientist at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in the department of Chemical Engineering—for a discussion of her first book for young adults, *Phenomenal Moments: Revealing the Hidden Science Around Us*. **Registration is required.**



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VIRTUAL Virtual event

IN-PERSON In-person event

HYBRID In-person event with option to attend virtually

## Our Path Forward Lecture: Rachel Slade, author of *Making It in America* HYBRID

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

📍 Main Library Lecture Hall

Join the Cambridge Public Library in welcoming Rachel Slade, author of *Making It in America: The Almost Impossible Quest to Manufacture in the U.S.A. (And How It Got That Way)*—as well as the national bestseller, *Into the Raging Sea*—for the latest installment of the Our Path Forward Lecture Series. Slade's book follows a young couple in Maine trying to kickstart a lost industry. After the lecture, Slade will answer questions from the audience. **Registration is required.**

## Choosing Kindness: *Wonder*, the Movie IN-PERSON

Saturday, December 6, 1:30-4 p.m.

📍 Main Library Lecture Hall

Please join the Cambridge Public Library and the American Repertory Theater for an afternoon of *Wonder*! To celebrate the much-anticipated new A.R.T. musical "*Wonder*," we'll be watching the 2017 movie adaptation of R.J. Palacio's book. Enjoy the movie on the big screen in our Lecture Hall, then browse our display of related books. All attendees will have the opportunity to enter a drawing for four free tickets to a performance of "*Wonder*" at the A.R.T.

## AI and Us Town Hall: Your Voice Belongs in the Future of AI IN-PERSON

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

📍 Main Library

AI is the most transformative technology of our time, but who's deciding its future? Join us for an inclusive, intergenerational gathering where the voices too often left out of technology innovation are placed at the center of the conversation. This Town Hall is about more than understanding AI — it's about recognizing and using our collective power to shape what comes next.

## Workshops

### Aging with Mindfulness VIRTUAL

Mondays, 9-10 a.m.

📍 Zoom

This program, led by Zeenat Potia, will introduce and utilize mindfulness techniques to help us examine and regulate everyday life changes with a focus on aging. Participants will learn and benefit from the development of a mindfulness practice to enable responding to getting older in a calm, clear and thoughtful manner. **Registration is required.**

### Wellness for Older Adults: Zumba VIRTUAL

Mondays, 11-11:45 a.m.

📍 Zoom

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

### Bicycle Workshop: Rules of the Road IN-PERSON

Wednesday, December 3, 6-7 p.m.

📍 Valente

Join the Cambridge Community Development Department for a bicycle workshop on learning the rules of the road, general safety tips, routing ideas, and more. **Registration is required.**

### Wednesday Night Creative Writing Group

IN-PERSON

Wednesday, December 10, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

📍 Main Library Community Room

Writers of all experience levels are invited to join a casual, peer-supported writing group. Participants take turns bringing short in-progress or completed pieces of any genre. The group reads several pieces each month, sharing feedback and constructive criticism in a supportive and inclusive environment. We may practice in-class writing exercises and read samples of published writing as time allows. **Registration is required.**

### Basic Tech Classes

Join us for Basic Tech Classes this December! Learn how to use email, search the internet, and grow your tech skills. Pick and choose the classes that are right for you. Look for new classes each month. **Registration is encouraged but not required.**

📍 Main Library

Tuesday, December 9, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Cybersecurity Basics: How to Recognize and Avoid Online Scams

Tuesday, December 16, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Google Photos Basics

# Give the Gift of Stories You Love

Donate new children's and young adult books to the Cambridge Public Library for families currently living in transitional housing. We are collecting new, unwrapped books for youth of all ages - infants through teens.

Porter Square Books is offering a 20% discount toward any books purchased for this project. Use coupon code CPLgift2025

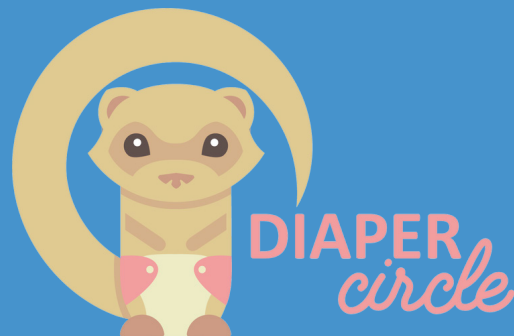
Now through January!



Use the QR code above to shop our online wish list with Porter Square Books.



**Main Library Children's Room**  
449 Broadway | (617) 349-4038  
[cambridgepubliclibrary.org](http://cambridgepubliclibrary.org)



## Diaper Circle Donations

Residents with unused diapers can drop them off at the main branch of the Cambridge Public Library for collection by Diaper Circle ([diapercircle.org](http://diapercircle.org)). Diaper Circle is a local nonprofit that partners with area cities, hospitals, and family organizations to distribute diapers to families in need. Over the past decade, the organization has provided nearly 550,000 diapers throughout the community.

### Why Diaper Donations are Important:

- 1 in 2 families face diaper need (the inability to afford diapers)
- WIC and SNAP (food stamps) do not cover diapers
- babies often outgrow a size before a package is finished

### What We Accept:

- new, unopened packs of diapers
- opened packs of diapers
- loose diapers (clean, of course!)





## LITERACY CENTER PROGRAMS

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

### **Beginner ESOL** IN-PERSON

Mondays, 1-2:30 p.m.

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

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

### **High Beginner ESOL** IN-PERSON

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

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1-2:30 p.m.

### **Intermediate ESOL** IN-PERSON

Mondays, 1-2:30 p.m.

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

### **Advanced ESOL** IN-PERSON

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

### **Résumé & Job Application Support** IN-PERSON

Wednesdays, 1-3 p.m.

## Regular Programs for Children and Families

### **Boudreau**

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

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

### **Central Square**

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

 **Lewis Room**

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

 **Children's Room**

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

 **Children's Room**

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

 **Lewis Room**

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

 **Lewis Room**

### **Collins**

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

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

### **Main Library**

Morning Sing-Along

**Mondays and Wednesdays, 11-11:25 a.m.**

 **Curious George Room**

LEGO Time Ages 5+

**Mondays, 4-4:45 p.m.**

 **Curious George Room**

Toddler Story Time

**Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11-11:25 a.m.**

 **Rey Room**

Preschool Story Time

**Tuesdays, 4-4:25 p.m.**

 **Rey Room**

Baby Lapsit

**Wednesdays, 10-10:20 a.m.**

 **Rey Room**

Afternoon Sing-Along

**Thursdays, 4-4:25 p.m.**

 **Curious George Room**

### **O'Connell**

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

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

### **O'Neill**

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

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

### **Valente**

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

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

## LIBRARY LOCATIONS/PHONE/HOURS

### **Main Library**

449 Broadway | 617-349-4040

Mon-Thu 9-9, Fri-Sat 9-5, Sun 1-5 (Sept-June)

### **Boudreau**

245 Concord Ave. | 617-349-4017

Mon-Wed 10-8, Thu-Fri 10-6

### **Central Square**

45 Pearl St. | 617-349-4010

Mon 10-6, Tue-Thurs 10-9, Fri 10-6, Sat 10-2

### **Collins Branch**

64 Aberdeen Ave. | 617-349-4021

Mon 10-6, Tues-Thurs 10-8, Fri 10-6

### **O'Connell**

48 Sixth St. | 617-349-4019

Mon 10-6, Tue-Thurs 10-8, Fri 10-6

### **O'Neill**

70 Rindge Ave. | 617-349-4023

Mon-Wed 10-8, Thurs-Fri 10-6, Sat 1-5

### **Valente**

826 Cambridge St. | 617-349-4015

Mon-Wed 10-8, Thurs-Fri 10-6, Sat 1-5

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



# Book Groups



## Adult Book Groups

### Boudreau

Boudreau Branch Book Group

**HYBRID**

Wednesday, December 10,  
12-1 p.m.

*Tell Me Everything* by Elizabeth  
Strout

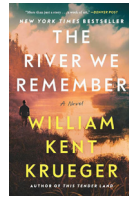


Boudreau Branch Mystery  
Book Group

**HYBRID**

Tuesday, December 23,  
12-1 p.m.

*The River We Remember* by William  
Kent Krueger



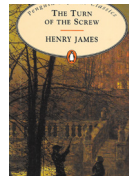
### Central Square

Central Square Short Story  
Reading Group

**IN-PERSON**

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

*"The Turn of the Screw"* by Henry  
James

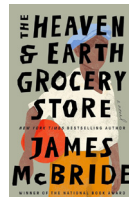


Central Square Branch Book  
Group

**IN-PERSON**

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

*The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* by  
James McBride



Cookbook and Community Potluck

**IN-PERSON**

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

*The complete autumn & winter  
cookbook : 550+ recipes for  
warming dinners, holiday roasts,  
seasonal desserts, breads, food  
gifts, and more* by America's Test  
Kitchen



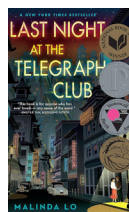
### Collins

Collins Branch Book  
Group

**IN-PERSON**

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

*Last Night at the Telegraph Club* by  
Malinda Lo



Climate Action Book Club

**IN-PERSON**

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

*Documentary: 2040* by Damon  
Gameau



### Main Library

Great Books Book Group

**IN-PERSON**

Tuesday, December 2, 7-9 p.m.

"The Drunken Boat," "Vowels,"  
"Eternity," "Memory," "To a  
Reason," and "Dawn" by Arthur  
Rimbaud

Tuesday, December 16, 7-9 p.m.

The Bible



Romance Book Group

**IN-PERSON**

Tuesday, December 9,  
7:15-8:15 p.m.

*A Merry Little Meet Cute* by Julie  
Murphy and Sierra Simone



Sustaining Community: A  
Climate Change Book Group

**IN-PERSON**

Monday, December 15,  
7-8:30 p.m.

*This Changes Everything: Capitalism  
vs. the Climate* by Naomi Klein



Contemporary Book Group

**IN-PERSON**

Tuesday, December 16, 6-7 p.m.

*The Lilac People* by Milo Todd



Science Fiction & Fantasy Book Group

**IN-PERSON**

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

Hugo nominated short stories and novelettes

### O'Connell

Adult Book Group

**IN-PERSON**

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

*Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott



### O'Neill

O'Neill Branch Book Group

**IN-PERSON**

Monday, December 15,  
6:30-7:30 p.m.

*In the Midst of Winter* by Isabel Allende



## Children's Book Groups

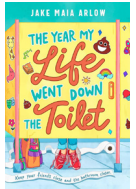
### Central Square

MCBA Book Group

**IN-PERSON**

Wednesday, December 3, 6-7  
p.m.

*The Year My Life Went Down the  
Toilet* by Jake Maia Arlow (9-11)



### Main

Parent/Child Book Group

**IN-PERSON**

Tuesday, December 9, 6-6:45  
p.m.

*Dogtown* by Katherine Applegate  
and Gennifer Choldenko



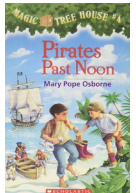
### O'Connell

Magic Tree House Book  
Group

**HYBRID**

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

*Pirates Past Noon* by Mary Pope  
Osborne (5-10)



Merlin Missions Book Group

**HYBRID**

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

*A Ghost Tale For Christmas Time* by  
Mary Pope Osborne (5-10)



Middle Grade Mystery Book  
Group

**HYBRID**

Friday, December 12, 4-5 p.m.

*Smoke and Mirrors* by Rosalyn  
Ransaw



Graphics Are Great! Book  
Group

**HYBRID**

Friday, December 12, 4-5 p.m.

*Four Eyes* by Rex Ogle and Dave  
Valeza (Ages 8-12)



### O'Neill

Kids' Books for Everyone

**will not meet in December.**

**Instead, join us for a book swap on  
December 30 at 6:30 p.m**

# Branch Events

## Boudreau

### Chess Hour

**Mondays, December 1 and December 15, 5-6 p.m.**

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

### Knitting Group

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

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

### One-on-One Tech Help

**Wednesdays, December 3 and December 17, 4-5 p.m.**

Looking for some basic computer or mobile device guidance? Want to learn how to access audiobooks and eBooks? Stop by at the Boudreau branch for our drop-in hours! Drop-in sessions will be limited to 30 minutes for each patron. **Registration is strongly encouraged but not required.**

### After-school Craft

**Thursday, December 4, 3-5 p.m.**

**Thursday, December 18, 3-5 p.m.**

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

- December 4: 3D Pens
- December 18: Button Making

### Watercolor Workshop

**Monday, December 8, 5:30-7:30 p.m.**

In this class you will be introduced to painting with watercolor, including techniques in color mixing, observational painting, and composition. At your own pace you will learn how to paint still life using watercolor in a relaxed and welcoming environment. This class will cover wet on wet and wet on dry techniques, masking, pressing, shading and light techniques, ink washes, and pattern making. You will come away from this class with many beautiful watercolor paintings of your own and a greater understanding and appreciation for the medium of watercolor. **Registration is required.**

### Coffee And Games!

**Friday, December 26, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.**

Join us for coffee, treats, and games (Chess, Cribbage, Rummikub, etc.). Bring a friend or meet a new one at the library!

## Central Square

### Meditation Mondays

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

 **Lewis Room**

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

### Remembering Together: Grief Support Group

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

 **Virtual**

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

### Wellness for Older Adults: Chair Yoga

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

 **Lewis Room**

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

### Drop-in Tech Help at the Library

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

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

 **Lewis Room**

Looking for some basic computer or mobile device guidance? Want help using an online resource? Need someone to read your resume and support navigating online job applications? Join us for our drop-in help hours between 4 and 6 p.m. No registration required. If you have any questions, please contact [library@cambridgema.gov](mailto:library@cambridgema.gov).

### Fiber Arts Circle

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

 **Lewis Room**

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

### Fun with Gif-o-Grafts!

**Wednesday, December 10, 4:00-5:00 p.m.**

 **Children's Room**

Turn paper cut-outs into animations with the Gif-O-Graf machine! See your stories come to life! This program will take the place of our weekly After School Stories and Crafts. No registration required. Recommended for children ages 4+ and their caregivers. **No registration required.** If you have any questions, please contact [library@cambridgema.gov](mailto:library@cambridgema.gov).



## Shop Free with The Spot

Saturday, December 13, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Friday, December 19, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

### Lewis Room

Come Shop for Free with The Spot at the Central Square Branch Library. Gear up with fall and winter clothes, accessories, supplies, and more -- all for free! First come, first serve. For more information:

[spotcambridge@karayallc.com](mailto:spotcambridge@karayallc.com).

## Collins

### Homemade Gifts

Tuesday, December 9, 4-4:45 p.m.

Tuesday, December 16, 4-4:45 p.m.

Join us to craft homemade gifts this holiday season. Recommended for children ages 6-12 with a caregiver.

- Tuesday, December 9: Paper Bead Jewelry
- Monday, December 15: Tissue Paper Flowers

### Cozy Crafternoon

Thursday, December 11, 4:30-6 p.m.

Come get creative at Collins! Join your neighbors at this casual, drop-in afternoon craft session for adults. This month will focus on fiber. Bring your work-in-progress or learn the basics of crochet with the yarn and hooks provided. **Registration encouraged.**

### Vacation Week: Noon Year's Eve Party

Wednesday, December 31, 12-1 p.m.

Celebrate the start of 2026 without staying awake until midnight! Play games and create crafts with friends, family and neighbors. For children of all ages and their caregivers.

## Main Library

### Sit 'n' Knit

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

### Rossi Room

Bring your project and enjoy the company of other fiber crafters. Drop-in with this informal group to work on your craft, get inspired, pick up skills and socialize. Knit, embroider, crochet, spin, and mend. Refreshments will be provided.

### Free Drop-In Tutoring for Teens

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 5-6 p.m.

### Teen Room

Need help with a class? Have a question before an exam? Tutors are available to help you! Cambridge School Volunteers and the Library are pleased to offer tutoring services in the Teen Room. **No registration required.**

## One-on-One Tech Help

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

### Learning Lab

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

### Puzzle Party

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

### Rossi Room

Join our librarians for tea, cookies and a jigsaw puzzle. An hour of fun and conversation on a Thursday afternoon. Refreshments will be provided.

### Adult Gaming: Unplugged

Monday, December 1, 6-7:30 p.m.

### Rossi Room

Are you suffering from chronic information overload? Feeling overwhelmed by too much technology in your life? Join us for an evening of old school board gaming! Relax and recharge your internal battery with one of our classic board games or bring your own personal favorite.

### CPL Nature Club: Winter Solstice Stories and STEAM

Friday, December 19, 4-4:45 p.m.

### Curious George Room

Join us for stories and a craft to celebrate the shortest day of the year. Come read, sing, craft and welcome back the light!

## 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.

### Lunch at the Library for Teens

Wednesday, December 3, 1-3 p.m.

Take a break from your studies and join us for lunch! Free pizza will be provided while supplies last and you will have the chance to share your ideas for future events at O'Connell! If you have any dietary restrictions, please call the branch at (617) 349-4019.

### Alphabet Craft Party

Wednesday, December 3, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

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

## Paint Party

**Tuesday, December 9, 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 painting a beautiful art piece, suitable for hanging on your door or wall. Tea and light refreshments provided. **Registration is required.**

## Wiggle Party

**Wednesday, December 10, 5:30-6 p.m.**

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

## Evening Family Story Time

**Wednesday, December 17, 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

### 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**.

## Family STEAM Night: "Adventure of the Missing Color"

**Tuesday, December 2, 6:30-7:15 p.m.**

Science Heroes will present "Adventure of the Missing Color!" Through hands-on experiments and fun, interactive stories, kids will get excited about the science that's all around us as we celebrate the scientists who *color our world* with art!

## One-on-One Tech Help by Appointment

**Wednesday, December 3 and December 17, 10-10:30 a.m.**

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

## Drop-In Tech Help

**Wednesday, December 3 and December 17, 10:45-11:45 a.m.**

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

## English Conversation Class

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

Join us for an English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Conversation Practice. This conversation group is for those with an intermediate or high level of English language skill. No testing is required.

## 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.**

## Cambridge Young Authors' Squad

**Friday, December 5 and December 19, 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/ workshopping, 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 December 19 we will have a guest author – Kendall Kulper.

## Chess Hour

**Saturday, December 6, 3-4 p.m.**

Join us for a game of chess at the O'Neill Branch! Players of all skill levels and all ages are welcome to participate.

## Story Time and Craft: Decorate a Paper Doll

**Tuesday, December 9, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.**

Join us for stories and a craft project! This month we will make paper dolls. For children of all ages and their grown-ups.

## Kids' Zine Collective

**Friday, December 12, 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!

## Read to a Dog

**Saturday, December 13, 2-3 p.m.**

Read with a cuddly friend! Trained therapy dogs provide warm and nonjudgmental reading companions for new or experienced readers up to age 14. Registration for each 10-minute time slot is required and begins on Saturday, December 6 by calling or visiting the O'Neill Branch (617-349-4023).

## Making Holiday Cards and Wrapping Paper

**Monday, December 15, 3:30-5 p.m.**

Kids in 6th, 7th and 8th grade can come to the Library to create hand-made cards and wrapping paper using print-making techniques! Snacks provided.

## Pajama Story Time

**Tuesday, December 16, 6:45-7:30 p.m.**

Come to the library in your pajamas to listen to stories, read with your children, and enjoy a snack before bed! This program is recommended for children of all ages and their caregivers. Pajama Story Time is presented by the Cambridge Public Library and the Center for Families.



## CPL Nature Club: Winter Solstice Celebration

**Saturday, December 20, 3-4:30 p.m.**

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

## Drop-In Maker Studio

**Saturday, December 27, 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' Book Swap for Everyone

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

Bring a kids' book or two to swap and go home with a new book for yourself!

# Valente

## Beginning English Class

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

Join us for an English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Class! This class will be taught at a beginner level. No testing is needed. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call Maria Balestrieri at **617-349-4013**.

## Youth Dungeons and Dragons

**Tuesday, December 2, 9, 16, and 23, 4-5 p.m.**

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

## Cards for Community

**Tuesday, December 2, 6-7 p.m.**

Join us to write holiday cards for your neighbors! We will provide pens, art supplies, and blank cards for you to decorate. You are welcome to bring your own cards if you have them. **Registration is required.**

## 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.

## Read to a Dog

**Thursday, December 4, 3:30-5 p.m.**

**Wednesday, December 17, 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).

## Teen Hangout

**Thursdays, 3:30-5 p.m.**

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

## Wiggle Party

**Wednesday, December 10, 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 a new dance!

## Teen Winter Cookie Decorating

**Monday, December 22, 3:30-5 p.m.**

Decorate cookies with other teens and celebrate winter break. All materials provided.

## Cozy Family Reading Party

**Saturday, December 27, 2-4 p.m.**

Join us for a cozy afternoon reading together. Read your own books from home, or check out something new! The library will provide book ideas, comfy seating, quiet music, and snacks. Board books, coloring, and toys will be available for pre-reading children. (Stuffies and blankies are welcome!) For families with children of all ages.

# Save the Date

## 51st Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Lecture

**HYBRID**

**Wednesday, January 14, 6-7:30 p.m.**

**📍 Main Library Lecture Hall**

Join us for the 51st Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Lecture with Dr. Brandon M. Terry. Dr. Terry is the John L. Loeb Associate Professor of the Social Sciences at Harvard University and Codirector of the Institute on Policing, Incarceration, and Public Safety at the Hutchins Center for African and African American Research. He is the author of *Shattered Dreams, Infinite Hope: A Tragic Vision of the Civil Rights Movement* and is coeditor, with Tommie Shelby, of *To Shape a New World: Essays on the Political Philosophy of Martin Luther King, Jr.* and editor of *Fifty Years Since MLK*. This event is cosponsored by the Mayor's Office, the City Manager's Office, Cambridge Public Library, and the Cambridge Public Library. **Registration is required.**

## Your Fat Friend Documentary Screening

**IN-PERSON**

**Thursday, January 15, 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

**📍 Central Square**

Join us for a screening of Jeanie Finlay's documentary *Your Fat Friend*. Made over 6 years, acclaimed director Jeanie Finlay charts the rise of writer and activist Aubrey Gordon from anonymous blogger to NYTimes best selling author and beloved podcaster. Her aim? A paradigm shift in the way we see fat people and the fat on our own bodies.

# Highlights from November



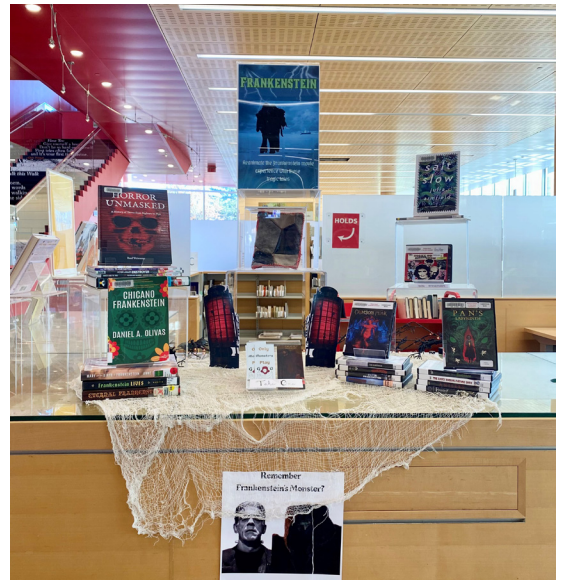
The Library hosts the Boston Globe Horn Book Awards, celebrating excellence in children's literature.



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



Maria Lawton discusses her latest cookbook, *At My Portuguese Table*, at the Valente Branch.



Display Spotlight: *Frankenstein*-inspired display by Camille G.



Morgan Talty discusses his novel *Fire Exit* with Nina MacLaughlin.



Display Spotlight: Find a book featuring first love, created by Imani W.



# Hive Workshops for December 2025

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



## Getting Started

Completion of Hive Safety Training is the entry point to making, innovating, and collaborating in this space.

Makers must also sign The Hive User Agreement and Waivers.

### Hive Safety Training

**IN-PERSON** OR **VIRTUAL**

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

## Certification Workshops

### 3D Printing 101: Game Piece Design

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

**Digital Embroidery 101** Want to learn how to create custom clothing and other fiber projects with embroidered text? In this workshop, you'll use a digital embroidery machine to stitch personalized designs and take home a unique piece. This class is for those with prior sewing machine experience. If you're new to sewing, we recommend taking our Sewing 101 workshop first.

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

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



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

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

### Studio Recording 101 **IN-PERSON**

Are you interested in podcasting, audio production, or video production? Join this workshop to become familiar with studio equipment and software.

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

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

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

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

## Open Shop-Equipment and Studio Reservations

Use the equipment and spaces in The Hive to design, craft, and make.

Patrons certified on Hive equipment are welcome to reserve time for personal use. Staff will assist as they are able.

## Other Programs

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

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

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

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

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





# Hive Calendar - December 2025

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Open Shop 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM  Zing Laser Cutting 101 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM	<b>2</b> Open Shop 1:30 PM - 6:00 PM	<b>3</b> Vinyl Cutting 101 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM  Hive Teen Hangout 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM  Open Shop 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM	<b>4</b> 3D Printing 101 (Main) 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM  Sewing 101 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM  Open Shop 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM	<b>5</b> Open Shop 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM  Sergers Training 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM	<b>6</b> Digital Embroidery (Main) 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM  Hive Safety Training 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM  Open Shop 12:30 PM - 4:30 PM
<b>8</b> Open Shop 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM  Knitting 101 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM	<b>9</b> Open Shop 1:30 PM - 7:00 PM	<b>10</b> Sewing 101 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM  Hive Teen Hangout 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM  Open Shop 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM	<b>11</b> Sergers Training 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM  Open Shop 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM  Studio Recording 101 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM	<b>12</b> Vinyl Cutting 101 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM  Open Shop 11:30 AM - 4:30 PM	<b>13</b> 3D Printing 101 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM  XR Lab 101 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM  Open Shop 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM
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