

December 2023



EVENTS *at the* CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

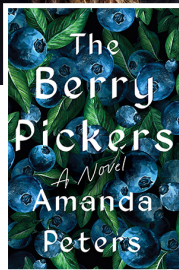
Events

CPL Presents:
Amanda Peters,
Author of *The Berry*
Pickers **HYBRID**

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

Lecture Hall

Join Amanda Peters, the author of the debut novel *The Berry Pickers*, for a reading and conversation moderated by Grace Talusan, author of *The Body Papers*. Shortlisted for the Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Fiction and winner of the 2023 Barnes & Noble Discover Prize, *The Berry Pickers* is a novel about the strength of familial bonds even in the face of deliberate attempts to sever such connections. **Registration is required.**



Saturday Screenings: *Polite Society* followed by a Talkback with *Boston Globe* Critic

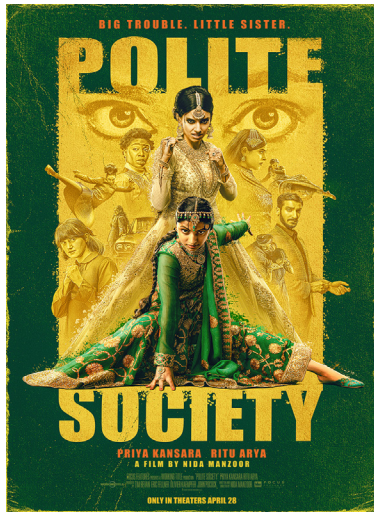
Saturday, December 9

Screening: 1-3 p.m.

Talkback: 3-4 p.m.

Lecture Hall

Saturday Screenings presents a free showing of the film *Polite Society* (dir. Nida Manzoor). Following the film, join us in the Community Room for a talkback led by *Boston Globe* film critic Odie Henderson. **Please note: while registration is not required to attend the film screening, registration is required for the talkback.**

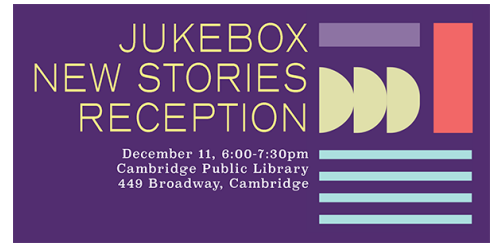


Jukebox Release Reception

Monday, December 11, 6-7:30 p.m.

Community Room

Commissioned for the Cambridge Foundry through the City of Cambridge percent-for-art program by the Cambridge Arts Council, Jukebox is a participatory public art project that creates a center point for gathering, listening, and sharing our stories. Join us to celebrate the release of the final twenty-four Jukebox stories. This event will honor the Cambridge community members who have shared their stories through the Jukebox project and will celebrate Jukebox's meaningful partnerships with The Cambridge Room at Cambridge Public Library and The Cambridge Black History Project.



L-R: Elisa Hamilton, Jukebox Creator, Alyssa Pacy, Archivist at Cambridge Public Library, and Chanda Harrington of The Cambridge Black History Project.

SERVICE UPDATE

All Library locations will be closed Friday, Dec. 22 to Monday, Dec. 25 for Christmas.

All Library locations will be closed Monday, Jan. 1 for New Year's Day.

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

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

website cambridgepubliclibrary.org

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

twitter [@cambridgepl](https://twitter.com/cambridgepl)

facebook www.facebook.com/CambridgePL

VIRTUAL Virtual event

IN-PERSON In-person event

HYBRID In-person event with option to attend virtually

Workshops

Basic Tech Classes

Various dates

Join us for Basic Tech Classes this December! Learn how to use email, search the internet, and grow your tech skills. Pick and choose the classes that are right for you. Look for new tech classes each month.

Registration is required for each class.



- All About Zoom
Wednesday, December 6, 11 a.m.- 12 p.m.
📍 Learning Lab
- Google Drive Basics
Thursday, December 7, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
📍 Learning Lab
- Google Drive Tips and Tricks
Monday, December 11, 1-2 p.m.
📍 Learning Lab
- Library e-Resources for the Holidays
Wednesday, December 13, 1-2 p.m.
📍 Learning Lab
- To sign up for classes, visit tinyurl.com/basictechclass or call us at 617-349-4041.

Cambridge Cooks

Wednesday, December 6, 3-4 p.m.

Wednesday, December 20, 6-7 p.m.

📍 Café

Cambridge Cooks invites local chefs to the Library for a free cooking demonstration, followed by a tasting and Q&A with the chefs.

December 6: Ploy's Kitchen Makes Thai Noodle Salad

Learn how to make vegan Thai Noodle Salad, taught by Ploy Khunisorn. All participants will receive an herbal tea, perfect for winter.

December 20: Chef Anthony Makes A Holiday Breakfast!

Chef Anthony Haley from the Cambridge School of Culinary Arts teaches us the key to waking up on the right side of the bed in the morning. Hint: it involves pancakes!



Get Creative! Series: Linocut Printmaking Workshop

Thursday, December 7, 2-4 p.m.

📍 Community Room

This class will cover techniques in carving linoleum, composition, ink mixing and printing. At your own pace you will learn how to create a design and carve it in linoleum. You will learn how to ink and print linoleum blocks by hand. In a relaxed and welcoming environment, you will create many beautiful prints of your own as well as collaborate with your classmates.

Registration is required.



Mindfulness and Journaling: "Winter Lights"

Tuesday, December 12, 6-7 p.m.

📍 Community Room

Join us for an introduction to mindfulness meditation, creating a time to pause, connect, restore and reflect. The workshop will include guided practices with optional time for journaling and discussion. Welcoming new and experienced meditators!



Handsewing for Mending with Jessamy

Tuesday, December 12, 6-7:30 p.m.

📍 Valente

Handsewing For Mending will focus on handsewing techniques that can be used to repair seams, hems, tears, and more. Participants will learn about tools and materials for hand sewing, a variety of stitches, and when to apply them to restore garments back to wearability.

Vacation Week: Paint Workshop for Kids

Friday, December 29, 3-4:30 p.m.

📍 Valente

Get creative at the Valente Branch and make your own artwork! All painting materials are provided by the library. Please wear clothes suitable for painting. This program is recommended for children ages 8-12.

Registration is required. Please contact the library at 617-349-4015 for more information.



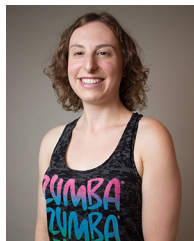
Wellness for Seniors:

Low Impact Fitness VIRTUAL

Monday, December 4, 11, 18, 11-11:45 a.m.

Join us to strengthen your muscles, heart, and brain—all while having fun and moving to great music! Sponsored by the Cambridge Public Library Foundation.

Registration required.



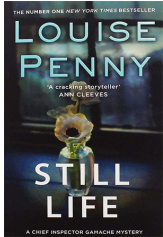
Book Groups

Adult Book Groups

Boudreau

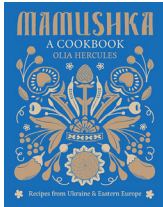


Boudreau Branch Book Group **HYBRID**
Wednesday, December 13, 12-1 p.m. *Of Time and Turtles* by Sy Montgomery



Boudreau Branch Mystery Book Group **HYBRID**
Tuesday, December 26, 12-1 p.m. *Still Life* by Louise Penny

Collins



Cookbook Group **IN-PERSON**
Thursday, December 7, 6-7 p.m. *Mamushka* (2015), *Kaukasis* (2017), *Summer Kitchens* (2020) or *Home Food* (2022) by Olia Hercules

Main Library



Romance Book Group **IN-PERSON**
Tuesday, December 12, 7:15-8:15 p.m. *Two Wrongs Make a Right* by Chloe Liese

Great Books Book Group **HYBRID**
Tuesday, December 12, 7:15-8:45 p.m. *Genesis*

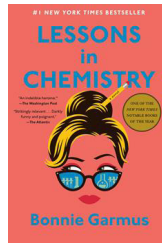


Contemporary Book Group **IN-PERSON**
Tuesday, December 19, 6-7 p.m. *The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida* by Shehan Karunatilaka



Science Fiction & Fantasy Book Group **IN-PERSON**
Wednesday, December 20, 6-7 p.m. *Gideon the Ninth* by Tamsyn Muir

O'Connell



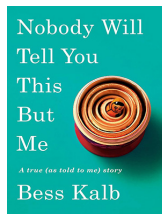
Adult Book Group **IN-PERSON**
Tuesday, December 19, 6:30-7:30 p.m. *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus

O'Neill



O'Neill Branch Book Group **IN-PERSON**
Monday, December 11, 6:30-8 p.m. *Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell

Valente



Valente Branch Book Group **IN-PERSON**
Wednesday, December 13, 12-1 p.m. *Nobody Will Tell You This But Me* by Bess Kalb

Children's Book Groups

Main Library



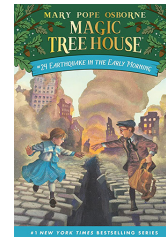
Parent/Child (Ages 7-10) Book Group **VIRTUAL**
Tuesday, December 12, 6-7 p.m. *The Boy Who Grew Dragons* by Andy Shepherd



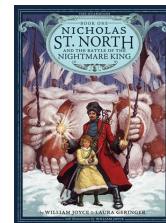
Parent/Child (Ages 10-13) Book Group **VIRTUAL**
Wednesday, December 13, 6-7 p.m. *Greenglass House* by Kate Milford

Books Not Binaries Book Group
Wednesday, December 27, 6-7 p.m. *Heartstopper Volume 1* by Alice Oseman. *This group is currently full.*

O'Connell



Magic Tree House Book Group **HYBRID**
Friday, December 1, 4-5 p.m. *Earthquake in the Early Morning* by Mary Pope Osborne (Ages 5-10)



Kids' Classic Fantasy Book Group **HYBRID**
Friday, December 8, 5-5:40 p.m. *Nicholas St. North and the Battle of the Nightmare King* by William Joyce (Ages 10-14)



Graphics Are Great! Book Group **HYBRID**
Tuesday, December 19, 4-5 p.m. *Squished* by Megan Wagner Lloyd and Michelle Mee Nutter (Ages 8-12)

O'Neill



Kids' Books for Everyone **IN-PERSON**
Tuesday, December 5, 6:30-7:30 p.m. *Nic Blake and the Remarkables* by Angie Thomas (All ages, adults welcome)

LIBRARY LOCATIONS/PHONE/HOURS

Main Library

449 Broadway | 617-349-4040

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

Boudreau

245 Concord Ave. | 617-349-4017

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

Central Square

45 Pearl St. | 617-349-4010

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

Collins Branch

64 Aberdeen Ave. | 617-349-4021

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

O'Connell

48 Sixth St. | 617-349-4019

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

O'Neill

70 Rindge Ave. | 617-349-4023

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

Valente

826 Cambridge St. | 617-349-4015

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

All locations are accessible by public transportation.

Details are on our website.

Branch Events

Boudreau



Chess Hour

Monday, December 4 and December 18, 6-7 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: ipachoncballero@cambridgema.gov or

mmcglathery@cambridgema.gov.



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.



CPL Nature Club: Winter Scavenger Hunt at Raymond Park

Wednesday, December 6, 3-3:45 p.m.

It might not technically be winter yet, but Raymond Park (112 Raymond St.) definitely has some clues that winter is on its way! Join us on a quest to find them and learn a bit about the coming season. **No registration required.**



One-on-One Tech Help by Appointment

Wednesday, December 6 and December 20, 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. 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.



Read to a Dog

Thursday, December 21, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Read with Ana the Therapy Dog! Therapy dogs provide warm and non-judgmental reading companions for new or experienced readers of all ages. **Registration for each ten-minute time slot is required.** Sign up the day

of the program by phone or in person at the Boudreau Branch (617-349-4017).

LITERACY CENTER PROGRAMS

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

Intermediate ESOL IN-PERSON
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

High Beginner ESOL IN-PERSON
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1-2:30 p.m.

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

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

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

Central Square



One-on-One Tech Help

Tuesday, December 5 and 12, 5-7 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. If you have any questions, please contact syasuda@cambridgema.gov

Collins

Special Story Time: An Explosion of Colors

Monday, December 4, 10:30-11:15 a.m.

As the weather turns gray, join us for a bonus story time to fill your morning with color. We'll read stories, sing songs and complete a craft all about colors. For children of all ages and a caregiver.



Cheese 101 with Formaggio Kitchen

Tuesday, December 5, 8:15-9:15 p.m.

Join the experts at Formaggio Kitchen for a Cheese 101 workshop! Taste and learn about delicious cheeses while enjoying time

with neighbors. **Registration is required.** This event is full, but a waitlist is available.

Crafternoon: Fold a Fortune Teller

Tuesday, December 12, 4-5 p.m.

Learn to fold a fortune teller from a paper square. Choose a sheet with hidden messages ready for you to discover or create your own unique messages before folding. Recommended for children ages 5-12 and their caregivers.



CPL Nature Club: Morning Birdwatching Walk at Mount Auburn Cemetery

Wednesday, December 12, 10:15-11:30 p.m.

Join us at the Collins Branch library for a morning walk at the renowned birdwatching spot in our own backyard, Mount Auburn Cemetery! We will help you identify birds, learn birdwatching tips and tricks, and familiarize yourself with migratory birds as well as those that can be spotted all year round. A limited supply of binoculars will be available. **Registration is required.**



Winter Card Party

Monday, December 18, 4-5:30 p.m.

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

Regular Programs for Children and Families

Boudreau

Songs and Stories

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

Central Square

Story Time

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

After School Stories and Crafts

Wednesdays, 4-5 p.m.

Twilight Stories and Songs

Thursdays, 5:30-6 p.m.

Collins

Story Time

Tuesdays, 10:30-11 a.m.

Evening Family Story Time

Wednesdays, 5:30-6 p.m.

Main Library

Baby Lapsit

Mondays, 10-10:20 a.m. 📍 **Rey Room**

Morning Sing-Along

Mondays and Wednesdays, 11-11:25 a.m. 📍 **Curious George Room**

LEGO Time

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, 3:30-4 p.m.

Toddler Story Time

Fridays, 11-11:30 a.m.

O'Neill

Sing-Along

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

Story Time

Thursdays, 11-11:30 a.m.

Valente

Songs and Stories

Tuesdays, 11-11:25 a.m.

Story Time

Thursdays, 11-11:25 a.m.

Main



Teen Room x The Hive

Friday, December 1 and 15, 3:30-5 p.m.

Grab a friend for some creative exploration and play! Try your hand at sticker-making, 3D doodling, immersive VR and more in the

Teen Room. This is a drop-in event designed for patrons ages 12-18.

Puzzle Party

Mondays, 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 Monday afternoon. Refreshments will be provided.

FREE DROP-IN TUTORING FOR TEENS



Free Drop-In Tutoring for Teens

Mondays and Wednesdays, 5-6 p.m.

📍 Teen Room

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

from 5-6 p.m. No tutoring 12/25-1/1, resuming on 1/3.

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.



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📍 Community Room

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Teen Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 19, 4-5 p.m.

📍 Rossi Room

Teens! Help us plan teen programs for the Library! Earn community service hours! Enjoy free snacks! We meet monthly during the school year. No registration required. Stop by the Teen Room or call 617-349-4027 to learn more.

CPL Nature Club: Winter Solstice Story Time

December 21, 5:30-6 p.m.

📍 Rey Room

On the shortest day of the year, we'll gather for a cozy story time. Come read, sing, and welcome back the light!



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.

CPL Nature Club: Hibernation Story Time

Thursday, December 7, 3:30-4 p.m.



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

O'Neill

English Conversation Practice

Friday, December 1, 8, and 15, 10-11:30 a.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.



Cambridge Young Authors' Squad
Friday, December 1 and December 15, 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/ workshoping, as well as group or solo writing. Snacks are provided! If you are attending for the first time, registration is helpful, but not required. On December 15 we will be joined by Phoebe Sinclair, local author of *Confessions of a Candy Snatcher*.



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.**



Saturday Songs and Stories
Saturday, December 2, 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.



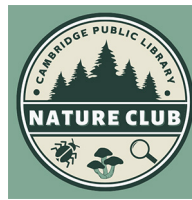
Wednesdays of Wonder - WOW!
Wednesdays
December 6, 3-4:30 p.m. Robots
December 13, 3-4:30 p.m. Zine Workshop
December 20, 3-4:30 p.m. Drawing Games
December 27, 2-4 p.m. Open Crafting Time

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.**



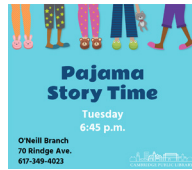
Read to a Dog
Thursday, December 7 and December 14, 3-4 p.m.

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 one week in advance by calling or visiting the O'Neill Branch (617-349-4023).



CPL Nature Club: Winter Bird Watching at Fresh Pond

Saturday, December 9, 1-2:30 p.m.
 All ages are welcome to join us as we observe birds at Fresh Pond, which provides habitat for many different species at all times of the year. This event will focus on birds that can be found in the winter in Cambridge, including several species of ducks, sparrows and more. We may also see some of our year-round resident birds, and we will discuss general birdwatching tips and learn more about the birds we share our outdoor spaces with. A limited supply of binoculars will be available. Please dress accordingly as we will be outside for the entire walk. **Registration is required.**

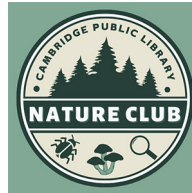


Pajama Story Time
Tuesday, December 12, 6:45-7:30 p.m.

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

Sew a Sachet
Saturday, December 16, 2-3:30 p.m.

People of all ages can come and learn how to sew a scented sachet. This project is open to children and adults who have some experience hand sewing. **No registration required.**



CPL Nature Club: Make Your Own Seed Paper Bookmark
Tuesday, December 19, 5-6 p.m.

Children and adults of all ages are welcome to join us in making a seed paper bookmark! Read with your bookmark all winter and then plant it in the spring to grow wildflowers! Bookmarks also make great waste-free holiday gifts. Children under 7 should be accompanied by an adult. **Registration is required.**



Winter Solstice Celebration
Thursday, December 21, 4-5 p.m.

Celebrate the shortest day of the year and the beginning of the winter season! Join us for a seasonal story time, a winter craft and a cozy treat.



Vacation Week: Family Movie at the Library
Friday, December 29, 2-3:45 p.m.

Join us over winter vacation for a cozy family movie at the Library! Snacks will be provided. The film will be *Abominable* (2019 - Universal Pictures), rated PG, run time 97 minutes.

Valente



Evening Story Time

Monday, December 4, 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.

ESOL Class

Monday, December 4, 11, and 18, 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.



One Up Games

Tuesday, December 12, 2:30-5 p.m.

Join us for our video game free play event hosted by Massachusetts eSport and gaming venue, One Up Games! Explore virtual worlds with the Oculus Quest, or play the latest

titles on XBOX Series S, PlayStation 4, and Nintendo Switch! This is a drop-in event recommended for ages 7+.



Film in Translation

Tuesday, December 19, 6-7:45 p.m.

Join the Valente Branch for a screening of an international film. This movie will be shown with English subtitles. Please call the Valente

Branch at 617-349-4015 for the name of the film. Popcorn and soft drinks will be provided.



Teen Anime Club

Wednesday, December 20, 3-4:30 p.m.

Join us at the Valente Branch for an anime-filled afternoon. Enjoy the company of

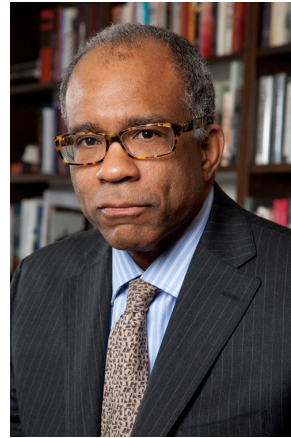
friends and snacks as we dive into a show together! Open to preteens and teens ages 12 and up. Please contact the library at 617-349-4015 for more information.

Save the Date

49th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Lecture with Professor Randall Kennedy

Tuesday, January 16, 6-7:30 p.m.

📍 Lecture Hall



Randall Kennedy is the Michael R. Klein Professor at Harvard Law School where he teaches courses on contracts, criminal law, and the regulation of race relations.

Professor Kennedy is the author of the 2021 book *Say It Loud!: On Race, Law, History, and Culture*, a groundbreaking, powerfully reasoned, lucid work that is certain to provoke controversy. He takes on a highly complex issue in a way that no one has before, uncovering the long-standing failure of the

justice system to protect Black people from criminals, probing allegations that Black people are victimized on a widespread basis by racially discriminatory prosecutions and punishments, but he also engages the debate over the wisdom and legality of using racial criteria in jury selection.

He was born in Columbia, South Carolina. For his education he attended St. Albans School, Princeton University, Oxford University, and Yale Law School. He served as a law clerk for Judge J. Skelly Wright of the United States Court of Appeals and for Justice Thurgood Marshall of the United States Supreme Court. He is a member of the bar of the District of Columbia and the Supreme Court of the United States.

He was awarded the 1998 Robert F. Kennedy Book Award for *Race, Crime, and the Law*.

Tracy K. Smith, Author of

To Free the Captives: A Plea for the American Soul

Wednesday, January 24, 6-7:30 p.m.

📍 Lecture Hall



Tracy K. Smith is a Pulitzer Prize-winning poet, memoirist, editor, translator and opera librettist.

She served as the 22nd Poet Laureate of the United States from 2017-19, during which time she spearheaded *American Conversations: Celebrating Poems in Rural Communities* with the Library of Congress, launched the American Public Media podcast *The Slowdown*, and edited the anthology *American Journal: Fifty Poems for Our Time*.

She is a professor of English and of African and African American Studies at Harvard University.

Highlights from the Past Month

Cambridge Women Authors: Past and Present

The Cambridge As Inspiration Event happened at the Main Library, Monday November 6. We had a wonderful evening discussing Cambridge's rich history of women writers.



L-R: Laura Zigman, Gish Jen, Claire Messud, and Virginia Pye.



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Cambridge Cooks with Forge Baking Co.

On Thursday, November 16, chefs Jennifer Park and Jessie Hudson taught attendees how to make delicious flatbreads with spicy vegan mayo.



Jennifer Park
Owner of Forge Baking Company



Hive Workshops for December 2023

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



3D Printing 101: Game Piece Design **IN-PERSON**

Learn how to create your favorite game piece in digital space and print it out using our Sindoh 3D printers. You will get hands-on experience running the 3D printer, gain fundamental 3D modeling skills using Tinkercad, and earn your 3D Printing badge for future reservations in The Hive. Before taking this workshop, you must complete *The Hive Safety Training* and create a free Tinkercad account at www.tinkercad.com.

Equipment and Studio

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

Glowforge 101: Creative Laser Cutting (Part 1 & 2) **IN-PERSON**

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

Hive Safety Training **HYBRID**

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

Hive Teen Hangout **IN-PERSON**

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

Sewing Circle **IN-PERSON** Continue building your machine-sewing skills AND receive support as you work on your own



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.

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.



Hive Calendar - December 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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