November 2026

EVENTS *at the* CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Events



Sacred Songs and Rituals: In the Roundhouse: A Celebration of Indigenous Music IN-PERSON

Wednesday, November 18, 6-7:30 p.m.

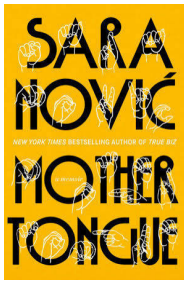
Main Library Lecture Hall

Join us for Sacred Songs and Rituals in celebration of National Native American Heritage Month, featuring **Thea Hopkins**, **Asa Peters**, and **Jim Peters**. Thea Hopkins, a member of the Aquinnah Wampanoag tribe, is an award-winning songwriter known for her Red Roots Americana style. Her work has been praised internationally, performed at major venues, and recorded by Peter, Paul & Mary. Her newest album, *Blossoms & Ghosts*, was released in February 2026. Asa Peters and Jim Peters, members of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, perform with the Wampanoag Nation Singers and Dancers, a collective dedicated to preserving and sharing traditional Wampanoag songs, dances, and cultural practices.

Brewery Book Club IN-PERSON HYBRID

Wednesday, November 4, 7-8:30 p.m.

Lamplighter Brewing, 284 Broadway



You're invited to our November Brewery Book Club, where Lamplighter and the Cambridge Public Library team up to highlight contemporary works from marginalized voices while having a beer. We meet at Lamplighter Brewing Co., 284 Broadway, in the back taproom.

This month we'll read *Mother Tongue: A Memoir* by Sara Nović. **Registration is required**.

SERVICE ALERT

All Library locations will be closed on Wednesday, November 11, for Veterans' Day, and Thursday, November 26 and Friday November 27, for Thanksgiving. The Library will also close early at 5 p.m. on November 25.



Library Card Design Contest Open Studio IN-PERSON

Thursday, November 5, 4-6 p.m.

Main Library Rossi Room

Participate in the Cambridge Public Library Card Design Contest by attending this open studio time to work on your submission. The library will provide templates and basic art supplies. Staff will be available to assist with scanning and uploading your entry.

LOUROVERSE - Living for Comics: Luis Louro in Conversation with Lawrence Klein IN-PERSON



Sunday, Nov 8, 2-3:30 p.m.

Main Library Lecture Hall

Join renowned Portuguese comic book and graphic novel author **Luís Louro** in conversation with **Lawrence Klein**, founder of the Museum of Comic and Cartoon Art. Whether you're a long-time comics enthusiast, an aspiring artist, or simply curious about the art of visual storytelling, this engaging conversation offers an opportunity to explore the creative world of comics and graphic novels. This event is co-sponsored by the Cambridge Public Library and the Consulate General of Portugal in Boston.

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VIRTUAL Virtual event IN-PERSON In-person event HYBRID In-person event with option to attend virtually

Workshops

Cambridge Cooks with Chef Ashley Lujares

IN-PERSON

Monday, November 9, 6-7:30 p.m.

Main Library Community Room

Join us for another session of Cambridge Cooks, the Library's cooking workshop, featuring Chef **Ashley Lujares**. Chef Ashley is a Boston-based Filipina American chef and the creator of Mango Tao, a pop-up culinary experience that showcases modern Filipino cuisine and Southeast Asian flavors through rotating menus, collaborations with local restaurants, and immersive events. A Food Network *Chopped* champion and former executive chef of Myers + Chang, Chef Ashley aims to share Filipino cuisine with diverse audiences and uplift the Asian American and Filipino communities in Boston. **Registration is required**.

Alice Hoffman presents: *The Witches of Cambridge*

IN-PERSON

Tuesday, November 10, 6-7:30 p.m.

Main Library Lecture Hall

Harvard Book Store and the Cambridge Public Library welcome **Alice Hoffman**—bestselling author of thirty works of fiction, including *Practical Magic*—for a discussion of her highly anticipated new novel, *The Witches of Cambridge*. **Registration is required. This event is full, but a waitlist is available**.

Documentary Screening: Optics of Aging

IN-PERSON

Thursday, November 12, 4-6 p.m.

Main Library Lecture Hall

Please join us for a screening of *Optics of Aging*. A discussion with the director, Michelle Le Brun, will follow the screening. In the film, stereotypes of ageism dissolve as the beauty of aging is revealed through five elders who have shaped the culture and political landscape of Rhode Island and beyond. Their voices take flight against the backdrop of archival imagery that captures the vision of an earlier time of vast sociocultural change. **Registration is requested but not required**.

Fighting for Freedom: Black Cambridge from the Revolution to the Early 1800s

IN-PERSON

Thursday, November 19, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Central Square Lewis Room

Join Cambridge Black History Project for an illustrated talk about Cambridge's Black Patriots and the Black Cantabrigians who lived and worked here in the years following the Revolutionary War. **Registration is required**.

Navigating Today's Job Market Series

Not sure what comes next? Join career coach Sara Reese for an interactive workshop which will help participants identify interests, strengths, and values while exploring careers that align with their goals. Learn about high demand industries in Greater Boston, local education and training options, and practical tools to help you plan your next career move. You are welcome to join one or all sessions.

1. LinkedIn Profile+ Building a Professional Network

November 10, 6:15-7:45 p.m.

Central Square Branch

2. Career Exploration: Mapping Your Future

November 14, 2-3:30 p.m.

O'Neill Branch

3. Power Your Future: Careers in the Building Trades + Green Energy

November 17, 6-7:30 p.m.

Main Library-Community Room

4. Creative Careers: Art, Design, Music + More

December 1, 6-7:30 p.m.

Main Library-The Hive

Wellness for Older Adults: Zumba Gold

IN-PERSON

Fridays, 11:30-12:15 p.m.

Main Library Community Room

Join instructor Darren Hairston for **Zumba Gold** – the fun and energizing dance fitness class tailored for active older adults and beginners! Set to vibrant, upbeat music, Zumba Gold features low-impact, easy-to-follow dance moves that make staying fit enjoyable and accessible for all fitness levels. Improve your balance, flexibility, and cardio health while having a great time in a supportive and friendly environment. No dance experience needed—just bring your smile and a willingness to move! **Registration is required every week and will open at 11:30 a.m. the Monday before each class**.

Aging with Mindfulness

VIRTUAL

Mondays, 9-10 a.m.

Zoom

This program, led by **Zeenat Potia**, will introduce and utilize mindfulness techniques to help us examine and regulate

everyday life changes with a focus on aging. Participants will learn and benefit from the development of a mindfulness practice to enable responding to getting older in a calm, clear and thoughtful manner. **Registration is required**.

Wellness for Older Adults: Zumba Gold VIRTUAL

Mondays, 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Zoom

Put on your dancing shoes to improve flexibility and balance, strengthen muscles and have fun! Certified Zumba Gold instructor Emily B. will lead you through 45 minutes of low-impact and easy-to-follow choreography in your own home through Zoom. Join us! **Registration for each session is required**.

Free Drop-in Tutoring for Teens IN-PERSON

Tuesdays and Wednesdays, beginning November 4, 5-6 p.m.

Main Library Teen Room

Need help with a class? Have a question before an exam? Tutors are available to help you! Cambridge School Volunteers and the Library are pleased to offer tutoring services in the Teen Room. Stop by the Teen Room or call 617-349-4027 to learn more. **No registration required.**

Wellness for Older Adults: Chair Yoga IN-PERSON

Tuesdays, beginning November 3, 1-2 p.m.

Central Square Lewis Room

Join us each Tuesday afternoon at the Central Square Branch for Chair Yoga, led by experienced instructor Louise Parker. No equipment needed. **Registration is required for each session**.

Expressive Art for Older Adults: Beading Workshop IN-PERSON

Tuesday, November 17, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Main Library Rossi Room

Learn the basics of beaded jewelry in this workshop led by Zangar Freeman, as well as the difference between semi-precious stones and precious stones. Participants will keep all pieces they make. **Registration is required**.

Wednesday Night Creative Writing Group IN-PERSON

Wednesday, November 18, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Main Library Community Room

Writers of all experience levels are invited to join a casual, peer-supported writing group. Participants take turns bringing short in-progress or completed pieces of any genre. The group reads several pieces each month, sharing feedback and constructive criticism in a supportive and inclusive environment. **Registration is required**.

Estate Planning for All VIRTUAL

Thursday, November 19, 10-11:30 a.m.

Zoom

The Cambridge Public Library and Legal Services Center of Harvard Law School are excited to offer Estate Planning for All. Estate plans can help you prepare for unexpected changes, offer a sense of security in uncertain times, and ensure that your wishes will be carried out if you become ill, incapacitated, or die unexpectedly. Everyone—regardless of background or financial

Database Spotlight:

Craftsy

Need a creative project to get you through the winter? No time to attend the Library's classes or read our how-to books? Learn anytime, anywhere, with our shared Craftsy subscription.

Craftsy is an online resource offering classes, patterns, and project ideas for all makers. It has everything you need to express your creativity in paint, fabric, fiber...even frosting! Content ranges from basic instruction to advanced techniques. Your Cambridge library account includes on-demand access to over 2,000 ad-free video classes. All are professionally taught and produced; many are supported by downloadable class materials.

To try it, scan the QR code, or find it in the Libby app under "Extras."

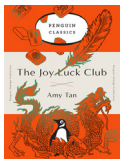
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Also available: **Craftsy en Español**.

Book Groups

Adult Book Groups

Boudreau



Boudreau Branch Book Group

HYBRID

Wednesday, November 18, 12-1 p.m.

The Joy Luck Club by Amy Tan



Boudreau Branch Mystery Book Group

HYBRID

Tuesday, November 24, 12-1 p.m.

A Rising Man by Abir Mukherjee

Central Square



Abating Reality: Mystery/Thriller/Sci-Fi Book Group HYBRID

Wednesday, November 4, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Rosewater by Tade Thompson

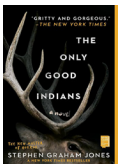


Short Story Reading Group

IN-PERSON

Thursday, November 12, 6-7 p.m.

TBD



Horror Book Group IN-PERSON

Thursday, November 12, 7-8 p.m.

The Only Good Indians by Stephen Graham Jones



Central Square Branch Book Group

IN-PERSON

Wednesday, November 18, 6:30pm - 8:30 p.m.

The Coin by Yasmin Zaher

Collins



Collins Branch Book Group

IN-PERSON

Thursday, November 12, 6-7 p.m.

Mystic River by Dennis Lehane



Cookbook Club

IN-PERSON

Thursday, November 19, 6-7 p.m.

Brilliant Bites: 75 Amazing Small Bites for Any Occasion by Maegan Brown

Martha Stewart's Appetizers: 200 Recipes for Dips, Spreads, Snacks, Small Plates, and other Delicious Hors d'oeuvres, Plus 30 Cocktails by Martha Stewart



I'll Bring the Apps: Bites, Bowls, Boards & Beverages by Marissa Mullen

Main Library



Great Books Book Group

HYBRID

Tuesday, November 3, 7:15-8:45 p.m.

Selected Stories by Shirley Jackson



Tuesday, November 17, 7:15-8:45 p.m.

Selected Writings by Jane Goodall



True Crime Book Group

IN-PERSON

Monday, November 9, 2-3 p.m.

The People vs. the Golden State Killer by Thien Ho

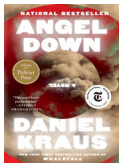


Romance Book Group

IN-PERSON

Tuesday, November 10, 7:15-8:15 p.m.

A Taste of Gold and Iron by Alexandra Rowland

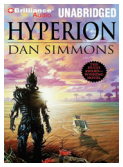


Contemporary Book Group

IN-PERSON

Tuesday, November 17, 6-7 p.m.

Angel Down by Daniel Kraus



Science Fiction & Fantasy Book Group

IN-PERSON

Wednesday, November 18, 6-7 p.m.

Hyperion by Dan Simmons



Sustaining Community: A Climate Change Book Group

HYBRID

Monday, November 30, 7-8:30 p.m.

Parable of the Sower by Octavia E. Butler

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Reel Reads Book Group IN-PERSON

Tuesday, November 3, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Wuthering Heights by Emily Brontë



O'Connell Branch Book Group

IN-PERSON

Tuesday, November 17, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

The Wager by David Grann

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O'Neill Branch Book Group IN-PERSON

Monday, November 9, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

All Consuming: Why We Eat the Way We Eat Now by Ruby Tandoh

Valente



Short Books for Busy People Book Club

IN-PERSON

Wednesday, November 18, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

The Vegetarian by Han Kang

Children's Book Groups

Central Square

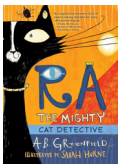


MCBA Book Group IN-PERSON

Wednesday, November 4, 6-7 p.m.

How to Say Goodbye in Cuban by Daniel Miyares

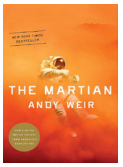
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Parent/Child Book Group IN-PERSON

Tuesday, November 10, 6-6:45 p.m.

Ra the Mighty Cat Detective by Amy Butler Greenfield



Teen Book Group IN-PERSON

Wednesday, November 18, 6-7 p.m.

The Martian by Andy Weir



Tween Book Group IN-PERSON

Thursday, November 19, 6-6:45 p.m.

Buffalo Dreamer by Violet Duncan

O'Connell



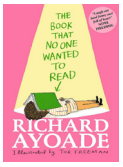
"Graphics are Great!" Book Group

HYBRID

Tuesday, November 17, 5-6 p.m.

How to Talk to Your Succulent by Zoe Persico (ages 8-12)

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Kids' Books for Everyone IN-PERSON

Tuesday, November 10, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

The Book That No One Wanted to Read by Richard Ayoade

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.

One-on-One Tech Help

Monday, November 2, 16, and 30, 2-3 pm.

Looking for some basic computer or mobile device guidance? Want to learn how to access audiobooks and eBooks? Stop by at the Boudreau branch for our drop-in hours! Drop-in sessions will be limited to 30-minutes for each patron. **Registration is strongly encouraged but not required**.

Chess Hour

Monday, November 2, 16, and 30, 5-6 p.m.

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.

After-School Craft

Thursday, November 5, 3-5 p.m.

Thursday, November 19, 3-5 p.m.

Stop by the Boudreau Branch in the afternoon for a craft. November 5, use a button maker to create your very own buttons. On November 19, use our 3-D pens. This drop-in event is intended for school aged children and their families.

Coffee And Games!

Friday, November 20, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Join us for coffee, treats, and games (Cribbage, Rummikub, etc.). Bring a friend or meet a new one at the library!

Central Square

Drop-in Tech Help at the Library

Tuesdays, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Fridays, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Lewis Room

Looking for some basic computer or mobile device guidance? Want help using an online resource? Need someone to read your resume and support navigating online job applications? Join us for our drop-in help hours between 4 and 6 p.m. **No registration required**. If you have any questions, please contact library@cambridgema.gov.

Fiber Arts Circle

Thursdays, 4-5 p.m.

Bring your project and come join other fiber crafters in your community! Crochet, sew, embroider, knit, cross stitch, spin, mend, and more at this informal drop-in fiber arts circle. All crafts are welcome!

Here and Now: Crafting Your Story

Tuesday, November 3, 10, and 17, 6:30-8 p.m.

Jump right into writing in this interactive, memoir-inspired workshop that blends close readings and craft techniques with mindful observation. Through hands-on exercises and discussion, you'll transform your memories of everyday moments into vivid, meaningful stories while developing your unique voice and storytelling skills. Shilpa and Senjuti from Writers without Margins will lead this workshop!

Collins

Crafternoon

Tuesday, November 3 and November 17, 4-4:45 p.m.

Get creative after school! On November 3, fold a paper spaceship. On November 17, color and cut a paper dragon mask. Recommended for children ages 6-12 and their caregivers.

CPL Nature Club: Morning Bird Watching Walk at Mt. Auburn Cemetery

Friday, November 20, 10:15-11:30 a.m.

Join us for a morning walk at one of the most renowned bird watching spots in Cambridge, Mount Auburn Cemetery! We will help you identify birds, learn birdwatching tips and tricks, and familiarize yourself with migratory birds as well as those that can be spotted all year round. A limited supply of binoculars will be available. **Registration is required**.

Baby Lapsit

Friday, November 20, 11-11:20 a.m.

Bounces and rhymes for caregivers and babies to learn, play and develop language and motor skills. **Recommended for children from birth to 18 months with their caregivers**.

Main Library

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.

One-on-One Tech Help

Thursdays, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Learning Lab

Looking for some basic computer or mobile device guidance? Want to learn how to access audiobooks and eBooks? Stop by at the Main Library for our drop-in hours! Drop-in sessions will be limited to 30 minutes for each patron. To view all available timeslots and dates, visit the Library website. If you have any questions, please contact Gina Josette Rivera by email at gjosette@cambridgema.gov.

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.

Adult Gaming: Unplugged
Monday, November 2, 6-8 p.m.
Rossi Room
Are you suffering from chronic information overload? Feeling overwhelmed by too much technology in your life? Join us for an evening of old school board gaming! Relax and recharge your internal battery with one of our classic board games or bring your own personal favorite.

Board Game Afternoon
Wednesday, November 4, 3-4 p.m.
Curious George Room
Join us for an afternoon of board games! Recommended for children ages 5 and up and their caregivers.

Indigenous Weaving Workshop for Children
Saturday, November 7, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Curious George Room
Join us for a weaving workshop with Katherine Santos, a member of the Choctaw-Apache Tribe and Librarian for American Indigenous Studies at Harvard's Fine Arts Library. We will explore how weaving and storytelling intersect for many Indigenous nations in the United States and learn the history behind weaving materials used on this land for millennia. With Santos's guidance, participants will practice foundational weaving techniques in community with one another. All materials will be provided.

Magic the Gathering for Kids
Monday, November 9 and November 16, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Teen Room
Do you want to learn to play Magic the Gathering? Are you an expert with your cards? Magic the Gathering is a card game that focuses on strategy and collecting cards that excite you. By attending this, you'll learn the basics, get a chance to brush up on your skills, and battle each other one-on-one. New player or seasoned planeswalker, this is the place for you! This program is intended for ages 10 - 12. It will take place over two sessions. **Registration is required**.

Arabic Story Time
Saturday, November 14, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
Curious George Room
This program which will be conducted primarily in Arabic with the intention of helping young Arabic language learners to improve their skills. This program is suitable for children up to age 7; tickets are available on a first come, first served basis on the day of the program.

Stories & STEAM
Wednesday, November 18, 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Curious George Room
Ever been to an amusement park and wondered how it all works? Let's make and decorate our own smaller versions with swinging beads that spin and fly, then we will read stories about engineers. Recommended for ages 5 and up with a caregiver, tickets are available on a first come, first served basis on the day of the program. Please call 617-349-4038 for more information.

Stories, Songs & Play
Friday, November 20, 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Curious George Room
Join us for songs, stories and rhymes followed by open play. Recommended for children of all ages and their caregivers. This program can accommodate 45 people, tickets are available on a first come, first served basis on the day of the program.

Sing-Along and Story Time in Mandarin
Saturday, November 21, 10:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
Rey Room
We invite children and their caregivers to a 30-minute session of songs and stories in Mandarin Chinese with Mina (Yating) Fan, a local mother and educator. This fun and interactive session brings families together to enjoy lively songs and engaging stories in a warm, welcoming environment. This program can accommodate 45 people. Tickets are available on a first come, first served basis on the day of the program.

Puzzle Swap
Saturday, November 21, 3-4 p.m.
Rossi Room
Donate your gently used jigsaw puzzles and browse a collection of fun new puzzles to take home! Puzzles of all sizes for all ages are welcome. No more than 5 puzzles per donation when you drop off in advance. You may donate **only 1 puzzle at the swap itself**.

Teen Advisory Board
Tuesday, November 24, 4-5 p.m.
Rindge Room
Are there programs and activities you would like to see at the Library? Come share your ideas! We meet monthly during the school year. No registration is required, and new members and guests are always welcomed. 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.

Spanish Conversation Group
Thursday, November 5 and November 19, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Practice your Spanish language skills in a friendly group setting! Please note, this is not a class but rather an informal

conversation group best for those with knowledge of basic vocabulary, comprehension skills, and the ability to form sentences. Speakers at an advanced-beginner to intermediate level or higher are encouraged to join. **Registration is helpful but not required**.

Little Groove Music and Movement
Friday, November 6, 11-11:45 a.m.
This interactive children's show is designed to engage young audiences through music, movement, and play. Recommended for ages 0-4 with a caregiver.

Magical Mystery Sing-Along
Thursday, November 12, 2-3 p.m.
Come together and sing songs from the Fab Four with a little help from your friends. We'll provide the lyrics, and all you need is love.

Young Architects
Friday, November 13, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Learn how to design buildings with architect Neha Garg in this hands-on STEAM workshop for ages 8-12! **Registration is recommended**. Call 617-349-4019 for details.

Paint Party
Tuesday, November 17, 2-5 p.m.
Treat yourself to an afternoon of fun, creativity, and community while a local artist guides us step-by-step through the process of creating a beautiful acrylic painting. We'll provide the tea and light refreshments. **Registration is required**.

Lunch at the Library
Wednesday, November 18, 1-3 p.m.
Take a break from your studies and join us for lunch! Free food will be provided while supplies last. This is a drop-in event designed for patrons aged 11-18. **No registration required**.

Chapter Book Craft Club
Wednesday, November 18, 4-5 p.m.
Come talk about a different series each week, and get crafty with it! Make a button or bookmark, or draw your favorite characters. Recommended for ages 5-8. Children under age 7 must be accompanied by a caregiver. Our November series is *Dragon Masters* by Tracey West.

O'Neill

English Conversation Practice, Intermediate
Mondays and Wednesdays, 1-2:30 p.m., Wednesdays, 6-7:30 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- W.O.W.!
Wednesdays, November 4 and November 18, 2:30-4 p.m.
Wednesday, November 25, 12:30-1:30 p.m.
Come to the Library for games and a different activity each week! Kids of all ages can hang out and do crafts or STEAM activities.

CPL Nature Club: Fall Story Time
Tuesday, November 3, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
We invite children of all ages and their grown-ups to join us for stories, followed by leaf collecting and fall nature crafts.

CPL Nature Club: Alewife Afternoon Nature Walk
Tuesday, November 3, 2-3 p.m.
Come explore the nature in our urban backyard! We will take a leisurely walk as we observe and learn together about the animals and plants at Alewife Reservation. The walk will meet at the stone benches by the wetland boardwalk. **Registration helpful**.

Pokemon Club
Wednesdays, November 4 and November 18, 6 – 7 p.m.
Twice a month, kids of all ages are invited to come to Pokemon Club at the O'Neill branch! Each biweekly drop-in event will feature a different Pokemon-themed craft or activity, along with opportunities to play the card game or trade with fellow Pokemon fans.

Family Game Night with OctoStudio
Thursdays, November 5, 19 and December 3, time slots at 4:30, 5 and 5:30 p.m.
What if game night could turn into a creative coding adventure for the whole family? We are creating mini-games that families can play together, then remix together, and we need your help to make them better! *Families with children* ages 6 - 12, please register in advance to try out some fun, quick, and low-stakes games and share your feedback.

Kids' Zine Collective
Friday, November 6, 4-5 p.m.
Kids are invited to explore making, copying, sharing, and swapping zines. Making zines will include activities like writing, drawing and using a photocopier. For kids ages 7 and up.

Pajama Story Time
Tuesday, November 17, 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.

Cambridge Young Authors' Squad (CYAS)
Friday, November 20, 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! Registration is helpful but not required. This month we will be joined by guest author, Gwendolyn Wallace, a local award-winning picture book author.

Drop-in Maker Studio
Saturday, November 21, 1-3 p.m.
Come to the Library to create something special! Use your own supplies or try out our equipment! You can use our 1-inch button maker, 2.5-inch button maker, 3-D Doodle pens, or Janome sewing machines. The Library will provide basic supplies.

Family Game Night with OctoStudio
Saturday, November 21, 3-5 p.m.
What if game night could turn into a creative coding adventure for the whole family? We are creating mini-games that families can play together, then remix together, and we need your help to make them better! *Families with children ages 6 - 12*, please drop in to try out some fun, quick, and low-stakes games and share your feedback.

Creative Patching with Jessamy
Monday, November 23, 6-7:30 p.m.
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. **Registration is required**.

Sewing 101
Wednesday, November 25, 2-4:30 p.m.
Learn to use a sewing machine at the O'Neill Branch! This class is designed for ages 7 through adult. Ages 7-11 must participate with an adult. Ages 12 and up may participate alone or with a partner.

Registration is required. Please register by visiting the O'Neill Branch at 70 Rindge Ave or calling 617-349-4023. Registration will open on Monday, November 9 at 10 a.m.

Fuse Beads for Middle Schoolers
Monday, November 30, 3:30-5 p.m.
Kids in 6th, 7th and 8th grade can come to the Library to make designs with fuse beads! Snacks provided.

Valente

Beginning English Class
Mondays, 6-7:30 p.m.
Join us for an English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Class! 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.

High Beginner English Class
Mondays, 6-7:30 p.m.
Joins us for an English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Class! This class will be taught at an intermediate level. No testing needed. For more information call Maria Balistrieri at 617-349-4013.

Wednesdays of Wonder- W.O.W.!
Wednesdays, 2:30-4 p.m.
Come to the Library for games and a different activity each week! **Kids of all ages can hang out and do crafts or STEAM activities. No registration required**.

Low-stress Crafting for Adults
Thursday, November 5, 2-3 p.m.
Join us at the Valente Branch for a simple craft. Supplies are limited. **Registration is required**.

After Story Time Caregiver Social
Thursday, November 12, 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Connect with other caregivers after story time! We will provide coffee for caregivers, and toys for children.

Tiny Dino Dig
Saturday, November 14, 2-3 p.m.
It's your turn to be a paleontologist: use a chisel and brush to excavate your own tiny dinosaur. We'll play dinosaur trivia, color a dinosaur picture, and look at dinosaur books! All supplies provided by the library. Recommended for ages 5+. **Registration is required**.

Board Game Night for Adults
Tuesday, November 17, 6-7:30 p.m.
Join us for an evening of board games. We have: Wingspan, Ticket to Ride, Settlers of Catan, Azul, Splendor, Scrabble, chess, checkers, Boggle, Bananagrams, and more! Feel free to bring a board game to play with others. **Registration is encouraged but not required**.

Read to a Dog
Thursday, November 19, 3:30-5 p.m.
Read to Dante, our local cuddly therapy dog! Trained therapy dogs provide warm and non-judgmental reading companions for new or experienced readers up to age 14. **Registration for each 15-minute time slot is required** and begins one week in advance by calling or visiting the Valente Branch (617-349-4015).

Save the Date

Boston Festival Orchestra Holiday Concert
IN-PERSON
Saturday, December 12, 1-2:30 p.m.
Main Library Lecture Hall
Celebrate the holiday season with our annual festive concert with Boston Festival Orchestra.

LIBRARY CARD Design Contest

Adventure Awaits... at the Library!

October 15-November 15

What adventures have you had at the Library? Stories you've read, new skills you've learned, or worlds you've imagined?

In our inaugural library card design contest, share your illustration of a journey you've gone on through the Cambridge Public Library.

Beginning October 15, if you live, work, or go to school in Cambridge, submit your original designs to be featured on new, limited-edition library cards to come in 2027.

One adult and one youth winner will see their design featured on library cards and be selected for a grand prize.

Finalists will be displayed in the Library and featured on our website and social media.

All entrants must agree to the Photo/Creative Works Release and submit their designs online by Sunday, November 15 at 11: 59 p.m..

Regular Programs for Children and Families

Boudreau

Baby Lapsit Mondays, 11-11:30 a.m.
Songs and Stories Thursdays, 10:30-10:50 a.m.

Central Square

Baby Lapsit Tuesdays, 5:30-6 p.m.
Lewis Room
Story Time Wednesdays, 10:30-11 a.m.
Children's Room
After School Stories and Crafts Wednesdays, 4-5 p.m.
Children's Room
Stories, Songs & Play Thursdays, 10:30-11:15 a.m.
Lewis Room
Twilight Music and Movement Thursdays, 5:30-6 p.m.
Lewis Room

Collins

Songs and Stories Tuesdays, 10:30-11:00 a.m.
Evening Family Story Time Wednesdays, 5:30-6:00 p.m.

Main Library

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
Baby Lapsit Wednesday, 10-10:20 a.m.
Rey Room
Afternoon Sing-Along Thursdays, 4-4:25 p.m.
Curious George Room

O'Connell

Evening Family Story Time Wednesdays, 5:30-5:55 p.m.
Baby Lapsit Thursdays, 12:30-1 p.m.
Toddler Story Time Fridays, 11-11:30 a.m.

O'Neill

Songs, Stories and Play Mondays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Story Time Thursdays, 11-11:30 a.m.

Valente

Sing-Along Tuesdays, 11-11:25 a.m.
Story Time Thursdays, 11-11:25 a.m.

Highlights from October



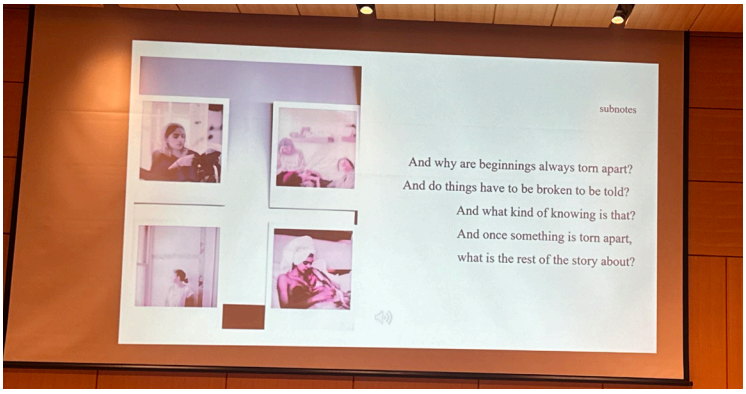
Visitors stop by the Cambridge Public Library booth at the Boston Book Festival to sign up for library cards, use the button maker, and learn about the Library!



Patrons make their very own cyanotype prints.



Opera Untapped performs Celebración! in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month



Valeria Luiselli presents on her National Book Award longlisted novel, Beginning Middle End.

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LITERACY CENTER PROGRAMS

The Literacy Center is located in the Central Square Branch at 45 Pearl Street. For more information call Maria Balestrieri at 617-349-4013.

High Beginner ESOL IN-PERSON
Mondays, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. and 3-4:30 p.m.
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1-2:30 p.m.

Intermediate ESOL IN-PERSON
Mondays, 1-2:30 p.m.
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Advanced ESOL IN-PERSON
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3-4:30 p.m.

Beginner ESOL IN-PERSON
Mondays, 1-2:30 p.m.
Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.
Fridays, 10:30 a.m.-12 and 1-2:30 p.m.

Résumé and Job Application Support
IN-PERSON
Wednesdays, 1-3 p.m.

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, Tues-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-Sun 1-5

All locations are accessible by public transportation. Details are on our website.

Hive Workshops for November 2026

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



Getting Started

Completion of Hive Safety Training is the entry point to making, innovating, and collaborating in this space.

Makers must also sign The Hive User Agreement and Waivers.

Hive Safety Training

IN-PERSON OR VIRTUAL

Learn about our makerspace, how to utilize the resources we offer and how to keep safe in The Hive. The training includes a tour of The Hive, either in-person or virtually.

Certification 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 Prusa 3D printers.

Digital Embroidery 101 Want to learn how to create custom clothing and other fiber projects with embroidered text? In this workshop, you'll use a digital embroidery machine to stitch personalized designs and take home a unique piece. This class is for those with prior sewing machine experience. If you're new to sewing, we recommend taking our Sewing 101 workshop first.

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.

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.

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. **Registration is required for all Hive workshops.**

Studio Recording 101 IN-PERSON Are you interested in podcasting, audio production, or video production? 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? Learn how to use our Roland Camm-1 GS-24 vinyl cutter.

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.

Zing Laser Cutting 101 IN-PERSON Learn how to use our Epilog Zing to laser cut, engrave and shape designs from a variety of materials.

Open Shop-Equipment and Studio Reservations

Use the equipment and spaces in The Hive to design, craft, and make.

Patrons certified on Hive equipment are welcome to reserve time for personal use.

Staff will assist as they are able.

Other Programs

Knitting 101 IN-PERSON In this hands-on session, you'll learn the basics of knitting, including how to cast on, do the knit stitch, and cast off. This workshop is intended for people with no prior knitting experience. All supplies will be provided!

Hive Teen Hangout IN-PERSON Teens are welcome to come learn about our space and try their hand at sticker making, video recording in our studio and more. This drop-in event is 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. This program is designed for patrons who know the basics of how to use our Janome sewing machines.

Hive Calendar - November 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 Open Shop 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM Sewing 101 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM	**3** Digital Embroidery (Main) 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM Open Shop 5:00 PM - 8:30 PM	**4** Open Shop 3:00 PM - 6:30 PM Studio Recording 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM	**5** 3D Printing 101 (Main) 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Open Shop 2:00 PM - 6:30 PM Zing Laser Cutting 101 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	**6** Open Shop 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM Serger Training 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM	**7** Hive Safety Training (Main) 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM XR Lab 101 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Open Shop 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM
9 Open Shop 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Getting Started with Adobe Illustrator (Main) 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM	**10** Open Shop 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Zing Laser Cutting 101 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	**11**	**12** Open Shop 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM Vinyl Cutting 101 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Sewing 101 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM Aprons and Heating Pads with Lenni (Main) 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM	**13** Sewing 101 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Open Shop 11:30 AM - 4:30 PM	**14** Serger Training 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Digital Embroidery (Main) 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Open Shop 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM
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