

LIBRARY LOCATIONS



1 Boudreau Branch

245 Concord Ave.
617-349-4017

2 Central Square Branch

45 Pearl St.
617-349-4010

3 Collins Branch

64 Aberdeen Ave.
617-349-4021

4 Main Library

449 Broadway
617-349-4040

5 O'Connell Branch

48 Sixth St.
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6 O'Neill Branch

70 Rindge Ave.
617-349-4023

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cambridgepubliclibrary.org

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December 2018
& January 2019



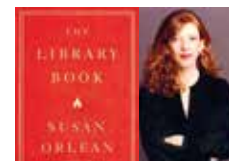
EVENTS *at the* CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY



Martin Luther King Jr Day Celebration

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15 AT 6:30 PM
CENTRAL SQUARE BRANCH

Join us to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. King with Danielle Allen, Director of Harvard's Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics. Widely-known for her work on justice and citizenship, Ms. Allen is a Chair of the Mellon Foundation Board, past Chair of the Pulitzer Prize Board, and a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the American Philosophical Society.



Susan Orlean

Monday, December 3, 6:30 PM
Main Library, Lecture Hall

The Cambridge Public Library and the Harvard Book Store welcome award-winning journalist **Susan Orlean** for a discussion of her latest book, *The Library Book*. On April 29, 1986, a fire alarm sounded in the Los Angeles Public Library. The fire was disastrous. By the time it was extinguished, it had consumed 400,000 books and damaged 700,000 more. Over thirty years later, the mystery remains: Did someone purposefully set fire to the library—and if so, who?



Communal Reading of the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*

Monday, December 10, 11:30 AM
Main Library, Lecture Hall

The *Universal Declaration of Human Rights* was adopted at the third session of the United Nations on December 10, 1948. This was an important milestone because it established fundamental human rights to be universally protected. Join CRLS students and community members in a communal reading of the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights* on the 70th anniversary of its adoption.



50TH Anniversary panel of Van Morrison's *Astral Weeks*

Saturday, December 1, 3:00 PM
Main Library, Lecture Hall

Join bandmates of Van Morrison and Ryan Walsh, Author of *Astral Weeks: A Secret History of 1968* in a panel discussion about the enduring legacy of Van Morrison's *Astral Weeks*, parts of which were recorded in Cambridge. The panel will be moderated by Prof. Rob Hochschild of the Berklee School of Music.



Stephanie Gayle

Monday, January 28, 6:30 PM
Main Library, Lecture Hall

Stephanie Gayle's novel, *My Summer of Southern Discomfort*, was one of Redbook's Top Ten Summer Reads. She's a member of Mystery Writers of America, Sisters in Crime, & International Thriller Writers and a co-founder of the reading series, Craft on Draft.

HOLIDAY HOURS
for all locations

December 24 | closed
December 25 | closed
December 31 | closes AT 5PM

January 1 | closed
January 21 | closed



Tech Goes Home: Basic Computer Classes for Beginners

Mondays, January 28 - March 25
no class February 18 | 2:00 - 4:00 PM
Main Library, Community Room

Participants must register and commit to attending all sessions (15 hours). From Jan. 2 - 18, please call 857-235-9826 to register. After completion of the program, participants have the option of purchasing a new laptop for \$50. *This event is part of the CPL STEAM Initiative.*



Crepusculum Holiday Performance

Saturday, December 8, 3:00 PM
Main Library Ground Floor

Join us on the Ground Floor of the Main Library for a holiday performance! Crepusculum is a student-run chamber choir, based at Berklee College of Music. Crepusculum, Latin for twilight, strives for the perfect blending of light and dark voices. With a wide variety of backgrounds in music, the group has a unique sound.



The Power of the Video Essay

Monday, December 3, 6:00 PM
Main Library, Community Room

This free event is presented in collaboration with CCTV. Free! Video has been one of the most effective tools to broadcast information. Learn how video is used to inform and persuade through the genre of Video Essays. Registration required.



Restorative Yoga

Thursdays, January 14, 24, & 31,
6:00 - 7:00 PM
Main Library, Community Room

Kick off the New Year with free restorative yoga classes! Classes invite you to slow down, quiet the mind and indulge in an hour of self-care. Please bring a mat and water bottle. Registration for each individual class is required and opens on January 2.



Introduction to Mindfulness-based Parenting for Parents and Children

Wednesday, January 30, 6:30 PM
Main Library, Community Room

In the third class of this series, we will practice hands on mindfulness with your children present. Open to children ages 7-14. We will use moment by moment awareness to tune into your children and help facilitate healthy relationships based on clear seeing of what is present and what would be most helpful or skillful.

Give the Gift of Stories You Love

Donate new children's and young adult books to **any Cambridge Public Library location** for children currently in transitional housing. We are collecting new books for all ages—babies to teens.

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

Share stories you love.

Call 617-349-4038 for more information.



Learning Circle: Wordpress.com Essential Training

Wednesdays, January 9, 16, 23, 30, 6:00pm
Community Room (1/9)
Rossi Room (all other dates)

In this Learning Circle, we will learn how to use Wordpress.com to create a website or blog. We will learn how to add multimedia to our posts, enable social sharing, and change the appearance of our sites. To register, email sbtkaz@cambridgema.gov. *This event is part of the CPL STEAM Initiative.*



Children's Room



Parenting & Care Giving in the Light of Mindfulness and Compassion

Saturday, January 5, 10:00 AM
Main Library, Curious George Room

Join us for a workshop exploring mindfulness and compassion from the lens of parenting and care giving. Yasemin is trained in Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction (MBSR), Mindful Schools, workplace mindfulness and Mindful Self-Compassion (MSC), in addition to Co-Active coaching. She holds a Masters Degree in Mindfulness Studies, with focus on grief in adults and children. She operates with sensitivity to all types of diversities. You may learn more about her work at tunedminds.com/. Request limited free child care at 617-349-4038.

Sponsored by the Greater Boston Early Childhood Resource Center at the CPL and the MA Department of Early Education and Care.

MAIN LIBRARY *

Movies for Littles
Saturdays, 11:30 AM

Baby Lapsit %
Mondays, 10:00 AM

Sing-Along #
Mondays & Wednesdays,
11:00 AM
& Thursdays, 4:00 PM

Afterschool LEGO® Time %
Mondays, 4:00 PM

Toddler Storytime ^
Tuesdays & Thursdays,
11:00 AM

Preschool Storytime ^
Tuesdays, 4:00 PM

Onesies (and Twosies) %
Wednesdays, 10:00 AM

Parent/Child Book Group
Tuesdays, Dec. 4 & Jan. 8, 6:00 PM
For ages 7-10

Wednesdays, Dec. 12 & Jan. 9, 6:00 PM
For ages 10-13

Main Library
Curious George Room

BOUDREAU BRANCH

Storytime
Mondays, 10:30 AM

Sing-Along
Wednesdays, 10:30 AM

CENTRAL SQ. BRANCH

Baby Lapsit
Mondays, January 4, 11, 18, & 25
10:30 AM

Afterschool Crafts
Wednesdays, 4:00 PM

Storytime
Wednesdays, 10:30 AM

Sing-Along & Storytime
Thursdays, 10:30 AM

COLLINS BRANCH

Storytime
Mondays, 3:30 PM

Sing-Along
Tuesdays, 10:30 AM



Stand Up! Storytime for Social Justice

Wednesdays
December 5 & January 9
4:00 PM
Main Library, Children's Room

Hunger & Poverty

We'll read stories about hunger and poverty, and talk about what we can do in our own communities to help those in need. Recommended ages 4-8.

People with Disabilities

Join us as we celebrate people with disabilities and their many experiences. Together, we'll read stories and talk about what it's like to navigate the world with a disability, alongside our special guest reader. Recommended ages 4-8.

O'CONNELL BRANCH

Sing-Along
Tuesdays, 10:30 AM &
Wednesdays, 11:00 AM

Afterschool Crafts
Thursdays, 3:30 PM

Songs and Stories in Spanish/Cuentos y Canciones en Español
Fridays, 3:00 PM

Family Reading Night
Tuesday, Jan. 29, 6:30 PM
Relax and read to or with your family or friends!

Magic Tree House Book Group
Wednesdays
Dec. 5 & Jan. 2, 4:00 PM
Pick up a copy of the book beforehand. Ages 5+.

O'NEILL BRANCH

Baby Lapsit
Fridays, December 7, 14, 21, & 28
11:30 AM

Sing-Along
Mondays, 10:30 AM

Storytime
Thursdays, 11:00 AM

Books and Bites
Wednesdays, Dec. 12 & Jan. 2
6:00 PM

Join us for great conversation about books and what's going on in the world. Food provided! Ages 11 and up.

Chapter Chat
Thursdays, Dec. 6 & Jan. 3
4:00 PM

Read the book, then come for conversation and activities! Ages 7-10.

* Main Library Children's program tickets are available to complete parties on a first-come, first-served basis on the day of the program.

Age Ranges Baby Lapsit: Pre-walkers Onesies: Walking babies Toddler: 0-3 Preschool: 3-5 Afterschool: 5-10

Capacities # 130 ^ 45 % 30

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS



Robots that Make a Difference

Tuesdays, December 4, 11, 18, 3:30 PM
Main Library, Community Room

Presented in collaboration with Innovators for Purpose. This free course for teens introduces students to the world of robotics using a humanities first approach. Students use the design process to understand the daily challenges of people with disabilities and build robotic prototype solutions. Skills learned include human-centered design, coding, 3D-modeling and more.
This event is part of the CPL STEAM Initiative.



Genius Design Project

Thursdays, December 6, 13, 20, 3:00 PM
Main Library, Community Room

Presented in collaboration with Innovators for Purpose. This program uses an integrated creative problem solving approach to help students design and ultimately implement a Community & Science Gallery that captures the history of Osborn Triangle from multiple perspectives.
This event is part of the CPL STEAM Initiative.



Virtual Reality

Wednesday, December 19
3:00 PM
Main Library, Community Room
Visit outer space or the bottom of the sea with virtual reality – plus lots more! Ages 14-18.
This event is part of the CPL STEAM Initiative.



Video Gaming

Thursday, January 24, 3:00 PM
Main Library, Community Room
Come play with the library's new Nintendo Switch!



Board Game Afternoon

Friday, December 7, 3:00 PM
Main Library, Teen Room

Teen Advisory Board

Mondays, December 17 & January 14, 5:00 PM
Main Library, Rossi Room



Dungeons & Dragons

Mondays, December 17 & January 28, 3:00 PM
Main Library, Community Room
Join us for adventure! Beginners welcome. Dice will be provided.



Girls Who Code

Wednesdays, January 16, 23, & 30, 4:00 PM
Main Library, Community Room

Want to learn how to build an app, design a video game, and change the world through code? Join the library's Girls Who Code Club! This program is for anyone who identifies as a girl, ages 13-18. Please contact the Teen Room at 617-349-4027 to sign up. Registration is required.
This event is part of the CPL STEAM Initiative.



Literacy & English for Speakers of Other Languages

There will be no ESOL classes between December 22- January 13.

MAIN LIBRARY

Beginner ESOL

Saturdays, 9:15 AM
Rossi Room

Intermediate ESOL

Tuesdays & Thursdays,
1:00 & 6:30 PM, Rossi Room

O'CONNELL BRANCH

Beginner ESOL

Conversation practice for beginning speakers of English in a small group setting with teacher guidance.
Mondays & Wednesdays, 6:00 PM

O'NEILL BRANCH

Intermediate ESOL

Mondays & Wednesdays, 6:15 PM

CENTRAL SQUARE

Beginner ESOL

Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays 11:00 AM

Intermediate ESOL

Tuesdays & Thursdays
1:00 PM

Intermediate ESOL

Tuesdays & Thursdays
11:00 AM

Advanced ESOL

Tuesdays & Thursdays
3:00 PM

Job Hunting & Resume Writing Help

Wednesdays, 1:00–3:00 PM



Researching the History of Your Cambridge House

Wednesday December 5, 6:00 - 7:00 PM

O'Neill Branch

Register here: bit.ly/cploneill

Tuesday December 11, 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Central Square Branch

Register here: bit.ly/cplcentral

Thursday, January 10, 3:00 - 4:00 PM

Collins Branch

Register here: bit.ly/cplcollins

Tuesday, January 15, 3:00 - 4:00 PM

Boudreau Branch

Register here: bit.ly/cplboudreau

This hour-long workshop will guide you through a variety of online resources that will help you research your home. Discover when your building was built and by whom. Find out who lived in your house and how your neighborhood has changed. Registration is mandatory.



Book Groups

Science Fiction & Fantasy Book Group

Wednesdays, Dec. 12 & Jan. 9
6:00 PM
Main Library, Rossi Room

12/12: *Throne of the Crescent Moon* by Saladin Ahmed
1/9: *Space Opera* by Catherynne M. Valente

Contemporary Book Group

Tuesdays, Dec. 18 & Jan. 15
6:00 PM
Main Library, Rossi Room

12/18: *Ghachar Ghochar* by Vivek Shanghag
1/15: *What We Lose* by Zinzi Clemmons

Great Books Discussion Group

Tuesdays, Dec. 11, Jan. 8 & 22
7:15 PM

Main Library, Community Room
12/11: Bible, "Job"
1/8: *Madame Bovary* by Flaubert
1/22: Lincoln, selected writings

Nonfiction Book Group

Monday, January 28, 1:00 PM
Main Library, Rossi Room

Astral Weeks: a Secret History of 1968 by Ryan H. Walsh

Mindfulness Book Group

Thursdays, Dec. 13 & Jan. 17
7:00 PM

Main Library, Rindge Room
12/13: *Real Happiness: The Power of Meditation: A 28-Day Program* by Sharon Salzberg

1/17: *Advice Not Given* by Mark Epstein

Please pick up a copy of the Mindfulness Book Group title at the Main Library Q&A Desk.

Boudreau Cooks

Tuesday, December 4
6:30 PM | Boudreau Branch

This month we are reading and cooking from *The Perfect Cookie* by America's Test Kitchen

Boudreau Book Group

Tuesday, January 22
2:00 PM | Boudreau Branch
Prairie Fires: The American Dreams of Laura Ingalls Wilder by Caroline Fraser

Central Square Social Club

Tuesdays, Dec. 4 & Jan. 8, 7:00 PM
Central Square Branch, Lewis Room

12/4: *Red, White, Blue* by Lea Carpenter
1/8: *Bird Box* by Josh Malerman

Collins Book Group

Thursdays, Dec. 12 & Jan. 10
6:00 PM | Collins Branch

12/12: *Let's Take the Long Way Home* by Gail Caldwell
1/10: *Motherhood* by Sheila Heti

O'Connell Book Group

Tuesdays, Dec. 18 & Jan. 15
6:30 PM | O'Connell Branch

12/18: *Two Steps Forward* by Graeme Simsion
1/15: *Young Jane Young* by Gabrielle Zevin

We read Fiction & Non-Fiction

O'Neill Book Group

Mondays, Dec. 17 & Jan. 28
6:30 PM | O'Neill Branch

12/17: *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* by Rachel Joyce



Boudreau Branch

245 Concord Ave.
617-349-4017

Mon 10-6
Tue 10-8
Wed 10-6
Fri 10-6

Make a Birdfeeder

Tuesday, December 4,
2:30pm Boudreau Branch
Help our feathered friends prepare for winter by making a birdfeeder!

Knitting Group

Tuesdays, December 11,
January 8, January 22
7:00 PM | Boudreau Branch



O'Connell Branch

48 Sixth St.
617-349-4019

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

Read to a Dog

Mondays, Dec. 10 & Jan. 14
4:00 - 5:00 PM | O'Connell Branch
Check with the Branch for details. Sign up for a 10 minute time slot at the O'Connell Branch 30 minutes prior to the program.

Knitting Group

Every Thursday, 10:30 AM
O'Connell Branch
No experience needed.



Central Square Branch

45 Pearl St.
617-349-4010

Mon 10-6
Tue 10-9
Wed 10-6
Thu 10-9
Fri 10-6
Sat 10-2

Festive Final Friday

Friday, December 28
3:00 PM
Central Square Branch
Children's Room
Join to celebrate the last Friday of 2018! We'll have snacks and make noisemakers and sparkly things to bring in the New Year!

Color me Calm Adult Coloring Group

Wednesdays
December 5 & January 2, 6:00pm
O'Connell Branch

Adult coloring group. Exercise your creative spirit in a stress-free way. Drop in for coloring, creating and relaxing. No experience needed. We have supplies available or bring your own.

STEAM Story Time

Tuesday, December 11, 3:00 PM | O'Connell Branch
December Story and Theme: *Stuck!*: Magnet Science. A science-themed story for preschoolers, followed by hands-on activities to explore. *This event is part of the CPL STEAM Initiative.*

Tuesday, January 8, 3:00 PM | O'Connell Branch
January Story and Theme: *Sea Monkey & Bob*: Water Science. A science-themed story for preschoolers, followed by hands-on activities to explore. *This event is part of the CPL STEAM Initiative.*

Glow in the Dark Story Time

Tuesday, December 4, 5:00 PM | O'Connell Branch
We'll light up the library with stories that really glow.



Collins Branch

64 Aberdeen Ave.
617-349-4021

Mon 10-6
Tue 10-6
Thu 1-8
Fri 10-6

Family Game Night

Monday, December 10 &
Monday, January 14
4:30 PM
Collins Branch
School age children and their families are invited to play math games such as Sleeping Queens, Blokus, Connect 4 and more. Organized by the Cambridge Math Circle.
This event is part of the CPL STEAM Initiative.



O'Neill Branch

70 Rindge Ave.
617-349-4023

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

CODING CLUB

Fridays, 3:30-4:30 PM
O'Neill Branch
Whether you are a beginner, or an advanced coder, kids ages 8-14 can drop in to play around on various coding platforms, and build essential computer programming skills!
This event is part of the CPL STEAM Initiative.

Third Thursday Makers' Tea

Winter Card Making
Thursday, December 20, 4:00 PM | Collins Branch
An all-ages opportunity to spend an evening making seasonal or holiday cards by hand. Get creative with our provided materials and send a note to someone special!

Snowflakes
Thursday, January 17, 4:00 PM | Collins Branch
Drop-in for tea and snacks as we make snowflakes together. From simple snipping to elaborate 3D creations, all skill levels are welcome.

Fourth Friday Fun

Flap Your Wings
Friday, December 28, 10:30 AM | Collins Branch
Flap Your Wings: As our feathered friends fly south for the season, we will celebrate all sorts of birds with a special storytime and craft for all ages.

Under the Sea
Friday, January 25, 10:30 AM | Collins Branch
Under the Sea: Visit the seaside this winter with an ocean-themed storytime and craft for all ages.



Star Wars Celebration

Thursday, December 27, 2:00pm | O'Neill Branch
Celebrate all things Star Wars with crafts and activities. Drop-in, for ages 3 and up.

Family STEAM Night

Wednesday, January 30, 6:30 PM
O'Neill Branch
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!

