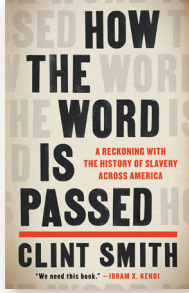


January 2022



EVENTS *at the* CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

ADULT PROGRAMS

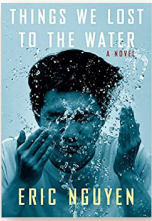


47TH ANNUAL DR. MARTIN LUTHER JR. DAY EVENT WITH AUTHOR CLINT SMITH VIRTUAL

Wednesday, January 12, 6-7:30 p.m.

Join us for the 47th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day lecture with Clint Smith, author of the *New York Times* best-seller, *How the Word Is Passed: A Reckoning With the History of Slavery Across America*. In a deeply researched and transporting exploration of the legacy of slavery and its imprint on centuries of American history, *How the Word Is Passed* illustrates how some of our country's most essential stories are hidden in plain view, whether in places we might drive by on our way to work, holidays such as Juneteenth, or entire neighborhoods (like downtown Manhattan) on which the brutal history of the trade in enslaved men, women and children has been deeply imprinted. Informed by scholarship and brought alive by the story of people living today, Clint Smith's debut work of nonfiction is a landmark work.

Co-sponsored by the City Manager's Office, Mayor's Office and the City of Cambridge Employees' Committee on Diversity.



ERIC NGUYEN PRESENTS *THINGS WE LOST TO THE WATER*

VIRTUAL

Tuesday, January 04, 6-7 p.m.

Join us for a reading and discussion of Eric Nguyen's debut novel *Things We Lost to the Water*, a heart-rending story about a family of Vietnamese refugees who settle in New Orleans and struggle to remain connected to one another as their lives are reshaped. Eric Nguyen earned an MFA in Creative Writing from McNeese State University in Louisiana. His debut novel was named one of the "Fifteen Books to Watch for" by *The New York Times*.



Join the Cambridge Public Library for a yearlong celebration of reading together!

Each month, we'll feature books and programs that highlight a different theme for readers of all ages and interests. Read month-by-month with us or find a theme that sparks your interest and then participate by completing the activity challenge for that month.

Questions? Ask at your local branch or email library@cambridgema.gov.

Visit camb.ma/readingtogether for more information.



AN EVENING OF EXCEPTIONAL POETRY WITH FOUR AWARD-WINNING POETS VIRTUAL

Thursday, January 20, 6-7:30 p.m.

Join the New England Poetry Club and Voices of Poetry for an evening of exceptional poetry with award-winning poets: Eileen Cleary, Charles Coe, Susan Donnelly, and Paul Nemser.

Cosponsored by the Cambridge Public Library.



Linda Morgenstern's art will be on display at the O'Neill Branch Library for the month of January.

All Library locations will be closed Saturday, January 1 for New Years.

All Library locations will be closed Monday, January 17 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

VIRTUAL Registration is required for all virtual events. Register online on our website.

Adult Book Groups

Visit bit.ly/cplbookgroups or call the host library for more information about joining.

MAIN LIBRARY

Contemporary Book Group

VIRTUAL

Tue. 1/18, 6-7 p.m.

What's Mine and Yours by Naima Coster

Great Books Book Group

VIRTUAL

Tue. 1/11, 7-9 p.m.

The Age of Innocence by Edith Wharton

Nonfiction Book Group

VIRTUAL

Mon. 1/31, 1-2 p.m.

The Splendid and the Vile: A Saga of Churchill, Family, and Defiance During the Blitz by Erik Larsen

Science Fiction and Fantasy Book Group

VIRTUAL

Wed. 1/12, 6-7 p.m.

This is How You Lose the Time War by Amal El-Mohtar and Max Gladstone

BRANCH LIBRARIES

Boudreau Book Group

VIRTUAL

Wed. 1/12, 12-1 p.m.

The Midnight Library by Matt Haig

Central Square Book Group

VIRTUAL

Tue. 1/25, 6-7 p.m.

Six Seasons: A New Way with Vegetables by Joshua McFadden

Collins Book Group

VIRTUAL

Thu. 1/13, 6-7 p.m.

The Soul of an Octopus by Sy Montgomery

O'Connell Book Group

VIRTUAL

Thu. 1/20, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Dancing in the mosque: an Afghan mother's letter to her son by Homeira Qaderi; translated by Zaman Stanizai

O'Neill Branch Book Group

VIRTUAL

Mon. 1/10, 6:30-8 p.m.

The Milk Lady of Bangalore by Shoba Narayan

Reading Together

A Yearlong Library Challenge

READING TOGETHER

BOOK GROUP

VIRTUAL

Mon. 1/24, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Reading Interests: Each month we choose a different theme.

January theme: Try Something New

Pick any book that you think fits the topic: a new craft, language, subject, skill, or any other new thing you are interested in trying. We will get together virtually to share what we read and our experience trying something new.

Literacy Center

For more information call Maria Balestrieri at 617-349-4013.

No classes are held on days the library is closed.

Beginner ESOL Class

VIRTUAL

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1-2 p.m.

Intermediate ESOL Class

VIRTUAL

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3-4 p.m.

Workshops

WELLNESS FOR SENIORS: LOW IMPACT FITNESS

VIRTUAL

Mondays, January 3-31, 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!

JUMPSTART YOUR FINANCIAL LITERACY

VIRTUAL

Tuesday, January 11, 7-8 p.m.

Join us for this 4-part series presented by the Babson Financial Literacy Project. In session 1, learn tips and tricks for managing credit. Credit cards offer convenience and can be a huge help to building a credit profile, but they can also be a source of misuse. This workshop provides insights on how to manage credit cards, their hidden costs and tips to avoid credit card traps. Learn about credit reports and credit scores and what steps you can take to improve your financial standing.



MENDING MATTERS

VIRTUAL

Wednesday, January 26, 6:30-8 p.m.

Learn how to get more life out of your clothes or put household textiles to new use in this monthly hands-on workshop! Teaching artist Jessamy Kilcollins will demonstrate different techniques each month and provide guidance on your projects. Supply kits will be available for registered participants to pick up at the Valente Branch (826 Cambridge St) in mid-January.

VIRTUAL

Registration is required for all virtual events. Register online on our website.

REGULAR PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND THEIR CAREGIVERS

We invite children and their grown-ups to join us for story times and sing-alongs, both virtual and in-person. Outdoor programs will be cancelled in the event of inclement weather. Please check our website for programming updates and additions or call 617-349-4038 for more information. No programs are held on days the library is closed.

VIRTUAL

Baby Lapsit

Mondays, 10-10:30 a.m.

Enjoy time together with other parents, caregivers, and babies to learn, play, and develop language and motor skills.

Family Story Time

Thursdays, 4-4:20 p.m.

Pajama Story Time

Presented by the Cambridge Public Library and the Center for Families.

Wednesday, January 19,
6:45-7:30 p.m.

📍 Main Library

Outdoor Songs and Stories

Tuesdays, 11-11:20 a.m.

Wednesdays, 11-11:20 a.m.

Thursdays, 11-11:20 a.m.

📍 Central Square Branch

Outdoor Story Time

Wednesdays, 10:30-11 a.m.

Thursdays, 10:30-11 a.m.

📍 Collins Branch

Outdoor Story Time

Tuesdays, January 4 & 18

10:30-11 a.m.

📍 O'Connell Branch

Outdoor Story Time

Thursdays, 3:30-4 p.m.

Fridays, 11-11:30 a.m.

📍 O'Neill Branch

Outdoor Songs and Stories

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

📍 Valente Branch

Outdoor Story Time

Mondays, 4-4:30 p.m.

Tuesdays, 11-11:30 a.m.

Family STEAM Night **VIRTUAL** 🌐

Wednesday, January 05, 6:30-7:15 p.m.

Families with school children join us virtually for hands-on activities focused on Science, Technology, Arts, Engineering, and Math, using materials you have at home.

KIDS BOOK GROUPS

Let's talk about a book together! Register online at bit.ly/cplbookgroups

Main Library

Join us virtually for a lively discussion. For a copy of the book, stop by the Children's Room or call 617-349-4038.

Parent/Child Book Group

VIRTUAL

Tuesday, January 11, 6-7 p.m.

For ages 7-10 and a parent or caregiver.

Nevermoor: The Trials of Morrigan Crow by Jessica Townsend

Parent/Child Book Group

VIRTUAL

Wednesday, January 12, 6-7 p.m.

For ages 10-13 and a parent or caregiver.

All Thirteen by Christina Soontornvat

Branch Libraries

Please pick up a copy of the book beforehand at the host Branch. The book groups are onsite, with the option to attend virtually.

Book Buzz **VIRTUAL**

Monday, January 10, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

For ages 10 and up.

Show Me a Sign by Ann Clare LeZotte

Chapter Chat **VIRTUAL**

Thursday, January 20, 4-5 p.m.

For ages 7-10.

Melissa's Story by Alex Gino

Magic Tree House Book Group

VIRTUAL

Friday, January 7, 4-5 p.m.

For ages 5-10.

Mummies in the Morning by Mary Pope Osborne



Need a laptop or hotspot to attend a virtual event?

Call the Library to check out our Takeout Tech!

Chromebook Laptop

Available at all Library locations

Mobile Hotspot

Available at the Main Library

Chromebook + Hotspot Bundle

Available at Main Library, Boudreau, Central Square, Collins, O'Neill and Valente

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STEAM

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.

Check out our January workshops and go online to camb.ma/cplhive to see the latest schedule and register for workshops.

HIVE SAFETY TRAINING (VIRTUAL)

In this workshop, you will learn about our makerspace, how to use our resources, and how to keep safe in The Hive.

Tue. 1/04, 2:30-3 p.m.

Wed. 1/05, 1-1:30 p.m.

Tue. 1/11, 8-8:30 p.m.

Wed. 1/19, 1-1:30 p.m.

Fri. 1/21, 3:30-4 p.m.

Tue. 1/25, 7-7:30 p.m.

Thu. 1/27, 6-6:30 p.m.

EQUIPMENT AND STUDIO RESERVATIONS

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

Tue. 1/04, 6-8:30 p.m.

Wed. 1/05, 2-5 p.m.

Thu. 1/06, 1-4 p.m.

Sat. 1/08, 1-3 p.m.

Wed. 1/12, 3-5 p.m.

Fri. 1/14, 1-5 p.m.

Thu. 1/20, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Sat. 1/22, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Wed. 1/26, 2-5 p.m.

Sat. 1/29, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

New STEAM Kits!

LEGO STEAM Park

STEAM Park builds on natural curiosity and desire to create, explore, and investigate the world of early science, technology, engineering, art, and math through creative play. Grow your understanding of gears, motion, measurement, and solving problems in a fun and engaging way!



LEGO Storytales

Promote creativity, imaginative storytelling, and language development with this unique and engaging storytelling set. This kit includes a variety of unique bricks and characters as well as background cards. An activity card will help you get the creative juices flowing. Anyone can tell a story with StoryTales!



STEAM KITS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL LIBRARY LOCATIONS

LIBRARY LOCATIONS

Boudreau Branch

245 Concord Ave. | 617-349-4017
TEMPORARILY CLOSED

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 10-6, FRI 10-6

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

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, WED 10-8, THU 10-6,
FRI 10-6

Valente Branch

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

All locations are accessible by public

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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Scan with a smartphone camera to check out our Calendar of Events online and register for events!

