

September 2024



EVENTS *at the* CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Events

CELESTE NG
in conversation with
NINA MACLAUGHLIN

CPL Presents: Celeste Ng HYBRID

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

📍 Lecture Hall

Join us in welcoming Celeste Ng, author of *Little Fires Everywhere*, an international bestseller since adapted into a popular television drama, and *Our Missing Hearts*, recipient of starred reviews from *Booklist*, *Publisher's Weekly*, *Kirkus Reviews* and *Library Journal*. Celeste will be joined in conversation by Nina MacLaughlin. **Registration is required. Masks are highly encouraged but not required.**



CPL Arts Collective: Kintsugi Boston IN-PERSON

Wednesday, September 4, 6-7:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 12, 6-7:30 p.m.

📍 Community Room

Join us for a hands-on, beginner-friendly kintsugi workshop led by local artist Tad Murao! Kintsugi embraces the philosophy of wabi-sabi, highlighting "imperfections" with metal powders and transforming your broken piece into a unique piece of art. **Registration is required.**

Brewery Book Club IN-PERSON

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

📍 Lamplighter Brewing Broadway

You're invited to our September Brewery Book Club, where Lamplighter and the Cambridge Public Library team up to highlight contemporary works from marginalized voices while having a beer. This month we'll read *The Bullet Swallower* by Elizabeth Gonzalez James. Copies of the book are available at the Main Library in Cambridge, at 449 Broadway. The e-book and digital audiobook can be borrowed through the Libby app. **Registration is required.**

SERVICE ALERT

The Collins Branch Library is currently closed for construction.

All Library locations will be closed Sunday, September 1 and Monday, September 2 for Labor Day.

Sunday hours at the Main Library resume Sunday, September 8 from 1-5 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.

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

DIY Your Bike! Reflective Lights and Bike Trailer

IN-PERSON

Saturday, September 7, 1-3 p.m.

📍 Joan Lorentz Park

Learn how to make your own bike trailer, light up your bike with reflective gear, and find out about upcoming opportunities to DIY your bike! No registration required.

Death Cafe VIRTUAL

Tuesday, September 10, 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. Come with an open mind, a healthy curiosity, and a willingness to share your thoughts, feelings, and questions with other like-minded individuals. **Registration is required.**

Open Archives 2024: Archives Roadtrip IN-PERSON

Saturday, September 14, 1-3 p.m.

📍 Joan Lorentz Park

Buckle up for a fun-filled afternoon as we hit the road to the archives! This free annual event, hosted by the Cambridge Historical Commission, invites you to explore the rich history of our city with the help of archivists from multiple repositories. Chat with the passionate archivists and historians who keep our city's history alive. With activities for the little ones and plenty of engaging exhibits for all ages, it's a day of fun for the whole family.

CPL and Harvard Book Store Present: Sarah Lewis, Author of *The Unseen Truth: When Race Changed Sight in America Roadtrip* IN-PERSON

Monday, September 16, 6-7:30 p.m.

📍 Lecture Hall

Harvard Book Store and the Cambridge Public Library welcome Sarah Lewis—award-winning author of *The Rise* and John L. Loeb Associate Professor of the Humanities at Harvard University—for a discussion of her new book *The Unseen Truth: When Race Changed Sight in America*. She will be joined in conversation by Imani Perry—National Book Award winner of *South to America* and professor at the Harvard Radcliffe Institute. **Registration is required.**

Cambridge Cooks: All Things Salsa with Hiram Falfan IN-PERSON

IN-PERSON

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

📍 Community Room



We kick off the return of Cambridge Cooks with a lesson in all things salsa from local chef Hiram Falfan! Cambridge Cooks invites local chefs for a free cooking demonstration, followed by a tasting and Q&A with the chef. **Registration is required.**

Join or Die Screening at the CPL IN-PERSON

Saturday, September 21, 1:30-4:30 p.m.

📍 Lecture Hall

Join or Die is a film about why you should join a club—and why the fate of America depends on it. Follow the story of America's civic unraveling through the journey of Robert Putnam, whose legendary "Bowling Alone" research into American community decline may hold the answers to our democracy's present crisis. Following the film, we will host a panel discussion focusing on civic engagement, volunteering, and community building within Cambridge.

CPL and Harvard Book Store Present: Clara Bingham IN-PERSON

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

📍 Lecture Hall

Harvard Book Store and the Cambridge Public Library welcome Clara Bingham—award-winning journalist and the author of *Witness to the Revolution*, *Women on the Hill*—for a discussion of her new book *The Movement: How Women's Liberation Transformed America 1963-1973*. She will be in conversation with Judy Norsigian, Joan Ditzion, Jane Pincus, and Norma Swenson—co-authors of the groundbreaking book *Our Bodies, Ourselves*. **Registration is required.**

Honoring Choices Webinar: What's in Your Plan?

VIRTUAL

Tuesday, September 24, 10-11 a.m.

📍 Zoom

Join us, the Cambridge Council on Aging, and Ellen DiPaola, President of Honoring Choices Massachusetts, to learn how to make your own care plan and outline your directives to get good care today and over your lifetime. We will review a simple step by step process to learn how to make your own plan and complete a MA Health Care Proxy and Personal Directive. **Registration is required.**

Latinísimo! IN-PERSON

Thursday, September 26, 6-8:30 p.m.

📍 Lecture Hall

Opera on Tap Boston celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month with "Latinísimo," a concert highlighting the substantial musical heritage of the Spanish-speaking world. Join us for an unforgettable evening showcasing the countless musical contributions of Hispanic and Latino composers in opera, art song, folk music, and more. This special and rare program offers a unique opportunity to experience the rich and vibrant contributions of Latin American composers to the classical music landscape. No registration is required.

CPL and Harvard Book Store Present: Sebastian Smee, Author of *Paris in Ruins: Love, War, and the Birth of Impressionism* IN-PERSON

Monday, September 30, 6-7:30 p.m.

📍 Lecture Hall

Harvard Book Store and the Cambridge Public Library welcome Sebastian Smee—Pulitzer Prize-winning art critic for the *Washington Post* and author of *The Art of Rivalry*—for a discussion of his new book *Paris in Ruins: Love, War, and the Birth of Impressionism*. **Registration is required.**

Workshops

Wellness for Seniors: Zumba VIRTUAL

Mondays, 11-11:45 a.m.

 Zoom

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



BASIC TECH CLASSES



Basic Tech Classes, various dates IN-PERSON

 Learning Lab

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

- Google Sheets Basics
Wednesday, September 4, 6-7 p.m.
- Internet Safety
Thursday, September 5, 3-4 p.m.
- iPhone and iPad Basics
Thursday, September 12, 3-4 p.m.
- Typing and Keyboard Shortcuts
Tuesday, September 17, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Intro to LinkedIn Learning
Thursday, September 19, 3-4 p.m.
- Google Sheets Tips and Tricks,
Friday September 27, 11 a.m.- 12 p.m.

Aging with Mindfulness VIRTUAL

Thursdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

 Zoom

This 8-week program will introduce and utilize mindfulness techniques to help us examine and regulate everyday life changes with a focus on aging. Participants will learn and benefit from the development of a mindfulness practice to respond to getting older in a calm, clear and thoughtful manner. Led by Zeenat Potia, a meditation teacher with over 15 years of training and experience. This is a virtual event. A Zoom link will be sent to all registered participants 1 hour before the event. **Registration is required.**

Wellness for Seniors: Low Impact Fitness

IN-PERSON

Thursdays, 11-11:45 a.m.

 Community Room

This class is designed for people of all levels to strengthen the

muscles, the heart and the brain—all while having fun and moving to great music! Come as you are and take everything at your own pace. You will feel the benefits in mind and body! **Registration is required.**

Wellness for Seniors: Drums Alive IN-PERSON

Saturday, September 7, 11-11:45 a.m.

 Community Room

Instructor Yachun will lead this happiness-fueled Drums Alive class, where you can unleash your inner drummer and groove your way to wellness. Drumsticks and exercise balls will be provided for this unique sensory-motor program. **Registration is required.**

Urban Cycling Basics IN-PERSON

Wednesday, September 11, 5:45-6:45 p.m.

 Valente

Join the Cambridge Community Development Department for a cycling workshop at the Valente Branch Library. You will learn about traffic safety, preparing your bike for riding in an urban environment and biking signals and timing. **Registration is required.**

Creative Aging: Drawn to Nature IN-PERSON

Fridays starting September 13, 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. Botanical drawing is an ancient art, and we will examine how scientists and artists have drawn the natural world through the ages. 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.

Registration is required.

Linocut Workshop IN-PERSON

Wednesday, September 18, 6-8 p.m.

 Boudreau

In this class students will be introduced to the printmaking process of linocut. The class will cover techniques in carving linoleum, composition, ink mixing, and printing. At their own pace students will learn how to create a design and carve it in linoleum using carving tools. Students will learn how to ink and print their linoleum blocks by hand. No experience necessary. **Registration is required.**

Wednesday Night Creative Writing Group

IN-PERSON

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

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

Wednesday, November 20, 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.**



The Cambridge Science Festival is back! CSF is a celebration showcasing the leading edge in science, technology, engineering, art and math (STEAM). A multifaceted, multicultural event, the Festival makes science accessible, interactive and fun, highlighting the impact of STEAM in all our lives. Explore the events happening at the Library. Registration is not required unless otherwise noted. Learn more at <https://cambridgesciencefestival.org/>.

3D Symmetrical Insects

Monday, September 23, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

📍 O'Neill

Explore symmetry in nature by creating beautiful insects! Families with children of all ages can use art materials to make 3D creations.

Chinese Art & AI Experience with a Master Artist

Tuesday, September 24, 6-8 p.m.

📍 Central Square

Come join us Central Square Branch, Lewis Room, to explore traditional and AI art activities with master artist Xiang Li from the Forbidden City of Beijing, China. Open to all ages.

Take and Makes

Wednesday, September 25, 3-4 p.m.

📍 Valente

Join us at the Valente Branch to create and design your own mini theatres with Crankies! These take and make kits will be available to use at home or in the library while supplies last.

STEAM Kit Open House

Wednesday, September 25, 4-5 p.m.

📍 Central Square

Dive into our collection of STEAM Kits and find your new favorite!

Evening Family Story Time: Stories About Scientists

Wednesday, September 25, 5:30-6:15 p.m.

📍 O'Connell

We invite children and their caregivers to join us for a special evening story time event: learning fun things about the lives of scientists like Marie Curie, Tu Youyou, and George Washington Carver.

Lunch and Learn: Energy Saving Opportunities for Renters

Thursday, September 26, 12-2 p.m.

📍 Central Square

Did you know 65% of people in Cambridge are renters? Renters are vital to achieving the City's clean energy goals! If you want to amp up your place with clean energy but are feeling stuck without your landlord's support, we've got tips on how you can make a difference solo. Discover programs that don't need landlord approval and tools to pitch electrification ideas when you're ready. Let's power up your space and contribute to Cambridge's energy future!

Preschool Science Riddles Story Time

Thursday, September 26, 3:30-4 p.m.

📍 O'Connell

We invite children and their grown-ups to join us for 20-25 minutes of interactive brain teasers, stories and songs about science.

Mind Tricks: Neuroscience Magic Show

Saturday, September 28, 3-4 p.m.

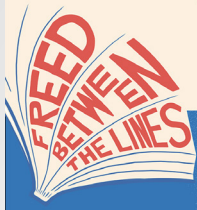
📍 Valente

Immerse yourself in the magic of neuroscience through engaging and upbeat card magic which makes advanced concepts of science easily digestible and exciting for the whole family! Enjoy a comedic magic show presented by Sabrina Welch, the founder and CEO of Mind Tricks, and find yourself fascinated by the wonders of the brain taught through card trick analogies, and at the edge of your seat while the magic unfolds!

For a full list of Cambridge Science Festival Programs taking place at the Main Library, including The 10,000 Year Clock of the Long Now, POP! Astronomy, Cyborg Manifesto, and Lightwire Geometry, visit <https://bit.ly/cambridgesciencefestival>.

BANNED BOOKS WEEK

Sept. 22-28, 2024



ALA.ORG/BBOOKS
ALA American Library Association

September 22-28

Banned Books Week brings together the entire book community in shared support of the freedom to read. Check out these Library events to celebrate intellectual freedom. Learn more about Banned Books Week at ala.org/bbooks

Read a Banned Book Giveaway

September 22-28

📍 Main Library

Stop by the Main Library anytime during this week and select a Banned or Challenged Book from our Banned Books Week Display. When you check out your book, you'll receive a prize celebrating our freedom to read (while supplies last). Be sure to stop by the Borrower Services Desk on the ground floor to collect your prize. Freed between the lines and celebrate your freedom to read!

Banned Books Readout

Monday, September 23, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

📍 Central Square

Join the Central Square Branch and the Cambridge LGBTQ+ Commission to celebrate Banned Books Week by bringing your favorite banned book to share. You can read aloud from it or we'll have librarians on hand to read aloud for you! We will provide a selection of banned or challenged books and you are encouraged to bring your own favorites as well. Snacks and pizza will be provided!

Quiet Reading Party and Discussion

Tuesday, September 24, 6-7:30 p.m.

📍 Valente

Join us to celebrate Banned Books Week by reading quietly for one hour followed by an optional brief discussion of what you've read. We will provide a selection of banned and challenged books, and you are welcome to bring your own as well. We will provide pizza and snacks. **Registration is required.**

Wednesdays of Wonder - Banned Books Week

Wednesday, October 1, 2-4 p.m.

📍 O'Neill

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. This week we will be making buttons and bookmarks to celebrate the freedom to read and **Banned Books Week!**

Kids' Books for Everyone

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

📍 O'Neill

People of all ages who enjoy children's books can read and discuss together. Food will be provided. This month we will be reading and discussing *Charlotte's Web* by E.B. White. Copies of the book are available at the O'Neill Branch. This month's program is in celebration of the freedom to read and Banned Books Week. **Registration is recommended.**

CENSORSHIP BY THE NUMBERS

NUMBER OF UNIQUE TITLES CHALLENGED BY YEAR



CENSORSHIP ON THE RISE

The record-breaking number of unique titles targeted in 2023 marked a 65% increase over 2022. Prior to 2021, the average number of unique titles targeted per year was 273.

WE READ BANNED BOOKS

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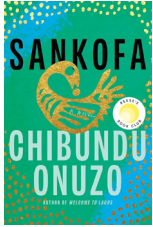


Book Groups



Adult Book Groups

Boudreau



Boudreau Branch Book Group

HYBRID

Wednesday, September 11, 12-1 p.m.

Sankofa by Chibundu Onuzo

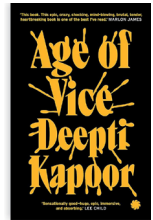


Boudreau Branch Cook Book Group

IN-PERSON

Wednesday, September 11, 6-7 p.m.

Soframiz: Vibrant Middle Eastern Recipes from Sofra Bakery and Café



Boudreau Branch Mystery Book Group

HYBRID

Saturday, September 14, 12-1 p.m.

Age of Vice by Deepti Kapoor



Science Fiction & Fantasy Book Group

IN-PERSON

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

The Vanished Birds by Simon Jimenez

O'Connell



Adult Book Group

IN-PERSON

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

Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi

O'Neill



O'Neill Branch Book Group

IN-PERSON

Monday, September 9, 6:30-8 p.m.

The Maid by Nita Prose

Central Square



Central Square Book Club

IN-PERSON

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

The Old Woman with the Knife by Gu Byeong-Mo

Main Library

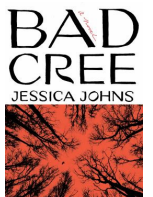


Romance Book Group

IN-PERSON

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

Role Playing by Cathy Yardley



Contemporary Book Group

IN-PERSON

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

Bad Cree by Jessica Johns

Children's Book Groups

Central Square



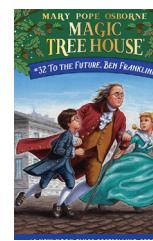
Books Not Binaries Book Group

IN-PERSON

Wednesday, September 25, 6-7 p.m.

Lunar Boy by Jes and Cin Wibowo. This group is currently full.

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Magic Tree House Book Group

HYBRID

Friday, September 6, 4-4:30 p.m.

To the Future, Ben Franklin! by Mary Pope Osborne (Ages 5-10)



Merlin Missions Book Group

HYBRID

Friday, September 6, 4:30-5 p.m.

Christmas in Camelot by Mary Pope Osborne (Ages 5-10)

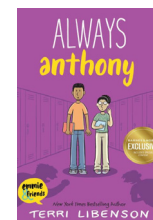


Kids' Classic Fantasy Book Group

HYBRID

Friday, September 13, 4-5 p.m.

The Girl Who Circumnavigated Fairyland by Catherynne Valente (Ages 10-14)



Graphics Are Great! Book Group

HYBRID

Tuesday, September 24, 4-5 p.m.

Always Anthony by Terri Libenson (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.

One-on-One Tech Help

Wednesday, September 4 and September 18, 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, September 9 and September 23, 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.

Kids' Paper Weaving Workshop

Wednesday, September 25, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Come to our paper weaving workshop to learn how to make a beautiful bookmark you'll be using for years to come! This event is for school-aged children and their caretakers, and is open to walk-ins while supplies last. For more information, contact Michael at mmcglathery@cambridgema.gov.

Coffee, Cribbage, and Chess

Friday, September 27, 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

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 6pm. 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!

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 and 1-2:30 p.m.

Résumé and Job Application Support

IN-PERSON

Wednesdays, 1-3 p.m.

LIBRARY LOCATIONS/PHONE/HOURS

Main Library

449 Broadway | 617-349-4040

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

Boudreau

245 Concord Ave. | 617-349-4017

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

Central Square

45 Pearl St. | 617-349-4010

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

Collins Branch

64 Aberdeen Ave. | 617-349-4021

The Collins Branch Library is 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.**

Meet Jibo

Wednesday, September 18 through Friday, September 20, 4-5:30 p.m.

Come meet Jibo, the world's first social robot for the home! Jibo is a friendly robot who talks, listens, tells jokes, and loves to dance. Kids will learn a bit about how Jibo works and will have a chance to chat with him and see firsthand what he can do. Recommended for children age 5+ and their caregivers.

Main Library

CPL Nature Club: Elder Walk

Tuesday, September 3, 10-11 a.m.

Wednesday, September 11, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 28, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

📍 Front Entrance

Join guide Stefanie Haug while exploring nature and celebrating Elderhood. Dr. Louise Aronson is attributed for naming "Elderhood" as the penultimate and vital and rich phase of human life. Nature likewise offers many examples of non-human Elders that also continue to grow, connect and contribute to the world around us. As a group we'll connect with nature mindfully with a gentle walk and draw on contemplative practices. We'll explore how nature invites us to connect from the inside-out and the outside-in. Come share your wisdom and celebrate your Elderhood. What to bring: layered clothing, comfortable shoes and water. **Registration is required.**

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.

Free Drop-in Tutoring for Teens

Tuesdays starting September 17, 4-5 p.m.

📍 Rossi 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.

Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services: Informational Discussion

Monday, September 9, 1-2 p.m.

📍 Community Room

Join us for an informative discussion with representatives Viet Van, Community Support Services Manager, and Nina Cohen, Director of Adult Family Care, of Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES). Since 1972, SCES has been the area's aging

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.**

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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 **Wednesday, 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.**

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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.**

information and service center, helping older people and people living with disabilities remain safe and independent in their own homes. **Registration is required.**

Teen Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 24, 4-5 p.m.

 Teen 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.

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.

O'Neill

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.

- **September 4**
Open Crafting
- **September 11**
Library Card Holders
- **September 18**
Paper Fortune Tellers
- **September 25**
STEAM Kits

Drop-In Maker Studio

Saturday, September 14, 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.

Kids' Zine Collective

Friday, September 20, 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 collage. Recommended for ages 7 and up. Snacks are provided!

Chess Hour

Saturday, September 21, 3-4 p.m.

Join us for a game of chess at the O'Neill Branch! Players of all skill levels and all ages are welcome to participate. Chess sets will be provided, but feel free to bring your own. This is a space for individuals to play and test their skills against other members of the community. This is not an instructional class.

Pajama Story Time

Tuesday, September 24, 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.

CPL Nature Club: Medicinal Plant Walk

Wednesday, September 25, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Join herbalist Mo Katz-Christy for a stroll about North Cambridge to meet the plants in our neighborhood! We will explore botany and medicinal uses and have lots of space for questions and conversation. **Registration is required.**

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.

Evening Story Time

Monday, September 9, 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.

Board Game Night for Adults

Wednesday, September 17, 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.

Save the Date

AARP: Downsizing and Decluttering IN-PERSON

Tuesday, October 1, 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.**

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.**

Cambridge Cooks: Knife Skills with Shiso Kitchen

IN-PERSON

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

📍 Community Room

Cambridge Cooks invites local chefs for a free cooking demonstration, followed by a tasting and Q&A with the chef. **Registration is required.**

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.**

Evening Yoga IN-PERSON

Thursday, October 10, 6-7 p.m.

Thursday, October 24, 6-7 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.

Highlights from August



Susie Maguire from "The Poop Museum" entertains a captive audience at the O'Neill Branch with information about animals and the different ways they go!



Attendees explore public art around the neighborhood during the Central Square Branch's Summer Art Walk.



Over 340 patrons of all ages observed and engaged with the monarchs that librarian Rebecca Evans found in her garden through O'Neill's butterfly raising program!

Hive Workshops for September 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 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 - September 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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	Sewing 101 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	3D Printing 101: Game Piece Design 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Vinyl Cutting 101 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Equipment and Studio Reservations 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM	Hive Safety Training (In Person) 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM
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