



CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Cambridge Public Library to host a participatory reading of the Constitution on Democracy Day, Saturday, May 20th

CAMBRIDGE, MA – May 9, 2017 – The Cambridge Public Library will celebrate a family focused Democracy Day on Saturday, May 20, 2017 at the Main Library in Joan Lorentz Park from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM. The event will include readings, performances and children’s activities. Democracy Day is part of the *Our Path Forward* series presented by the Library to affirm its commitment to public discourse and democracy.

“This public reading of the Constitution and amendments is for everyone: youth, adults, residents and visitors,” said Maria McCauley, Director of Libraries. “A family friendly event, it is a great opportunity to explore the supreme law of the United States of America.”

The day will start at 10:00 AM with a public, participatory reading of the Constitution. Brian Corr, Executive Director of the Cambridge Peace Commission, will moderate the readings and encourage participation from the crowd. Children’s librarians will be outside checking out books, holding story time and showcasing democracy themed activities for children.

At 12:00 PM the social justice improv group, True Story Theater, will hold a performance for the public. The theater group asks for audience or group members to tell stories from their lives and watch them enacted on the spot. Their performance will center on the theme of Democracy. Find out more about the organization at TrueStoryTheater.org.

The schedule for the day will follow as below:

- 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Public reading of the Constitution by members of the community.
- 11:00 AM – 11:30 AM – Story Time with our children’s librarians on the lawn.
- 12:00 – 1:00 PM – Performance by social justice improv group, True Story Theater.

Find out more about the Cambridge Public Library’s *Our Path Forward* series or sign up to be a reader at cambridgepubliclibrary.org/ourpathforward.

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.

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