

LIBRARY LOCATIONS



- 1 Boudreau Branch**
245 Concord Ave.
617-349-4017
MON 10-6, TUE 10-8, WED 10-6, FRI 10-6
- 2 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
- 3 Collins Branch**
64 Aberdeen Ave.
617-349-4021
MON 10-6, TUE 10-6, THU 1-8, FRI 10-6
- 4 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
- 5 O'Connell Branch**
48 Sixth St.
617-349-4019
MON 10-8, TUE 10-8, WED 10-8, THU 10-6, FRI 10-6
- 6 O'Neill Branch**
70 Rindge Ave.
617-349-4023
MON 10-8, WED 10-8, THU 10-6, FRI 10-6
- 7 Valente Branch**
826 Cambridge St.
617-349-4015
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FRI 10-6, SAT 1-5

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

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cambridgepubliclibrary.org

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December 2019



EVENTS *at the* CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY



Performance by the Crepusculum Choir
Thursday, December 5
7:00 - 8:30 PM
Main Library, Ground Floor

They're back!! Join us for a special holiday performance by the Crepusculum Choir! Crepusculum is a student-run chamber choir based in Boston, MA. Members attend the world-renowned Berklee College of Music and other schools in the Boston area. 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. They perform both student works as well as more well-known pieces in both service, concert and video setting.



International Film Series: Tanna
Saturday, December 7
2:00 - 4:00 PM
Lecture Hall, Main Library

This visually stunning film, based on a true story, tells the tale of Wawa and Dain, two young lovers on the South Pacific island of Tanna. This is the first feature film shot entirely on location in the nation of Vanuatu, and was nominated for an Academy Award as well as several awards in Australia.



The Curious Person's Guide to Earth Repair: Regenerating Soil and Water Landscapes
Thursday, December 12
5:00 - 8:30 PM
Lecture Hall, Main Library

Over the past year, the public has grown increasingly aware of the ways we have inadvertently harmed the biodiversity and ecosystems upon which life depends. The United Nations having declared 2021-2030 the Decade of Ecosystem Restoration presents the opportunity for a global focus on regenerating natural systems. Journalist/author Judith D. Schwartz has travelled widely to find people who are successfully restoring healthy soil and water ecosystems. She will talk with Nicola Williams about her books *Cows Save the Planet* and *Water in Plain Sight*, and a forthcoming book about the global ecosystem restoration movement. Presented in partnership with Biodiversity for a Livable Climate.



Massachusetts Book Awards Holiday Dozen Cambridge Edition
Wednesday, December 11
6:30 - 8:30 PM
Lecture Hall, Main Library

Prepare for your holiday celebrations with signed books for everyone on your list. Join us for short performances by recent Massachusetts Book Awards winners, honorees, and long-listers and grab signed and personalized copies of their work for your favorite book lovers. We've got fiction, nonfiction, and poetry for adults, young adults, and middle graders, plus picture books for the kid in all of us. The authors will be on hand to sign their books and chat with readers both old and new. Authors in our Dozen include: Mira T. Lee, Allegra Goodman, Stephen McCauley, Jill Lepore, Jabari Asim, Kevin McLelland, Richard Hoffman, Fred Marchant, Nancy Werlin, Katie Bayerl, Cynthia Levinson, & Julia Denos.

This event is coordinated by Massachusetts Center for the Book. Books for sale by Porter Square Books.



A Window on the World through the Eyes of the Zimbabwean Poet Togara Muzanenhamo
Thursday, December 19
7:00 - 8:30 PM
Community Room, Main Library

Join poet, Togara Muzanenhamo as he reads selections from his poetry collections, *Spirit Brides* (2006), *Gumiguru* (2014), and *Textures* (2014)! Born in Lusaka, Zambia to parents from Zimbabwe, Muzanenhamo studied in France, the Netherlands and the UK, and his poems are informed by experiences and observations straddling several cultures across two continents. This event is co-sponsored by the New England Poetry Club and The Cambridge Public Library.

HOLIDAY HOURS
for all locations

December 24		closed
December 25		closed
December 31		closes at 5PM
January 1		closed



Reflect & Renew with Yoga

Monday, December 9
Monday, December 16
6:30 - 7:30 PM

Community Room, Main Library

It's that time of year when we begin to reflect on the year that is coming to an end and the new year that is ahead. Yoga is a practice that provides the physical and intellectual space for both reflection and renewal. Join us for a free, all-levels yoga class taught by Holly Austin, a local resident and yoga teacher. You will connect breath to movement in a way that is energizing and expanding, and also based on the foundations of anatomy and biomechanics. The class will be moderately paced to cultivate strength, flexibility, and balance within a continuous sequence of postures. For adults that have some sort of movement practice already. Wear comfortable clothing that you can move in. Yoga is practiced barefoot. We ask that you leave your shoes at the door when you enter the space. Please bring your own mat.

Give the Gift of Stories You Love



Now through December!

Donate new children's and young adult books to any Cambridge Public Library for children currently in transitional housing. We are collecting new, unwrapped 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.

STEAM Events

LEARNING LAB CLASSES

Main Library, 449 Broadway, Cambridge, MA 02138

Register at cambridgepl.libcal.com or call 617-349-4041



Photo Editing Basics with Adobe Photoshop

Thursday, December 12
6:00 - 8:00 PM
Community Room
Main Library

This free, hands-on workshop is designed for students without any prior experience with Photoshop. Learn how to navigate Photoshop's work area and commonly used tools and basic image correction functions to edit your own photos!

Taught by expert instructors from Cambridge Community Television (CCTV).



Google Docs for Beginners

Saturday, December 14
2:00 - 3:30 PM
Learning Lab, Main Library

Google Docs is similar to Microsoft Word, and it's free! Learn how to write, edit, and style a document; how to find your doc in Google Drive; and how to share your doc with others. Please have a Gmail account before coming to class.



Google Sheets for Beginners

Saturday, December 7
2:00 - 3:30 PM
Learning Lab, Main Library

Google Sheets is similar to Microsoft Excel, and it's free! Learn how to create and format basic spreadsheets, and maybe even create a graph! Please have a Gmail account before coming to class.

TEEN ROOM

Teen Advisory Board Meeting

Monday, December 16
5:00 - 6:00 PM
Rossi Room
Main Library

Teen Video Game Afternoon

Wednesday, December 18
2:30 - 4:30 PM
Community Room
Main Library

Join the fun and play on the Nintendo Switch!

Dungeons & Dragons for Teens

Monday, December 30
3:00 - 5:00 PM
Community Room
Main Library

Join us for adventure! Beginners welcome.



Image from *Hey, Wall: A Story of Art and Community* by Susan Verde | illustrated by John Parra

Children's Room



Bookshop
Monday, December 2
5:30 - 6:45 PM
Curious George Room, Main Library

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 info or to register, contact Emily Meyer at emeyer@cambridgema.gov.



Kamishibai Storytelling with Yumi Izuyama
Saturday, December 7, 2:00 - 3:00 PM
Curious George Room, Main Library

Join us for an afternoon of stories told using a Japanese paper theater. Children of all ages and their caregivers



Social Justice Storytime
Wednesday, December 11
4:00 - 4:30 PM
Rey Room, Main Library

Join us in the season of giving as we read stories about those experiencing homelessness and food insecurity. Recommended for children ages four and up.

Participants are welcome to bring a new children's book along to donate to a child living in transitional housing as part of the Cambridge Public Library's "Give the Gift of Stories" program.

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, Dec 17, 6:00 PM
For ages 7-10
Wednesday, Dec 11, 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, Dec 4 | 4:00 PM
Our book club for kids ages 5 and up! Pick up a copy of *Christmas in Camelot* beforehand.

Stories and Crafts

Thursdays, 12/5, 12/12, & 12/19 | 3:30 PM
Hear stories and make related fun crafts you can take home!

Baby Lapsit

Mondays, 12/2, 12/9, 12/16 & 12/30 | 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Enjoy time together to learn, play, and develop language and motor skills. Come prepared to sit on the floor with your pre-walking baby in your lap. Ages 0 - pre-walking

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, Dec 5, 4:00 PM
Read the book, then come for conversation and activities!
Ages 7-10.

Baby Lapsit

Fridays, 12/6, 12/13, 12/20, & 12/27 | 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Enjoy time together to learn, play, and develop language and motor skills. Come prepared to sit on the floor with your pre-walking baby in your lap. Ages 0 - pre-walking

VALENTE BRANCH

Story Time
Thursdays, 10:30 AM
Program Room

Songs and Stories in Spanish/Canciones y Cuentos en español

Fridays, 3:00 PM
Program Room
Sing and dance to your favorite kids songs, in Spanish! No language knowledge necessary. Just bring your desire to have fun!

Sing-Along
Tuesdays, 10:30 AM
Program Room



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'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

Job Hunting & Resume Writing Help
Mondays, December 2 & 16
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



Over 5,700 comprehensive online courses in business, technology, and creative skills.

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- Photography & Video:** Cameras, Video Editing
- Education:** Instructional Design, Teacher Tools
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- Marketing:** Analytics, Social Media Marketing
- 3D & Animation:** Visual Effects, 3D Modeling
- Business:** Leadership, Management
- Web:** Web Design, User Experience
- CAD:** 3D Printing, Interior Design
- IT:** Big Data, Cloud Computing
- Design:** Drawing, Logo Design

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Book Groups

Contemporary Book Group
Tuesday, December 17
6:00 – 7:00 PM
Main Library, Rossi Room

White Fragility
by Robin DiAngelo

Great Books
Tuesday, December 10
7:15 - 8:45 PM
Main Library
Curious George Room

The Book of Revelation

Science Fiction & Fantasy Reading Group
Wednesday, December 11
6:00 – 7:00 PM
Main Library, Rossi Room

Neverwhere by Neil Gaiman

Boudreau Book Group
Wednesday, December 11
12:00 PM
Boudreau Branch
Pachinko by Min Jin Lee

Central Square Social Club
Tuesday, December 3
7:00 PM
Central Square Branch
Lewis Room

Motherless Brooklyn
by Jonathan Lethem

Collins Book Group
Thursday, December 12
6:00 - 7:00 PM
Collins Branch

Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood
by Trevor Noah

O'Connell Book Group
Tuesday, December 17
6:30 - 7:30 PM
O'Connell Branch

Save Me the Plums
by Ruth Reichl

O'Neill Book Group
Monday, December 16
6:30 PM
O'Neill Branch

Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine
by Gail Honeyman

Valente Branch Perspectives Book Group
Monday, December 9
7:00pm - 7:45pm
Program Room, Valente Branch

Haben: The Deafblind Woman Who Conquered Harvard Law
by Haben Girma

* 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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Boudreau Branch

Knitting Group

Tuesday, December 10
7:00 - 8:00 PM
Boudreau Branch

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

Boudreau Cooks: A Cookbook Book Group

Tuesday, December 3
6:30 - 7:45 PM
Boudreau Branch
Dorie's Cookies by Dorie Greenspan
Read, cook, discuss and eat! Call 617-349-4017 for this month's title or more information.

Celebrate Winter Solstice

Wednesday, December 18 | 2:30 - 3:30 PM | Boudreau Branch

Get ready for the shortest day of the year on December 21! Come make a luminary and explore light and shadow. No registration required. Recommended for ages 3 and up.



Central Square Branch



Noon Year's Eve Party

Tuesday, December 31
11:00am - 1:00pm
Children's Room
Central Square Branch

Come celebrate the final noon of 2019 with snacks, crafts, and noise! For children of all ages and their caregivers. For more information, contact Central Square Youth Services at 617-349-4012.

Family Math Games

Tuesday, December 10
4:30 - 5:30 PM
Collins Branch

School age children and their families are invited to play math games such as Sleeping Queens, Blokus, Connect 4 and more.

Third Thursdays @ Collins

Thursday, December 19 | 5:00 - 6:00 PM
Collins Branch

Join us as we make seasonal and holiday cards! We'll have all the supplies needed to make colorful greeting cards and envelopes, just in time for winter. For children of all ages and their caregivers.

Fourth Friday Fun

Friday, December 27
10:30 - 11:15 AM
Collins Branch

Pajama Party - Come in your coziest jammies for a morning storytime and craft. Teddy bears and plush loviess are all welcome as our guests. For children of all ages and their caregivers.

Knitting & Crochet Meetup and Yarn Swap

Thursday, December 26 | 6:00 - 7:00 PM
Collins Branch

Join fellow knitters, crocheters, and makers for a yarn swap, skill share, and crafting meetup! Stop by to destash, relax, and share your current work. All ages, skill and interest levels welcome!

Get All Your Critical Documents in One Place

Thursday, December 5 | 6:30 - 7:30 PM | Collins Branch

Get a jump on peace of mind by learning a straightforward, gradual system to organize your critical documents in one compact, portable place. Professional organizer and coach Jana Odette brings humor, humanity and real-life tips to help you set your process in motion. You will walk away empowered!

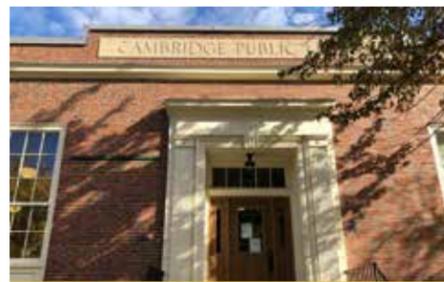
Flute & Clarinet Performances at Collins

Mai Nguyen, flute
Amelia Bronfman, clarinet
Tuesday December 17
3:30 - 4:00 PM

For children of all ages and their caregivers.

Mai Nguyen, flute
Thursday, December 19
6:00 - 7:00 PM

For children of all ages and their caregivers.



O'Connell Branch

Read to a Dog

Mondays, December 16 & 30
4:00 - 5:00 PM | O'Connell Branch

A Reading Companion Dog transforms reading into a special, warm and furry experience. Sign-ups for a 10-minute time slot beginning an hour before the start of the program, by phone or in person. For new or experienced readers. Please contact the Branch for details at 617-349-4019.

Knitting Group

Thursdays
12/5, 12/12, & 12/19
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
O'Connell Branch

This group can get you started, keep you motivated, and offer advice. No experience needed. Just bring your desire to knit!



O'Neill Branch

Coding Club

Thursdays | 3:00 - 4:00 PM
O'Neill Branch

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 essential computer programming skills!

Archaeology Science Fair

Friday, December 6
3:30-4:15 PM

O'Neill Branch
4th and 5th grade students from O'Neill's Science Club for Girls will demonstrate their knowledge of Archaeology with hands-on activities.

Read to a Dog

Wednesday, December 11
3:00 - 4:00 PM

Conference Room, O'Neill Branch
Read with a cuddly friend! Trained therapy dogs provide warm and non-judgmental reading companions for new or experienced readers. 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).

Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Wednesday, December 11
5:30 - 6:30 PM | O'Neill Branch

Bring a stuffed animal to the library for a fun evening storytime! Tuck your animal in, wish them sweet dreams, and read them a good night story. Come back on Thursday 12/12 to pick up your friend and find out what adventures they had! Please make sure to bring an animal you are comfortable leaving overnight. No registration required.

US Census 2020 Job Fair

Wednesday, December 18
3:00 - 6:00 PM

Conference Room, O'Neill Branch

The U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting workers for the 2020 Census. Census employees will be on hand to help you apply for open positions. Be a Census Taker and make a difference in your community!

Mini Comic-Con

Friday, December 27
2:30 - 4:30 PM

O'Neill Branch

Come to the library dressed as your favorite comic book or graphic novel character. Enjoy fun activities related to the best loved characters from Dog Man to superheroes, and more! No registration is required.

Explore Circuitry and Electronics

Thursday, December 19
4:45 - 5:30 PM

Conference Room, O'Neill Branch
Come explore circuitry and electronics using Snap Circuits and E-Blox. For ages 10+.

Solstice Celebration

Friday, December 20
3:30 - 4:30 PM | O'Neill Branch

Celebrate the shortest day of the year and the arrival of winter! Join us at the library for nature crafts and some hot cocoa. For children of all ages and their caregivers.



Valente Branch

Radical Readers!

Thursday, December 12 | 3:15 - 4:15 PM
Valente Branch

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 contact Liz at edanner@cambridgema.gov for more information and book selections.