

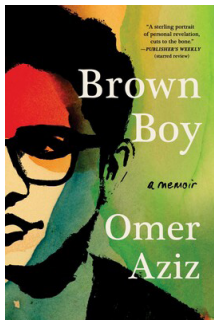
July 2023



# EVENTS *at the* CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

## Featured Events

**Omer Aziz Presents *Brown Boy*** HYBRID  
Wednesday, July 27, 6-7:30 p.m. (Main Library)



In a tough neighborhood on the outskirts of Toronto, miles away from wealthy white downtown, Omer Aziz struggles to find his place as a first-generation Pakistani Muslim boy. He fears the violence and despair of the world around him, and sees a dangerous path ahead, succumbing to aimlessness, apathy, and rage.

Omer Aziz is a lawyer, writer, and former foreign policy advisor in the administration of the Canadian Prime Minister. He was born to working-class parents of Pakistani origin in Toronto, Canada, and with the help of scholarships, became the first in his family to



go to college in the West, later studying in Paris, at Cambridge University, and at Yale Law School. Aziz has clerked for the United Nations Special Envoy for Syria and served as a foreign policy advisor in the government of Justin Trudeau. He has held residencies at

Yaddo and MacDowell and has written for *The New York Times*, *The Atlantic*, *New York* magazine, *The Washington Post*, *The New Republic*, and many other publications. He was most recently a Radcliffe Fellow at Harvard University. *Brown Boy* is his first book.

## Exhibitions

**Symbolism and Subversion: An Exhibition of Jennifer Regan's Stitched Narratives**  
on display  
May 2 – July 31, Lobby & Second Floor,  
(Main Library)



On view at the Main Library is Symbolism and Subversion: An Exhibition of Jennifer Regan's Stitched Narratives. Regan renegotiates traditional quilt making themes through a feminist lens and finds the city of Cambridge as her inspiration.

## Valente Summer Sundays are back!

Visit the Valente Branch & Library in the summer on Sundays. Come play with us this summer in July and August from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Main Library Sunday hours resume  
Sunday, September 10.



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.

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## SERVICE UPDATE

All Library locations will be closed on Tuesday, July 4 for Independence Day.

VIRTUAL Virtual event.

IN-PERSON In-person event.

HYBRID In-person event with option to attend virtually.

# Workshops

## Main Library

### Wellness for Seniors: Low Impact Fitness

Mondays, 11-11:45 a.m. **VIRTUAL**

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! A Zoom link will be sent to all registered participants 1 hour before the event. [Registration for each session is required.](#)

### Capoeira with Mestre Chuisquinho

Saturday July 8 through Saturday, August 5, from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. (Joan Lorentz Park)



Capoeira is a unique Afro-Brazilian martial art developed initially by African slaves during the colonial period. Renowned for its fluidity, grace, and power, Capoeira combines elements of martial-arts, dance, music, spirituality, and acrobatics. It develops strength, coordination, self-confidence, musical skills, flexibility, endurance, confidence, and self-awareness.



Capoeira with Mestre Chuisquinho combines the Brazilian art of Capoeira with fitness science to deliver an unbelievable full body workout; where the elegance of dance, the power of martial arts and the rhythms of Brazilian music are displayed. **Registration is required for each session.**

Cambridge Public Library

## SUMMER READING ADVENTURE

June 26 – August 25



The Cambridge Public Library invites people of all ages to adventure together this summer. Beginning June 26, visit any Library location to receive your Adventure Guide, full of activities and reading suggestions. Participate all summer for chances to win a gift card to a local independent bookstore. For more information, visit your neighborhood Library or [camb.ma/summerreading](http://camb.ma/summerreading).

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### Isha Kriya - A Guided Meditation for Beginners

Saturday, July 22, and Saturday, August 5, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. (Community Room)



In this one-hour session you will learn Isha Kriya, a simple 12–18-minute practice, to help you to become meditative effortlessly. Designed by Sadhguru, a self-realized yogi and foremost authority in the field of yoga. Isha Kriya sessions will be conducted by a trained instructor, after which ongoing online support will be available. Sustain your health and happiness - MEDITATE!

Daily practice of Isha Kriya offers:

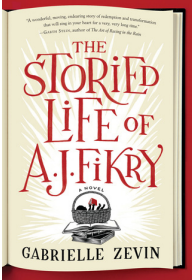
1. Enhanced clarity
2. Improved health
3. Heightened focus and energy
4. Greater prosperity and state of peacefulness and joy

**Registration is required for each session.**

# Book Groups

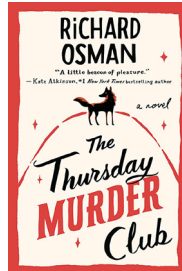
## Adult Book Groups

### Boudreau Branch



**Boudreau Branch Book Group** HYBRID  
**Wednesday, July 12, 12-1 p.m.**  
 July selection: *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin

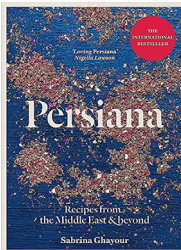
**Boudreau Branch Mystery Book Group** HYBRID  
**Tuesday, July 25, 12-1 p.m.** July selection: *The Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman



### Collins Branch



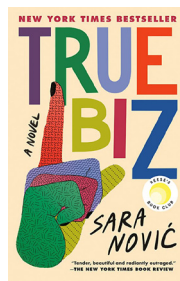
**Collins Branch Book Group** IN-PERSON  
**Tuesday, July 25, 6-7 p.m.**  
 July Selection: *Maybe You Should Talk to Someone* by Lori Gottlieb



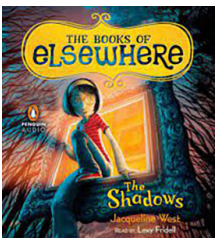
**Cookbook Book Group**  
**Thursday, July 27, 6-7 p.m.**  
 July Selection: *Persiana* by Sabrina Ghayour

### O'Neill Branch

**O'Neill Branch Book Group**  
**Monday, July 17, 6:30-8 p.m.** July selection: *True Biz* by Sara Novic



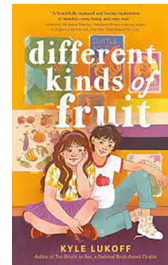
### Main Library



**Parent/Child (Ages 7-10) Book Group** HYBRID  
**Tuesday, July 11, 6-7 p.m.** July selection: *The Shadows* by Jacqueline West



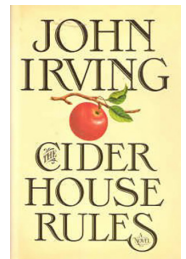
**Parent/Child (Ages 10-13) Book Group** VIRTUAL **Wednesday, July 12, 6-7 p.m.**  
 July selection: *Ahmed Aziz's Epic Year* by Nina Hamza



**Books Not Binaries Reading Group**  
**Wednesday, July 26, 6-7 p.m.**  
 July selection: *Different Kinds of Fruit* by Kyle Lukoff

### O'Connell

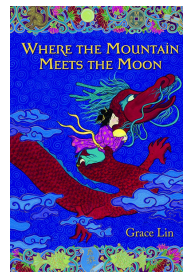
**O'Connell Branch Adult Book Group** IN-PERSON  
**Tuesday, July 18, 6:30-7:30 p.m.**  
 July selection: *Cider House Rules* by John Irving



## Children's Book Groups

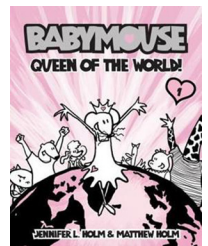
### O'Connell

**Magic Tree House Book Group** HYBRID  
**Friday, July 7, 4-5 p.m.** July selection: *Tigers at Twilight* by Mary Pope Osborne. (Ages 5-10)



**Kids' Classic Fantasy Book Group** HYBRID  
**Friday, July 21, 5-5:40 p.m.**  
 July selection: *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* by Grace Lin. (Ages 5-11)

**Graphics Are Great! Book Group** HYBRID  
**Tuesday, July 25, 4-5 p.m.**  
 July selection: *Babymouse: Queen of the World!* by Jennifer L. Holm and Matthew Holm. (Ages 8-12)



## **Brewery Book Club (Lamplighter)**

Wednesday, July 19, 7-8:30 p.m.  
Lamplighter Brewing Co., 284 Broadway



You're invited to our July brewery book club, where Lamplighter and the Cambridge Public Library team up to highlight contemporary works from marginalized voices while having a beer.

July selection: **How Far the Light Reaches: A Life in Ten Sea Creatures** by Sabrina Imbler. We'll gather in the Lamplighter back taproom to discuss the book, what we learned from it, what we found ourselves touched by, and all other thoughts. **Registration required.**

# **Regular Programs for Children & Families**

## **Boudreau**

Songs and Stories  
Thursdays, 10:30 -10:50 a.m.

## **Central Square**

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

Twilight Stories and Songs  
Thursdays, 5:30-6 p.m.

## **Collins**

Story Time  
Wednesdays from 3:30 - 4 p.m and  
Tuesdays from 10:30 - 11 a.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  
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)

## **O'Connell**

Preschool Story Time  
Thursdays, 3:30-4p.m.

Evening Family Story Time  
Wednesday, June 21, 6-7:30 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.

Afternoon Games  
Thursday, July 6, 3-5 p.m.

## **Valente**

Songs and Stories  
Tuesdays, 11-11:25 a.m.

Story Time  
Thursdays, 11-11:25 a.m.

# More Events Section

## Main Library

### Sit 'n' Knit

**Tuesdays, 2:30-3:30 p.m. (Rindge 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.



### One-on-One Tech Help

**Thursdays, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. (Rindge Room)**



Looking for some basic computer or mobile device guidance? Want to learn how to access audiobooks and eBooks? Stop by the Main Library for

our drop-in hours! Drop-in sessions will be limited to 30-minutes for each patron. A laptop will be available for use during the session.

We can help you with:

- accessing library eBooks, audiobooks, and other eResources on your devices
- e-mail, creating documents, and searching the web
- smartphone and mobile app questions
- other basic computer or mobile device questions

We are not able to help you with:

- installing advanced software programs
- completing online transactions for you
- computer hardware and technical maintenance

If you have any questions, please contact [syasuda@cambridgema.gov](mailto:syasuda@cambridgema.gov)

### Summer Reading: Nintendo Switch

**Wednesday, July 5 and July 19, 3-5 p.m. (Teen Room)**

Come to the Teen Room and try out a bunch of different Switch games, from Animal Crossing to Mario Kart to the Legend of Zelda. Play on your own or with friends. Every other Wednesday in the Teen Room this summer from 3 to 5 p.m.



### Summer Reading: Outdoor Story Time

**Friday, July 7, 11-11:30 a.m. (Joan Lorentz Park)**

Celebrate the great outdoors and all things summer at a special story time in Joan Lorentz Park outside the Main Library. Songs, stories, and sidewalk chalk included. For children of all ages and their caregivers. In the case of inclement weather, this program will be cancelled.

### Summer Reading: Ideas, Not Theories

**Saturday, July 8, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. (Lecture Hall)**

Founded and directed by Reynaliz Herrera, IDEAS, NOT THEORIES is a theatrical percussion company for unconventional instruments such as: bicycles, tap and body percussion, water, brushes, as well as traditional percussion instruments such as marimbas and drums. The musical works are linked together through a storyline, comedic physical theater and original characters.

The performance is a unique, quirky and creative artistic experience. For children of all ages and their caregivers.



### Summer Reading: Books on the Big Screen

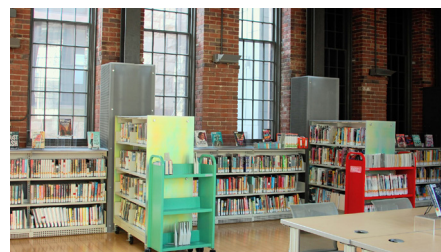
**Monday, July 10, 4-6 p.m. (Teen Room)**

Lights! Camera! Action! We'll provide the book-inspired movie and the snacks; you bring yourself and your friends for a movie afternoon at the library! For ages 12-18.

### Summer Reading: STEAM Afternoons

**Wednesday, July 12, and July 26, 3-5 p.m. (Teen Room)**

Try out a STEAM Kit, make your own buttons or express your creativity with a 3D pen. Every other Wednesday this summer in the Teen Room from 3-5 p.m.



### Summer Reading: Prismatic Magic Lasermania

**Thursday, July 13, 6-7 p.m. (The Hive)**

Join us for a musical laser light show celebration. Recommended for children ages 3 and up and their caregivers.



### Summer Reading: Stuffed Animal Sleepover

**Friday, July 14, 3-3:30 p.m. (Rey Room)**

Calling all stuffies! Your favorite lovey won't want to miss this special Stuffed Animal Sleepover at the Library! Bring your beloved toy to the Main Library Children's Room on Friday, July 14 at 3 p.m. for a send-off story time. Your friend will stay overnight in the Children's Room and be ready for pick up on Saturday, July 15 with fun stories to tell.

**Summer Reading:  
Library Sketch Crawl**  
Saturday, July 15,  
10-11:30 a.m.



**Library Sketch Crawl**

**July 10 - July 16**

Various Cambridge Public Library locations

Get creative by taking part in a self-directed library sketch crawl. Choose from a limited supply of drawing and coloring materials at the service desk to sketch one or more of your favorite Library buildings alongside your neighbors. You are also welcome to participate in Library sketching at any time throughout Cambridge Public Library's Summer Reading program using your own supplies. Each Library location sketch you complete can be used for individual entries into our Porter Square Book Store gift card drawing—sketch all seven locations for seven entries! Submit a sketch in an Adventure Entry Submission Form at a service desk or online.

**Summer Reading: Cozy Up with a Good Book**  
Tuesday July 18, 1-5 p.m. (Teen Room)

Too hot to do anything? Come into the air-conditioned Teen Room and read (or listen to) a good book! Bean bag chairs, snacks and reading suggestions provided.

**Summer Reading: BINGO at the Library**  
Tuesday, July 18, 2-3 p.m. (Rey Room)

Five squares in a row and BINGO! Join us for an afternoon of this fun, family game. This program is recommended for children ages 5+ and their caregivers.

**Summer Reading:  
Comic Book Workshop with  
LJ Baptiste**

Wednesday, July 19, 3-4 p.m.  
(Curious George Room)

We'll focus on the art of crafting original character-driven comics and cartoons, while also studying the work of pros in graphic novels, newspaper comics, and manga! Recommended for ages 8-13.



**Summer Reading: Scythe Teen Book Discussion**  
Thursday, July 20, 2-3 p.m. (Teen Room)



Join others to discuss the CRLS summer reading book, *Scythe* by Neal Shusterman. Get your free copy at the Main Library Teen Room. Pizza will be provided.

**Summer Reading: Board Games for Teens**  
July 27, 1-5 p.m. (Teen Room)

Bring friends and play games - Uno, Sorry!, Taboo, Chess, Connect 4... Or try something new, like Pandemic, Code Names, Snake Oil and more. Snacks will be provided while supplies last.

**Summer Reading: Wildlife Encounters with Mass Audubon**  
Friday, July 28, 11-11:45 a.m. (Curious George Room)



What better way to learn about wildlife than by observing them in person? Meet wildlife ambassadors and discover the amazing adaptations that help

them survive in the wild. Ask questions and learn what you can do to protect the wildlife of Cambridge. For children of all ages and their caregivers.

## Boudreau Branch

**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.



**Summer Reading Scavenger Hunt**  
Thursday, July 6, 3-3:45 p.m.

Boudreau's scavenger hunt is back for another summer! Join us at Raymond Park as we experience nature and search for items on our list. No registration is required for this event – simply meet us at Raymond Park by the bulletin board to get started! In the event of inclement weather, this event will be held on Monday, July 10 at 3 p.m.

**Summer Reading: Wildlife Encounters with Mass Audubon**  
Friday, July 7, 3-3:45 p.m.

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## Chess Hour

Monday, July 10 and July 24, 6-7:30 p.m.



Come join us at the Boudreau branch 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. Contact the Boudreau Branch by phone at (617-349-4017) or via email: [ipachoncaballero@cambridgema.gov](mailto:ipachoncaballero@cambridgema.gov) or [mmcglathery@cambridgema.gov](mailto:mmcglathery@cambridgema.gov)

## Summer Reading: Library Sketch Crawl

Monday, July 10, 6:30-7:30p.m.

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## Read to a Dog

Wednesday, July 12, 3-4 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 on the day of the program by phone or in person at the Boudreau Branch (617-349-4017).



## One-on-One Tech Help by Appointment

Wednesday, July 12 and July 26, 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: Downloading library eBooks, audiobooks, and magazines to your tablet, smartphone, or laptop, navigating databases and other library resources such as LinkedIn Learning, Using the Internet, and e-mail, Setting up devices like smartphones or streaming devices, and much more. Scheduled sessions run between 30 min to 45 min. Please bring your device, cords, and any necessary account information. Contact the Boudreau Branch (617-349-4017) with questions about this program.

## Summer Reading: Talewise Presents "Science Heroes: Saving Earth Together"

Thursday, July 13, 3-3:45 p.m.



In this action-packed story, two unlikely heroes work together to save their town (and the planet) from a super-polluting mastermind! Throughout the adventure,

volunteers will help the performer conduct several exciting science experiments that bring this story to life! Together we'll explore Newton's Laws of Motion, air pressure, chemical reactions and more! Recommended for children ages 5 and up and their caregivers.

## Ice Creaming Making

Friday, July 28, 3-3:45 p.m.

Did you know you can make ice cream in a bag? Join us to learn how and make your own tasty summer treat! **Please register in advance** for this event as space is limited.



# Central Square Branch

## One-on-One Tech Help

Tuesdays, 5-8 p.m.

Looking for some basic computer or mobile device guidance? Want to learn how to access audiobooks and eBooks?

Stop by at the Central Square Branch for our drop-in hours! A laptop will be available for use during the session.



We can help you with:

- Setting up e-mail accounts and learning how to use e-mail
- Searching for resources online
- Smartphone and mobile app questions
- Accessing library eBooks, audiobooks, and other eResources

We are not able to help you with:

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**Summer Reading: Beachy Crafts and Experiments!**  
Wednesday, July 12, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.



Get the summer vibes rolling with some fun crafts and experiments using sand, water, and other beachy things! This will be held outdoors in the Franklin Street Plaza. This event may be rescheduled if the weather is bad. Recommended for school-aged kids.

**Summer Reading: Library Sketch Crawl**  
Wednesday, July 12, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

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**Summer Reading: Toe Jam Puppet Band**  
Saturday, July 15, 11-11:45 a.m.



Join the toe-tapping, finger-snapping fun of the Toe Jam Puppet Band, with lots of singing, dancing, and laughter! Performances are interactive, encouraging

audience members to sing and dance along with the band. For children of all ages and their caregivers.

**Summer Reading: Hats!**  
Wednesday, July 26, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

We'll read stories about hats! We'll make hats! Come wearing your favorite hat! All ages.



**Summer Reading: Dinoman presents "Dinosaurs!"**  
Saturday, July 29, 11-11:40 a.m.



With magic, merry mayhem, and magnificent inflatable dinosaurs, Dinoman will take you on a trip throughout the Mesozoic era. Recommended for children ages 4 and up and their caregivers.

# Collins Branch

**Summer Reading: Sulinha Boucher Trio**  
Thursday, July 6, 11-11:45 a.m.

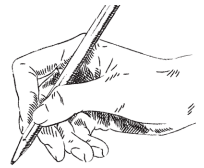
Join us for a performance of original songs in the style of Bossa Nova and Baiao accompanied by the sounds of Brazilian



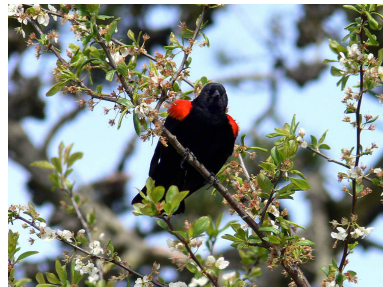
instruments like the berimbau and the pandeiro. This trio features Sulinha Boucher on vocals and acoustic guitar, Erico Menino on percussion, and Gabriel Maia on electric guitar. For children of all ages and their caregivers.

**Summer Reading: Library Sketch Crawl**  
Tuesday, July 11, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

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**Summer Bird Watching Walk at Mount Auburn Cemetery**  
Wednesday, July 12, 4-5 p.m.



Join us at the Collins Branch library for a summer walk at the renowned birdwatching spot in our own backyard, Mount Auburn Cemetery! We will help you identify birds, learn

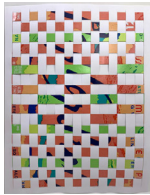
birdwatching tips and tricks, and familiarize yourself with the Spring migratory birds as well as those that can be spotted all year round! A limited supply of binoculars will be available. Registration is required. The walk will meet at the courtyard of the Collins Branch and head over to Mount Auburn Cemetery together.

For more information, contact Michael Roberson at [mroberson@cambridgema.gov](mailto:mroberson@cambridgema.gov) or call the Collins Branch at (617-349-4021).



## Paper Engineering

Tuesday, July 18 and 25, from 3:30-4:30 p.m.



Each week, participants will take simple paper and cut, fold, and combine it into a new creation. A new activity will be featured in every session. Recommended for children ages 5-12 and their caregivers.

## Community Conversations: Cambridge Council on Aging

Friday, July 21, 10:30-11:30 a.m.



Learn more about resources in our community that support independence and well-being in this discussion with the Cambridge Council on Aging (COA). The department offers a variety of recreational classes (including fitness and art classes), monthly

support and discussion groups, special events and guest speakers, trips in and around New England, technology support, and other opportunities that help enhance seniors' lives. They also offer Medicare consultations and provide referrals to local agencies to support the health, wellness, and safety of seniors. This discussion will feature a brief overview of the programs offered followed by Q&A. Snacks will also be served. This will be an indoor event and there is A/C provided. Some seating is available. **Registration is required.**



## Summer Reading: Pumpernickel Puppets

Thursday, July 27, 4-4:45 p.m.

Two classic tales make up this wonderful animal-inspired show. "The Three Billy Goats Gruff" and "The Lion and the Mouse" are told

with colorful, friendly hand puppets, and feature lots of audience interaction. Recommended for children ages 3 and up and their caregivers.

## Fresh Pond Nature Walk

Monday, July 31, 10:15-11:30 a.m.

Join us for a relaxing walk at Fresh Pond with Park Ranger Tim Puopolo! No two weeks are the same in nature, and Tim will share his insights about what's growing, changing, and blooming in the neighborhood. The walk will meet in the courtyard of the Collins Branch and leave together towards the pond at 10:15 am. Registration is required. For more information or with any questions, please contact Lucy at [LFlamm@CambridgeMA.gov](mailto:LFlamm@CambridgeMA.gov).



# O'Connell Branch

## Fiber Crafts Group Drop-In

Thursdays, 11:30 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.

## Summer Reading Kickoff with Jenny the Juggler

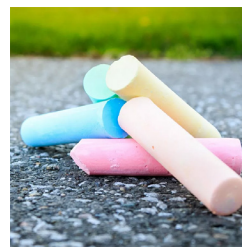
Thursday, July 6, 2-2:45 p.m.

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.



## Summer Reading: Chalk It Up!

Monday, July 10, 2-4 p.m.



Join us to decorate the O'Connell Reading Garden with colorful chalk art. For children of all ages and their grown-ups.

## Summer Reading: Dragon Day

Tuesday, July 11, 2-4 p.m.

Whether you're a fan of Dragon Masters or Wings of Fire, we will have dragon trivia, riddles, games, art, and discussion. For children ages 5 and up and their grown-ups.

## Summer Reading: Library Sketch Crawl

Thursday, July 13, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Get creative by taking part in a self-directed library sketch crawl. Choose from a limited supply of drawing and coloring materials at the service desk to sketch one or more of your favorite Library buildings alongside your neighbors. You are also welcome to participate in Library sketching at any time throughout Cambridge Public Library's Summer Reading program using your own supplies. Each Library location sketch you complete can be used for individual entries into our Porter Square Book Store gift card drawing—sketch all seven locations for seven entries! Submit a sketch in an Adventure Entry Submission Form at a service desk or online.



### Read to a Dog

Monday, July 17, 2-3 p.m., and  
Wednesday, July 26, 10-11 a.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 Thursday, June 8. Sign up by phone (617-349-4019) or in person at the O'Connell Branch.



### Summer Reading: Robot Story Time

Thursday, July 20, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Hear stories about robots, make a binary code bracelet, and meet the library's robots Bee-Bot, Code-A-Pillar, Gear-Bot, and Cubetto! For children of all ages and their grown-ups.

### Summer Reading: Wildlife Encounters with Mass Audubon

Friday, July 21, 1-1:45 p.m.

What better way to learn about wildlife than by observing them in person? Meet wildlife ambassadors and discover the amazing adaptations that help them survive in the wild. Ask questions and learn what you can do to protect the wildlife of Cambridge. For children of all ages and their caregivers. This program will be held outdoors and moved indoors in case of inclement weather.



### Summer Reading: Fun with Bubbles

Monday, July 24, 2-3:30 p.m.

Join us outdoors to explore and learn with bubbles! We will blow bubbles of all sizes, make bubble wands, and play bubble games! For children of all ages and their grown-ups.

### Summer Reading: Rockabye Beats

Wednesday, July 26, 2-2:45 p.m.



Come 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.

### Summer Reading: Evening Story Time

Wednesday, July 26, 6:30-7 p.m.

We invite children and their grown-ups to join us for a special evening Storytime event. This program will run for 25-30 minutes, with songs, stories, and rhymes.

### Bike Maintenance Basics

Wednesday, July 26, 6-7:30 p.m.

Learn the basics of caring for your bike! Join Tenzin Choephel from the Cambridge Community Development Department and learn the basics of bike maintenance, including:

- Anatomy of the bike
- Removing wheels
- Fixing flats
- Chain maintenance
- Pre-Ride check
- Seat height
- Portable tool kit
- Keeping your bike healthy with preventative bike maintenance



You do not need to bring a bike. No registration is required. For more information, please contact the O'Connell Branch at (617-349-4019).

### Summer Reading: Pete the Cat Party!

Thursday, July 27, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Join us at the O'Connell branch for games, crafts, and stories about everyone's favorite fictional feline! For children of all ages and their grown-ups.



## O'Neill Branch

### Make a Pom-Pom Creature

Saturday, July 1, 2-3:30 p.m.

Young crafters can come and learn how to make a pom-pom out of yarn. Then turn that pom-pom into a fun and furry creature! Children of all ages and their caregivers are welcome to attend.



### Summer Reading: Saturday Songs and Stories

Saturday, July 1, 3:30-4 p.m.

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

### Summer Reading: Take and Make Blendies

Friday, July 7, 2-4 p.m.

The O'Neill Branch Library invites you to explore symmetry, balance, and colors with Blendies! Recommended for ages 4 and up.

### Summer Reading: After-Camp Hangout

Mondays in July, beginning July 10, from 3-6 p.m.

Visit the O'Neill Branch Library to enjoy games, snacks, and a weekly rotating activity. Beat the heat or come to just hang with friends! All youth and their families are welcome.

### Read to a Dog

**Tuesday, July 11, 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 Monday July 3 by calling or visiting the O'Neill Branch (617-349-4023).



### Summer Reading: Pajama Story Time

**Tuesday, July 18, 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 may be held indoors or outdoors, depending on the weather. Please call ahead to inquire (617-349-4023). This program is recommended for children of all ages and their caregivers.



### Summer Reading: Family STEAM Night

**Tuesday, July 11, 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

**STEAM  
ACTIVITIES**

Families with elementary school age children join us for hands-on activities focused on Science, Technology, Arts, Engineering and Math. Adults and children

will learn and play together! This program may be held indoors or outdoors, depending on the weather. Please call ahead to inquire (617-349-4023).

### Summer Reading: Wildlife Encounters with Mass Audubon

**Friday, July 14, 2-2:45 p.m.**

What better way to learn about wildlife than by observing them in person? Meet wildlife ambassadors and discover the amazing adaptations that help them survive in the wild. Ask questions and learn what you can do to protect the wildlife of Cambridge. For children of all ages and their caregivers. This program may be held indoors or outdoors, depending on the weather. Please call ahead to inquire (617-349-4023).



### Summer Reading: Fun with Bubbles

**Saturday, July 22, 2-3:30 p.m.**

Join us outdoors to explore and learn with bubbles! We will blow bubbles of all sizes, make our own bubble wands, and play bubble games! For children of all ages and their grown-ups.

### Summer Reading: Talewise

presents "Science Heroes: Saving Earth Together"

**Saturday, July 29, 2-2:45 p.m.**

In this action-packed story, two unlikely heroes work together to save their town (and the planet) from a super-polluting mastermind! Throughout the adventure, volunteers will help the performer conduct several exciting science experiments that bring this story to life! Together we'll explore Newton's Laws of Motion, air pressure, chemical reactions and more! Recommended for children ages 5 and up and their caregivers. This program may be held indoors or outdoors, depending on the weather. Please call ahead to inquire (617-349-4023).



### Summer Reading: Library Sketch Crawl

**Friday, July 14, 3-4 p.m.**

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### Crafting Corner

**Saturdays, 1:30-3 p.m.**

Fiber arts crafters of all skill levels are welcome to drop in for companionable crafting! Bring your current work in progress, and enjoy tea, snacks, and conversation with other crafters. Chat, share tips, and maybe even inspire others. No registration required.



# Valente Branch

## Summer Reading: Evening Story Time

Monday, July 10, 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. This program will be held in the Community Room of the Valente Branch Library. Please call (617-349-4015) for more information.

## Summer Reading: Toe Jam Puppet Band

Saturday, July 15, 2-2:45 p.m.



Join the toe-tapping, finger-snapping fun of the Toe Jam Puppet Band, with lots of singing, dancing, and laughter! Performances are interactive, encouraging audience members to sing and dance along with the band. For children of all ages and their caregivers.

## Summer Reading: Library Sketch Crawl

Sunday, July 16, 1-5 p.m.

Get creative by taking part in a self-directed library sketch crawl. Choose from a limited supply of drawing and coloring materials at the service desk to sketch one or more of your favorite Library buildings alongside your neighbors. You are also welcome to participate in Library sketching at any time throughout Cambridge Public Library's Summer Reading program using your own supplies. Each Library location sketch you complete can be used for individual entries into our Porter Square Book Store gift card drawing—sketch all seven locations for seven entries! Submit a sketch in an Adventure Entry Submission Form at a service desk or online.



## Summer Reading Patio Project

Monday, July 24, 5-6 p.m.

Join us outside in front of the Valente Branch Library for STEAM activities for all ages! This program will move indoors to the Community Room in the case of inclement weather. Please call (617-349-4015) for more information.

## Summer Reading: Wingmasters presents: World of Owls

Wednesday, July 26, 3-3:45 p.m.

Featuring a variety of live owls, this captivating and informative program shows how owls use their specialized powers of sight, hearing, and flight to survive and thrive. A wealth of facts and folklore about these masters of the dark explains the natural and unnatural history of owls. Recommended for children ages 6 and up and their caregivers.

# Save the Dates Main Library

## Jenny Odell Presents: Saving Time: *Discovering a Life Beyond the Clock*

Thursday, August 10, 6-7:30 p.m.



Join Jenny Odell, the author of the New York Times bestseller *Saving Time: Discovering a Life Beyond the Clock* (Penguin-Random House, 2023) for a discussion at the Main Library on August 10, from 6-7:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Cambridge Public Library Foundation.

## Isabella Hammad in Conversation with Namwali Serpell

Thursday, September 14, 6-7:30 p.m.



Join Isabella Hammad, the award-winning author of *The Parisian* (Grove Atlantic, 2019) for a conversation about her latest book, *Enter Ghost* (Grove Atlantic, 2022). Hammad will be in conversation with Namwali Serpell, the author of *The Old Drift* (Hogarth, 2019) winner of Windham-Campbell Prize, and *The Furrows: An Elegy* (Hogarth, 2022), a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award. This program is supported by the Cambridge Public Library Foundation.

# STEAM Workshops for July 2023

All participants must complete the *Hive Safety Training* before attending STEAM 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 complete *The Hive Safety Training*** and create a free Tinkercad account at [www.tinkercad.com](http://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

IN-PERSON

Continue building your machine-sewing skills AND create bespoke sewn crafts! Design your own fiber arts adventure as you make dinner napkins, high-visibility patches for being seen at night, and customized wearable Hive-made creations.

## 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 Teen Hangout

IN-PERSON

Have you checked out The Hive yet? Teens are welcome to come to 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.



## Hive Safety Training

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

## 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. **You must complete *The Hive Safety Training*** before registering.

## 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.

## LIBRARY LOCATIONS/PHONE/HOURS

### 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 (SEP-JUNE ONLY)

### Boudreau Branch

245 Concord Ave. | 617-349-4017  
MON 10-8, TUE 10-8, WED 10-8, THU 10-6, FRI 10-6

### 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

### Collins Branch

64 Aberdeen Ave. | 617-349-4021  
MON 10-6, TUE 10-8, WED 10-8, THU 10-8, FRI 10-6

### O'Connell Branch

48 Sixth St. | 617-349-4019  
MON 10-6, TUE 10-8, WED 10-8, THU 10-8, FRI 10-6

### O'Neill Branch

70 Rindge Ave. | 617-349-4023  
MON 10-8, TUE 10-8, WED 10-8, THU 10-6, FRI 10-6, SAT 1-5

### Valente Branch

826 Cambridge St. | 617-349-4015  
MON 10-8, TUE 10-8, WED 10-8, THU 10-6, FRI 10-6, SAT 1-5

All locations are accessible by public transportation.

Details are on our website.

## Literacy Center Programs

There are four levels of classes:

Low Beginner, High Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced

ESOL at the Valente Branch **IN-PERSON**

Mondays, 6-7 p.m.  
Valente Branch

English Conversation **IN-PERSON**

Tuesdays, 10-11:30 a.m.  
Main Library, Rossi Room

Beginner ESOL **IN-PERSON**

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

High Beginner ESOL **IN-PERSON**

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

Intermediate ESOL **IN-PERSON**

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
Central Square Branch

Advanced ESOL **IN-PERSON**

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

Résumé and Job Application Support **IN-PERSON**

Wednesday, 1-3 p.m.  
Central Square Branch



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 Calendar - July 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
						1 Zing Laser Cutting 9:30-11 a.m.
						Equipment and Studio Reservation 11:30 a.m.-4:30 pm.
2	3 Vinyl Cutting 101 3:30-4:30 p.m.	4	5 STEAM Academy: Innovators for Purpose Summer Studio 9 a.m.-4 p.m.	6 STEAM Academy: Innovators for Purpose Summer Studio 9 a.m.-4 p.m.	7 STEAM Academy: Innovators for Purpose Summer Studio 9 a.m.-4 p.m.	8 Vinyl Cutting 101 9:30-10:30 a.m.
			3D Printing 101: Game Piece Design 3:30-5:30 p.m.	Videography. 2-3 p.m.	Equipment and Studio Reservation 1-4:30 p.m.	Equipment and Studio Reservation 3:30-4:30 p.m.
			Glowforge 101: Creative Laser Cutting 6:30-8:30 p.m.	Equipment and Studio Reservation 3:30-8 p.m.		
				XR Lab 101 7-8 p.m.		
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	Equipment and Studio Reservations 1-4:30 p.m.	Serger 101 1:30-2:30 p.m.	Summer Bird Watching Walk at Mount Auburn Cemetery (Collins) 4-5 p.m.	Hive Safety Training 2-2:30 p.m.	Videography 101 2-3 p.m.	Studio Recording 101 1:30-2:30 p.m.
		Equipment and Studio Reservations 3-6 p.m.	Hive Safety Training 4:30-5 p.m.	Equipment and Studio Reservations 3-6 p.m.	Equipment and Studio Reservations 1-4:30 p.m.	Sewing 101 2:30 – 4 p.m.
		3D Printing 101: Game Piece Design 3:30-5:30 p.m.	Sewing Circle 5:30-8:30 p.m.	3D Printing 101: Game Piece Design 3:30-5 p.m.		
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		Hive Safety Training 1:30-2 p.m.	Equipment and Studio Reservations 3-8:30 p.m.	Equipment and Studio Reservations 2-6 p.m.	Serger 101 1:30-2:30 p.m.	Studio Recording 101 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
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# Celebrating JUNETEENTH through the Arts, June 20<sup>th</sup>



Master Drummer  
Nko Fallou Fall



Master Drummer Nko Fallou Fall and Akili Jamal Haynes



Poet Denise Washington



Singer Alana  
Womack



Akili Jamal Haynes



(L-R) Akili Jamal Haynes, Pelalah Auset, Muna Kangsen - Manager of Communications, Programs, and Events, Alexandria Danielle King, Alana Womack, and Denise Washington