

February 2024



EVENTS *at the* CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Events

Antonia Hylton in Conversation with Jesse McCarthy
Thursday, February 1, 6:30-8 p.m.

📍 Lecture Hall



Join Antonia Hylton, the author of *Madness: Race and Insanity in a Jim Crow Asylum* in conversation with Jesse McCarthy. **Registration is required.** This event is co-sponsored by Harvard Book Store.



Joel LaRue Smith is a senior lecturer in music at Tufts University and the Director of the Tufts Jazz Orchestra (formerly the Big Band) and Jazz Activities

at Tufts University since 1996. Tatiana Johnson-Boria is the author of *Nocturne in Joy* (2023). She's also an educator and facilitator who uses her writing practice to dismantle racism, reckon with trauma, and to cultivate healing.

Registration is required. Cosponsored by the Friends of the Cambridge Public Library.

Boston Festival Orchestra: The Power of Four
Saturday, February 3, 2-3:30 p.m.

📍 Lecture Hall



The string quartet, comprising two violinists, one viola, and one cello, has been the foundation of classical chamber music for centuries. But how did we get there? And what is it about this instrumentation that is so special? To help answer these questions, musicians of the Boston Festival Orchestra will perform carefully chosen selections of chamber music in chronological order. Learn about the history, characteristics, and possibilities of the universally beloved string quartet.

**Black History Month at the CPL:
Jazz in Conversation with Poetry with The Joel LaRue Smith Trio and Poet Tatiana Johnson-Boria**

Wednesday, February 7, 6-7:30 p.m.

📍 Lecture Hall

Celebrate Black History Month at the Library with the Joel LaRue Smith Trio featuring poet, Tatiana Johnson-Boria.

“Sweeter than Wine”: A Poetry Reading and Discussion
Tuesday, February 13, 6-8 p.m.

📍 Lecture Hall



Join the Cambridge Public Library the night before Valentine's Day to celebrate the intersection of poetry and love. We're thrilled to be hosting three renowned poets—Jill

McDonough, Rachelle Toarmino, and Tawanda Mulalu—all experts in tracing the contours of love and desire in poetry. Each poet will read for about twenty minutes and then join the Library's own Program and Events Coordinator, Zachary Bond, in a discussion of love poetry. This event is hybrid and is co-sponsored by the Cambridge Public Library Foundation. **Registration is required.**

The City of Cambridge does not discriminate on the basis of disability. The Cambridge Public Library will provide auxiliary aids and services, written materials in alternative formats, and reasonable modifications in policies and procedures to persons with disabilities upon request.

For more information, contact us at library@cambridgema.gov, 617-349-4032 (voice), or via relay at 711.

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

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SERVICE UPDATE

All Library locations will be closed Monday, Feb. 19 for Presidents Day.

VIRTUAL Virtual event

IN-PERSON In-person event

HYBRID In-person event with option to attend virtually

**Black History Month at the CPL:
Exploring Opera, Art Song, and The Harlem Renaissance**
Thursday, February 29, 6-7:30 p.m.

📍 **Lecture Hall**



Join us for a special preview of Opera on Tap's upcoming show, 'Opera, Art Song, and the Harlem Renaissance: Celebrating Black Excellence.' Some of Boston's finest classical singers will be exploring music born of and

inspired by the vibrant Harlem Renaissance while diving deep into the narratives of Black musicians, poets, and composers. The dialogue will delve into the cultural tapestry of this influential era, highlighting the profound impact it has had on the world of classical music. Attendees won't want to miss this unique opportunity to connect with the powerful stories that continue to shape the artistic landscape.

Workshops



Wellness for Seniors: Let Your Yoga Dance VIRTUAL

Mondays, February 5 and 12, 11-11:45 a.m.

Breathe, stretch and dance your way to a blissful body, joyous heart and a steady, quiet mind! Open to all levels and abilities. **Registration for each session is required.** A Zoom link will be sent to all registered participants one hour before the event.



Wellness for Seniors: Low Impact Fitness VIRTUAL

Mondays, February 26, March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8, 11-11:45 a.m.

This class is designed for people of all levels to strengthen the muscles, the heart and the brain--all while having fun and moving to great music! Come as you are and take everything at your own pace. You will feel

the benefits in mind and body! **Registration for each session is required. A Zoom link will be sent to all registered participants one hour before the event.** Sponsored by the Cambridge Public Library Foundation.

Cambridge Cooks

Tuesday, February 6, 5:30-7 p.m.

Tuesday, February 20, 3-4 p.m.

📍 **Café**



February 6: Jam Sessions Teaches Apple Cider Jelly: Jam out during this Cambridge Cooks installment, as Afton Cyrus of Jam Sessions teaches participants how to make apple cider jelly using local apples.



February 20: Black History Month at the CPL: The Coast Cafe brings a piece of the South to the eclectic city of Cambridge, Massachusetts. From the delectable dishes to the familial atmosphere, Anthony Brooks has managed to instill pieces of his upbringing into the foundation of the

neighborhood-favored restaurant, including its namesake, as it thrives in the very neighborhood in which Anthony grew up, "The Coast."



Introduction to Genealogy Sources

Wednesday, February 14, 2-3 p.m.

📍 **Community Room**

Thinking about trying to research your family

tree? This class will teach you how to find genealogy resources in the library, online, and (where most of them are found) in city halls, courthouses, and other similar organizations.



Did You Know?

We Have Meeting Rooms

The Cambridge Public Library offers meeting and program spaces for Cambridge-based not-for-profit groups of varying sizes to serve an educational, cultural, or civic purpose.

All meeting rooms are subject to availability. Library sponsored programs have priority over all outside groups. To minimize the possibility of rescheduling the Library takes bookings no more than two months in advance. Groups must complete and submit an application online (no phone reservations) or at the Main Library Administrative Office at least seven business days before the first meeting. Completed applications may also be faxed to 617-349-4028.

<https://www.cambridgema.gov/cpl/Services/meetingrooms>

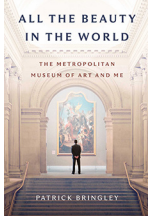


Book Groups



Adult Book Groups

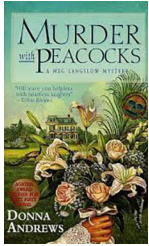
Boudreau



Boudreau Branch Book Group **HYBRID**

Wednesday, February 14, 12-1 p.m.

All the Beauty in the World: The Metropolitan Museum of Art and Me by Patrick Bringley



Boudreau Branch Mystery Book Group **HYBRID**

Tuesday, February 27, 12-1 p.m.

Murder with Peacocks by Donna Andrews

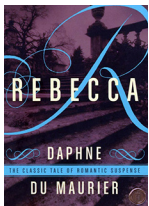
Collins



Cookbook Group **IN-PERSON**

Thursday, February 22, 6-7 p.m.

Vegetable Kingdom by Bryant Terry



Collins Branch Book Group **VIRTUAL**

Tuesday, February 27, 6-7 p.m.

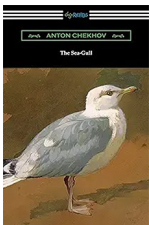
Rebecca by Daphne du Maurier

Main Library

Great Books Book Group **HYBRID**

Tuesday, February 6, 7:15-9:00 p.m.

The History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire, by Edward Gibbon chapters 1-3



Tuesday, February 20, 7:15-9:00 p.m.

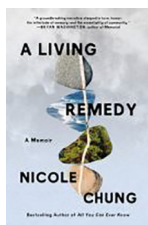
The Seagull by Anton Chekhov



Romance Book Group **IN-PERSON**

Tuesday, February 13, 7:15-8:15 p.m.

Lunar Love by Lauren Kung Jessen



Contemporary Book Group **IN-PERSON**

Tuesday, February 20, 6-7 p.m.

A Living Remedy: A Memoir by Nicole Chung

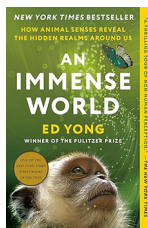


Science Fiction & Fantasy Book Group **IN-PERSON**

Wednesday, February 21, 6-7 p.m.

Tell Me an Ending by Jo Harkin

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Adult Book Group **IN-PERSON**

Tuesday, February 20, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

An Immense World by Ed Yong

O'Neill



O'Neill Branch Book Group **IN-PERSON**

Monday, February 12, 6:30-8 p.m.

The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett

Valente



Valente Branch Book Group **IN-PERSON**

Wednesday, February 14, 12-1 p.m.

Popisho by Leone Ross

Children's Book Groups

Main Library



Parent/Child (Ages 10-13) Book Group **VIRTUAL**

Wednesday, February 14, 6-7 p.m.

The War that Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

Books Not Binaries Book Group

Wednesday, February 28, 6-7 p.m.

The Girl from the Sea by Molly Ostertag. This group is currently full.

O'Connell



Magic Tree House Book Group **HYBRID**

Friday, February 2, 4-5 p.m.

Stage Fright on a Summer Night by Mary Pope Osborne (Ages 5-10)



Kids' Classic Fantasy Book Group **HYBRID**

Friday, February 9, 5-5:40 p.m.

No Flying in the House by Betty Brock (Ages 10-14)



Graphics Are Great! Book Group **HYBRID**

Tuesday, February 27, 4-5 p.m.

Tidesong by Wendy Xu (Ages 8-12)

O'Neill



Kids' Books for Everyone **HYBRID**

Tuesday, February 6, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Mexikid by Pedro Martín (All ages, adults welcome)

LIBRARY LOCATIONS/PHONE/HOURS

Main Library

449 Broadway | 617-349-4040

Mon-Thu 9-9, Fri-Sat 9-5, Sun 1-5 (Sept-June)

Boudreau

245 Concord Ave. | 617-349-4017

Mon-Wed 10-8, Thu-Fri 10-6

Central Square

45 Pearl St. | 617-349-4010

Mon 10-6, Tue-Thurs 10-9, Fri 10-6, Sat 10-2

Collins Branch

64 Aberdeen Ave. | 617-349-4021

Mon 10-6, Tue-Thurs 10-8, Fri 10-6

O'Connell

48 Sixth St. | 617-349-4019

Mon 10-6, Tue-Thurs 10-8, Fri 10-6

O'Neill

70 Rindge Ave. | 617-349-4023

Mon-Wed 10-8, Thurs-Fri 10-6, Sat 1-5

Valente

826 Cambridge St. | 617-349-4015

Mon-Wed 10-8, Thurs-Fri 10-6, Sat 1-5

All locations are accessible by public transportation.

Details are on our website.

Branch Events

Boudreau

Knitting Group

Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Bring your project, yarn, and needles to enjoy an hour in the company of other crafters.



Chess Hour

Monday, February 12 and February 26, 6-7 p.m.

Come join us for a chess challenge. Players of all skill levels and all ages are welcome to participate. Chess sets will be provided, but feel free to bring your own if you prefer. This is not an instructional class, but rather a gathering for individuals who want to play and test their skills against other members of the community. **Registration is not required.**

One-on-One Tech Help

Wednesday, February 14 and February 28, 4-4:45 p.m.

Would you like help navigating the library's e-resources like Libby or Hoopla? Or maybe you need some basic computer or mobile device guidance? Book a free one-on-one tech help session at the Boudreau branch



Read to a Dog

Thursday, February 15, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Read with Ana the Therapy Dog! Therapy dogs provide warm and non-judgmental reading companions for new or experienced readers of all ages. Registration for each ten-minute time slot is required. Sign up the day of the program by phone or in person at the Boudreau Branch (617-349-4017).



Vacation Week Program: Jenny the Juggler!

Wednesday, February 21, 11-11:45 a.m.

Jenny the Juggler connects with people through juggling, magic, music and more to create fabulous experiences with unforgettable memories for any occasion! For children of all ages and their caregivers.



Vacation Week Program: Button Making Workshop

Thursday, February 22, 3-3:45 p.m.

Draw your design and then use our button maker to make it into a button you can wear or put on your backpack! Recommended for children ages 5 and up and their caregivers. **Registration is required.**

LITERACY CENTER PROGRAMS

The Literacy Center is located in the Central Square Branch at 45 Pearl Street.

Intermediate ESOL IN-PERSON

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

High Beginner ESOL IN-PERSON

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1-2:30 p.m.

Advanced ESOL IN-PERSON

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3-4:30 p.m.

Beginner ESOL IN-PERSON

Wednesdays and Fridays, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Résumé & Job Application Support IN-PERSON

Wednesdays, 1-3 p.m.



Coffee, Cribbage, and Chess

Friday, February 23, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Join us on the fourth Friday of the month for coffee, treats, and games (Chess, Cribbage, Dominos, etc.). Bring a friend or meet a new one at the library!

Collins



Special Story Time: Life in a City

Monday, February 5, 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Join us for a bonus story time celebrating urban environments, like the city of Cambridge. We'll read stories, sing songs and complete a craft featuring apartment buildings and life in metropolitan settings. For children of all ages and a caregiver.



Card Party!

Tuesday, February 13, 4-5 p.m.

Join us to celebrate love at the Collins Branch by making cards for family, friends or neighbors! We will have card making supplies available and light refreshments will be served. All ages are welcome!



CPL Nature Club: Morning Bird Watching Walk at Mount Auburn Cemetery

Wednesday, February 21, 10:15-11 a.m.

Join us for a morning walk at the renowned birdwatching spot in our own backyard,

Mount Auburn Cemetery! We will help you identify birds, learn birdwatching tips and tricks, and familiarize yourself with winter migratory birds. A limited supply of binoculars will be available. **Registration is required.**



Crafternoon: Origami Cranes

Thursday, February 22, 4-5 p.m.

An ancient Japanese legend tells that anyone who folds a thousand paper cranes will be granted a wish. A symbol of hope and healing during challenging times, please join us to fold origami cranes and see how many we can create together. For ages five and up with a caregiver.



Vacation Week Program: Rockabye Beats

Friday, February 23, 11-11:45 a.m.

Join Rockabye Beats for an interactive, musical program experience. We'll sing, play, explore instruments, dance, pretend, learn a little Spanish and show off our goofy side. For children of all ages and their caregivers.

Regular Programs for Children and Families

Boudreau

Songs and Stories

Thursdays, 10:30-10:50 a.m.

Central Square

Story Time

Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10:30-11 a.m.

After School Stories and Crafts

Wednesdays, 4-5 p.m.

Twilight Songs and Stories

Thursdays, 5:30-6 p.m.

Collins

Story Time

Tuesdays, 10:30-11 a.m.

Evening Family Story Time

Wednesdays, 5:30-6 p.m.

Main Library

Baby Lapsit

Mondays, 10-10:20 a.m.

📍 **Rey Room**

Morning Sing-Along

Mondays and Wednesdays, 11-11:25 a.m.

📍 **Curious George Room**

LEGO Time Ages 5+

Mondays, 4-4:45 p.m.

📍 **Curious George Room**

Toddler Story Time

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11-11:25 a.m.

📍 **Rey Room**

Preschool Story Time

Tuesdays, 4-4:25 p.m.

📍 **Rey Room**

Afternoon Sing-Along

Thursdays, 4-4:25 p.m.

📍 **Curious George Room**

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Preschool Story Time

Thursdays, 3:30-4 p.m.

Toddler Story Time

Fridays, 11-11:30 a.m.

O'Neill

Sing-Along

Mondays, 10:30-10:50 a.m.

Story Time

Thursdays, 11-11:30 a.m.

Valente

Songs and Stories

Tuesdays, 11-11:25 a.m.

Story Time

Thursdays, 11-11:25 a.m.



Black History Walking Tour Reception

Wednesday, February 28, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Join us to celebrate Black History Month and learn more about the Black men and women buried at Mount Auburn Cemetery. We will be distributing copies of our *Black History Walking Tour of Mount Auburn Cemetery* guide developed by librarians and cemetery staff. Pick up your copy of our walking tour and a warm beverage and take a self-guided stroll of the cemetery.

Main Library

FREE DROP-IN TUTORING
FOR TEENS



Mondays & Wednesdays, 5-6pm
Teen Room, Main Library

Call the Teen Room for more info: (617) 349-4027



Main Library on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5-6 p.m. No tutoring the week of February 19.

Free Drop-In Tutoring for Teens

Mondays and Wednesdays, 5-6 p.m.

📍 Teen Room

Need help with a class? Have a question before an exam? Tutors are available to help you! Cambridge School Volunteers and the Cambridge Public Library are pleased to offer tutoring services in the Teen Room of the

Sit 'n' Knit

Tuesdays, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

📍 Rossi Room

Bring your project and enjoy the company of other fiber crafters. Drop-in with this informal group to work on your craft, get inspired, pick up skills and socialize. Knit, embroider, crochet, spin, and mend. Refreshments will be provided.



Puzzle Party

Thursdays, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

📍 Rossi Room

Join our librarians for tea, cookies and a jigsaw puzzle. An hour of fun and conversation on a Thursday afternoon. Refreshments will be provided.



Vacation Week Program:

Professor Bugman

Wednesday, February 21, 2-3 p.m.

📍 Curious George Room

Amazing creatures have amazing adaptations! And what better way to discover these concepts than through hands-on experiences with a whole zoo of exotic invertebrates? Come hang out with Professor Bugman! Recommended for children ages 5-11 and their caregivers. This program can accommodate 50 people. Tickets are available on a first come, first served basis on the day of the program.

Creative Patching

Wednesday, February 21, 6-7:30 p.m.

📍 Learning Lab

Creative Patching will focus on how to repair holes, tears, and stains in clothing using fabric patches and hand embroidery techniques. Participants will learn about tools and materials for patching, and how to combine fabric patches with simple hand embroidery stitches to create eye-catching visible mends. Leave class with a sampler of techniques that you can refer back to when tackling your own mends at home. Suitable for beginners with little or no sewing experience.

NINTENDO SWITCH PARTY



Nintendo Switch Party for Ages 10-13

Thursday, February 22, 1:30-3 p.m.

📍 Curious George Room

Join our Nintendo Switch party! We'll have two multiplayer games available to play on our library consoles. Feel free to bring

your own Switch console to play other library Switch games. This program is for ages 10-13. There will be a Nintendo Switch Party for younger kids in March. This program can accommodate 16 gamers. Tickets are available on a first come, first served basis on the day of the program.

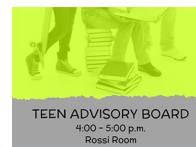


Vacation Week Program: "Meet the Orchestra" presented by Boston Music Project

Saturday, February 24, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

📍 Curious George Room

Join us for a performance of a youth chamber orchestra. A hands-on instrument petting zoo follows the performance, offering a chance for children to try playing a string instrument and to learn about different orchestral instruments.



Teen Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 27, 4-5 p.m.

📍 Rossi Room

Teens! Help us plan teen programs for the Library! Earn community service hours!

Enjoy free snacks! We meet monthly during the school year.

No registration required. Stop by the Teen Room or call 617-349-4027 to learn more.

O'Connell



Fiber Crafts Group Drop-In

Wednesdays, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Bring your project and enjoy the company of other fiber crafters. Drop-in with this informal group to work on your craft, get inspired, pick up skills and socialize. Knit, embroider, crochet, spin, mend, cross stitch and more. All crafts are welcome.

Wednesday Word Puzzles

Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Drop in to try some fun puzzles every week: word searches, riddles, and variety crosswords! You can come alone or bring a grownup. Recommended for ages 11 and up. **No registration required.** Email cmeisler@cambridgema.gov for more details.



CPL Nature Club: Groundhog Day Story Time

Thursday, February 1, 3:30-4 p.m.

We invite children and their grown-ups to join us for 20-25 minutes of songs, stories, and rhymes, with a craft to take and make at home, while supplies last. We will read stories about groundhogs and their shadows! **No registration is required.** Please call **(617) 349-4019** for details.

Valentine Card Party!

Tuesday, February 14, 4-5:30 p.m.

Join us at the O'Connell Branch to make valentines for family, loved ones or neighbors! We will have card making supplies available and light refreshments will be served. All ages are welcome! For more information, contact the O'Connell Branch at **617-349-4019**.



Vacation Week Program: Jenny the Juggler!

Wednesday, February 21, 2-2:45 p.m.

Jenny the Juggler connects with people through juggling, magic, music and more to create fabulous experiences with unforgettable memories for any occasion! For children of all ages and their caregivers.



Read to a Dog

Wednesday, February 21, 4-5 p.m.

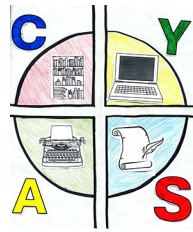
Read with Bowie the Therapy Dog from Pets & People! Therapy dogs provide warm and non-judgmental reading companions for new or experienced readers of all ages. **Registration for each 10-minute time slot is required and begins on Wednesday, February 14.** Sign up by phone or in person at the O'Connell Branch **(617-349-4019)**.

Evening Family Story Time

Wednesday, February 26, 5:30 p.m.

We invite children and their grown-ups to join us for a special evening story time event. This program will run for 20-25 minutes, with songs, stories and rhymes. **No registration is required.**

O'Neill



Cambridge Young Authors' Squad Friday, February 2 and February 16, 4-5 p.m.

Young people ages 10 to 14 who love to write are welcome to share their ideas and writing. There will be time for share-outs/workshopping, as well as group or solo writing. Snacks are provided! **If you are attending for the first time, registration is helpful, but not required.**



Story Time and Craft

Tuesday, February 6, 11a.m.-12p.m.

We invite children and their grown-ups to join us for stories, followed by a craft activity.

English Conversation Practice (Intermediate Level)

Wednesday, February 7, 14, 21 and 28, 1-2:30 p.m.

Join us for an English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Conversation Practice. This conversation group is for those with an intermediate or high level of English language skill. No testing is required. For more information on other ESOL classes, please call Maria Balestrieri at **617-349-4013**.

Wednesdays of Wonder - WOW!

Wednesdays

February 7, 3-4:30 p.m.

Black History Month Buttons

February 14, 3-4:30 p.m.

Weaving Swedish Hearts

February 21, 2-4 p.m.

Symmetry - Printmaking and Painting

February 28, 3-4:30 p.m.

Sink or Float Experiments

Hooked on Basics: A Warm Welcome to Crochet

Wednesday, February 7 and February 21, 6-7:30 p.m.

Discover the art of crochet at this beginner's workshop! Dive into the basics of the foundation chain and single crochet stitches. With hands-on practice, you'll soon be crafting your own coaster. All materials are provided – just bring your enthusiasm! **Registration Required.**

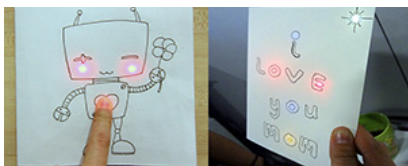


Read to a Dog

Thursday, February 8, 3-4 p.m.

Read with a cuddly friend! Trained therapy dogs provide warm and non-judgmental reading companions for new or experienced readers up to age 14. **Registration for each**

10-minute time slot is required and begins on Thursday, February 1 by calling or visiting the O'Neill Branch **(617-349-4023)**.



Make a Light-up Card

Tuesday, February 13,
4:30-5:30 p.m.

Come to the Library to make a card that will spread joy to others! Use simple circuits and LED lights to create light-up cards to share with loved ones. This program is recommended for ages 7 and up. **Please register in advance.**



Saturday Songs and Stories

Saturday, February 17, 3:30-4:00 p.m.

Music, movement and stories! Join your librarians for 20 minutes of fun! For children of all ages and their grown-ups.



Vacation Week Program: Pineapple Project

Tuesday, February 20, 3-3:45 p.m.

Enjoy a fun and engaging original show that explores gender, creativity, and

each child's freedom to be who they are. Recommended for children ages 4-8 and their caregivers.



Vacation Week: Family Movie at the Library

Friday, February 23, 2-3:45 p.m.

Join us over winter vacation for a cozy family movie (*Trolls Band Together* - DreamWorks - PG, 91 minutes) at the Library! Snacks will be provided.



Chess Hour

Saturday, February 24, 3-4 p.m.

Join us for a game of chess at the O'Neill Branch! Players of all skill levels and all ages are welcome to participate. Chess sets will be provided, but feel free to bring your own. This is a space for individuals to play and test their skills against other members of the community. This is not an instructional class.

Pajama Story Time

Tuesday, February 27, 6:45-7:30 p.m.

Come to the library in your pajamas to listen to stories, read with your children, and enjoy a snack before bed! This program is recommended for children of all ages and their caregivers. Pajama Story Time is presented by the Cambridge Public Library and the Center for Families.



Trivia Night!

Wednesday, February 28, 6:15-7 p.m.

Come join us for Trivia Night! Players of all ages are welcome to test their knowledge of science, history, literature, and culture. Snacks will be provided. Individuals and groups are welcome. **Registration is helpful, but not required.**



Ludicrous Leap Day!

Thursday, February 29, 3-4:30 p.m.

Children of all ages and their caregivers are invited to drop in any time 3-4:30 p.m. for a silly Leap Day activity.

Valente

Crafternoon: Button Maker

Friday, February 2, 3-4:30 p.m.

Visit Valente after school to use our button maker! Create and color your own designs, then follow the steps to bring your buttons home or give them away to friends. All materials will be provided by the library. **No registration is required for this drop-in event.** Recommended for children and their caregivers. For more information, please contact the library at **617-349-4015.**

Evening Story Time

Monday, February 5, 5:30-5:55 p.m.

We invite children and their grown-ups to join us for a special evening story time event. This program will run for 25-30 minutes, with songs, stories and rhymes. **No registration is required.**

ESOL Conversation Class

Mondays, 6-7:30 p.m.

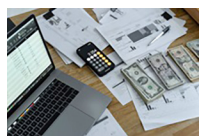
Join us for an English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)! This class will be taught at a beginner level. No testing is needed. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call Maria Balestrieri at **617-349-4013.**



Board Game Night for Adults

Tuesday, February 6, 6-7:30 p.m.

Join us for an evening of board games. We have: Ticket to Ride, Settlers of Catan, Scrabble, chess, checkers, Boggle, Bananagrams, and more! Feel free to bring a board game to play with others. We will provide pizza and beverages.



Budgeting & Smart Spending

Tuesday, February 13, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Need to get better at managing your money? Join the East Cambridge Savings Bank for a workshop on how to make a budget and manage your finances. Thank you to the East Cambridge Savings Bank for sponsoring this program.

Valentine's Day Cookie Decorating for Teens

Wednesday, February 14, 3-4:30 p.m.

Teens! Back by popular demand, join us after school on Valentine's Day to decorate sugar cookies with your friends. Materials will be provided by the library. **No registration is required for this drop-in event.**



Protecting Yourself from Financial Scams

Friday, February 16, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Learn how to protect yourself and others from financial scams in this workshop

provided by the East Cambridge Savings Bank. Thank you to the East Cambridge Savings Bank for sponsoring this program.

SATURDAY STORY TIME

Once a month on Saturday at 2pm

January 27
February 17
March 16
April 20
May 18
June 15



Saturday Story Time

Saturday, February 17, 2-2:25 p.m.

Join us for a special Saturday Story Time at the Valente Branch! Children and their caregivers are invited to join us for 20-25 minutes of stories and songs.

No registration is required. Please contact the library at 617-349-4015 for more information.



Vacation Week Program: "Meet the Orchestra" presented by Boston Music Project

Tuesday, February 20, 3-4 p.m.

Join us for a performance of a youth chamber orchestra.

A hands-on instrument petting zoo follows the performance, offering a chance for children to try playing a string instrument and to learn about different orchestral instruments. This program will be held in the Community Room of the Valente Branch Library. No registration is required. Please contact the library at 617-349-4015 for more information.

Make Along for Adults: Buttons

Tuesday, February 20, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Join us for the first of a monthly make-along series to create and socialize. Make this month's project or bring your own! This month we will be making buttons. Design and press your own buttons. All supplies for the featured craft will be provided.



Story Time with Author Hannah Moushabeck - *Homeland: My Father Dreams of Palestine*

Wednesday, February 21, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Join us in the Community Room of the Valente Branch Library for a special vacation week story time and activity

with Hannah Moushabeck, author of *Homeland: My Father Dreams of Palestine*. There will be free copies of the book for participants to take home only while supplies last. This program is recommended for children and their caregivers. Registration is helpful, but not required.

Save the Date



Cambridge Cooks: Ayida Solé of the Haitian Croissant

Wednesday, March 6, 6-7:30 p.m.

📍 Café

During Women's History Month, we focus on women entrepreneurs in the culinary industry. This Cambridge Cooks session welcomes Ayida Solé, chef, author, and activist.



Left on Pearl Screening

Thursday, March 7, 6-7:30 p.m.

📍 Lecture Hall

Celebrate International Women's Day with a screening of *Left on Pearl*, a documentary about a highly significant but little-known event in the history of the women's liberation movement, the 1971 takeover and occupation of a Harvard University-owned building by hundreds of Boston area women. Registration is required.



Death Café VIRTUAL

Wednesday, March 27, 7-8 p.m.

Join us for a virtual Death Café - an evening of open, lively, and insightful discussion about death for adults aged 18 and older. While not a support group nor a venue for bereavement, a Death Café seeks to provide an unscripted, non-judgmental platform for those wishing to explore the many facets of this often-taboo subject.



Richard Davis

Highlights from January



Pulitzer Prize-winning poet and former U.S. Poet Laureate Tracy K. Smith “takes us to the frontlines of real experience” in a conversation between her poetry and prose.



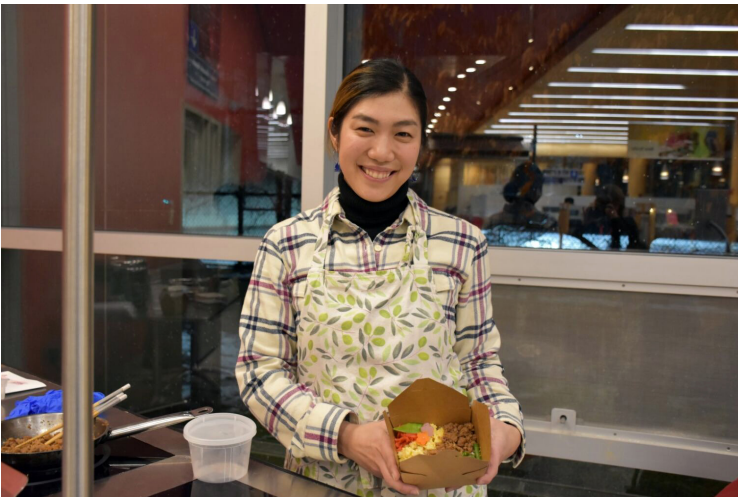
Professor Randall Kennedy delivers the 49th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day Lecture.



Attendees wait in anticipation to get a book signed by Tracy K. Smith.



Director Maria McCauley introduces Tracy K. Smith.



Chef Nagisa Ikemura at Cambridge Cooks with Nagomi Bento.



Patrons learn the delicate art of Nagomi Bento.

Hive Workshops for February 2024

All participants must complete the Hive Safety Training before attending Hive Workshops.



3D Printing 101: Game Piece Design

IN-PERSON Learn how to create your favorite game piece in digital space and print it out using our Sindoh 3D printers. You will get hands-on experience running the 3D printer, gain fundamental 3D modeling skills using Tinkercad, and earn your 3D Printing badge for future reservations in The Hive.

Before taking this workshop, you must create a free Tinkercad account at www.tinkercad.com.

Equipment and Studio Reservations

IN-PERSON Anyone who has completed Hive training and is badged to use equipment or studio(s) can reserve Hive equipment or studio spaces during these times. Staff will assist participants as they are able.

Fiber Arts Adventure with Lenni: A Machine-Sewing Workshop Series

IN-PERSON Continue building your machine-sewing skills AND create bespoke sewn crafts! Learn pattern-making and create customized aprons and backpacks. This four-part series is led by fiber artist and designer Lenni Armstrong. **Registration is required.** Those registered for the first session will automatically be enrolled in the following weeks. Spots are very limited; kindly only enroll if you plan to make all four workshops.

Glowforge 101: Creative Laser Cutting (Part 1 & 2)

IN-PERSON Learn how to cut, engrave, and shape designs from a variety of materials using the Glowforge Pro laser cutter in this two-part series.

Hive Safety Training

HYBRID You will learn about our makerspace, how to use our resources, and how to keep safe in The Hive.



Welcome to the state-of-the-art makerspace located at the Main Library! It is a hub for STEAM learning, creativity, and community collaboration in Cambridge. Its mission is to provide free, hands-on learning opportunities to the Cambridge community, resources for personal projects, and to serve as a hub for skill sharing and creative collaboration.

The Hive is open to individuals with a Minuteman library card. The space is designed for independent use for patrons ages 12 and up and supervised use for children under the age of 12.

Hive Teen Hangout **IN-PERSON** Have you checked out The Hive yet? Teens are welcome to come learn about our space and try their hand at sticker making, video recording in our studio and more. This is a drop-in event designed for patrons ages 12-18.

Sewing Circle **IN-PERSON** Continue building your machine-sewing skills AND receive support as you work on your own sewing projects with our Library sewing community. Participants must register but may drop-in any time during the program. This program is designed for patrons who know the basics of how to use our Janome sewing machines.

Serger 101 **IN-PERSON** Are you an intermediate or advanced sewer? This workshop will cover serger machine setup, threading a serger, and identifying correct tension settings with different types of fabric. You will learn about ways to use our Elna Extend 864 Air serger to take your sewing skills to the next level by producing special finishing styles, hemming, trimming, and assembling your garments.

Sewing 101 **IN-PERSON** Learn the basics of sewing machine operation and safety. This session will cover machine setup, basic functions, threading the machine, reloading the bobbin, sewing straight stitches, and recognizing when stitch tension has gone awry.

Studio Recording 101 **IN-PERSON** Are you interested in podcasting, audio production, or video production? The Hive has two state-of-the-art recording studios! Join this workshop to become familiar with studio equipment and software.

Videography 101 **IN-PERSON** Step into the Hive's state-of-the-art recording studio and film a short video of yourself in front of our green screen. Then, spend some time becoming familiar with video editing software while working with your footage.

Vinyl Cutting 101 **IN-PERSON** Would you like to make your own vinyl signs, stickers, or images to transfer to T-shirts and other textiles? In this workshop, you can learn how to use our Roland Camm-1 GS-24 vinyl cutter. You can then design a sticker and cut it with our vinyl cutter! **Registration is required.**

XR Lab 101 **IN-PERSON** Extended reality (XR) opens the door to worlds and experiences outside the everyday through virtual reality, augmented reality, and mixed reality equipment. Test drive our Microsoft HoloLens augmented reality glasses, Structure Sensor 3D scanner, Merge headsets, and more.

Zing Laser Cutting 101 **IN-PERSON** Learn how to use our Epilog Zing—an industry-standard laser cutting machine. Complete this workshop to earn a badge for the Zing laser cutter.



Hive Calendar - February 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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