

March 2025



# EVENTS at the CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

## Events

### Cambridge Cooks with Chef Afruza

IN-PERSON

Wednesday, March 5, 6-7 p.m.

Community Room

Chef Afruza returns to teach us how to make a Bengali snack called Pajju (lentil fritters). They are vegan, gluten free, dairy free and nut free. Cambridge Cooks invites local chefs for a free cooking demonstration, followed by a Q&A with the chef. **Registration is required.**



experience Body Kintsugi! Body Kintsugi is a reflective practice that combines movement, music, and authentic expression to help women embrace and heal their relationships with their bodies. During our guided movement and visualization sessions, participants will be gently encouraged to engage with their physical selves in meaningful ways. **Registration is required.**

### Saturday Screening: *Barbie*

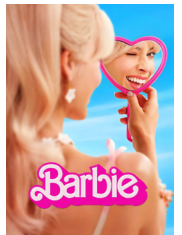
IN-PERSON

Saturday, March 22, 1-3 p.m.

Lecture Hall

In honor of Women's History Month, stop by for a free movie screening of the 2023 film *Barbie* directed by Greta Gerwig. *Barbie* is a feminist film that promotes women's empowerment and challenges patriarchal stereotypes.

**No registration is required.**



### Winter Art Tour: Main Library

IN-PERSON

Saturday, March 8, 2-3:30 p.m.

Rossi Room

Join Cambridge Arts and the Cambridge Public Library for a guided tour of the Main Library, including Sidewalk Poetry on the staircase, *Filament/Firmament* by Ellen Driscoll, and the historic murals in the reading room. Weather permitting, the tour will also include outdoor art, such as *The Librarian Speaks* by Liam Gillick. **Registration is required.**



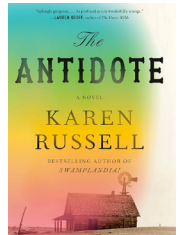
### Karen Russell Presents: *The Antidote*

IN-PERSON

Monday, March 24, 6-7:30 p.m.

Lecture Hall

Harvard Book Store and the Cambridge Public Library welcome Karen Russell—award-winning author of six books of fiction, including the *New York Times* bestsellers *Swamplandia!* and *Vampires in the Lemon Grove*—for a discussion of her new novel *The Antidote*. **Registration is required.**



### Margret and H.A. Rey Curious George Lecture: Jerry Craft

IN-PERSON

Wednesday, March 19, 6-7:30 p.m.

Lecture Hall

Children and families are invited to meet Jerry Craft, award-winning and best-selling graphic novelist of the *New Kid* series. Craft will talk about his work, answer questions from the audience and sign books. Porter Square Books will have books available for sale. Recommended for ages 8 and up.



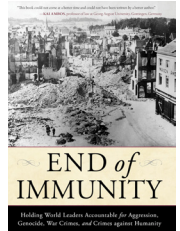
### Chile Eboe-Osuji Presents: *End of Immunity*

IN-PERSON

Wednesday, March 26, 6-7:30 p.m.

Lecture Hall

Harvard Book Store, the Carr Center for Human Rights Policy at the Harvard Kennedy School,



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## SERVICE ALERT

The Collins Branch Library is currently closed for construction.

VIRTUAL Virtual event

IN-PERSON In-person event

HYBRID In-person event with option to attend virtually

and the Cambridge Public Library welcome Judge Chile Eboe-Osuji—fourth President of the International Criminal Court, Distinguished International Jurist at the Lincoln Alexander School of Law at the Toronto Metropolitan University, and a Special Advisor to the President of the University—for a discussion of his latest book *End of Immunity: Holding World Leaders Accountable for Aggression, Genocide, War Crimes, and Crimes against Humanity*. **Registration is required.**

## Workshops

### Wellness for Older Adults: Let Your Yoga Dance **VIRTUAL**

**Mondays, 11-11:45 a.m.**

**Zoom**

A fun, dynamic, and blissful class. We'll work our way through the seven energy centers (chakras). You will leave with a good workout and a peaceful happy mind/body/spirit. Good for every body! A Zoom link will be sent to all registered participants 1 hour before the event. **Registration is required.**



## BASIC TECH CLASSES



### Basic Tech Classes

**IN-PERSON**

**Wednesday, March 26, 6-7:30 p.m.**

**Lecture Hall**

Join us for Basic Tech Classes this March! 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 not required unless otherwise stated.**

#### Central Square

- Gmail Basics  
**Tuesday, March 4, 1-2 p.m.**
- Internet Basics  
**Tuesday, March 11, 1-2 p.m.**  
**O'Connell**
- Internet Basics  
**Tuesday, March 18, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.**  
**Valente**
- Internet Basics  
**Saturday, March 29, 1:30-2:30 p.m.**  
**Virtual**
- Cybersecurity Basics  
**Wednesday, March 26, 6-7 p.m.**

### Know Your Rights Workshop

**HYBRID**

**Tuesday, March 4, 6-8 p.m.**

**Main/Streamed at Central Square/Zoom**

Come and learn about your rights from immigration attorneys! The presentation will be held in English, with Spanish interpretation, at the Main Library. The event will be streamed with Haitian Creole interpretation at the Central Square Branch. Interpretation in other languages may also be available by request. This a hybrid event. A Zoom link will be sent to all registered participants 1 hour before the event. **Registration is encouraged but not required.**

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*iVenga y conozca sus derechos de la mano de abogados especializados en inmigración! Los servicios de interpretación en español se prestarán en persona en la Biblioteca Principal, ubicada en 449 Broadway, Cambridge, MA, 02139, o a través de Zoom. Se enviará un enlace de Zoom a todos los participantes inscritos 1 hora antes del evento. El registro es recomendable, pero no obligatorio.*

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*Vin aprann enfòmasyon sou dwa w nan men avoka imigrasyon yo! Y ap bay sèvis entèpretasyon an Kreyòl Ayisyen an pèsòn nan Central Square Branch, ki sitiye nan 45 Pearl St., Cambridge, MA 02139, oswa sou Zoom. Yo pral voye yon lyen Zoom bay tout patisipan ki anrejistre 1 èdtan anvan evènman an. Yo ankouraje enskripsyon men li pa obligatwa.*

### Wellness for Older Adults: Tai Chi Paradigm

**IN-PERSON**

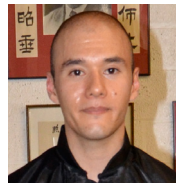
**Wednesdays, 10-11 a.m.**

**Main (Intermediate)**

**Fridays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.**

**Valente (Beginner)**

Join us in this twelve-week Tai Chi Paradigm practice, which focuses on the mind and body connection. Tai Chi is a fluid sequence of movements choreographed in a low impact routine. Due to the popularity of Sifu Diaz's classes, we expect participants to attend all sessions. Participation in this program was decided by lottery.



### Aging with Mindfulness

**IN-PERSON**

**Thursdays, 9-10 a.m.**

**Zoom**

This program, led by Zeenat Potia, 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 enable responding to getting older in a calm, clear and thoughtful manner. This is a drop-in session. A Zoom link will be sent to all registrants 1 hour before the event. **Presented in partnership with Cambridge Insight Meditation Center (CIMC).**



## Expressive Arts for Older Adults: Open Studio

IN-PERSON

Wednesdays, March 5 – April 30, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

📍 Rossi Room

Looking for a space to unleash your creativity? Join instructor Marguerite White, Wednesday afternoons March 5 through April 30 (no group on April 2), for two hours each week to work on a drawing or watercolor project of your choice. A still-life arrangement and basic supplies will be provided. If you have any questions, please reach out to Brynne Quinlan at [bquinlan@cambridgema.gov](mailto:bquinlan@cambridgema.gov) or (617)349-4041.



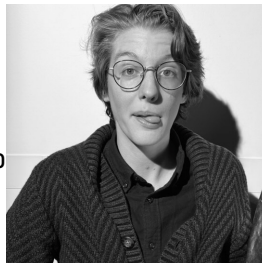
## Creative Aging: Improv

IN-PERSON

Thursdays, February 27- May 1, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

📍 Community Room

A series of classes with instruction from Comedian Jack Grey. Learn how to seamlessly integrate interactive improv games, scenes, and skillful storytelling that all come together with performance. Space is limited to 15 participants. Due to the popularity and to gain the most out of this program, we expect all participants to commit to all sessions in this 10-week course.



## Library Catalog 101: Search the Catalog with Ease

IN-PERSON

Tuesday, March 11, 2-3 p.m.

📍 Learning Lab

In this class, Cambridge Public Library staff will teach you how to look for books, films, and other resources available in the catalog. We will review how to perform basic and advanced searches, learn how to log in to your account with your library card, and better understand all of the formats and locations available in the catalog. Attendees should be comfortable using the computer and navigating the Internet independently, but no prior knowledge of the catalog is needed. **Registration is required.**



## Intro to Tarot

IN-PERSON

Saturday, March 15, 2-3:30 p.m.

📍 Learning Lab

Join tarot teacher, Laura Campagna, for a fun workshop to learn how to read tarot. No experience necessary. Participants will connect with their intuition and gain confidence in reading for themselves or friends. This event is open to both teens and adults. If you have your own tarot deck, please bring it (a limited number of decks will be available). Bring your journal, too, if you'd like to record your insights. **Registration is required.**



## Culinary Classes for Older Adults: Cooking to Reduce Food Waste

VIRTUAL

Tuesday, March 18, 10-11 a.m.

📍 Zoom

Join us for a fun and educational one-hour cooking class focused on reducing food waste! Chef Kelcy will show you how to creatively use what you have on hand to reduce food waste while making flavorful dishes that highlight seasonal ingredients. Whether you're looking to minimize waste in your own kitchen or just love learning new cooking techniques, this class is sure to inspire! **Registration is required.**



## Introduction to Forest Bathing for Elders

IN-PERSON

Tuesday, March 25, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

📍 Central Square

Are you curious about "forest bathing"? Then join us for a gentle introduction to the practice of Shinrin Yoku, aka "forest bathing," which is the practice of being mindful and contemplative in nature, using all your senses. **Registration is required.**

## Expressive Art for Older Adults: Beading Workshop

IN-PERSON

Friday, March 28, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

📍 Community Room

Learn the basics of beaded jewelry making and the difference between semi-precious stones and precious stones with Zangar Freeman. Participants will keep all pieces they make. **Registration is required.**

## Exhibits

### Colors of Ukraine: Folk Art and Resilience

IN-PERSON

February 22- March 7

📍 L2 Hallway

In this exhibit, curated by Sophia Sushailo, Ukrainian folk art demonstrates a people's "heroic stoicism and resilience." The artworks on display were created in the Petrykivka tradition, using an intricate brush made with cat fur. Check the website for exhibit hours. Visit our website for viewing times.

### Still Marching 1970-2017

IN-PERSON

Thursday, March 13- Thursday, March 27

📍 L2 Hallway

Liane Brandon's photographs of the historic Boston Women's March of 1970 and of the Women's March of 2017 will be on exhibit. There will be an opening reception on Thursday, March 13, from 6-7:30 p.m. with remarks from Liane Brandon.



Visit our website for viewing times.

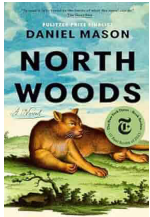


# Book Groups



## Adult Book Groups

### Boudreau

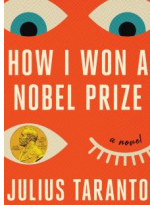


Boudreau Branch Book Group

**HYBRID**

Wednesday, March 12, 12-1 p.m.

*North Woods* by Daniel Mason

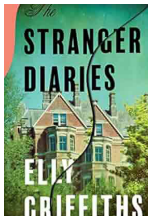


Collins Branch Book Group

**HYBRID**

Wednesday, March 19, 6-7 p.m.

*How I Won a Nobel Prize* by Julius Taranto



Boudreau Branch Mystery Book Group

**HYBRID**

Tuesday, March 25, 12-1 p.m.

*The Stranger Diaries* by Elly Griffiths



Romance Book Group

**IN-PERSON**

Tuesday, March 11, 7:15-8:15 p.m.

*I'll Have What He's Having* by Adib Khorram

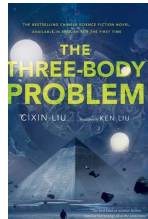


Contemporary Book Group

**IN-PERSON**

Tuesday, March 18, 6-7 p.m.

*Ordinary Notes* by Christina Sharpe



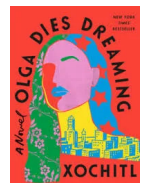
Science Fiction & Fantasy Book Group

**IN-PERSON**

Wednesday, March 19, 6-7 p.m.

*The Three-Body Problem* by Cixin Liu

### Central Square

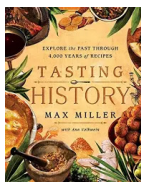


Central Square Book Club

**IN-PERSON**

Wednesday, March 19, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

*Olga Dies Dreaming* by Xochitl Gonzalez



Central Square Cookbook Group

**IN-PERSON**

Thursday, March 27, 6-7 p.m.

*Tasting History: Explore the Past Through 4,000 Years of Recipes* by Max Miller with Ann Volkwein

### Main Library

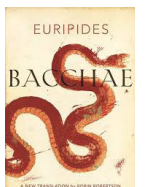


Great Books Book Group

**HYBRID**

Tuesday, March 11, 7-9 p.m.

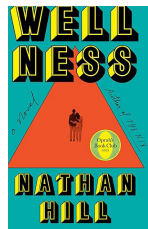
Nature "The American Scholar," and "Divinity School Address" by Ralph Waldo Emerson



Tuesday, March 25, 7-9 p.m.

"The Bacchae" by Lex Croucher

### O'Connell



Adult Book Group

**IN-PERSON**

Tuesday, March 18, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

*Wellness: A Novel* by Nathan Hill

### O'Neill



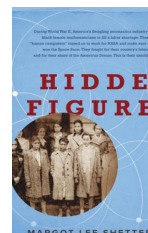
O'Neill Branch Book Group

**IN-PERSON**

Monday, March 10, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

*Finding Margaret Fuller* by Allison Pataki

### Valente



Valente Branch Book Group

**IN-PERSON**

Wednesday, March 19, 12-1 p.m.

*Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterly

## Children's Book Groups

### Central Square



MCBA Book Club **IN-PERSON**

Wednesday, March 5, 6-7 p.m.

*BenBee and the Teacher Griever* by K.A. Holt (ages 8-11)



Books Not Binaries Reading Group

**IN-PERSON**

Wednesday, March 26, 6-7 p.m.

*Jasmine is Haunted* by Mark Oshiro (Ages 10-13)

### Main



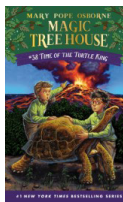
Parent/Child Book Group

**IN-PERSON**

Tuesday, March 11, 6-6:45 p.m.

*Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing* by Judy Blume

### O'Connell

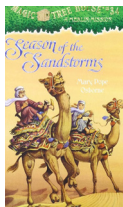


Magic Tree House Book Group

**HYBRID**

Friday, March 7, 4-4:30 p.m.

*Time of the Turtle King* by Mary Pope Osborne



Merlin Missions Book Group

**HYBRID**

Friday, March 7, 4:30-5 p.m.

*Season of the Sandstorms* by Mary Pope Osborne (Ages 5-11)



Middle Grade Mystery Book Group

**HYBRID**

Friday, March 14, 4-5 p.m.

*The Westing Game* by Ellen Raskin



Graphics Are Great! Book Group

Tuesday, March 25, 4-5 p.m.

*Curlfriends* by Sharee Miller (Ages 8-12)

### O'Neill



Kids' Books for Everyone

**HYBRID**

Tuesday, March 4, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

*Pawcasso* by Remy Lai

## LITERACY CENTER PROGRAMS

The Literacy Center is located in the Central Square Branch at 45 Pearl Street. For more information call Maria Bales-trieri at 617-349-4013.

### 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.-12:30 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 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.

## Regular Programs for Children and Families

### Boudreau

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

### Central Square

Baby Lapsit **Tuesdays, 5:30-6 p.m.**

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

**Tuesdays, 5:30-6 p.m.**

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

Stories, Songs & Play (Lewis Room) **Thursdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.**

Twilight Songs and Stories **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 **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.**

### 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.**

# 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.

### Drop-In Button Making Workshop

Thursday, March 6, 3-5 p.m.

Come try your hand at making a beautiful pin or magnet! Draw your own design and learn to use our button making machine. Each attendee will have the opportunity to make one or two printed designs as well.

### Chess Hour

Monday, March 10 and March 24, 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.

### One-on-One Tech Help

Wednesday, March 12 and March 26, 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.

### Boudreau Movie Night: *Curious George*

Wednesday, March 26, 6-7:30 p.m.

Joining us for a screening of *Curious George* (2006). There will be pizza available!

### Coffee, Cribbage and Chess!

Friday, March 28, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

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

## Central Square

### Wellness for Older Adults: Chair Yoga

Mondays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Join us each Monday at the Central Square Branch for Chair Yoga, led by experienced instructor Louise Parker. **Registration is required.**

### Drop-in Tech Help at the Library

Tuesdays, 4-6 p.m.

Fridays, 11 a.m.-1 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, 4-5 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!

### Friday Kickback

Fridays, 3-5 p.m.

Drop by the Lewis Room on Friday afternoons for a rotating activity.

- **March 7:** Jigsaw Puzzles
- **March 14:** Short Story Reading Group
- **March 21:** Coloring Party
- **March 28:** Watch a Movie

### Medicare 101

Tuesday, March 11, 10:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.

Join Margot Messier, the Community Relations and Medicare Advisor at Mass General Brigham, for a Medicare 101 Q&A session. The session will cover what you need to know about Medicare coupled with time for attendees to ask specific questions. **Registration is required.**

### Mindfulness Meditation Session

Wednesday, March 12, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Join us in the Lewis Room at the Central Square Branch for an introduction to mindfulness meditation followed by a guided practice session with instructor Zeenat. **Registration is required.**

### Activist Story Share and Button Making

Thursday, March 20, 6:30-8 p.m.

Join the Cambridge YWCA, the Cambridge LGBTQ+ Commission, and the Central Square Branch Library for a screening of the short documentary *Ephemeræ* about Libby Bouvier's activist button collection. Libby Bouvier has spent most of her life collecting an archive of cause buttons and other "ephemeræ" from the women's movement, the LGBT movement, and other radical causes she's been directly or indirectly involved with over the decades. This is a moving image portrait of her and her collection. Produced by Lily Bouvier.

After the documentary screening, we'll share about our own activism and use the Library button makers. We'll have magazines, paper, markers, and more so you can make your own buttons to share your activism with the world!

### 'Froca Fitness Series

Tuesday, March 25, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Back by Popular Demand: Join us for an hour of electrifying, hip-whining, and upbeat African and Caribbean fusion dance fitness with founder and instructor Sylver! **Registration is required.**

# 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, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 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.

## One-on-One Tech Help

Thursdays, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

📍 Learning Lab

Looking for some basic computer or mobile device guidance? Want to learn how to access audiobooks and eBooks? Stop by the Main Library for our drop-in hours! Drop-in sessions will be limited to 30-minutes for each patron. To view all available timeslots and dates, visit the Library website. If you have any questions, please contact Gina Josette Rivera by email at [gjosette@cambridgema.gov](mailto:gjosette@cambridgema.gov).

## 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.

## Puppetry Studio

Thursdays, March 6-27, 5-6:30 p.m.

📍 Curious George Room

We will adapt the tale "Baba Yaga" and perform our masterpiece for family and friends. Using mixed media, we will create our own puppets fit for a tiny stage. This four-week puppetry workshop is for youth ages 9-12. No experience necessary! Participants must attend all sessions and have read a version of the tale before the first session. **Registration is required.**

## Teen Advisory Board

Tuesday, March 25, 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 is required.** Stop by the Teen Room or call 617-349-4027 to learn more.

# O'Connell

## Confectionary Cambridge: Candy-making in History and Memory

Tuesday, March 4, 6-7 p.m.

Join History Cambridge's Beth Folsom and historian Caitlin Hopkins for a program exploring several centuries of candy history, focusing on the people who worked in the candy industry, and those who have consumed and enjoyed it over the decades.

## 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 to work on your craft, get inspired, pick up skills and socialize. All crafts are welcome.

## Wiggle Party

Wednesday, March 12, 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!

## Lunch at the Library for Teens

Wednesday, March 19, 1-3 p.m.

Take a break from your studies and join us for lunch! Free pizza will be provided while supplies last and you will have the chance to share your ideas for future events at O'Connell. This is a drop-in event designed for patrons ages 12-18. **No registration required.**

## Read to a Dog

Wednesday, March 26, 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. Sign up by phone or in person at the O'Connell Branch (617-349-4019).

## Evening Family Story Time: Women's History Month

Wednesday, March 26, 5:30-6 p.m.

We invite children and their grown-ups to join us for a special Women's History Month evening story time event. This program will run for 20-25 minutes, with songs, stories and rhymes.

# O'Neill

## Beading Keychains for Middle Schoolers

Monday, March 3, 3:30-5 p.m.

Kids in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade can come to the Library to make beaded keychains. Snacks provided.

## CPL Nature Club: Muddy March Story Time and Craft

Tuesday, March 4, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

We invite children of all ages and their grown-ups to join us for stories and a simple activity. This month we will do an indoor nature activity.

## English Conversation Practice, Intermediate

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.

- **March 5:** Engineering Challenge
- **March 12:** Masks
- **March 19:** STEAM Kits
- **March 26:** Surprise

## Cambridge Young Authors' Squad

Friday, March 7 and March 21, 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.**

On March 7, we will be joined by guest author, Violet Chan Karim, author of *Summer Vamp*.

On March 21, we will be joined by guest author, Kate McGovern, author of *Welcome Back, Maple Mehta-Cohen*.

## Chess Hour

Saturday, March 8, 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.

## Saturday Songs and Stories

Saturday, March 8, 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.

## Read to a Dog

Monday, March 10, 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 Monday, March 3 by calling or visiting the O'Neill Branch (617-349-4023).

## Kids' Zine Collective

Friday, March 14 and March 28, 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, March 15, 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. The Library will not provide instruction. Anyone wishing to use the sewing machines must have completed a Sewing 101 training through the Library. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

## CPL Nature Club: Fresh Pond Nature Walk

Monday, March 17, 10:15-11:30 a.m.

Join us for a relaxing walk of Fresh Pond with Park Ranger Tim Puopolo! No two weeks are the same in nature, and Tim will share his insights about what's growing, changing, and blooming in the neighborhood. This walk is not on a paved path. We will walk on uneven terrain, down hills, and over roots. **Registration is required.**

## Family STEAM Night- Exploring Microscopes

Tuesday, March 18, 6:30-7:15 p.m.

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!

## Women's History Month Celebration

Saturday, March 22, 2-3 p.m.

Celebrate Women's History Month with intersectional stories, activities and crafts!

## Pajama Story Time

Tuesday, March 25, 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.

## Valente

### Evening Story Time

Monday, March 3, 5:30-5:55 p.m.

We invite children and their grown-ups to join us for our monthly evening story time event. This program will run for 20-25 minutes, with songs, stories and rhymes. No registration is required.

## Beginning English Class

Mondays, 6-7:30 p.m.

Tuesdays, 2:30-4 p.m.

Join us for an English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Class! This class will be taught at a beginner level. No testing is needed. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call Maria Balestrieri at 617-349-4013.

## Read to a Dog

Thursday, March 6 and Wednesday, March 19, 3:30-5 p.m.

Read to Dante, our local cuddly therapy dog! Trained therapy dogs provide warm and non-judgmental reading companions for new or experienced readers up to age 14. **Registration for each**



15-minute time slot is required and begins a week in advance by calling or visiting the Valente Branch (617-349-4015).

## Drop In Tech Help at the Library

Wednesdays, March 12 and 26, 10a.m. - 12 p.m.

Looking for some basic computer or mobile device guidance? Want help using an online resource?

Drop in tech help at Valente can assist you with signing up for low-cost home internet, setting up your computer or mobile device, making an email account, navigating websites or databases, and other basic technology assistance. If you would like assistance with a device, please bring the device, all cords, and any account information. Library staff cannot be held responsible for damage to patron-owned equipment. If you have questions, please send them to: [kmcquown@cambridgema.gov](mailto:kmcquown@cambridgema.gov). **No registration is required.**

## STEAM Afternoon: Invisible Ink

Wednesday, March 12, 3-4 p.m.

Join us at the Valente Branch to write your own secret messages with invisible ink! The library will provide all required materials. This program is recommended for ages children ages 5 and up, and their guardians.

## Pi Day Pie Potluck

Friday, March 14, 12-1:30 p.m.

Join us to celebrate Pi Day by eating lots of pie! You are welcome to bring a pie to share but are not required to bring anything to enjoy the potluck. All types of pie are welcome. **Registration helpful.**

## Wicked Sing-Along

Saturday, March 15, 1:30-4:15 p.m.

Join the Valente Branch to sing along to the film, *Wicked!* We will provide popcorn, candy, and beverages. **Registration helpful.**

## Board Game Night for Adults

Tuesday, March 18, 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.

## Family Board Game Night

Wednesday, March 19 5:30-7 p.m.

Challenge your family or meet new friends over board games in the Community Room. The library will supply games and snacks. This event is recommended for children ages 5 and up, with their caregivers. Contact the library at 617-349-4015 for more information.

# Save the Date

## Justice, Love, and Organizational Healing.

### Ora Grodsky & Colleagues

IN-PERSON

Tuesday, April 1, 6-7:30 p.m.

📍 Lecture Hall

Join Ora Grodsky, the author of *Justice, Love, and Organizational Healing*, for a discussion of her new book. Grodsky is a mission-driven organizational development consultant with over 25 years of experience. She is a holistic practitioner who combines training in acupuncture, non-profit management expertise, extensive study of organizational development, and commitment to compassion and justice. Grodsky will be in conversation with dear colleagues and friends—consultants and facilitators who are similarly working toward justice and liberation:

- Joyce Shabazz
- Melinda Barbosa
- Daniel Michaud Weinstock
- Jeremy Philips

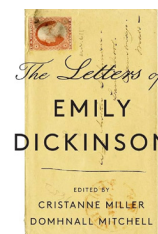
## CPL Presents: Cristanne Miller, Editor of *The Letters of Emily Dickinson*

HYBRID

Wednesday, April 2, 6-8 p.m.

📍 Lecture Hall

Join the Cambridge Public Library in welcoming Cristanne Miller, the co-editor of *The Letters of Emily Dickinson*. **Registration is required.**



## Live at the Library Vacation Week Programming

IN-PERSON

April 21-April 25

Join us for special programming for youth during Cambridge Public Schools' vacation week. Live at the Library is designed to support the cultural, recreational, and educational needs of the community with joyful, inspiring, and interactive fine-arts experiences. Funding has been generously provided by the Cambridge Public Library Foundation. Check the website for specific programs.

# Highlights from February



Mayor E. Denise Simmons, Trustee Rev. Irene Monroe, Rep. Marjorie Decker, Trustee Karen Kosko, and Rep. Steve Owens (pictured), library representatives, and community members joined us for a Legislative Breakfast to celebrate libraries.



“Colors of Ukraine: Folk Art and Resilience” is on display on L2.



Yego Coffee co-owner Francois Tuyishime explains the origins of coffee.



Patrons learn about the many ways to cook plantains.



Councillor Ayesha M. Wilson presents Omo Moses with a resolution congratulating him on his memoir at the Central Square Branch's Homecoming: Celebrating Black Voices event.



Valeria Luiselli speaks about her experiences teaching creative writing to girls in immigration detention facilities.

# Hive Workshops for March 2025

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



**Getting Started** Completion of Hive Safety Training is the entry point to making, innovating, and collaborating in this space. Makers must also sign The Hive User Agreement and Waivers.

**Hive Safety Training** **IN-PERSON** **HYBRID** Learn about our makerspace, how to utilize the resources we offer and how to keep safe in The Hive. The training includes a tour of The Hive, either in-person or virtually.

## Certification 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 Prusa 3D printers.

**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.

**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? 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.



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.**

**Vinyl Cutting 101** **HYBRID** Would you like to make your own vinyl signs, stickers, or images to transfer to T-shirts and other textiles? Learn how to use our Roland Camm-1 GS-24 vinyl cutter.

**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.

**Zing Laser Cutting 101** **IN-PERSON** Learn how to use our Epilog Zing to laser cut, engrave and shape designs from a variety of materials.

## Equipment and Studio Reservations

Use the equipment and spaces in The Hive to design, craft, and make. Patrons certified on Hive equipment are welcome to reserve time for personal use. Staff will assist as they are able.

## Other Programs

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

**IN-PERSON** Continue building your machine-sewing skills AND create bespoke sewn crafts in this four-part series! Learn pattern-making and create customized projects with fiber artist and designer Lenni Armstrong.

**Hive Teen Hangout** **IN-PERSON** Teens are welcome to come learn about our space and try their hand at sticker making, video recording in our studio and more. This drop-in event is 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. This program is designed for patrons who know the basics of how to use our Janome sewing machines.



# Hive Calendar - March 2025



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