Dear Patrons,

We are feeling so grateful!

This has been an amazingly unpredictable year. It has required great flexibility from everyone as the Library worked through many different ways of reopening during the pandemic. Thank you to all our devoted patrons for your patience. We are so happy to be able to serve you in person again! Special thanks to the CPL Board of Trustees, the CPL Foundation, and the Friends of the CPL for their continued support.

We are very proud to now be a fine-free library, which means we will no longer fine the late return of most materials owned by Cambridge. In October, we also cleared past overdue fines and bills for lost or damaged Cambridge-owned children’s and young adult materials. This ensures that everyone in our community has access to library books and materials, regardless of their circumstances. (Please note that the Library will continue to bill patrons for lost or damaged items from the adult collection and assess fines specifically related to our agreements with other libraries outside Cambridge, such as the Commonwealth Catalog and Interlibrary Loan programs.)

If you love the Library and are looking for a new employment opportunity, a number of positions are open! Please see the City of Cambridge job listings or the Library’s website for more details.

Warm regards,
Maria McCauley, Ph.D.
Director of Libraries
ADULT PROGRAMS

Author Talks

NATHAN HARRIS PRESENTS THE SWEETNESS OF WATER (VIRTUAL)

Wednesday, November 03, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
With candor and sympathy, debut novelist Nathan Harris creates an unforgettable cast of characters in The Sweetness of Water. Depicting Georgia in the violent aftermath of the Civil War, Harris creates an unforgettable cast of characters in The Sweetness of Water. With candor and sympathy, debut novelist Nathan Harris creates an unforgettable cast of characters in The Sweetness of Water. Depicting Georgia in the violent aftermath of the Civil War, Harris creates an unforgettable cast of characters in The Sweetness of Water.

POETRY READING WITH INDRAN AMIRTHANAYAGAM AND DICK LOURIE

Monday, November 08, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Lecture Hall, Main Library
Indian Amirthanayagam is the author of numerous poetry collections, including his latest, Blue Windows (2023). Dick Lourie is a poet and a musician whose poems have been published widely for fifty years. His new collection, Jam Session and Other Poems (2021), is built around his determination to fuse his poems and his music into one creative work.

Workshops

WE ARE EVERY GOOD THING (VIRTUAL)

Tuesday, November 09, 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
Join racial justice project Wee The People for a dive into the world of powerful, affirming, and gorgeously illustrated children's books by BIPOC authors and illustrators. Geared for audiences of color, this workshop will hold space for parents, caregivers, educators, artists, activists, clergy, clinicians, and others to share experiences as we explore characters and themes in children's books. This workshop will be led by children's book author Franca Latuor.

CREATIVE WAYS FOR SOLO AGERS TO NAVIGATE THE HOLIDAYS (VIRTUAL)

Tuesday, November 16, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Planning ahead is one of the best ways for solo agers to live a dynamic life. Throughout our discussion we will identify useful approaches for solo agers to navigate the ups and downs of the holiday season. Presented by Aliene Gerhardt, an independent board-certified patient advocate, with expertise in solo aging issues. This program is sponsored by Cambridge Neighbors.

Wellness for Seniors: Zumba Gold (Virtual)

Mondays, November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
11:00 AM - 11:45 AM
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. Separate registration is required for each session.

ASL Basics for Beginners Part 2 (Virtual)

Tuesdays, November 2, 9, 16, 23
7:00 PM - 7:45 PM
SIGNING Basics, LLC is returning to the Cambridge Public Library via virtual Zoom classes! A live sign language instructor will teach you additional signing phrases that will complement the phrases and signs learned in ASL Basics for Beginners Part 1. Please note, you are expected to attend all four sessions. Register to reserve your spot (space is limited).

Book Groups

Main library

Contemporary Book Group (Main/Virtual)
Tuesday, November 16
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Rosi Room, Main Library
What Are You Going Through by Sigrid Nunez

Great Books Book Group (Virtual)
Tuesday, November 09 & 23
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
1/3 Three articles on climate change; 1/2 John Milton, “Lycidas”; and selections from Paradise Lost.

Nonfiction Book Group (Virtual)
Tuesday, November 29
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
Rosi Room, Main Library
Yellow Bird Oil, Murder, and a Woman’s Search for Justice in Indian Country by Sierra Crane Murdoch

Science Fiction and Fantasy Book Group (Virtual)
Wednesday, November 10
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
A Wizard’s Guide to Defensive Baking by T. Kingfisher

Branch Libraries

Boudreau Branch Book Group (Virtual)
Wednesday, November 10
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
The Mountains Sing by Nguyễn Phan Quế Mai

Collins Branch Book Group (Virtual)
Thursday, November 18
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
The Ungrateful Refugee: What Immigrants Never Tell You by Dina Nayeri

O’Connell Branch Book Group (O’Connell/Virtual)
Thursday, November 18
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
O’Connell Branch
Lady Clementine by Marie Benedict

O’Neill Branch Book Group (O’Neill/Virtual)
Monday, November 15
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
O’Neill Branch
The Night Watchman by Louise Erdrich

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YOUTH PROGRAMS

**Pajama Story Time (Virtual)**
Wednesday, November 17
6:45 PM - 7:30 PM
We invite children and their grown-ups to join us from home for 20-25 minutes of songs, stories and rhymes to wind down the day. Feel free to wear your favorite cozy pajamas! Caregivers are asked to participate in the program with their children. Plan to join in and sing-along!

**Virtual Pajama Story Time is presented by the Cambridge Public Library and the Center for Families.**

**Read to a Dog (O’Neill)**
Wednesday, November 10 & Monday, November 15
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Read with a cuddly friend! Trained therapy dogs provide warm and non-judgmental reading companions for new or experienced readers up to age 14. Registration for each 10-minute time slot is required and begins one week in advance by calling or visiting the O’Neill Branch (617-349-4023).

**BOOK GROUPS**
Let’s talk about a book together! Register online at bit.ly/cplbookgroups

**Main Library**
Join us virtually for a lively discussion. For a copy of the book, stop by the Children’s Room or call 617-349-4038. Registration is required — only one registration is needed per family. Need a laptop or hotspot to participate? Call the Library Tech Bar at 617-349-4425.

**Branch Libraries**
Please pick up a copy of the book beforehand at the host Branch. The book groups are onsite, with the option to attend virtually. Need a laptop or hotspot to participate? Reach O’Connell Branch at 617-349-4019 or O’Neill at 617-349-4023.

**Parent/Child Book Group (Virtual)**
Tuesday, November 09
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
For ages 7-10 and a parent or caregiver.
Welcome Back, Maple Mehta-Cohen by Kate McGovern. Special guest visit with the author!

**Parent/Child Book Group (Virtual)**
Wednesday, November 10
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
For ages 10-13 and a parent or caregiver.
The Canyon’s Edge by Dusti Bowling

**Magic Tree House Book Group (O’Connell/Virtual)**
Friday, November 05
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
For kids ages 5-10.
Our “Dinovember” book is “Dinosaurs Before Dark!”

**Book Buzz (O’Neill/Virtual)**
Thursday, November 04
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
For ages 10 and up.
Snapdragon by Kat Leyh

**Chapter Chat (O’Neill/Virtual)**
Thursday, November 18
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
For ages 7-10.
Witch Boy by Molly Ostertag

**REGULAR PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND THEIR CAREGIVERS**
We invite children and their grown-ups to join us for story times and sing-alongs, both virtual and in-person. Outdoor programs will be cancelled in the event of inclement weather. Please check our website for programming updates and additions or call 617-349-4038 for more information.

**Main Library**
Outdoor Baby Lapsit
Mondays, 10:00 AM - 10:20 AM
For pre-walking children and their caregivers. Come prepared to sit one-on-one with your pre-walking baby in your lap.

Outdoor Story Time
Tuesdays, November 4, 18
11:00 AM - 11:20 AM

**Central Square Branch**
Outdoor Story Time
Wednesdays, 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Thursdays, November 4, 18
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM

**O’Connell Branch**
Outdoor Sing-Along
Wednesdays, 11:00 AM - 11:20 AM

Outdoor Story Time
Thursdays, November 4, 18
3:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Fridays, November 5, 12, 19
11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

**O’Neill Branch**
Outdoor Sing-Along
Mondays, 10:30 AM - 10:50 AM

Outdoor Story Time
Thursdays, November 4, 18
11:00 AM - 11:20 AM

**Valente Branch**
Outdoor Story Time
Mondays, 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Tuesdays, 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

**TEEN ROOM**

**Teen Advisory Board**
Monday, November 08, 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Calling all teens! Meet once a month with your librarians and your peers to help plan programs and guide the Library in supporting Cambridge teens. Participation counts toward community service. Call 617-349-4027 or stop by the Teen Room to sign up, or just show up at the meeting!

**Available to Cambridge Residents**
Check out one of our newest online resources, Creativebug. Explore thousands of on-demand arts and crafts instructional videos taught by award-winning artists and designers now!

Classes are for all ages
Get started at bit.ly/CreativebugCPL or download the free app

LEARN
Art and Design: drawing, painting, ceramics, printmaking
Sewing: embroidery, hand-stitching, pattern drafting
Knitting and Crochet: felting, sweaters, yarn craft
Quilting: design, blocks, quilt tops
Jewelry Making: beading, metal, wire
Food and Home Skills: canning, baking, cake decorating
... and more!
Grab a backpack and start exploring!

Take a Rock Walk to discover geology hidden in the buildings of Cambridge. Learn about earth science with a fun game, read about rocks and minerals or do some fun activities from the Geology Activity Book.

Each kit includes a small collection of rocks and minerals as well as tools for observation.

AVAILABLE AT THE MAIN LIBRARY

Visit Cambridge's free & public makerspace!

Check out our community hub for learning and exploring. Join us for hands-on workshops, maker activities, group visits, and more. Book equipment and studio spaces to bring your project ideas to life.

The creative possibilities are endless!

Learn to sew 3D print a design
Record a podcast Laser-etch artwork

Hive Workshops

Want to get started?
Take either of these workshops for required safety training! You must complete safety training before registering for other workshops.

HIVE SAFETY TRAINING (VIRTUAL)
In this workshop, you will learn about our makerspace, how to use our resources, and how to keep safe in The Hive.

Tue. 11/02, 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM
Thur. 11/04, 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Fri. 11/12, 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM
Tue. 11/17, 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM
Wed. 11/17, 7:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Tue. 11/30, 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

HIVE SAFETY TRAINING & GLOWFORGE 101
In this workshop, you will learn about our makerspace, how to use our resources, and how to keep safe in The Hive. You will also create your Hive badge ID using our Glowforge laser cutter and learn how to cut and engrave your own creations using this device.

Tue. 11/09, 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM
Sat. 11/20, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

EQUIPMENT AND STUDIO RESERVATIONS
Anyone who has completed Hive training and is badged to use equipment or studio(s) can reserve Hive equipment or studio spaces during these times. Staff will assist participants as they are able.

Tue. 11/02, 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM
Thu. 11/04, 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Sat. 11/06, 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM
Sat. 11/13, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Thu. 11/18, 1:00 PM - 6:30 PM
Fri. 11/19, 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM
Wed. 11/24, 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM
Sat. 11/27, 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

3D PRINTING 101
Learn how to create objects in digital space and fabricate those creations using our Sindoh 3D printers in this two-part series. In part 1, you will get hands-on experience running the 3D printer, and gain fundamental 3D modeling skills using Tinkercad. In part 2, you will create your own customized designs, and practice setting up your own 3D construction.

Wed. 11/10, 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Wed. 11/17, 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

STUDIO RECORDING 101
Are you interested in podcasting, audio production, or video production? The Hive has two state-of-the-art recording studios! Join this workshop to become familiar with studio equipment and software.

Fri. 11/05, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
Sat. 11/13, 1:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Wed. 11/24, 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Tue. 11/30, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

VINTAGE & VINYL CUTTING 101
Would you like to make your own vinyl signs, stickers, or images to transfer to T-shirts and other textiles? In this workshop, you can learn how to use our Roland Camm-1 GS-24 vinyl cutter. You can then design and cut a sticker.

Sat. 11/06, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Sat. 11/27, 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

XR LAB 101
Extended reality (XR) opens the door to worlds and experiences outside the everyday through virtual reality, augmented reality, and mixed reality equipment. Test drive our Microsoft HoloLens augmented reality glasses, Structure Sensor 3D scanner, Merge headsets, and more.

Wed. 11/03, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
Wed. 11/17, 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

ZING 101
Learn how to use our Epilog Zing—an industry-standard laser cutting machine—and Inkscape graphics software to design and laser cut projects.

Sat. 11/12, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
Sat. 11/20, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Learn more:
camb.ma/cplhive
thehive@cambridgema.gov
857-235-9819

New STEAM Kit!
ROCK WALK
The City of Cambridge does not discriminate on the basis of disability. The Cambridge Public Library will provide auxiliary aids and services, written materials in alternative formats, and reasonable modifications in policies and procedures to persons with disabilities upon request.

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