



Cambridge Public Library Celebrates Juneteenth

Cambridge, MA, June 8, 2022 -- The Cambridge Public Library is hosting a system-wide celebration of Juneteenth. The main event, which will take place outdoors on Saturday, June 18, from 12-2 p.m., at the Central Square Branch, 45 Pearl Street, Cambridge, includes a presentation by storyteller Valerie Stephens, and a performance by the Albino Mbie Band, known for its Afro-pop and Moz-Jazz sounds. The program also includes fun activities for all ages, including sidewalk chalk arts, crafts, and some refreshments.

Cambridge Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui will be a guest reader at the Juneteenth Story Time at the Central Square Branch on Thursday, June 16 at 10:30 a.m. Programs in celebration of Juneteenth are cosponsored by the City Manager's Office and the Mayor's Office.

The O'Neill and Boudreau Branches will be hosting a special Story Time Journey to Juneteenth - and Beyond with storyteller Valerie Tutson. Tutson tells the story of the day news of the Emancipation Proclamation reached Galveston, TX, through the eyes of Ma'lizzy, a fictional character who paints a captivating picture of life prior to and after emancipation. Tutson will be at the O'Neill Branch on Tuesday, June 21, from 3:30-4:15 p.m., and at the Boudreau Branch on Tuesday, June 21, from 6:30-7:15 p.m.

Juneteenth Story Times will also occur at the following Library locations:

- Tuesday, June 14, 4 p.m. | Main Library Rey Room, 449 Broadway, Cambridge
- Thursday, June 16, 3:30 p.m. | O'Connell Branch, 48 Sixth Street, Cambridge
- Tuesday, June 21, 10:30 a.m. | Collins Branch, 48 Sixth Street, Cambridge
- Tuesday, June 21, 4 p.m. | Valente Branch, 826 Cambridge Street, Cambridge

Juneteenth honors June 19, 1865, the day that the news of the Emancipation Proclamation reached Galveston, Texas, marking the end to slavery in the United States. [Learn more about Juneteenth.](#)

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