

October 2024



EVENTS *at the* CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Events

Good Neighbor Day 2024 IN-PERSON

Tuesday, October 1, 2-5 p.m.

📍 Lecture Hall

Good Neighbor Day aims to strengthen community bonds by bringing together people of all ages to share experiences, learn from each other, and build connections. Join your neighbors for a collaborative art project, intergenerational conversations for older children and adults, and story time for younger children. Attendees can drop in throughout the event or participate in the full program. Presented in partnership with Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services, ABCD, Cambridge Council on Aging, The Living Well Network, and the Massachusetts Association for Mental Health. **No registration is required.**

From Blank Page to Stage IN-PERSON

Saturday, October 5, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

📍 Community Room

Cross “try stand-up comedy” off your bucket list! This supportive, interactive workshop will include joke structure basics, performance etiquette, and history of stand-up interspersed between iterative writing sessions to help you feel comfortable presenting your first funny bit. **Registration is required.**



SERVICE ALERT

The Collins Branch Library is currently closed for construction. All Library locations will be closed Monday, October 14, for Indigenous Peoples Day.

**Hastings Room Reading:
Seamus Heaney Memorial Reading** IN-PERSON

Saturday, October 5, 2-4 p.m.

📍 Valente



This year’s reading will pay tribute to the late eminent critic and Harvard professor Helen Vendler. Readers Marcia Karp and David Blair will exchange passages of Vendler’s insightful commentary with selections of poetry from Heaney’s landmark collection *North*. If you knew or were acquainted with Helen and have a reminiscence or a passage from one of her books to share, we will have a space for people to do so at the end of the reading. All are welcome, all are encouraged to join us.

No registration is required.

Learn Knife Skills with Shiso Kitchen IN-PERSON

Tuesday, October 8, 6-7 p.m.

📍 Community Room

Jess Roy of Shiso Kitchen teaches essential culinary knife skills. **Registration is required.**

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VIRTUAL Virtual event

IN-PERSON In-person event

HYBRID In-person event with option to attend virtually

Cambridge Cooks @ Valente: Mulled Cider Jam IN-PERSON

Tuesday, October 8, 6-7:30 p.m.

📍 Valente

Cambridge Cooks invites local chefs for a free cooking demonstration, followed by a tasting and Q&A with the chef. Jam out during this Cambridge Cooks installment, as Afton Cyrus of Jam Sessions teaches participants how to make mulled cider jam using local apples. **Registration is required.**



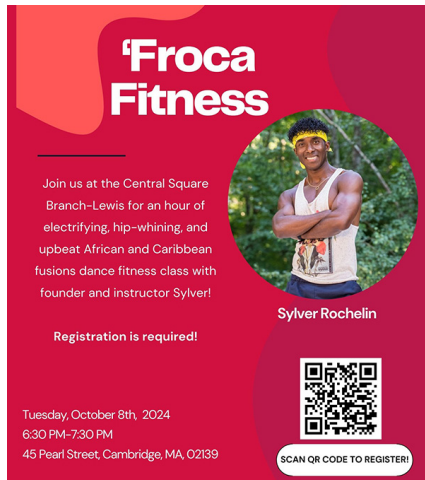
'Froca Fitness with Sylver Rochelin IN-PERSON

IN-PERSON

Tuesday, October 8, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

📍 Central Square

Join us in the Lewis Room for an hour of electrifying and upbeat African and Caribbean fusion dance with founder and instructor Sylver Rochelin! **Registration is required.**



The Highwaymen - Songs and Stories with Matt York IN-PERSON

IN-PERSON

Tuesday, October 15, 6-7:30 p.m.

📍 Lecture Hall

Longtime New England musician/author Matt York will perform the songs of Johnny Cash, Willie Nelson, Kris Kristofferson and Waylon Jennings and tell stories of their careers. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Cambridge Arts Council. **No registration is required.**



LGBTQ History with Sarah Boyer IN-PERSON

Tuesday, October 29, 7-8:30 p.m.

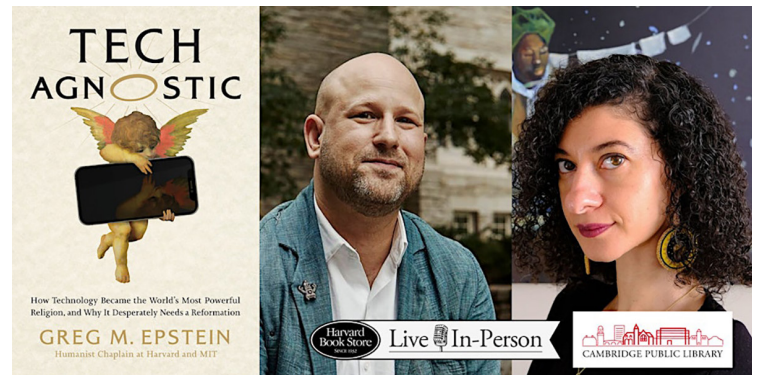
📍 Central Square

Celebrate LGBTQ+ History Month with Cambridge Public Library and Cambridge LGBTQ+ Commission. Local historian and author of *Coming Out, Becoming Ourselves: Lesbian Stories from the Boston Daughters of Bilitis, 1969-1999*, Sarah Boyer will give a presentation and Q&A about Cambridge's own LGBTQ+ history. Refreshments provided. **No registration is required.**

Greg M. Epstein Presents: *Tech Agnostic* IN-PERSON

Tuesday, October 29, 6-7:30 p.m.

📍 Lecture Hall



Harvard Book Store and the Cambridge Public Library welcome Greg M. Epstein—Humanist Chaplain at Harvard & MIT—for a discussion of his new book *Tech Agnostic: How Technology Became the World's Most Powerful Religion, and Why It Desperately Needs a Reformation*. He will be joined in conversation by Chanda Prescod-Weinstein—Associate Professor of Physics and Core Faculty Member in Women's and Gender Studies at the University of New Hampshire. **Registration is required.**

Voter Registration Drop In IN-PERSON

Wednesday, October 9 and October 23, 3-6 p.m.

📍 Central Square

Want to vote in the upcoming election? Need to double check that you're still registered? Swing by the Central Square Branch to learn all about what you need to vote on Tuesday, November 5. We'll have snacks and voter registration support for everyone, including registration forms in multiple languages and information about how to register without a permanent address.

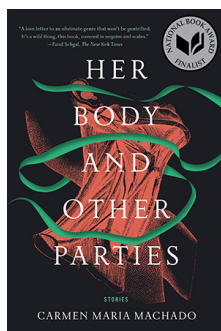


CPL Presents: Carmen Maria Machado, Author of *In the Dream House* HYBRID

Wednesday, October 9, 6-7:30 p.m.

📍 Lecture Hall

Join the Cambridge Public Library in welcoming Carmen Maria Machado, author of the bestselling memoir *In the Dream House* as well as the short story collection *Her Body and Other Parties*, winner of several major awards and prizes including the Shirley Jackson Award, the Bard Fiction Prize, and the 2018 Lambda Literary Award for Lesbian Fiction. **Registration is required.**



Workshops

Basic Tech Classes, various dates **IN-PERSON**

 Learning Lab

Join us for Basic Tech Classes this October! 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.**

- All About Zoom/Online Meeting Basics
Thursday, October 3, 2-3 p.m.
- Email Basics
Thursday, October 10, 2-3 p.m.
- Email Tips and Tricks,
Wednesday October 16, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
- Google Photos Basics
Wednesday, October 23, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Internet Safety
Thursday, October 24, 6-7 p.m.
- Intro to Free E-books and Audiobooks
Tuesday, October 29, 11 a.m.- 12 p.m.

Estate Planning
for All **VIRTUAL**

**Monday,
October 7,
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 situation—can have an estate plan. **Registration is required.**

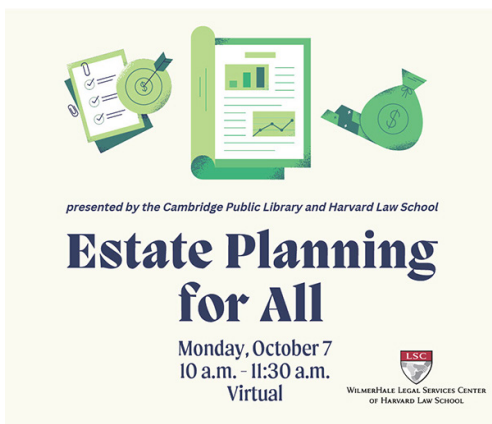
Evening Yoga **IN-PERSON**

Thursday, October 8, 7-8 p.m.

Thursday, October 24, 7-8 p.m.

 Community Room

Shayla Tate of M.U.D.D. Flower Yoga leads a 60-minute evening flow in the Community Room. The Library will not provide any materials - please bring your own mat and any items in your practice. **Registration is required.**



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.**

Stories, Songs and Play **Thursdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.**

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

Collins

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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 **Wednesdays, 10-10:20 a.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

Sing-Along **Tuesdays, 11-11:25 a.m.**

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

Creative Aging: Drawn to Nature IN-PERSON

Fridays, starting October 11, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

📍 Rossi Room

Drawn to Nature is an introductory drawing course, focusing on the plant world as a basic subject. Over our ten weeks, we will focus on a variety of plant life, as we explore line, volume, space, and color, using graphite, and watercolor. Students will keep notebooks recording both the plants they draw and the techniques they learn. All levels welcome. Space is limited to 10 participants. We expect all participants to commit to all sessions in this 10-week course. **Registration is required.**



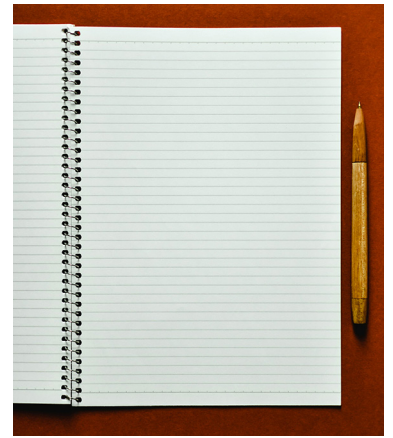
Wednesday Night Creative Writing Group

IN-PERSON

Wednesday, October 16, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

📍 Learning Lab

Writers of all experience levels are invited to join a casual, peer-supported writing group. In this 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. We may practice in-class writing exercises and read samples of published writing as time allows. **Registration is required.**



Wellness for Older Adults: Let Your Yoga Dance

IN-PERSON

Thursdays, beginning on October 17, 11-11:45 a.m.

📍 Community Room

Mondays, beginning October 21, 11-11:45 a.m. VIRTUAL

📍 Zoom

A fun, dynamic, and blissful class. Work your way through the seven energy centers (chakras) with Let Your Yoga Dance. You will leave with a good workout and a peaceful happy mind/body/spirit. Good for every body! This class has a virtual session on Mondays and an in-person session on Thursdays. **Registration is required for each session.**



Downsizing and Decluttering: AARP IN-PERSON

Tuesday, October 15, 1-2 p.m.

📍 Community Room

If you're looking to get rid of some unwanted stuff around the home, join us for our free downsizing and decluttering event led by AARP MA Speakers Bureau. You'll hear about important organizing tips while exploring how streamlining your things could help you feel happier, less stressed, and more productive. **Registration is required.**



Bicycle Maintenance Workshop IN-PERSON

Wednesday, October 16, 5:45-6:45 p.m.

📍 Valente

Join the Cambridge Community Development Department for a bicycle maintenance workshop at the Valente Branch Library. **Registration is required.**



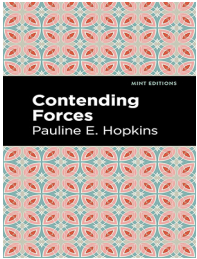


Book Groups



Adult Book Groups

Boudreau



Boudreau Branch Book Group

HYBRID

Wednesday, October 16, 12-1 p.m.

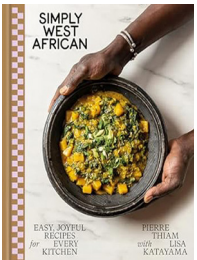
Contending Forces by Pauline Hopkins

Boudreau Branch Mystery Book Group

HYBRID

Tuesday, October 22, 12-1 p.m.

The Crow Trap by Ann Cleaves



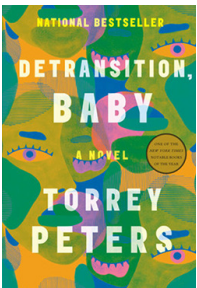
Boudreau Branch Cookbook Book Group

IN-PERSON

Wednesday, October 23, 6-7 p.m.

Simply West African and Zoe's Ghana Kitchen

Central Square



Central Square Book Club

IN-PERSON

Wednesday, October 16, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Detransition, Baby by Torrey Peters

Main Library

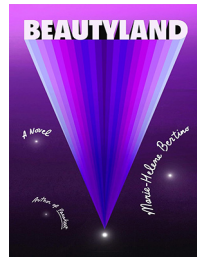


Romance Book Group

IN-PERSON

Tuesday, October 8, 7:15-8:15 p.m.

The Very Secret Society of Irregular Witches by Sangu Mandanna

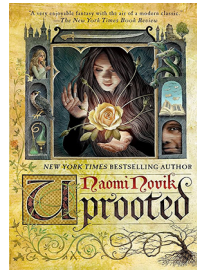


Contemporary Book Group

IN-PERSON

Tuesday, October 15, 6-7 p.m.

Beautyland by Marie-Helene Bertino



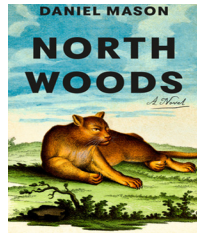
Science Fiction & Fantasy Book Group

IN-PERSON

Wednesday, October 16, 6-7 p.m.

Uprooted by Naomi Novik

O'Connell



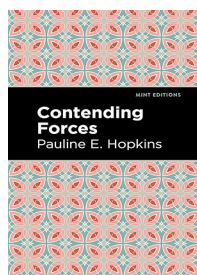
Adult Book Group

IN-PERSON

Tuesday, October 15, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

North Woods by Daniel Mason

O'Neill



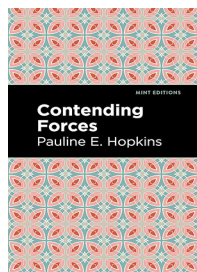
O'Neill Branch Book Group

IN-PERSON

Monday, October 21, 6:30-8 p.m.

Contending Forces by Pauline Hopkins

Valente



Valente Branch Book Group

IN-PERSON

Wednesday, October 16, 6-7 p.m.

Contending Forces by Pauline Hopkins

Children's Book Groups

Central Square

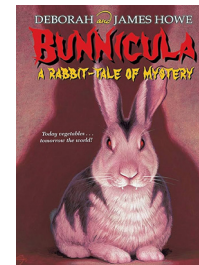
Books Not Binaries Reading Group

IN-PERSON

Wednesday, October 30, 6-7 p.m.

Dear Mothman by Robin Gow. This group is currently full; a waitlist is available.

Main



Parent/Child Book Group

IN-PERSON

Tuesday, October 15, 6-6:45 p.m.

Bunnicula by Deborah and James Howe (Ages 7-10)

O'Connell



Middle Grade Mystery Book Group

HYBRID

Friday, October 11, 4-5 p.m.

The Secret of the Old Clock by Carolyn Keene



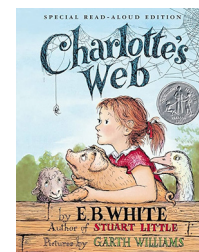
Graphics Are Great! Book Group

HYBRID

Tuesday, October 22, 4-5 p.m.

Snapdragon by Kat Leyh (Ages 8-12)

O'Neill



Kids' Books for Everyone

IN-PERSON

Tuesday, October 8, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Charlotte's Web by E.B. White

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

Wednesday, October 2 and October 16, 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.



Chess Hour

Monday, October 7 and October 21, 5-6 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.



Fresh Pond Bug Walk

Wednesday, October 9, 3:15-5 p.m.

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.**



Please register all attendees, including caregivers.

Central Square

Drop-in Tech 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 6 p.m. **No registration required.** If you have any questions, please contact library@cambridgema.gov



Fiber Arts Circle

Thursdays, 7-8 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!

Halloween Party!

Thursday, October 31, 4-6 p.m.

Join us for a drop-in Halloween celebration with stories, crafts, and treats. Costumes are encouraged! This program is for children and 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.

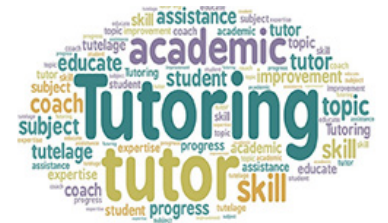


Free Drop-in Tutoring for Teens

Tuesdays 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! Feel free to drop by. Please contact 617-349-4027 with any questions.



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.

Olé Flamenco: Flamenco for Everybody

Saturday, October 5,
11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Eve Costarelli, of Always Be Dancing, will lead this interactive, engaging program for families that will get everyone dancing! Join us for a body-stretching, hand-clapping, foot-stomping good time. In this upbeat program, which is infused with the music and dance of flamenco, participants will absorb the dramatic postures and colorful flavor of flamenco while also exploring yoga poses and mindfulness. There will be a reading of the picture book *Lola's Fandango* by Anna Witte. This program is for children of all abilities and their caregivers.



Puppetry Studio: Stop Motion Animation

Thursday, October 10, 17, and 24, 5-6:30 p.m.

We will adapt the fairy tale "Hansel and Gretel" and perform our masterpiece for family and friends. Using a Gif-o-Gräf, we will blend stop motion animation and puppetry techniques. This three-week puppetry workshop is for youth ages 10-13. No experience necessary! **Registration is required.**

Participants must attend all sessions and have read a version of the fairy tale before the first session. Stop by the Children's Room to pick up a copy or call **617-349-4038**.

CPL Nature Club: Fall Leaf Rubbing

Saturday, October 19, 10:30-11 a.m.

Leaves are falling and fall is here! Let's learn about the trees in the park through leaf rubbings! We'll start with a story, then we'll have crayons and paper available to make beautiful art with the leaves you find on the ground. For an extra challenge, see if you can figure out which tree your leaf came from. Recommended for children ages 5-8. In the event of rain, this program will take place in the Curious George Room inside the Library.



Tarot Readings for Teens

Wednesday, October 30,
3-5 p.m.

Tarot tells the story of your life in pictures and is known as a mirror to the soul. Join healer, artist and educator Laura Campagna of Laura Campagna Astrology for drop-in tarot readings at the library. This program is for teens ages 12-18.



Teen Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 29, 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.

**TEENS:
WE
NEED
YOUR
IDEAS!**

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.



Paint Party

Tuesday, October 8, 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 mountain landscape painting in your choice of colors. We'll provide the tea and coffee. No experience necessary. All are welcome. Acrylic paint can stain clothing. Please wear old clothing. **Registration is required.**



3D Doodling

Wednesday, October 9, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

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.

Read to a Dog

Wednesday, October 23, 4-5 p.m.

Read with Bowie the Therapy Dog from Pets & People! Therapy dogs provide warm and non-judgmental reading companions for new or experienced readers of all ages. **Registration for each 10-minute time slot is required and begins a week in advance.**

Register by phone or in person at the O'Connell Branch (617-349-4019).



Wiggle Party

Wednesday, October 23, 5:30-6 p.m.

Join us for a dance party to get your wiggles out! Play a freeze dance game, shake some shakers, and learn the steps to the Macarena and the Electric Slide!



Evening Family Story Time

Wednesday, October 30, 5:30-6 p.m.

We invite children and their grown-ups to join us for a special evening story time event. This program will run for 20-25 minutes, with songs, stories and rhymes. This program will be held indoors at the O'Connell Branch Library. **No registration is required.** Please call 617-349-4019 for more information.

O'Neill

CPL Nature Club: Leaf Walk Story Time

Tuesday, October 1, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

We invite children and their grown-ups to join us for stories, an outdoor leaf walk, and a simple nature craft.



Welcome Back Bingo for Middle Schoolers

Tuesday, October 1, 3:30-5 p.m.

Join us for after school fun! See your friends, play a few rounds of bingo and enjoy snacks in this free event. No registration is required. This event is for preteens and teens ages 11 and up who are in grade 6 and up.



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.

Wednesdays of Wonder - WOW!

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.**

10/2: Banned Books Week Buttons & Bookmarks

10/9: Cyanotyping

10/16: Masks and Costumes

10/23: Model Hands

10/30: Potions



Saturday Songs and Stories

Saturday, October 5, 3:30-4 p.m.

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



Trivia Night

Wednesday, October 9, 6:15-7 p.m.

Come join us for Trivia Night! Players of all ages are welcome to test their knowledge of science, history, literature, and culture. Snacks will be provided. Individuals and groups are welcome. **Registration is helpful, but not required.**

Local Author Alison Goldberg Presents: Eighteen Flowers for Grandma: A Gift of Chai

Tuesday, October 15, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Meet local North Cambridge author Alison Goldberg and celebrate the publication of her new book, *Eighteen Flowers for Grandma: A Gift of Chai*. The author will read from her book and there will be a fun craft! **No registration is required.**



Hand Embroidery

Wednesday, October 16 from 6-7:30

Hand Embroidery will cover an assortment of basic embroidery stitches that can be used to embellish your clothing and hide (or highlight!) holes and stains! Leave class with a sampler of embroidery stitches you can refer back to, along with knowledge of tools, materials, and techniques for stitching up embroidered designs. Suitable for beginners with little or no embroidery experience, or those who want a refresher on the basics. **Registration is required.**

Kids' Zine Collective

Friday, October 18,
4-5 p.m.

What's a zine? And how do I make one? Come find out! 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. Snacks are provided!



Drop-In Maker Studio

Saturday, October 19, 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. This drop-in program is for people who feel comfortable using these machines on their own. Anyone wishing to use the sewing machines must have completed a Sewing 101 training through the Library. The Library will not provide instruction. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Read to a Dog

Tuesday, October 22,
3:30-4:30 p.m.

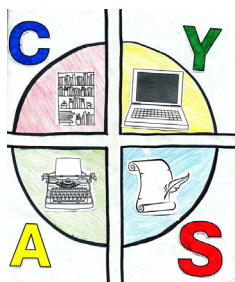
Read with a cuddly friend! Trained therapy dogs provide warm and non-judgmental reading companions for new or experienced readers up to age 14. **Registration for each 10-minute time slot is required and begins on Tuesday, October 15 by calling or visiting the O'Neill Branch (617-349-4023).**



Cambridge Young Authors' Squad

Friday, October 25, 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! If you are attending for the first time, **registration is helpful, but not required.**



Create a Huggable Monstrosity

Saturday, October 26, 2-3:30 p.m.

Come to the O'Neill Branch to sew a "huggable monstrosity" - a loveable but terrifying toy! This project is open to children and families who have some experience hand sewing.

No registration required.

Paint Night: Owl on a Branch

Monday, October 28, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Whoooo's that sitting on a branch? Paint along with Pop up Art School to create this naturalistic owl. Learn how to create wings and feathers that look textural. Finish the painting off with a sprinkling of stars in the night sky.

Registration is required.



Pajama/Costume Story Time

Tuesday, October 29, 6:45-7:30 p.m.

We invite children and their grown-ups to join us for 20-25 minutes of fun and scary songs and stories for a late October treat! Feel free to wear your favorite cozy pajamas or a scary or fun costume! Pajama Story Time is presented by the Cambridge Public Library and the Center for Families.

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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**.

Creativity Club: Watercolor Bookmarks for Kids

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

Join us once a month for Creativity Club, where we will learn or practice an arts & crafts activity. This month, we'll bring back a popular program and create watercolor bookmarks. Recommended for children ages 7-11. All materials will be provided by the library. **Registration is required.**



Evening Story Time

Monday, October 7, 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. **No registration is required.**

Welcome Back Bingo for Teens

Tuesday, October 8, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Join Valente Staff and the Social Work Team for after school fun! Bring your friends, play a few rounds of bingo, win prizes, and enjoy snacks at this free event for teens in grades 6 to 8. **No registration is required.**



STEAM Night: Sound Cups

Wednesday, October 9, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Put your listening skills to the test with this auditory challenge! Investigate and identify sounds from everyday objects using memory and reasoning. This program is recommended for children ages 5 and up and their families.

Board Game Night for Adults

Tuesday, October 15, 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.



Teen Dry Erase Boards

Wednesday, October 16, 3-4 p.m.

Decorate a dry erase board! Use permanent markers to create a fun border, a to-do list template, or whatever else you can imagine. **No registration is required.** For ages 11-16.



Save the Date

Family Literacy Fun Day **IN-PERSON**

Saturday, November 2, 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

📍 Cambridge City Hall

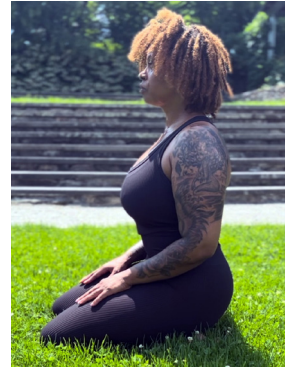
November is National Family Literacy Month! Celebrate talking, reading, playing, singing, and telling stories with us. This free event is for Cambridge families with kids ages birth to 3rd grade. Questions? Call or text **617-475-0616**.

Evening Yoga **IN-PERSON**

Thursday, November 7 and November 21, 7-8 p.m.

📍 Community Room

Shayla Tate of M.U.D.D. Flower Yoga leads a 60-minute evening flow in the Community Room. The Library will not provide any materials - please bring your own mat and any items in your practice.



Death Cafe **VIRTUAL**

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

📍 Zoom

Death Cafe

Join us for 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, non-judgmental 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.

Come with an open mind, a healthy curiosity, and a willingness to share your thoughts, feelings, and questions with other like-minded individuals.

Art Talks: Lives of the French Impressionists **IN-PERSON**

Wednesday, November 13, 1-2 p.m.

📍 Community Room

Join historian Mary Woodward for a close look at the lives of the French Impressionists. Mary C. Woodward has spent more than 40 years in the museum and historic home business, having earned her B.A. and M.A. degrees in Art History. **Registration is required.**



**FREEDOM
TO
READ
DAY OF
ACTION**
**COMMUNITIES UNITE
AGAINST BOOK BANS**
OCTOBER 19, 2024

Join us and thousands of readers across the country for the Freedom to Read Community Day of Action! Libraries and communities nationwide are hosting events to show support for our right to read. Stop by the Main Library for displays, giveaways, crafts, and more!

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FREEDOM TO READ DAY OF ACTION
BOOKS UNITE, BANS DIVIDE

Did You Know?

You can explore, practice, and grow your digital skills with the Cambridge Public Library. Learn how to type, create online, documents, and more.



Register for one of our Basic Tech Classes at tingurl.com/basictechclass.

Join us in a friendly and welcoming learning environment. All are welcome!

We also have Takeout Technology for you to use outside of the Library!

We have a variety of technology available to borrow for a two-week loan period with two automatic renewals if no one is waiting.

Call your local branch to request a device.

Checkout a Chromebook, GoPro, mobile WiFi hotspot, and more!



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.

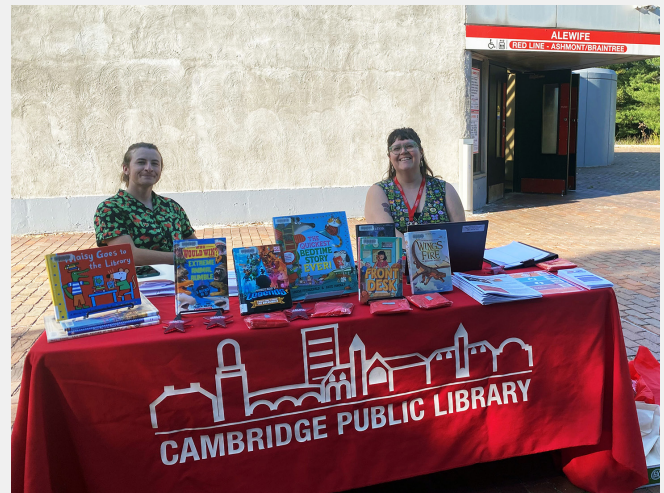
Résumé & Job Application Support IN-PERSON

Wednesdays, 1-3 p.m.

September was National Library Card Sign-Up Month!



We took the Library mobile in August and September with some visits to the Alewife T station.



We checked out books, made library cards, and handed out Library merch!



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
Currently closed for construction

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.

Highlights from September



Cambridge author Celeste Ng discusses her novels with Nina MacLaughlin.



Tad Murao demonstrates the art of kintsugi or repairing broken pottery with powdered gold.



Brooke Lambert teaches patrons how to make linocut prints at the Boudreau Branch.



Chef Hiram Falfan teaches attendees how to make salsa.



Patrons learn how to make their own bike trailer and light up their bikes with reflective gear at the DIY Your Bike workshop.



Our librarians Francesca and Maria put together a fun display for Banned Books Week.



Panelists discuss the importance of joining a club for building community.



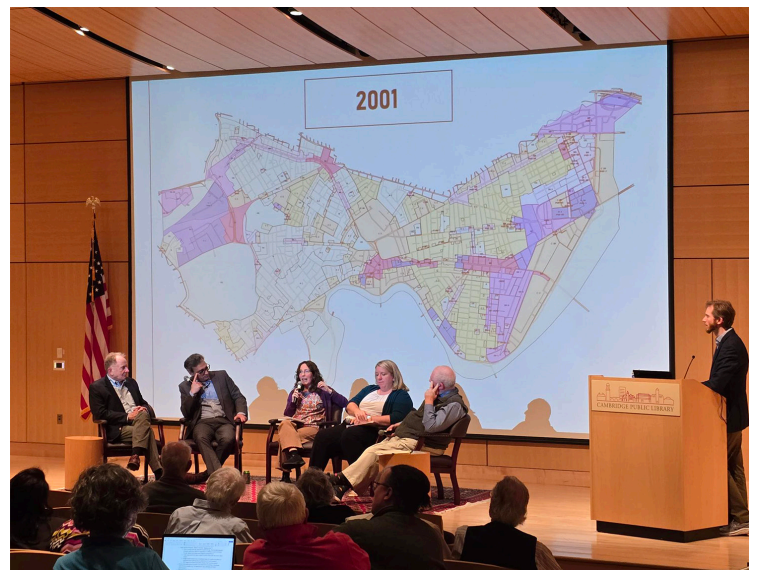
Thomas Stohlman from the Cambridge Election Commission visits the Teen Room to answer questions and help teens register to vote.



Cambridge Science Festival: Tripti Gore Chandorkar poses with her art at the Chinese Art & AI event at the Central Square Library.



Opera on Tap presents "Latinísimo!" in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month.



Jeffrey Roberts, Director of Zoning and Development, speaks at the CDD Centennial event.

Hive Workshops for October 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 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.

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 ssoftware. 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 - October 2024



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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	Zing Laser Cutting 101 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Vinyl Cutting 101 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Equipment and Studio Reservations 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Equipment and Studio Reservations 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM	Hive Safety Training 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM
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