

Book Groups

Contemporary Book Group

Tuesday, January 21, 6:00 - 7:00 PM
Main Library, Rossi Room
Heads of the Colored People by Nafissa Thompson-Spires

Great Books

Tuesday, January 7 & 21, 7:15 - 8:45 PM
Curious George Room, Main Library
1/7: *Tess of the d'Urbervilles* by Thomas Hardy
1/21: The Constitution of the United States

Nonfiction Book Group

Monday, January 27, 1:00 - 2:00 PM
Rossi Room, Main Library
The Monk of Mohka by Dave Eggers

Science Fiction & Fantasy Reading Group

Wednesday, January 8, 6:00 - 7:00 PM
Main Library, Community Room
Record of a Spaceborn Few by Becky Chambers

Mindfulness Book Group

Thursday, January 16, 6:00 - 7:00 PM
Rossi Room, Main Library
The Headspace Guide To Meditation And Mindfulness: How Mindfulness Can Change Your Life In Ten Minutes A Day by Andy Puddicombe

Boudreau Book Group

Wednesday, January 8 & Tuesday, January 28
12:00 - 1:00 PM
Boudreau Branch
1/8: *Washington Black* by Esi Edugyan
1/28: *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng

Central Square Social Club

Tuesday, January 7, 7:00 - 8:00 PM
Central Square Branch, Lewis Room
Educated: A Memoir by Tara Westover

Collins Book Group

Thursday, January 16, 6:00 - 7:00 PM
Collins Branch
A Place for Us by Fatima Farheen Mirza

O'Connell Book Group

Tuesday, January 21, 6:30 - 7:30 PM
O'Connell Branch
Less by Andrew Sean Greer

O'Neill Book Group

Monday, January 27, 6:30 PM
O'Neill Branch
Barracoon by Zora Neale Hurston

Valente Branch Perspectives Book Group

Monday, January 13, 6:30 - 7:30 PM
Program Room, Valente Branch
The Good Immigrant: 26 Writers Reflect on America edited by Nikesh Shukla

LIBRARY LOCATIONS

Boudreau Branch

245 Concord Ave. | 617-349-4017
MON 10-6, TUE 10-8, WED 10-6, FRI 10-6

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

Collins Branch

64 Aberdeen Ave. | 617-349-4021
MON 10-6, TUE 10-6, THU 1-8, FRI 10-6

Main Library

449 Broadway | 617-349-4040
MON 9-9, TUE 9-9, WED 9-9, THU 9-9, FRI 9-5, SAT 9-5, SUN 1-5

O'Connell Branch

48 Sixth St. | 617-349-4019
MON 10-6, TUE 10-8, WED 10-8, THU 10-8, FRI 10-6

O'Neill Branch

70 Rindge Ave. | 617-349-4023
MON 10-8, WED 10-8, THU 10-6, FRI 10-6

Valente Branch

826 Cambridge St. | 617-349-4015
MON 10-8, TUE 10-6, WED 10-8, THU 10-6, FRI 10-6, SAT 1-5

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

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website
cambridgepubliclibrary.org

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

twitter
[@cambridgepl](https://twitter.com/cambridgepl)

Literacy & English for Speakers of Other Languages

All ESOL classes are suspended beginning Sunday, December 22, and restarting Monday, January 6

MAIN LIBRARY

Beginner ESOL

Saturdays, 9:15 AM, Rossi Room

Intermediate ESOL

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

O'NEILL BRANCH

Intermediate ESOL

Mondays & Wednesdays, 6:15 PM

Job Hunting & Resume Writing Help

Monday, January 6
6:00 - 7:30 PM

CENTRAL SQUARE

Beginner ESOL

Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays
11:00 AM

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

VALENTE BRANCH

Beginner ESOL

Mondays, 6:00 PM

January 2020

EVENTS *at the* CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

MLK



45TH ANNUAL MLK DAY CELEBRATION

Thursday, January 16, 6:30 - 8:00 PM | Lewis Room, Central Square Branch

Join us to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. King with Dr. Emily Bernard, Julian Lindsay Green & Gold Professor of English at the University of Vermont. Dr. Bernard is the author of *Black is the Body: Stories from My Grandmother's Time, My Mother's Time, and Mine*, a memoir consisting of twelve essays, examining race in a fearless, penetrating, and honest way. A native of Nashville, Tennessee, Dr. Bernard holds a B.A and a Ph.D. in American Studies from Yale University.



Dr. Robin DiAngelo *White Fragility*

Saturday, January 18, 1:00 - 2:30 PM
King Open Cambridge Street
Upper School, Auditorium

Why do white people often get defensive when talking about race? Join Dr. Robin DiAngelo, author of *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard For White People To Talk About Racism*, in a workshop on the topic of white fragility. DiAngelo will provide an overview of the socialization that inculcates white fragility and provide the perspectives and skills needed for white people to build their racial stamina and more equitable and just racial norms and practices. Sponsored by the Cambridge Public Library Foundation.



Living on Earth featuring Terry Tempest Williams

Thursday, January 30
6:30 - 8:30 PM
Main Library, Lecture Hall

Join award-winning author of *The Hour of Land: A Personal Topography of America's National Parks*, *Refuge: An Unnatural History of Family and Place*, *Finding Beauty in a Broken World*, and *When Women Were Birds* in conversation with Steve Curwood. Terry's work is widely taught and anthologized around the world. A member of the American Academy of Arts and Letters, she is currently the Writer-in-Residence at the Harvard Divinity School.



Queer Terror: *Life, Death, and Desire in the Settler Colony*

Wednesday, January 22
6:30 - 8:00 PM
Main Library, Lecture Hall

In this talk, Prof. Schotten will discuss the connections between the War on Terror, the settler conquest of North America, and Israeli state policy toward the Palestinians in order to better understand US "terrorism" discourse, which has deep and unexpected resonances with notions of queerness.



Cambridge Youth Gamelan (Gamelan Anak Tika) Performance

Saturday, January 11, 3:00 - 4:00 PM
Main Library, Lecture Hall

The performance will feature traditional music for Balinese gamelan, including the dance work "Bapang Selisir" and Pak Asnawa's composition, "Gopala." The group will lead audience members through a demonstration of how Balinese gamelan music is put together, what the instruments sound like, and how the instruments are played. Stay around after the show to try out the instruments and meet members of the group!



Tidying Up - It's Not Magic, It's Habit-forming

Saturday, February 1
2:00 - 3:00 PM

Main Library, Community Room

Get a fresh start in 2020 at your library! Professional organizer Helane Blinn presents tips for getting started clearing away clutter and creating more peace and order in your home or office. She'll offer encouragement and advice so you can maintain spaces that "spark joy" for a long time to come. Please register through the CPL website.

All Library locations will be closed Wednesday, January 1 for New Years. All Library locations will be closed Monday, January 20 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.



These symbols indicate that the program is a part of the STEAM at the Library Initiative

Boudreau Branch

Knitting Group

Tuesday, January 14 & 28

7:00 - 8:00 PM

Bring your project and enjoy an hour in the company of other crafters

Collins Branch

Collins Cooks!

Thursday, January 9, 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Join friends and neighbors for a potluck!

This month's cookbook is *Zahav: A World of Israeli Cooking* by Michael Solomonov. Try a recipe and bring your results to share and discuss with other cooks. All experience levels welcome!

Family Math Games

Tuesday, January 14, 4:30 - 5:30 PM

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.

Knitting & Crochet Meetup and Yarn Swap

Thursday, January 23, 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Join fellow knitters, crocheters, and makers for a yarn swap, skill share, and crafting meetup!

Fourth Friday Fun

Friday, January 24, 10:30 - 11:15 AM

Penguin Party - Chilly weather calls for chilly friends. Celebrate penguins with a special storytime and craft. For children of all ages and their caregivers.

Winter Open House

Thursday, January 30, 4:00 - 7:00 PM

Chase away the winter blues and start the new year right with an evening of music, hygge, snacks, and activities with friends and neighbors

O'Connell Branch

Fiber Arts Crafts Group

Thursdays, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Bring your fiber based projects and enjoy the company of other crafters – Knit, embroider, crochet, and more.

Kindness Club

Monday, January 6, 3:00 - 4:00 PM

Join us to talk about random acts of kindness we can do in our lives. Meet the "Kindness Challenge!"

O'Connell Branch

Read to a Dog

Mondays, January 13 & 27

4:00 - 5:00 PM

A Reading Companion Dog transforms reading into a special, warm, and furry experience. Sign-up the day of the program, by phone or in person. For new or experienced readers of all ages. Please contact the Branch for details at 617-349-4019

STEAM Storytime

Tuesday, January 14

3:00 - 4:00 PM

A science-themed story for preschoolers, followed by hands-on activities to explore. January Theme is Germs! and we'll be reading *Felicity Floo Visits the Zoo* by E.S. Redmond.

Adult Craft - Valentine Cards

Tuesday, January 28, 6:00 - 7:30 PM

A time of card giving, Valentines aren't just for kids. Try out Valentine's Day card crafts for your sweetie, your kids, your family, your friends. Materials provided. Space is limited, registration required. Contact the Branch for details.

O'Neill Branch

Read to a Dog

Wednesday, January 15

3:00 - 4:00 PM

Read with a cuddly friend! Trained therapy dogs provide warm and non-judgmental reading companions for new or experienced readers of all ages. Registration for each 10-minute time slot is required and begins 1 week in advance by calling or visiting the O'Neill Branch (617-349-4023).

Family STEAM Night

Wednesday, January 15

6:30 - 7:30 PM

Families with elementary school age children will learn and play together with hands-on activities.

Coding Club

Thursdays, 3:00 - 4:00 PM

Whether you are a complete beginner, or an advanced coder, kids ages 8-14 can drop in to play around on various coding platforms, and build skills! No registration required.

US Census 2020 Job Fair

Wednesday, January 22, 3:00 - 6:00 PM

Conference Room

Census employees will be on hand to help you apply for open positions. Be a Census Taker and make a difference in your community!

Valente Branch

Drop-in Crafts

Fridays, 3:00 - 4:00 PM

Come make something fabulous to take home or share with a friend! For children of all ages and their caregivers.

Valente Radical Readers Book Group

Thursday, January 9, 3:15 - 4:15 PM

A Social Justice Book Club for young readers! Join us the 2nd Thursday of every month for discussion, activities, and snacks! Suggested ages 10-12. Please call the Valente Branch at 617-349-4015 for more information & book selections.

Robots That Make a Difference

Tuesday, January 14, 21 and 28

3:00 - 3:45 PM

Free, after-school program for 7 & 8 graders. Introduces students to the world of robotics using a humanities-first approach. Students start with questions such as "How Might We Use Robotics to support people with disabilities?" Then build robotic prototypes to address these problems. Registration required.

Yoga For Everybody

Wednesday, January 22, 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Polish up last year's poses and get a fresh start in 2020 at your Library!

Tidying Up - It's Not Magic, It's Habit-forming

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Teen's Room

Teen Advisory Board Meeting

Monday, January 27

5:00 - 6:00 PM

Rossi Room, Main Library

Dungeons & Dragons for Teens

Monday, January 27

3:00 - 5:00 PM

Rossi Room, Main Library

Join us for adventure! Beginners welcome.



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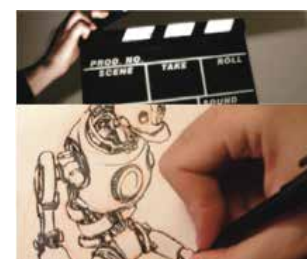
Mondays & Thursdays, January – March

3:30 - 6:30 PM

Main Library, Learning Lab

Free after-school STEAM program for teens. Dream, design and build experiences that will look amazing on your college applications. Learn about amazing careers never imagined. Discover how your passions intersect with opportunities and get paid for it! The semester runs from January 6 to March 19. Please register through the CPL website.

Children's Room



Bookshop

Monday, January 6, 5:30 - 6:45 PM

Main Library, Curious George Room

Bookshop is a hybrid book group and makerspace workshop for ages 11-13/grades 6-8. The group meets once a month during the school year, and advance registration is required. For more information or to register, please contact Emily Meyer at emeyer@cambridgema.gov.

Regular Programs for Children and Their Caregivers

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

Tuesday, Jan 14, 6:00 PM

For ages 7-10

Wednesday, Jan 8, 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

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

O'CONNELL BRANCH

Sing-Along

Wednesdays, 11:00 AM

Magic Tree House Book Group

Wednesday, Jan 8 | 4:00 PM
Our book club for kids ages 5 and up! Pick up a copy of *Dingoes at Dinnertime* beforehand.

Stories and Crafts

Thursdays, 3:30 PM
Hear stories and make related fun crafts you can take home!

Afterschool Puzzle Club

Tuesdays, 4:00 - 5:00 PM
Have fun solving pencil & paper puzzles: riddles, wordplay, visual, math, & logic.

O'NEILL BRANCH

Sing-Along

Mondays, 10:30 AM

Storytime

Thursdays, 11:00 AM

Chapter Chat

Thursday, Jan 2, 4:00 PM

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

Baby Lapsit

Fridays, Jan 3 & 10
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM

VALENTE BRANCH

Sing-Along

Tuesdays, 10:30 AM
Program Room

Story Time

Thursdays, 10:30 AM
Program Room

* 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

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