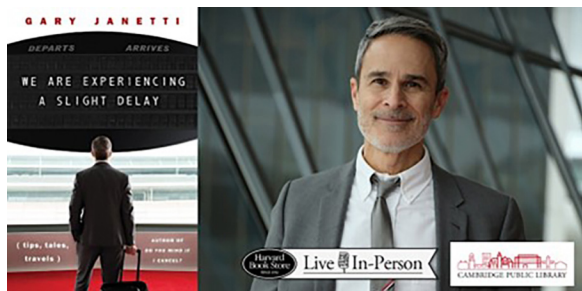


July 2024



EVENTS *at the* CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Events



CPL and Harvard Book Store Present: Gary Janetti, Author of *We Are Experiencing a Slight Delay*

IN-PERSON

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

📍 Lecture Hall

Cambridge Public Library and Harvard Book Store welcome Gary Janetti—bestselling author of *Start Without Me* and *Do You Mind If I Cancel?* and writer and producer of *Family Guy* and *Will & Grace*—for a discussion of his new book *We Are Experiencing a Slight Delay: (tips, tales, travels)*. Registration is required.

Evening Yoga at the CPL **IN-PERSON**

Thursday, July 11, 7-8 p.m.

Thursday, July 25, 7-8 p.m.

📍 Joan Lorentz Park

All are welcome to attend the Cambridge Public Library’s free outdoor yoga summer series every other Thursday starting July 11 until August 22. The Library will not be providing any materials - please bring your own mat and whatever item is in your practice. Shayla Tate of M.U.D.D. Flower Yoga leads us through this 60-minute evening flow. **No registration is required.**

SERVICE UPDATE

The Collins Branch Library will be closed for construction from Monday, July 1 until the fall.

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

Starting Sunday, July 7, the Valente Branch Library, located at 826 Cambridge Street, will be open from 1-5 p.m. on Sundays in July and August. Please note: during this time, the Main Library will be closed on Sundays. Main Library Sunday hours will resume Sunday, September 8.



Park Sounds

IN-PERSON

Saturday, July 13, 1:30-3 p.m.

Saturday, July 27, 1:30-3 p.m.

📍 Joan Lorentz Park

Park Sounds 2024 brings free musical performances featuring local artists to the front lawn of the Cambridge Public Library Main Branch. These events are for all ages. Bring a chair, food, and loved ones to celebrate the summer! **No registration is required.**

Saturday, July 13: ALDRA is a Somerville, MA-based performing and recording artist whose music draws influence from soul, R&B, and alternative pop. She captivates listeners with velvety tones, profound lyrics, and imagery to bring them on a journey through her life experiences.

Rain date: Wednesday, July 17 from 5:30 - 7 p.m.

Saturday, July 27: Il Contrapposto is an early music ensemble and continuo team dedicated to traversing the more untrodden paths of 16th- and 17th-century European music. Performing on historical instruments, with historically informed performance practices, their varied and engaging live performances are a step back into the homes and courts of Renaissance Europe.

Rain date: Saturday, August 3 from 1:30 - 3 p.m.

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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VIRTUAL Virtual event

IN-PERSON In-person event

HYBRID In-person event with option to attend virtually



Summer Art Tours

IN-PERSON

Monday, July 15,
5:30-6:30 p.m.,

📍 344 Broadway

Wednesday, July 24, 5:30-
6:30 p.m.,

📍 Central Square

Join us for our Summer Art Walk series in collaboration with Cambridge Arts. **Registration is required.**

344 Broadway: Participate in a guided tour of the Gallery 344 exhibition *Rust Happen(s): Caring for the Public Art Collection and Town Green*, Mike Glier's mural site in the City Hall Annex. We will meet outside the Cambridge City Hall Annex building at 344 Broadway in Cambridge.

Central Square: Explore public artwork in Central Square and learn about how Cambridge Arts commissions and maintains art for public enjoyment. Meet outside the Central Square Branch in the Martin Luther King Jr. Plaza. We will be strolling on sidewalks within 3/4 miles of Central Square T station.



CPL and Harvard Book Store Present: Joyce Carol Oates, Author of *Butcher*

IN-PERSON

Thursday, July 18, 6-7:30 p.m.

📍 Lecture Hall

Join Joyce Carol Oates—award-winning and *New York Times* bestselling author of *We Were the Mulvaney's*, *Blonde*, and *The Falls*—for a discussion of her new novel *Butcher*. She will be joined in conversation by Daphne Kalotay—award-winning author of *Russian Winter*, *The Archivists*, and *Calamity and Other Stories*. **Registration is required.**



CPL Presents: Susan Clare Zalkind, Author of *The Waltham Murders*

HYBRID

Thursday, July 25, 6-8 p.m.

📍 Lecture Hall

Join Susan Clare Zalkind for a reading and discussion of *The Waltham Murders*. After the loss of her friend in a 2011 triple-murder in Waltham, Zalkind—an investigative

reporter and the writer and producer behind the 2022 Hulu docuseries *The Murders Before the Marathon*—was determined to find out more. **Registration is required.**



Death Cafe

VIRTUAL

Tuesday, July 30, 7-8 p.m.

📍 Zoom

Join us for a virtual Death Cafe - an evening of open,

lively, and insightful discussion about death for adults aged 18 and older. While not a support group nor a venue for bereavement, a Death Cafe seeks to provide an unscripted, nonjudgmental platform for those wishing to explore the many facets of this often taboo subject. Facilitated by Richard Davis, a long time Death Cafe organizer and hospice volunteer. **Registration is required.**

Workshops



BASIC TECH CLASSES



Basic Tech Classes, various dates

IN-PERSON

📍 Learning Lab

Join us for Basic Tech Classes this July! 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 classes each month. **Registration is required for each class.**

- Mouse and Keyboard Shortcuts
Tuesday, July 9, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Keyboard Tips and Tricks
Thursday, July 11, 6-7 p.m.
- Online Meeting Basics
Tuesday, July 16, 3-4 p.m.
- Healthy Digital Habits
Thursday, July 25, 6-7 p.m.
- iPhone and iPad Basics
Wednesday, July 31, 11 a.m.- 12 p.m.



American Repertory Theater *Gatsby* Community Workshop

IN-PERSON

Saturday, July 20, 12-2 p.m.

📍 Lecture Hall

Inspired by American Repertory Theater's world premiere production of *Gatsby*, this workshop will use theater as a

framework to activate our essential question and explore themes of belonging, aspirations for the future, and what the American Dream means today. **Registration is required.**

Exhibits



Freedom, Liberty, and Independence: Celebrating Independence Day with Autistic Artists IN-PERSON

Monday, July 1- Wednesday, July 3, 5-8 p.m.

Saturday, July 6, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

📍 L2 Hallway

The Fourth of July embodies the culmination of hope and perseverance in American history, while Korea's Liberation Day serves as a remembrance of past struggles and an affirmation to strive for a better future. This exhibition showcases the works of extraordinary artists—Korean and American savants with autism whose visions are undeterred by their challenges. Their art is a bold pursuit of freedom and individuality, a canvas where the trials of history and the personal battles for independence coalesce.



INTERWOVEN: A Multigenerational Showcase of Textile and Fiber Arts - Exhibit Opening IN-PERSON

Saturday, July 13, 12-4 p.m.

📍 L2 Hallway

Join us in celebrating the opening of "INTERWOVEN: A Multigenerational Showcase of Textile and Fiber Arts."

This exhibit, featuring the work of three Indian-American women—Zahira Paul, Zebun Rangwala, and Aparna Paul—primarily in the form of quilts, bags, clothes, books, and other sewn goods, will open on July 13, 2024 with a kickoff event featuring an artist talk, fiber arts workshops, and performance poetry. Registration is required for the exhibit opening. Viewing hours can be found on the Library website.

Regular Programs for Children and Families

Boudreau

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

Central Square

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

After School Stories and Crafts **Wednesdays, 4-5 p.m.**

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

Collins

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Main Library

Baby Lapsit **Mondays, 10-10:20 a.m.**

📍 Rey Room

Morning Sing-Along **Mondays and Wednesdays, 11-11:25 a.m.**

📍 Curious George Room

LEGO Time Ages 5+ **Mondays, 4-4:45 p.m.**

📍 Curious George Room

Toddler Story Time **Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11-11:25 a.m.**

📍 Rey Room

Preschool Story Time **Tuesdays, 4-4:25 p.m.**

📍 Rey Room

Afternoon Sing-Along **Thursdays, 4-4:25 p.m.**

📍 Curious George Room

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.**

Cambridge Public Library Summer Reading

Read, Renew, Repeat
June 24 - August 23

Monday, June 24 - Friday, August 23

📍 **All branches**

Celebrate reading with CPL Summer Reading bingo. Pick up a bingo board from any library location starting on Monday, June 24. Complete reading challenges and fill out your bingo board for a chance to win prizes! Learn more at camb.ma/summerreading.

In addition to bingo, the Library is hosting special Summer Reading events across all branches. All Summer Reading events are in-person. Unless otherwise stated, these programs are for children of all ages and their caregivers. **No registration is required unless noted:**



**Reading with Rabbits
from Land's Sake Farm**
Monday, July 1, 2-2:45 p.m.

📍 **O'Neill**

Learn about the rabbits that live at Land's Sake

Farm. This program includes a rabbit-themed story time, learning about rabbit behavior and anatomy, and an additional program: a bunny themed craft, game, or movement activity. The highlight of the program is the Bunny Circle, where youth are able to touch and interact with a live rabbit. This program will happen outside. In case of rain or bad weather it will be inside. **Registration is required.**

Evening Story Time

Monday, July 1, 5:30-5:55 p.m.

📍 **Valente**

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.

Ocean Story Time & Craft

Tuesday, July 2, 11 a.m.- 12 p.m.

📍 **O'Neill**

We invite children and their grown-ups to join us for stories and a simple water-themed craft.

Raymond Park Scavenger Hunt

Tuesday, July 2, 2-3 p.m.

📍 **Boudreau**

Join us in Raymond Park for a scavenger hunt celebrating nature and the summer season! Search for plants, animals, colors, and even a certain friend you may have seen at the Boudreau Branch before. If you find everything on the list, you can have a special prize!

Tuesday Teen Room Hangouts

Tuesdays, 2-5 p.m.

📍 **Main Library**

Drop into the Teen Room any Tuesday afternoon this summer and enjoy a variety of FREE activities, from board games to video games, 3D pens, paper crafts, anime, and more. Or just sit down with a great book from our shelves.



Mike the Bubble Man

📍 **Boudreau: Wednesday, July 3, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.**

📍 **Main: Wednesday, July 10, 2-3 p.m.**

Bubbles come alive through music, choreography and comedy to spark imagination and wonder.



**Board Game
Afternoon**

Board Game Afternoon
Wednesday, July 3, 2-3 p.m.

📍 **Main Library**

Join us for an afternoon of board games, JENGA, and more!

**NINTENDO
SWITCH PARTY**



Nintendo Switch Party

📍 **Valente Saturday, July 6, 2 - 4 p.m. (Ages 7-10) and Saturday, July 20, 2-3:30 p.m. (Ages 11-14)**

📍 **Main Wednesday, July 31, 2 - 4 p.m. (Ages 7-10)**

Join our Nintendo Switch party! We will be using library consoles to enjoy multiplayer games. This program can accommodate 16 gamers. Tickets are available on a first come, first served basis on the day of the program.



Chalk Art

Monday, July 8, 2-4 p.m.

📍 O'Connell

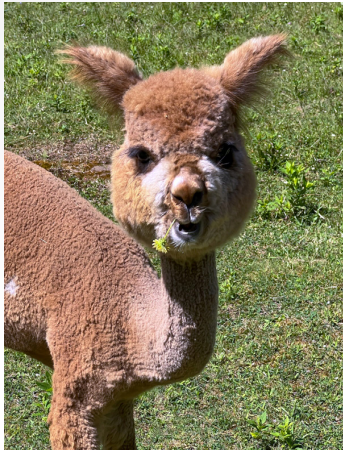
Let's decorate the O'Connell Reading Garden with colorful chalk art! We'll provide the chalk, you bring the creativity! For children of all ages and their caregivers.

Patio Project

Monday, July 8, 5-6 p.m.

📍 Valente

Join us outside in front of the Valente Branch Library (826 Cambridge St.) for STEAM activities for all ages! We will be using geometry to build tiny paper towns. In the case of rain, this program will be held inside in the Community Room at the Valente Branch.



Meet an Alpaca

📍 O'Connell: Tuesday, July 9, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

📍 O'Neill: Wednesday, July 17, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Join Harvard Alpaca Ranch for a presentation on the wonderful world of alpacas, including a visit by a live alpaca! This program is recommended for children older than 5 years and their caregivers.

Stay Cool Craft

Tuesday, July 9, 3-4 p.m.

📍 Boudreau

Exercise your creative muscles and give yourself a tool for staying cool with an afternoon of crafting. We will be making beautiful paper fans and other paper folding crafts!

Dungeons & Dragons 101

📍 Valente: Wednesday, July 10, 4-6 p.m.

📍 Main: Wednesday, July 17, 2-4:30 p.m.

Calling young adventurers! Ever wanted to learn how to play Dungeons and Dragons? Now's your chance! Patrons ages 9 to 13 can join us at the Valente Branch for an introductory session that will arm them with all the basic rules of the game. Dice, characters sheets, and everything else you need will be provided! **Registration is required.**

LEGO Community Build

Wednesday, July 10, 5:30 p.m.

📍 O'Neill

Join friends to build, build, BUILD! Let your imagination run wild with LEGOs. The Library has plenty of LEGO pieces, so you don't need to bring your own. For children ages 5 and up. Children under age 7 must be accompanied by a caregiver. LEGO pieces are choking hazards for young children.



Kamishibai Theatre

Thursday, July 11, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

📍 Central Square

Celebrate Tanabata, the star festival, with this Kamishibai performance from

Yumi Izuyama. A picture-based storytelling from Japan, Kamishibai combines visual, oral and gestural storytelling methods. This storytime will be followed by a Tanabata based craft. **Registration is recommended for this program.**

Wildlife Ambassadors with Mass Audubon

Thursday, July 11, 2-3 p.m.

📍 O'Neill



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.



Fun with Bubbles

📍 O'Neill: Saturday, July 13, 2-3:30 p.m.

📍 O'Connell: Friday, July 26, 4-5 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!



3D Doodling

Monday, July 15, 2-3 p.m.

📍 O'Connell

Use one of our 3D Doodler pens to create anything your mind can dream up! For ages 5 and up. Kids under 7 must be accompanied by a grownup.



Bilingual Story Time

📍 **O'Connell:** Tuesday, July 16, 2-3 p.m.

📍 **Main:** Wednesday, July 24, 4-5 p.m.

Esther Gomez and Karina Liendo present "The Song of Chirimia," a Guatemalan folktale of young man who tries to win the hand of a Mayan princess by making his song as sweet as that of the birds. This bilingual story time will be presented in Spanish and English and include arts and crafts for registered attendees. **Registration is recommended.**



Mass Capoeira

Tuesday, July 16, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

📍 **Valente**

Mass Capoeira's performance will uplift the spirit and expose audiences to the magic of Afro-Brazilian art and culture.



Family STEAM Night

Tuesday, July 16, 6:30-7:15 p.m.

📍 **O'Neill**

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 month we will be making rain gauges.



Music with Rockabye Beats

📍 **Boudreau:** Wednesday, July 17, 3-4 p.m.

📍 **O'Connell:** Wednesday, July 31, 2-3 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.



Crocodile River Music

Thursday, July 18, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

📍 **Central Square**

African rhythms, history, and culture merge into an evening of movement, cultural exploration, and joy. Crocodile River Music's mission is to connect audiences with African artists and cultures through performance and education. With artists from Mali, Senegal, Burkina Faso, Guinea, and the US, they are committed to presenting African art, music, and culture to audiences of all ages, backgrounds, and capabilities.



Teen Book Discussion:

The Faint of Heart

Thursday, July 18, 1-2 p.m.

📍 **Main**

Join us to discuss the CRLS One School One Story summer reading book, *The Faint of Heart* by Kerilynn Wilson. Get your free copy at the Main Library Teen Room. Pizza will be provided.



Mermaid Story Time

Thursday, July 18, 3:30-4 p.m.

📍 **O'Connell**

Celebrate Mermaid Diversity Day at the O'Connell Branch with stories and songs! Merpeople of all sizes, colors, and genders are welcome, but if under 7 must be accompanied by a grownup. Tails start at 3:30!



Poop Museum

Friday, July 19, 2-3 p.m.

📍 **O'Neill**

The Poop Museum is the place to come if you're curious and have questions about poop! Susie Maguire at The Poop Museum is a poop expert who thinks poop is THE most interesting subject in the world. She has studied poop for years and loves nothing more than sharing her expansive knowledge of poop. Recommended for children ages 5-10.

Tie Dye Workshop

Saturday, July 20, 2-3 p.m.

📍 **O'Neill**

Join us at the O'Neill branch and make your own tie-dye t-shirt! The Library will provide white t-shirts and kerchiefs. If supplies permit, you are welcome to bring other clean cotton items to dye (light colors work best). For children ages 5 and up with a caregiver. **Registration is required.**

Teen Watercolor Workshop

Monday, July 22, 4-5:30 p.m.

📍 **Valente**

Teens, join us for a watercolor workshop at the Valente Branch where you will learn how to put your brush to paper and paint a nature scene! All materials will be provided by the library. Please wear clothes suitable for painting. **Registration is required.**

Book Tasting



Summer 2024

Middle School Book Tasting

Tuesday, July 23, 2-3 p.m.

📍 O'Connell

Browse a buffet of new and exciting books by diverse authors, for readers aged 11-14. Take a menu to help you decide on your favorites. **No registration required.** All our books are available for takeout!



Pajama Story Time

Tuesday, July 23, 6:45-7:30 p.m.

📍 O'Neill

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

ASL Signing Rocks

📍 O'Neill: Wednesday, July 24, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

📍 Central Square: Thursday, July 25, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

📍 O'Connell: Thursday, July 25, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Join us for a party and an American Sign Language class rolled into one! **SIGNING Basics** hosts this excellent event for beginners or people looking to brush up their skills. Get ready to have some fun! **Signing Rocks! events are conducted in ASL.** Sign language interpreting is not provided; you will learn the vocabulary as you go throughout the class. This program is great for families with kids ages 5+! **Registration is recommended.**



Read to a Dog

Wednesday, July 24, 4-5 p.m.

📍 O'Connell

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 a week in advance. Sign up by phone or in person at the O'Connell Branch (617-349-4019).

Middle School After Hours Hangout

Thursday, July 25, 6-8 p.m.

📍 O'Neill

After the Library closes for the rest of the public on July 25, it's open to Middle Schoolers only! Rising 6th, 7th and 8th graders can come to the Library after hours for pizza, karaoke, t-shirt decorating, slime-making and more. **Registration is required.**

Preschool Dance Party

Friday, July 26, 11-11:30 a.m.

📍 O'Neill

Wiggle, shake and dance with your children! For Kids 0-5 and their caregivers.

Drop-in Maker Studio

Saturday, July 27, 1 - 3 p.m.

📍 O'Neill

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. This drop-in program is for people who feel comfortable using these machines on their own. The Library will not provide instruction. Children under the age of 11 must be accompanied by an adult.

Learn Ukulele for Kids

Saturday, July 27, 3-4 p.m.

📍 Valente

Want to try an instrument that is fun and easy to play? Join Julie Stepanek as she shows the fundamentals of ukulele playing. No experience necessary. Ukuleles provided or bring your own. This program is for children ages 8-12. **Registration is required.**

Juice & Jelly Funtime Band

Monday, July 29, 4-4:45 p.m.

📍 Boudreau

The Juice and Jelly Funtime Band plays original music written for children and their families. Their songs are a bit folksy, a little rock'n'roll, and even a tad educational! Come sing, dance, and laugh to songs about plants, animals, make-believe characters, and more.

Fresh Pond Bug Walk

Tuesday, July 30, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

📍 Boudreau

Have you ever wanted to know more about the little insect critters that live in our local ecosystems? Join CPL Nature Club at Fresh Pond's Lusitania Meadow for a short walk in which we observe and learn about this dazzlingly diverse class of animals. This program is open to all ages, from adults to children and their caregivers. **Registration is required.**

Wiggle Party

Tuesday, July 30, 11-11:25 a.m.

📍 Valente

Our usual weekly sing-along gets an upgrade - join us for a dance party to get your wiggles out!



Coming Soon: New CPL Website! Launching Sunday, July 7



*Scan here on July 7
or visit:*

[www.cambridgema.gov/departments/
cambridgepubliclibrary](http://www.cambridgema.gov/departments/cambridgepubliclibrary)

New design,
better
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SUMMER SUNDAYS AT VALENTE



OPEN 1-5pm July 7 - August 25

The Cambridge Public Library Summer Sundays are back! Valente Summer Sundays, currently in its third year, will run Sundays July 7 through August 25, from 1-5 p.m.

Please note: the Main Library will be closed on Sundays during this time.

Located at the **King Open and Cambridge Street Upper Schools and Community Complex**, the Valente Branch Library is a part of the city's newest high performance net zero emissions building, boasting 10,000 square feet of space, including a children's room, a community room, three gender-inclusive bathrooms, study rooms, a community garden, and even a bocce ball court with bocce equipment available for check out at the front desk.

Valente Summer Sunday patrons can browse the print collections, make use of computers, laptops, and wireless printing, book a study room, or simply hang out in a cool spot during the hot summer months.



Cambridge Book Bike Summer 2024

Bringing free books and activities for **Cambridge kids of all ages** to a park near you!

Visit cambridgebookbike.org for the full schedule. Book Bike will have two special summer parties:

📍 **Russell Field (Rindge Ave.)**

Wednesday, July 31, from 5:30-7 p.m.

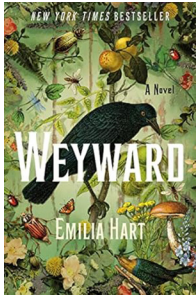
📍 **Clement Morgan Park (Columbia St.)**

Wednesday, August 7, from 5:30-7 p.m.

Book Groups

Adult Book Groups

Boudreau

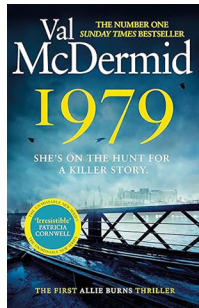


Boudreau Branch Book Group

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Wednesday, July 10, 12-1 p.m.

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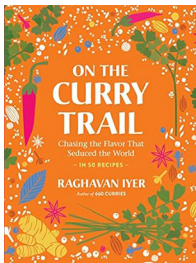


Boudreau Branch Mystery Book Group

HYBRID

Tuesday, July 23, 12-1 p.m.

1979 by Val McDermid



Cookbook Book Group

IN-PERSON

Wednesday, July 24, 6-7 p.m.

On the Curry Trail by Raghavan Iyer

Central Square (NEW!)

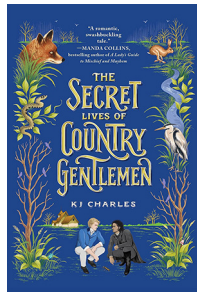
Central Square Book Club

IN-PERSON

Wednesday, July 17, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

For our first meeting, instead of all reading the same book, we'll be sharing our recent favorite reads with an emphasis on contemporary adult fiction.

Main Library



Romance Book Group

IN-PERSON

Tuesday, July 9, 7:15-8:15 p.m.

The Secret Lives of Country Gentlemen by KJ Charles

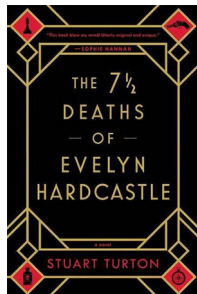
O'Connell

Adult Book Group

IN-PERSON

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

Rough Sleepers by Tracy Kidder



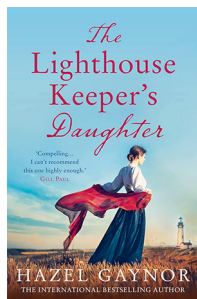
Mystery Book Group

IN-PERSON

Friday, July 19, 3-4 p.m.

The 7 1/2 Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle by Stuart Turton

O'Neill



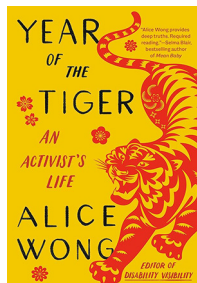
O'Neill Branch Book Group

IN-PERSON

Monday, July 8, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

The Lighthouse Keeper's Daughter by Hazel Gaynor

Valente



Valente Branch Book Group

IN-PERSON

Wednesday, July 17, 12-1 p.m.

Year of the Tiger by Alice Wong

Children's Book Groups

Main Library



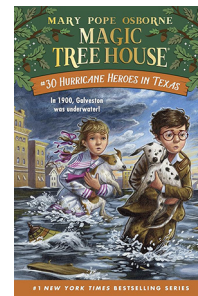
Books Not Binaries Book Group

IN-PERSON

Wednesday, July 31, 6-7 p.m.

In the Key of Us by Mariama J. Lockington. *This group is currently full.*

O'Connell



Magic Tree House Book Group

HYBRID

Friday, July 5, 4-4:30 p.m.

Hurricane Heroes in Texas by Mary Pope Osborne (Ages 5-10)



Kids' Classic Fantasy Book Group

HYBRID

Friday, July 19, 4-5 p.m.

Wizards' Hall by Jane Yolen (Ages 10-14)



Graphics Are Great! Book Group

HYBRID

Tuesday, July 23, 4-5 p.m.

Swim Team by Johnnie Christmas (Ages 8-12)

Branch Events

Boudreau



Knitting Group

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

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



Chess Hour

Monday, July 15, 6-7 p.m.

Come join us for a chess challenge. Players of all skill levels and all ages are welcome to participate. Chess sets will be provided, but feel free to

bring your own if you prefer. This is not an instructional class, but rather a gathering for individuals who want to play and test their skills against other members of the community.

Registration is not required.



One-on-One Tech Help

Wednesday, July 10 and July 24, 4-4:45 p.m.

Would you like help navigating the library's e-resources like Libby or Hoopla? Or maybe you need some basic computer

or mobile device guidance? Book a free one-on-one tech help session at the Boudreau branch.



Read to a Dog

Thursday, July 18, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Read with Ana the Therapy Dog! Therapy dogs provide warm and nonjudgmental 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).**



Coffee, Cribbage, and Chess

Friday, July 26, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

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

Central Square

Magazine Beach Storytime

Monday, July 8, 10-10:30 a.m.

Discover a world outdoors with stories read by staff from the Central Square Branch of the Cambridge Public Library. **This event will be held off-site at Mass Audubon Magazine Beach Park Nature Center (668 Memorial Drive).**

Drop-in Help at the Library

Tuesdays, 4-6 p.m.

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 6pm. **No registration required.** If you have any questions, please contact library@cambridgema.gov

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.



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.

Summer Cyanotype Workshop

Saturday, July 20, 1-3 p.m.

📍 Joan Lorentz Park

Join local photographer and artist Edie Bresler for a hands-on workshop on cyanotype, a method of photography that uses the sun to develop prints! Participants will learn all about the process and techniques used in this photography method and create their own small cyanotype print with natural objects. This event will take place rain or shine. **Registration is required.**

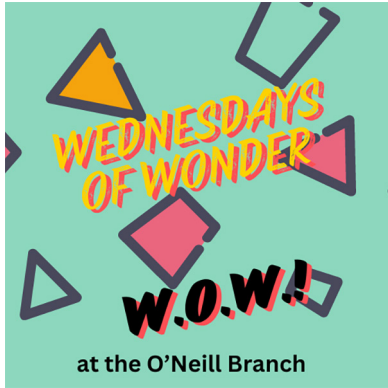
O'Connell

Wednesday Word Puzzles

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

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

O'Neill



Wednesdays of Wonder - WOW!

Wednesdays, 2-4 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.**

English Conversation Practice (Intermediate Level)

Wednesdays, 1-2:30 p.m.

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

Valente



ESOL Conversation Class

Mondays, 6-7:30 p.m.

Tuesdays, 2:30-4 p.m.

Join us for an English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)! This class will be taught at a

beginner level. No testing is needed. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call Maria Balestrieri at 617-349-4013.

Board Game Night for Adults

Tuesday, July 23, 6-7:30 p.m.

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

LITERACY CENTER PROGRAMS

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

High Beginner ESOL IN-PERSON

Mondays, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

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

Intermediate ESOL IN-PERSON

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 p.m. and 1-2:30 p.m.

Résumé & 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

CLOSED for construction starting July 1

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.

Save the Date



Evening Yoga at the CPL

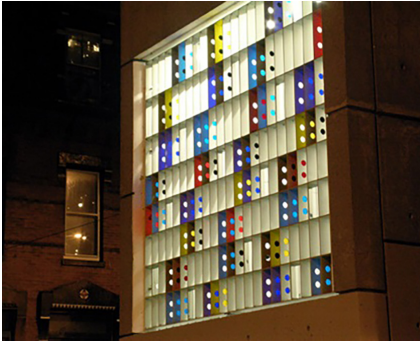
IN-PERSON

Thursday, August 8, 7-8 p.m.
Thursday, August 22, 7-8 p.m.

📍 **Joan Lorentz Park**

All are welcome to attend the Cambridge Public Library's free outdoor yoga summer series every other Thursday starting July 11 until August 22. The Library will not be providing any materials - please bring your own mat and whatever item is in your practice. Shayla

Tate of M.U.D.D. Flower Yoga leads us through this 60-minute evening flow. **No registration is required.**



Summer Art Tours

IN-PERSON

Wednesday, August 14,
5:30-6:30 p.m.,

📍 **West Cambridge**

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

📍 **East Cambridge**

Join us for our Summer Art Walk series in collaboration with Cambridge Arts. We will be strolling on sidewalks within 3/4 miles of the library. Explore public artwork and learn about how Cambridge Arts commissions and maintains art for public enjoyment. **Registration is required.**



📍 **West Cambridge:** Join us for a tour of the public art in West/North Cambridge. Meet outside of the Boudreau Branch on Concord Avenue.

📍 **East Cambridge:** Join Cambridge Arts and the Valente and O'Connell Branches of the Cambridge Public Library for a tour of the public art in East Cambridge. Meet outside the Valente Branch on Cambridge Street.

Did You Know?



The Cambridge Room, the Library's archives,

has nearly 200 collections, spanning the 17th to 21st Centuries, featuring the history of Cambridge.

Most of the collections focus on the political and social history of the City and are particularly strong in the mid-20th Century to the present.



Stop by our reading room on the second floor of the Main library to browse our extensive collection of books on Cambridge history or research a collection.

- **Research your family history**
- **Browse online collections**
- **Take a free workshop**

Hours:

Friday-Sunday: Closed

Monday: 5-9 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Wednesday: 1-5 p.m.

Contact:

617-349-7757

archives@cambridgema.gov

Highlights from June



Sebastian Junger discusses his new memoir, *In My Time of Dying: How I Came Face to Face with the Idea of an Afterlife*.



Freedom, Liberty, and Independence: Celebrating Independence Day with Autistic Artists is on display on L2 at the Main Library.



In celebration of Juneteenth, patrons participated in a drum circle with Ammaya Dance & Drum at the Valente Branch.



Kim Jae-hui, the Consul General of the Republic of Korea in Boston, attends the opening of Freedom, Liberty, and Independence.



CPL gather on the annual Staff Development Day for learning, community building, and ice cream!



The Library attends the Juneteenth Parade to highlight the Black Voices Collection and help visitors make their very own buttons.



Briar Blush reads *The Rainbow Parade* during drag storytime. (Photo credit: Craig F. Walker, *Boston Globe*)



Rebecca Arnoldi teaches patrons how paint watercolor trees.



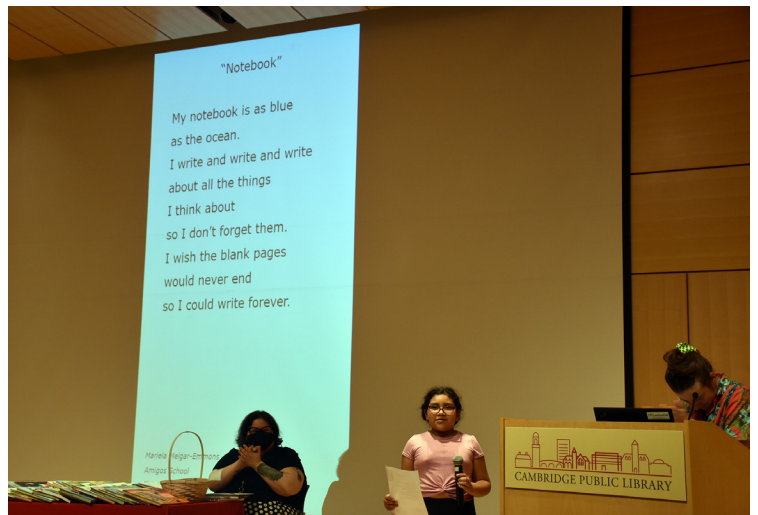
Lady Lee and the New Awakening Band celebrate Caribbean American Heritage Month with reggae music in the park.



Patrons make Pride pasta with Cambridge School of Culinary Arts.



The Squeezebox Stompers bring patrons to their feet during their Park Sounds performance.



Young poets read their winning poems at the 25th Annual Youth Poetry Awards.

Hive Workshops for July 2024

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



3D Printing 101: Game Piece Design

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

Equipment and Studio Reservations

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Hive Calendar - July 2024



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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