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**The Cambridge Public Library announces a Public Symposium,
DREAM BIG: The Future of Public Libraries**

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CAMBRIDGE, MA – September 28, 2016 – The Cambridge Public Library (CPL) hosts DREAM BIG: The Future of Public Libraries on Tuesday, October 25, 2016 from 7:00-8:30pm at the Main Library, 449 Broadway.

DREAM BIG will explore the dynamic environment in which public libraries operate and contribute to the CPL's vision of its future.

“As we celebrate the accomplishments of CPL and ponder the library's future, we are delighted to host this panel of thought leaders who encourage us to dream big about where we are headed and how best to serve all Cantabrigians,” said Director of Libraries, Maria McCauley.

The program will consist of presentations and a panel discussion as well as opportunities for comments and questions from the audience. Participating speakers include the following:

[Maria Taesil Hudson McCauley](#) McCauley is the Director of Libraries, City of Cambridge. She comes to the CPL from Santa Monica, CA where she served as Director of Libraries. McCauley has also worked for the Somerville Public Library and the libraries at Northeastern University. Her research has been published in *College & Research Libraries*, *Library Management* and *portal*.

[Sarah Williams Goldhagen](#) Goldhagen is the former architectural critic of *The New Republic*. She has written for *The New York Times* and the *Chronicle of Higher Education* among other prestigious publications. Her current book project explores how people experience built environments, a critical element in envisioning the future of public libraries.

[Nicholas Negroponte](#) Founder of the MIT Media Lab and One Laptop Per Child, Negroponte's 2014 TED talk on “A 30-Year History of the Future” resonates today as he leads us in focusing on the future of libraries in areas such as technology and institutional transformation.

[John Palfrey](#) A noted educator, Palfrey is Head of Phillips Academy and former executive director of the Berkman Center at Harvard. He also served as the founding chairman of the Digital Public Library of America. Palfrey authored the well-received book *Born Digital*.

[Jeffrey Schnapp](#) Faculty co-chair of the Berkman Center for Internet and Society at Harvard University, Schnapp co-authored “The Library Beyond the Book” a work that explores future scenarios for libraries in the digital age. He is professor of Romance Languages & Literature at the Harvard Graduate School of Design.

DREAM BIG is presented by the Cambridge Public Library Foundation with support from the Cambridge Community Foundation and the Cambridge Trust Company.

"The Foundation marks its first anniversary with an exciting Symposium that focuses on building the Library's limitless future on its current successes," said Donna Davis, President of the Cambridge Public Library Foundation. "We're proud of where the Library is today and optimistic about where we will be tomorrow."

To RSVP for this event please visit www.cambridgepubliclibrary.org/dreambig

About the Cambridge Public Library:

The Cambridge Public Library opened in 1889 and serves the community of Cambridge, Massachusetts. It provides free access to information for over 100,000 Cambridge citizens and provides an engaging community space for innovative events and programming to serve its patrons.

About the Cambridge Public Library Foundation:

The Cambridge Public Library Foundation, established in 2015, is a tax-exempt nonprofit organization that raises private funds from individuals, foundations and corporations to augment the Library's public support. Visit CPLFound.org to learn more.