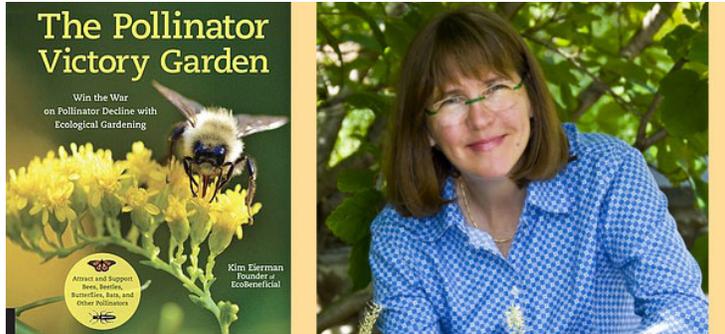


March 2026



# EVENTS *at the* CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

## Events



### Grow Native Massachusetts Evening with Experts: Kim Eierman Presents "The Pollinator Victory Garden" IN-PERSON

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

📍 Main Library Lecture Hall

When choosing native plants, you have to ask the right questions to get the best results. Kim Eierman will help you sort out the mysteries and complexities of native plant selection including: Am I buying a genetic clone, and does it matter? What are local ecotypes and where can I buy them? Are native cultivars ok? Are dwarf natives ecologically useful? What's the tradeoff with double flowers? Which native plants require pollination partners (i.e. are dioecious) and how do I source them? What are the pros and cons of planting native seeds vs. live plants? Get the answers you need to make your native landscape both beautiful and eco-beneficial. **Registration is not required.**

### CPL Arts: Voices in Collage; Celebrating Women's History IN-PERSON

Thursday, March 12, 5:30-7 p.m.

📍 Main Library Rossi Room

In honor of Women's History Month, this collage workshop invites participants to explore collage as a practice rooted in storytelling, care, and reclamation. Together, we will look at how women and femmes have historically used cutting, layering, assemblage, and repair as forms of documentation and self-expression, often working outside traditional art spaces and definitions of what is understood to be "fine art." Participants will create collages using photographs, found papers, textiles, and personal ephemera, reflecting on lineage, memory, and the quiet labor of the women that shape our lives. No prior collage experience is necessary. This workshop is designed as a welcoming, reflective space where participants are encouraged to work intuitively, honor their own histories, and engage with material in a tactile,



intentional way. **Registration is required.**

### Travels with George: In Search of Washington and His Legacy HYBRID

Thursday, March 12, 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 will present *Washington in American Memory*, a seven-part speaker series. Retrace George Washington's post-inaugural journeys and explore how he sought to unite a fragile new nation, featuring:



- Peter Drummey, Chief Historian of the Massachusetts Historical Society (Ret.)
- Nathaniel Philbrick, author of *Travels with George: In Search of Washington and His Legacy*, along with many other New York Times bestselling books

**Registration is required.**

### Sacred Songs and Rituals: Celebrating Greek American Heritage Month with REVMA IN-PERSON

Monday, March 23, 5-6:30 p.m.



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VIRTUAL Virtual event

IN-PERSON In-person event

HYBRID In-person event with option to attend virtually

### 📍 Main Library Lecture Hall

Join us for a special Sacred Songs and Rituals performance in celebration of Greek American Heritage month with REVMA, a band that is known for its high-octane performances of Greek traditional Music. The band is comprised of: Sandy Theodorou on accordion, laouto, vocals; Rohan Gregory on violin; and Fabio Pirozzolo on percussion. Sacred Songs and Rituals is a music series which celebrates the many different cultures found in the City of Cambridge. **Registration is encouraged, but not required.**

### The Past is Now: An Intertribal Panel on King Philip's War, Past and Present HYBRID

Tuesday, March 24, 6-7:30 p.m.

#### 📍 Main Library Lecture Hall

Is King Philip's War really part of the past? On the eve of the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, this panel invites audiences to grapple with a foundational war of Indigenous resistance on its 350th anniversary - and to see that it is not past, but deeply present, for us all. Four Indigenous speakers tell us that it's still deeply present. Panelists include:

- Hartman Deetz, Mashpee Wampanoag
- Brad Lopes, Aquinnah Wampanoag
- Brittney Walley, Hassanamisco Nipmuc
- Elizabeth Solomon, Massachusetts at Ponkapoag, moderator

Registration is required.

### Washington Remembered, Washington Forgotten: Washington and Slavery HYBRID

Monday, March 30, 6-7:30 p.m.

#### 📍 Main Library Lecture Hall

Explore how Americans have remembered and forgotten Washington's involvement with slavery over the past 250 years, featuring:

- Kelli Racine Barnes, ACE Mellon Humanities Postdoctoral Fellow
- John Garrison Marks, author of *Thy Will Be Done: George Washington's Legacy of Slavery and the Fight for American Memory* (forthcoming) and Vice President of Research and Engagement at the American Association for State and Local History
- Kyera Singleton, Executive Director of the Royall House & Slave Quarters and Postdoctoral Fellow at the Tufts University Center for the Humanities

Registration is required.

## 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. Presented in partnership with Cambridge Insight Meditation Center (CIMC). **Registration is required.**

### 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! **Registration for each session is required.**

### Documentary Photography with your Smartphone [55+] IN-PERSON

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

#### 📍 Main Library Rossi Room

We live in an age where we carry our smartphones everywhere we go. Built into this device is a camera that can help us document the world around us. This class will not only teach you to take the best possible photos, but how to edit your photos to make them look as good as they possibly can. **Registration for each session is required.**

### Wellness for Older Adults: Low-Impact Fitness

IN-PERSON

Wednesdays, 11:15 a.m.-12 p.m.

#### 📍 Community Room

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. This class is conducted from a standing position and incorporates exercises like modified lunges, cardio, and body resistance strength training. **Registration for each session is required.**

### Basic Tech Classes

IN-PERSON VIRTUAL

Join us for Basic Tech Classes this March! 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

- Use Your Smartphone to Stay Organized  
Tuesday, March 10, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
- How to Use YouTube to Expand Your Knowledge  
Tuesday, March 17 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Apps for Well-Being and Fun – How to Use MyChart, Spotify and Many More Apps  
Tuesday, March 24, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

#### Virtual

- How to Use Artificial Intelligence Safely  
Wednesday, March 25, 6-7 p.m.

### Citizenship Preparation Classes IN-PERSON

Wednesdays beginning on March 4, 3-5 p.m.

#### 📍 Central Square Lewis Room

Come join this free 10-week class, in partnership with St. Mark's Community Education Program. This series of classes

prepares students for all parts of the Citizenship interview and includes the new 128 civics question list. This class is offered as a 10-week series. **Registration is required and attendance at all sessions is expected. Requirements:**

- Intermediate-level English
- Legal Permanent Resident card for 4 years and 9 months (2 years and 9 months if married to a U.S. citizen)

### Sewing 101 IN-PERSON

Monday, March 9, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

📍 Central Square Lewis Room

In this workshop, you'll 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. We'll also cover some safety best practices when operating a sewing machine. As we learn together, we'll work on a simple sewing project—a drawstring bag—which most students will be able to complete by the end of the class. **Registration is required.**

### Wednesday Night Creative Writing Group

IN-PERSON

Wednesday, March 11, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

📍 Main Library Rossi 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.**

### AI Training for Job Seekers IN-PERSON

Saturdays beginning on March 14, 1-4 p.m.

📍 Main Library Learning Lab

The Cambridge Public Library and the African Bridge Network (ABN) are offering an AI training for people looking for jobs. This training will teach you how to use AI tools safely and effectively to help with your career. Through the four-part workshop series, participants will learn strategies to:

- Find better ways to look for jobs
- Update and customize resumes for different positions
- Practice and prepare for job interviews
- Get help dealing with common challenges in today's job market

Participants who complete all sessions may be eligible to receive a free refurbished laptop and wi-fi hotspot. Space is limited and applications will be reviewed as they are received and accepted until spots are filled or the deadline passes. **Apply by March 1, 2026.**

## 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.

### High Beginner ESOL IN-PERSON

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

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

### Intermediate ESOL IN-PERSON

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

### Advanced ESOL IN-PERSON

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

### Beginner ESOL IN-PERSON

Mondays, 1-2:30 p.m.

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

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

### Résumé and Job Application Support

IN-PERSON

Wednesdays, 1-3 p.m.

## LIBRARY LOCATIONS/PHONE/HOURS

### Main Library

449 Broadway | 617-349-4040

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

### Boudreau

245 Concord Ave. | 617-349-4017

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

### Central Square

45 Pearl St. | 617-349-4010

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

### Collins Branch

64 Aberdeen Ave. | 617-349-4021

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

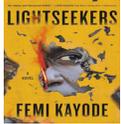


## Adult Book Groups

### Boudreau



**Boudreau Branch Book Group**  
**HYBRID**  
 Wednesday, March 11, 12-1 p.m.  
*Lady Tan's Circle of Women* by Lisa See

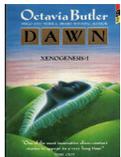


**Boudreau Branch Mystery Book Group**  
**HYBRID**  
 Tuesday, March 24, 12-1 p.m.  
*Lightseekers* by Femi Kayode

### Central Square



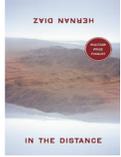
**Abating Reality: Mystery/Thriller/Sci-Fi Book Group**  
**HYBRID**  
 Wednesday, March 4, 12:30-1:30 p.m.  
*The Talented Mr. Ripley* by Patricia Highsmith



**Central Square Short Story Reading Group**  
**IN-PERSON**  
 Wednesday, March 11, 6-7 p.m.  
*Crossover* by Octavia Butler



**Horror Book Group**  
**IN-PERSON**  
 Thursday, March 12, 7-8 p.m.  
*Horrorstör* by Grady Hendrix



**Central Square Branch Book Group**  
**IN-PERSON**  
 Wednesday, March 18, 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
*In the Distance* by Hernán Díaz



**Central Square Branch Cookbook Group**  
**IN-PERSON**  
 Thursday, March 26, 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
*Brunch Season: A Year of Delicious Mornings from the Buttermilk Kitchen* by Suzanne Vizethann

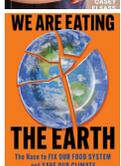
### Collins



**Collins Branch Book Group**  
**IN-PERSON**  
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*The Weeds* by Katy Simpson Smith

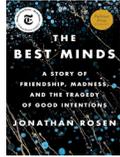


**Cookbook Club**  
**IN-PERSON**  
 Wednesday, March 18 6-7 p.m.  
*What Can I Bring?* by Cassey Elsass



**Climate Action Book Club**  
**IN-PERSON**  
 Thursday, March 26, 6-7:30 p.m.  
*We are Eating the Earth: The Race to Fix Our Food System and Save Our Climate* by Michael Grunwald

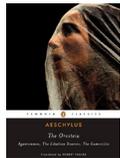
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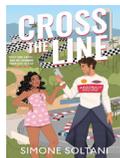
**True Crime Book Group**  
**IN-PERSON**  
 Monday, March 9, 2-3 p.m.  
*The Best Minds: A Story of Friendship, Madness, and the Tragedy of Good Intentions* by Jonathan Rosen



**Contemporary Book Group**  
**IN-PERSON**  
 Tuesday, March 17, 6-7 p.m.  
*The Great Mann* by Kyra Davis Lurie



**Great Books Book Group**  
**HYBRID**  
 Tuesday, March 10, 7-9 p.m.  
*The Oresteia* by Aeschylus  
 Tuesday, March 24, 7-9 p.m.  
 Selected Essays of Michel de Montaigne



**Romance Book Group**  
**IN-PERSON**  
 Tuesday, March 10, 7:15-8:15 p.m.  
*Cross the Line* by Simone Soltani

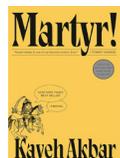


**Science Fiction & Fantasy Book Group**  
**IN-PERSON**  
 Wednesday, March 18, 6-7 p.m.  
*Kindred* by Octavia E. Butler



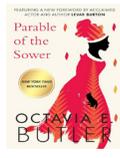
**Sustaining Community: A Climate Change Book Group**  
**IN-PERSON**  
 Monday, March 30, 7-8:30 p.m.  
*Human Nature: Nine Ways to Feel about Our Changing Planet* by Kate Marvel

### O'Connell



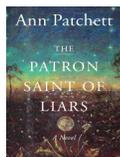
**O'Connell Branch Book Group**  
**IN-PERSON**  
 Tuesday, March 17, 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
*Martyr!* by Kaveh Akbar

### O'Neill



**O'Neill Branch Book Group**  
**IN-PERSON**  
 Monday, March 9, 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
*Parable of the Sower* by Octavia E. Butler

### Valente



**Valente Branch Book Club**  
**IN-PERSON**  
 Wednesday, March 11, 12-1 p.m.  
*The Patron Saint of Liars* by Ann Patchett

## Children's Book Groups

### Central Square



**MCBA Book Group**  
**IN-PERSON**  
 Wednesday, March 4, 6-7 p.m.  
*Medusa* by Katherine March (9-11)



**Books Not Binaries Reading Group**  
**IN-PERSON**  
 Wednesday, March 25, 6-7 p.m.  
*How to Be Ace* by Rebecca Burgess (12-15)

### Main



**Tween Comic Book Club**  
**IN-PERSON**  
 Saturday, March 21, 2-2:30 p.m.  
 Monthly Theme: "Celebrating women artists!" (9-12)



**Parent/Child Book Group**  
**IN-PERSON**  
 Tuesday, March 10, 6-6:45 p.m.  
*Trouble at the Tangerine* by Gillian McDunn (7-9)

### Tween Book Group



**IN-PERSON**  
 Thursday, March 19, 6-6:30 p.m.  
 Calling all middle grade readers! Meet up in the Curious George Room every third Thursday to eat pizza and talk about books with your friends.

### O'Neill

**Kids' Books for Everyone** **IN-PERSON**

Tuesday, March 24, 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
*A Rover's Story* by Jasmine Warga

CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

**The 8th Annual Margret and H. A. Rey**

**Curious George Lecture**

Meet author **Jasmine Warga**

**Wednesday, April 15, 2026**  
 6 - 7:30 p.m. Main Library

CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION

# Branch Events

## Boudreau

### Knitting Group

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

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

### Chess Hour

Monday, March 9 and March 23, 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.

### One-on-One Tech Help

Wednesdays, March 11 and March 25, 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, March 12 and March 26, 3-5 p.m.

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

- Button Making  
March 12
- 3D Pens  
March 26

### Coffee And Games!

Friday, March 27, 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!

### Artful Mechanisms with Playful Engineers

Friday, March 27, 4-5:30 p.m.

Join us to celebrate Jasmine Warga's *A Rover's Story*, which tells the story of a rover's journey to Mars and the challenges it faces there. We will celebrate by building some artful mechanisms with Playful Engineers! Use simple machines to create mechanical automata and solve problems similar to those faced by rovers on Mars - using materials you could find around your own home. **Registration is required.**

This event is part of a special series promoting our 2026 Curious George Lecture (CGL) with Jasmine Warga, award-winning author of *A Rover's Story*, *Other Words for Home*, and many other popular children's books. Save the Date: the Lecture will take place on Wednesday, April 15, 6 p.m. at the Main Library.

Funding is generously provided by the Cambridge Public Library Foundation.

## Central Square

### The Power of Poetry with Writers without Margins

Tuesday, March 3, 1-2:30 p.m.

📍 Lewis Room

Join us for artistic exploration and guided exercises to reimagine and reinvigorate your life's stories. We provide a supportive structure and process to encourage insight and healing. Come join us to reclaim your narrative! **Registration is required.**

### Drop-in Tech Help at the Library

Tuesdays, 3:30-5:30 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!

### Expressive Art for Older Adults: Beading Workshop

Tuesday, March 10, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

📍 Lewis Room

Learn the basics of beaded jewelry making and the difference between semi-precious stones and precious stones. Participants will keep all pieces they make. Space is limited to 10 participants. **Registration is required.**

### The Spot Shop for Free

Saturday, March 14, 11:30-1:30 pm

Friday, March 27, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

📍 Lewis Room

Come Shop for Free with 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).

### Kick Back & Watch a Movie

Friday, March 20, 3-5 p.m.

📍 Lewis Room

Join us to watch a movie on Central Square Library's big screen and eat popcorn! **No registration required.**

### Mad Science: Radical Robots

Wednesday, March 25, 4-5 p.m.

📍 Children's Room

Celebrate Jasmine Warga's *A Rover's Story* with Mad Science's Radical Robots Workshop! Explore a world of robots and try your hand at building your own in this hour-long workshop.

Recommended for children ages 5 and up. **Registration is required.**

## Collins

### Baby Lapsit

Friday, March 6, 11-11:30 a.m. .

Enjoy time together with other caregivers and babies to learn, play and develop language and motor skills. Recommended for children from birth to 18 months with their caregivers.

### CPL Nature Club: Fresh Pond Nature Walk

Monday, March 9, 10:15-11:30 a.m.

Join us for a relaxing walk of Fresh Pond with Park Ranger Amanda Garms! No two weeks are the same in nature, and Amanda will share her 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. Meet at the Fresh Pond Ranger Station at 250 Fresh Pond Parkway. **Registration is required.**

### Preschool Story Time and Craft

Monday, March 9, 4-4:40 p.m.

Join us for stories, songs and rhymes followed by a craft. Recommended for children ages 3-7 and their caregivers.

### Clothespin Dolls

Tuesday, March 10, 4-4:45 p.m.

Celebrate Women's History Month by crafting a clothespin doll. Use simple materials to decorate a wooden clothespin in honor of a historical woman. Recommended for children ages 6-12 and their caregivers.

### Wings of Fire Suncatchers

Tuesday, March 24, 4-4:45 p.m.

Welcome springtime's longer daylight hours by decorating a paper stained glass suncatcher. Choose a dragon design from the *Wings of Fire* book series and hang in a window to let sunlight stream through. Recommended for children ages 6-12 and their caregivers.

### CPL Nature Club: Morning Bird Watching Walk at Mt. Auburn Cemetery

Monday, March 30, 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. **Meet at the Collins Branch courtyard and we will walk over together. Registration is required.**

### Linocut Printmaking Workshop

Tuesday, March 31, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Join local artist Brooke Lambert for an introduction to the printmaking process of linocut. This class is for adults with all levels of experiences and will cover techniques in carving linoleum, composition, ink mixing, and printing. Create many beautiful prints and collaborate with classmates in a relaxed and welcoming environment! **Registration is required.**

## 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.

### Puppetry Studio

Thursdays, 5-6:30 p.m.

We will adapt the tale "The Tortoise and the Hare" and perform our masterpiece for family and friends. Using a ChompSaw (a kid-safe power tool), participants will safely cut cardboard to create shadow puppets. This four-week puppetry workshop is for youth ages 7-10. We will meet on March 5, 12, 19 and 26. **Registration is required.**

### Adult Gaming: Unplugged

Monday, March 2, 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.

### Crafternoon: Lego Printmaking

Tuesday, March 3, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

📍 Curious George Room

Learn the basics of block printing by making your own one-color print using Legos! All materials are provided. LEGO pieces are choking hazards for young children. Recommended for ages

7 and up with a caregiver. This program can accommodate 15 printmakers and their caregiver. Tickets are available on a first come, first served basis on the day of the program.

## Animal Ambassadors with Mass Audubon

Saturday, March 21, 11-11:45 a.m.

 Curious George Room

Celebrate Jasmine Warga's new book, *The Unlikely Tale of Chase and Finnegan*, about an unlikely friendship between a cheetah and a rescue dog who are paired as an animal ambassador team at a zoo — at this special event with Mass Audubon! Meet local wildlife ambassadors and discover the amazing adaptations that help them survive in the wild. Ask questions and learn what you can do to protect the wildlife of Cambridge. Recommended for children ages 6 and up.

## Arabic Story Time

Saturday, March 28, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

 Curious George Room

The Library is pleased to be working with dedicated community members to offer a special story time in Arabic! This program which will be conducted primarily in Arabic with the intention of helping young Arabic language learners to improve their skills. This program is suitable for children up to age 7.

## Teen Advisory Board

Tuesday, March 31, 3-4 p.m.

 Rindge 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

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.

### Wiggle Party

Friday, March 6, 11-11:30 a.m.

Thursday, March 26, 3:30-4 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! For more information, please call the library at (617) 349-4019.

### Sing-Along Musical Fun with Steve Blunt

Wednesday, March 11, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Performer Steve Blunt sings & plays a variety of musical instruments on a lively mix of original songs and family standards—also drawing on multicultural traditions and New England history & folklore. Steve has performed at hundreds of libraries throughout the region over the last three decades.

## Little Groove Music and Movement

Friday, March 13, 11-11:45 p.m.

This interactive 45-minute children's show is designed to engage young audiences through music, movement, and play. A professional musician with an acoustic guitar leads the program, and an assistant guides the kids through activities with rhythm instruments, scarves, original songs, and familiar favorites to keep the kids engaged and excited. **No registration required.** Recommended for ages 0-4 with a caregiver.

## 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.

### 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- 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.

### OctoStudio Playtest

Monday, March 2, 5-6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 3, 5-6:30 p.m.

Monday, March 16, 5-6:30 p.m.

Families with school-age children can come to the Library to play with the creative coding app OctoStudio. Help test brand new animation features on the app and provide your feedback! Please register in advance. Devices will be provided. Only one registration is needed per family, and adults are encouraged to participate alongside their children!

### Kids' Zine Collective

Friday, March 6, 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!

### One-on-One Tech Help by Appointment

Wednesday, March 11, 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, March 11, 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.**

## NoCA Art Reception and Reading

Wednesday, March 11, 6-7:30 p.m.

Enjoy art, poetry, prose, and good company at the opening reception for the North Cambridge Arts (NoCA) exhibit at the O'Neill Branch Library. Refreshments will be served.

## Cambridge Young Authors' Squad

Friday, March 13 and March 27, 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!

## Arthropod Petting Zoo with Professor Bugman

Saturday, March 14, 2-2:45 p.m.

Kids learn all about Arthropods, the most diverse group of animal life on the planet, during this exciting show-and-tell-and-touch program! Learn, see, hear, touch, and even smell the incredible adaptations these creatures have that help them survive in the wild world.

## Family STEAM Night: Drawing Animals with Lindsey Leigh

Tuesday, March 17, 6:30-7:15 p.m.

Families with elementary school-age children join us for hands-on activities focused on Science, Technology, Arts, Engineering and Math. Adults and children will learn and play together! **In March we will be joined by author and illustrator Lindsey Leigh to learn about drawing and cartooning animals!**

## Drop-in Maker Studio

Saturday, March 21, 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.

## Fuse Beads for Middle Schoolers

Monday, March 23, 3:30-5 p.m.

Kids in 6th, 7th and 8th grade can come to the Library to make designs with fuse beads! Snacks provided.

## Pajama Story Time

Tuesday, March 31, 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.

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.

## Drop In Tech Help

Tuesdays, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Tuesdays, 2-3:30 p.m.

Looking for some basic computer or mobile device guidance? Want help using an online resource? Need someone to support navigating online job applications? Want information on low cost internet? Join us for our drop-in help hours between 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. **No registration required.**

## Teen Clothing Upcycle and Design

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

Learn how to upcycle clothing over four sessions! This program will cover embroidery embellishment, patches and applique, alterations such as hemming, and basic clothing design. Registration is required, and registering for the first session includes the following three sessions. Please plan to attend all four! We encourage you to bring your own piece(es) of clothing to practice on, and will provide all materials as well as scrap fabric. Ages 12-18.

## 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.**

## 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!

## Coffee and Games for Adults

Friday, March 6, 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.**

## Maple Sugaring with Land's Sake Farm

Saturday, March 7, 3-4 p.m.

Learn about the local tradition of turning maple sap into maple syrup with Land's Sake Farm! Enjoy a maple sugaring themed story time, touch and explore the tools we use to make maple syrup, and try using hand drills to tap a demonstration log. **Registration is required.**

## Community Building Workshop

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

This workshop will be a conversation run by Harvard graduate students for young adults living or working in Cambridge. In

this workshop, we will come together to discuss, share stories, brainstorm, and provide real tools to build deeper purpose, foster connection, and belonging between young adults and the local communities they live in. **Registration is helpful.**

### Family Board Game Night

Wednesday, March 11, 5:30-7 p.m.

Join us for an evening of board games at the Valente Branch. Challenge neighbors, family, friends and strangers to prove your gaming might. The library will provide all materials. Bring your friends!

### After Story Time Caregiver Social

Thursday, March 12, 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Connect with other caregivers after story time! We will provide coffee for caregivers, and toys for children.

### Board Game Night for Adults

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

Join us for an evening of board games. We have: Wingspan, Ticket to Ride, Settlers of Catan, Azul, Splendor, Scrabble, chess, checkers, Boggle, Bananagrams, and more! **Registration is helpful.**

### Make and Mend Meetup

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

Have clothes to mend or craft projects to work on? Join us for our new monthly meetup! Bring what you are working on and we will provide basic mending supplies. **Registration is required.**

### Low-stress Crafting for Adults: Earrings

Friday, March 27, 2-3 p.m.

Join us at the Valente Branch for a simple craft. This month we will be making beaded earrings. Supplies are limited. **Registration is required.**

### Turkish Music with the Neva Trio

Saturday, March 28, 2-3 p.m.

Join us for a special performance exploring the rich musical dialogue between Turkish folk and classical traditions. Featuring multi-instrumentalists Volkan Efe (oud, kanun, ney, yaylı tanbur), Fatih Acun (bağlama, oud), and vocalist Ezgi Kurt, this concert presents a program rooted in cultural heritage of Türkiye.

## Save the Date

The Margret and H. A. Rey Curious George Lecture:

Jasmine Warga **IN-PERSON**

Wednesday, April 15, 6-7:30 p.m.

**Main Library Lecture Hall**

Children and families are invited to meet Jasmine Warga, award-winning and best-selling author of many popular middle-grade novels, including Massachusetts Children's Book Award winner, *A Rover's Story*, and Newbery Honor winner, *Other Words for Home*. Warga will talk about her work, answer questions from the audience and sign books. Porter Square Books will have books available for sale. Recommended for ages 8 and up.

## 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, 4:00-5 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, 5:30-6:00 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

Songs, Stories and Play **Mondays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.**

Story Time **Thursdays 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.**

# Highlights from February



Mass Capoeira gives a demonstration of capoeira, a unique Afro-Brazilian art form combining martial arts, dance, music and acrobatics.



Opera on Tap performs Shakespeare of Harlem: Exploring the Life and Legacy of Langston Hughes.



The Millenium Gospel Choir performs in celebration of Black History Month.



The artists of Opera on Tap discuss the material with participants.



Former Master Chef contestant Malcolm Green prepares stuffed salmon with shrimp and spinach, topped with a Creole cream sauce for our Cambridge Cooks series.



Marta Lee-Perriard, Liz Werby, Joyce Linehan, Jivan Sobrinho-Wheeler, Representative Steve Owens, Muna Kangsen, Sanda Erdelez, Patty Nolan, Marc McGovern, Maria McCauley, Representative Sean Garballey, Ayah Al-Zubi, Debbie Froggatt, and Senator Pat Jehlen attend the 3rd Annual Library Legislative Breakfast.

# Hive Workshops for March 2026

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

**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 - March 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Vinyl Cutting 101 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Open Shop 1:30 PM - 6:00 PM	Digital Embroidery (Main) 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	Zing Laser Cutting 101 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM	3D Printing 101 (Main) 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Sewing 101 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM
	Sewing 101 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Sewing 101 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Open Shop 3:00 PM - 6:30 PM	Open Shop 11:30 AM - 4:30 PM	Hive Safety Training (Main) 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
		Open Shop 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Serger Training 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM		Open Shop 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM
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	XR Lab 101 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM		Open Shop 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM		Open Shop 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM
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	Hive Safety Training (Virtual) 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM	Open Shop 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Open Shop 3:00 PM - 8:30 PM		Sewing 101 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
	Digital Embroidery (Main) 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM				Open Shop 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM
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