

November 2024



EVENTS *at the* CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Events



**Cambridge Cooks:
Vietnamese Spring Rolls with
Pagu** **IN-PERSON**
Wednesday, November 6, 6-7 p.m.
📍 **Community Room**



Chef Winson from Cambridge's own Pagu teaches us how to make Vietnamese spring rolls. Cambridge Cooks invites local chefs for a free cooking demonstration, followed by a tasting and Q&A with the chef. **Registration is required.**



Lewis Room Opening Reception **IN-PERSON**

Thursday, November 7, 6-8 p.m.

📍 **Central Square**

Join us for a reception to celebrate the reopening of the Lewis Room, featuring refreshments from S&S Restaurant and entertainment by Somerville-based soul, R&B, and alternative pop artist ALDRA. **Registration is required.**

Death Café **VIRTUAL**

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

📍 **Zoom**

Join us for a virtual Death Café - 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 Café seeks to provide an unscripted, non-judgmental platform for those wishing to explore the many facets of this often taboo subject. Questions? Contact Daryl at dcabrol@cambridgema.gov. **Registration is required.**

Virtual Death Café



SERVICE ALERT

The Collins Branch Library is currently closed for construction.

All Library locations will be closed Monday, Nov. 11, for Veterans Day.

All Library locations will close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 27, and remain closed on Thursday, Nov. 28 and Friday, Nov. 29 for Thanksgiving.

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.

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

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VIRTUAL Virtual event

IN-PERSON In-person event

HYBRID In-person event with option to attend virtually



N' Ap Boule (Through the Barricades) Film Screening and Panel Discussion

IN-PERSON

Wednesday, November 13, 6-8 p.m..

📍 Lecture Hall

N' Ap Boule is an award-winning short film that tells the heartbreaking story of a pregnant Haitian couple during the "peyilòk," or operation lockdown a socio-political movement in Haiti. Join us for a screening followed by a panel discussion about maternal health. **Registration for this event is preferred but not required.**

Art Talks for Older Adults: 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.**



Workshops

Basic Tech Classes, various dates

IN-PERSON

📍 Main Library

Join us for Basic Tech Classes this November! 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



BASIC TECH CLASSES



each month. **Registration is required for each class.**

- Google Drive Basics
Tuesday, November 5, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Google Drive Tips and Tricks
Tuesday, November 12, 11 a.m.- 12 p.m.

- Create Resumes with Google Docs
Wednesday, November 13, 6-7 p.m.
- Mouse and Keyboard Basics
Tuesday, November 19, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Google Docs Basics
Thursday, November 21, 2-3 p.m.
- Google Docs Tips and Tricks
Tuesday, November 26, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Wellness for Older Adults: Let Your Yoga Dance

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

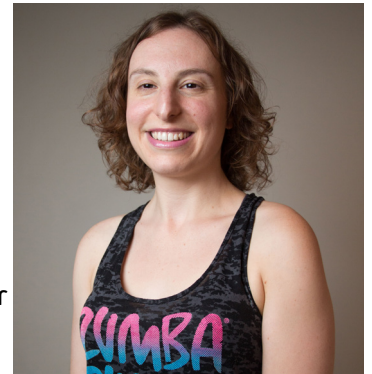
📍 Zoom

Thursdays, 11-11:45 a.m.

IN-PERSON

📍 Community Room

A fun, dynamic, and ultimately blissful routine. We'll work our 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.**



Expressive Art for Those Living with Dementia

IN-PERSON

Monday, November 4, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

📍 Learning Lab

Come for an hour of creative respite from your day-to-day life and learn how to create a paint pour! Using special paints we will create unique art on canvas panels. No experience necessary. Art Therapist Erica Curcio will guide you through every step of the process and is here to support both caregivers and their person experiencing dementia. Come for the respite and leave with a feeling of accomplishment! **Registration is required. This event is full, but a waitlist is available.**

Expressive Art for Older Adults: Beading Workshop

IN-PERSON

Tuesday, November 5, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

📍 Main Library

Learn the basics of beaded jewelry making and the difference between semi-precious stones and precious stones. Participants will keep all pieces they make. Registration is required. Space is limited to 10 participants. Led by Zangar Freeman. **Registration is required. This event is full, but a waitlist is available**

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. **Registration is required.**

Hand Knit Pumpkins with Craft Loft IN-PERSON

Wednesday, November 13, 6-7:30 p.m.

 Community Room

Pumpkins anyone? Come down to the library and create your own knitted pumpkin with Craft Loft! In this workshop, you'll learn the skills to create chunky knit pumpkins that can double as adorable seasonal decorations and huggable pillows! Our yarn expert will take you through the process and make sure you're at ease with every step. This workshop is perfect for relaxing and unwinding. No prior knitting experience is needed! **Registration is required.**



CPL Arts Collective: Kintsugi Boston IN-PERSON

Saturday, November 16, 2-4 p.m.

Tuesday, November 19, 6-8 p.m.

 Community Room

Back by popular demand! 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.**

Wednesday Night Creative Writing Group

IN-PERSON

Wednesday, November 20, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

 Community Room

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.**

Did You Know?

You can book a public meeting room at the Library!



Rossi Room

We have rooms at Main, Central Square, O'Neill, and Valente.

- To reserve a meeting room in the Library your organization must be a Cambridge-based 501 (c) (3) or be engaged in work that is demonstrably not for profit.
- All room bookings must be submitted 7 business days prior to the first meeting. Room bookings are accepted up to two months in advance.
- Rooms are available on a first come first serve basis.
- All meetings taking place in Library rooms must be open and free to the public.



Lecture Hall

Visit <https://bit.ly/CPLbookroom> to learn more.

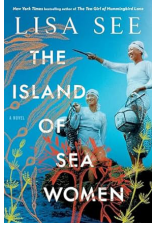


Book Groups



Adult Book Groups

Boudreau



Boudreau Branch Book Group
HYBRID
 Wednesday, November 13,
 12-1 p.m.
The Island of Sea Women by Lisa See



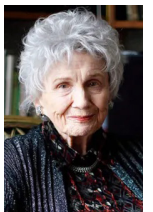
Boudreau Branch Mystery Book Group
HYBRID
 Tuesday, November 26,
 12-1 p.m.
Grave Mistake by Susan Cory

Central Square



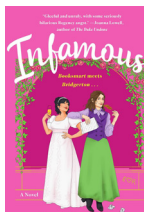
Central Square Book Club
IN-PERSON
 Wednesday, November 20,
 6:30-7:30 p.m.
A Dream Life by Claire Messud

Main Library



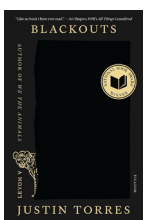
Great Books Book Group
HYBRID
 Tuesday, November 5, 2024,
 7-9 p.m.

Selected Stories by Alice Munro



Romance Book Group
IN-PERSON
 Tuesday, November 12, 7:15-8:15 p.m.

Infamous by Lex Croucher



Contemporary Book Group
IN-PERSON
 Tuesday, November 19,
 6-7 p.m.

Blackouts by Justin Torres

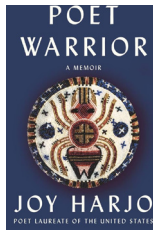


Science Fiction & Fantasy Book Group
IN-PERSON

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

Some Desperate Glory by Emily Tesh

O'Connell

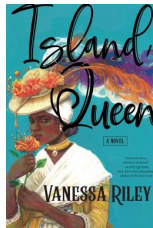


Adult Book Group
IN-PERSON

Tuesday, November 19,
 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Poet Warrior by Joy Harjo

O'Neill



O'Neill Branch Book Group
IN-PERSON

Monday, November 18,
 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Island Queen by Vanessa Riley

Valente



Valente Branch Book Group
IN-PERSON

Wednesday,
 November 20, 6 p.m.

Our History Is the Future: Standing Rock Versus the Dakota Access Pipeline, and the Long Tradition of Indigenous Resistance by Nick Estes

Children's Book Groups

Central Square

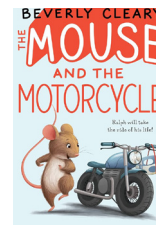


MCBA Book Club
IN-PERSON

Wednesday, November 6,
 6-7 p.m.

Mexikid by Pedro Martin

Main



Parent/Child Book Group
IN-PERSON

Tuesday, November 12,
 6-6:45 p.m.

The Mouse and the Motorcycle by Beverly Cleary (Ages 7-10)

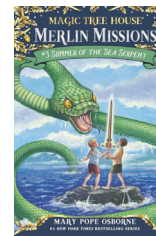
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Magic Tree House Book Group
HYBRID

Friday, November 1, 4-4:30 p.m.

Late Lunch with Llamas by Mary Pope Osborne



Merlin Missions Book Group
HYBRID

Friday, November 1, 4:30-5 p.m.

Summer of the Serpent by Mary Pope Osborne



Middle Grade Mystery Book Group
HYBRID

Friday, November 8, 4-5 p.m.

Murder is Bad Manners by Robin Stevens



Graphics Are Great! Book Group
HYBRID

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

Speak Up! by Rebecca Burgess (Ages 8-12)

O'Neill



Kids' Books for Everyone
HYBRID

Tuesday, November 5, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Sisters by Raina Telgemeier

Branch Events

Boudreau

Chess Hour

Monday, November 4 and November 18, 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.

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, November 6 and November 20, 4-4:45 p.m.

Would you like help navigating the library's e-resources like Libby or Hoopla? Or maybe you need some basic computer or mobile device guidance? Book a free one-on-one tech help session at the Boudreau branch.

Boudreau Bingo for Kids

Thursday, November 14, 4-5 p.m.

Join us for a fun-filled time playing the game of probability called BINGO! There will be free snacks. Free and open to children ages 5 and older and their caregivers. No registration necessary.

Movie Night: *Shrek*

Wednesday, November 20, 6-7:40 p.m.

Join us at the Boudreau Branch as we watch the modern classic animated movie *Shrek*! Light snacks will be available. No registration required.

Coffee, Cribbage and Chess!

Friday, November 22, 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

Drop-in Tech Help at the Library

Tuesdays, 4-6 p.m.

Fridays, 3-5 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.

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

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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.

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!

Winter Cycling Basics

Wednesday, November 13, 5:45-6:45 p.m.

Join us for a workshop on all things winter biking: from gear and how to winterize your bicycle to riding considerations and techniques for inclement weather conditions.

Autumn Arts & Crafts with Noah Stang-Osborne

Wednesday, November 20, 4-5 p.m.

Celebrate the season with a fall-themed craft and story! Noah Stang-Osborne will be leading this week's after school stories and crafts, using acorns, pinecones, and leaves as art materials. Kids are encouraged- but not required- to bring their own nature objects that they would like to incorporate into their project. This program is recommended for children ages 5-10.

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. **Registration is required.**

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.

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.

Puzzle Swap

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

📍 Rossi Room

Donate your gently used jigsaw puzzles and browse a collection of fun new puzzles to take home! Puzzles of all sizes for all ages are welcome. Due to space constraints, we are only able to accept 5 puzzles per person/group. Donation policy:

- Make sure your puzzle has all the pieces
- Rubber band or tape the box so it won't fall open
- Drop off puzzles at the Main Library Q&A desk Monday November 4th - Wednesday November 6th

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.**

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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

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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

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

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

José Mateo Ballet Theatre Presents: Story Time

Excerpts from *The Nutcracker*

Saturday, November 16, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

📍 **Lecture Hall**

Join José Mateo Ballet Theatre *Nutcracker* cast members for a fun story time reading of *The Nutcracker* coupled with live ballet dancing. Learn some ballet moves and meet the dancers as well! All ages.

Teen Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 26, 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

Kids' Zine Collective

Friday, November 1 and November 15, 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!

Community Build

Saturday, November 2, 1:30-3 p.m.

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

Saturday Songs and Stories

Saturday, November 2, 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.

Paper Bag Story and Craft

Tuesday, November 5, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

We invite children of all ages and their grown-ups to join us for stories and a simple paper bag craft. We will explore the transformation of simple objects into beautiful works of art! This story time and craft will be led by guest storyteller and community member ashley herring.

Sewing 101

Tuesday, November 5, 2 - 5 p.m.

Learn to use a sewing machine at the O'Neill Branch! This class is designed for ages 7 through adult. Ages 7-11 must participate with an adult. In this class, you will learn the basics of sewing machine operation and safety. We will cover machine setup, basic functions, threading the machine, reloading the bobbin, sewing straight stitches, and recognizing when problems arise. **Please register in advance.**

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.'

- **November 6** Pipe cleaner park
- **November 13** 3D Pens
- **November 20** Paint Day

Cambridge Young Authors' Squad

Friday, November 8 and November 22, 4-5 p.m.

Young people ages 10 to 14 who love to write are welcome to share their ideas and writing. There will be time for share-outs/ workshoping, as well as group or solo writing. Snacks are provided! If you are attending for the first time, registration is helpful, but not required.

Pajama Story Time

Tuesday, November 12, 6:45-7:30 p.m.

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

CPL Nature Club: Morning Birdwatching Walk at Mount Auburn Cemetery

Wednesday, November 13, 10:15-11:30 a.m.

Join us for a morning walk at one of the most renowned birdwatching spots in Cambridge, Mount Auburn Cemetery! We will help you identify birds, learn birdwatching tips and tricks, and familiarize yourself with migratory birds as well as those that can be spotted all year round. A limited supply of binoculars will be available. **Registration is required.** The walk will meet at the Bird Sighting Board near the front entrance of Mt. Auburn Cemetery at 10:15 a.m. For more information, contact Michael Roberson at mroberson@cambridgema.gov or call the O'Neill Branch at 617-349-4021.

CPL Nature Club: Fresh Pond Nature Walk

Thursday, November 14, 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. We will meet in front of the Fresh Pond Ranger Station at 250 Fresh Pond Parkway (under the clock tower). **Registration is required.**

Drop-In Maker Studio

Saturday, November 16, 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.

Family STEAM with Mind Tricks: Neuroscience Magic Show

Tuesday, November 19, 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! Immerse yourself in the magic of neuroscience through engaging and upbeat card magic, which makes advanced concepts of science digestible and exciting for the whole family!

Chess Hour

Saturday, November 23, 3-4 p.m.

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. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 617-349-4023 or via email: sjoycefarley@cambridgema.gov

Storytelling and Social Dance with Annawon Weeden

Saturday, November 30, 2-3 p.m.

Join Annawon Weeden (Mashpee Wampanoag/Pequot/Narragansett) for storytelling and social dance, in honor of Native American Heritage Month. This program is for people of all ages. No registration required.

Valente

Evening Story Time

Monday, November 4, 5:30-5:55 p.m.

We invite children and their grown-ups to join us for a special evening story time event. This program will run for 25-30 minutes, with songs, stories and rhymes. No registration is required. **Due to early voting, November's evening story time will be held in the Children's Area of the Valente Branch Library.** Please call 617-349-4015 for more information.

Beginning English Class

Monday, November 18 and November 25, 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, November 7, 3:30-5 p.m.

Thursday, November 21, 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 on Thursday, October 31 by calling or visiting the Valente Branch (617-349-4015).

Creativity Club: Fuse Beads

Friday, November 8, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Join us once a month for Creativity Club, where we will learn or practice an arts & crafts activity. Recommended for children ages 7-11. All materials will be provided by the library. **Registration is required.**

Open Gaming with One-Up Games

Saturday, November 9, 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Join us for our video game free play event hosted by Massachusetts eSport and gaming venue, One Up Games! Play the latest titles on XBOX Series S, PlayStation 4, and Nintendo Switch! This is a drop-in event recommended for ages 7+. No registration is required, however you may register online if you'd like an email reminder before the program.

We will have puzzles and games available for younger children.

Board Game Night for Adults

Tuesday, November 19, 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.

Drop In Tech Help

Wednesday, November 20, 10 a.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.

Tech Help by Appointment

Wednesday, November 20, 2-4:30 p.m.

Looking for some basic computer or mobile device guidance? Want help using an online resource? Join our Digital Navigator for assistance with signing up for low-cost home internet, setting up your computer or mobile device, making an email account, navigating websites or databases, or 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. Appointments are 30 minutes. Registration required.

Family STEAM Night: Foil Boats

Wednesday, November 20, 5-5:55 p.m.

Experiment with design and construction to make weight bearing boats using household items! No registration required.

Board Game Afternoon for Teens

Monday, November 25, 3:30-5 p.m.

Join us for a chill afternoon of gaming with friends! The Library will provide food. This event is recommended for teens and preteens. No registration required.

Dino Dig

Saturday, November 23, 3-4 p.m.

Join us for some dinosaur fun! It's your turn to be a paleontologist: use a chisel and brush to excavate your own tiny dinosaur. We'll play dinosaur trivia and look at dinosaur books! All supplies provided by the library. Recommended for ages 5+. Dinosaur coloring pages will be provided for younger children. **Registration is required.**

Valente Community Potluck

Tuesday, November 26, 12:30-2 p.m.

Join neighbors and friends for an autumn-themed potluck lunch at the Valente Branch. Bring a dish if you would like or simply come and enjoy! **Registration helpful.**

Save the Date

Holiday Cards Write-Along IN-PERSON

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

📍 Valente

Write your holiday greeting cards with us! We will provide pizza, pens, and blank cards for you to decorate. You are welcome to bring your own cards if you have them. **Registration is required.**



Culinary Classes for Older Adults VIRTUAL

Thursday, December 5 and December 19, 10-11 a.m.

📍 Zoom

Join Chef Kelcy for "Food Prep 101" and discover how to efficiently plan meals for one or two while making the most of your fridge and freezer. Learn freezer-friendly recipes and portioning tips that simplify weekly meal prep, helping you stay organized even on the busiest days. Whether you're cooking solo or just looking to streamline your routine, this class will give you practical tools for creating delicious, easy-to-store meals.



CPL Arts Collective: Winter Felted Landscape Hoop

IN-PERSON

Wednesday, December 11, 5-8 p.m.

📍 Community Room

Learn how to "paint" a seasonal landscape with wool. You'll learn how to attach loose wool fibers with a special barbed needle. It's easier than it looks, relaxing and fun to needle felt wool! You'll leave the class with the skills and tools needed to continue needle felting on your own.

Highlights from October



Carmen Maria Machado discusses her writing with Claire Luchette.



Patrons learn how to make their very own fall scented candles with Craft Loft.



Cambridge School of Culinary Arts hosts Rose Levy Berenbaum for a demonstration from her book, *The Cake Bible*.



Jess Roy of Shiso Kitchen teaches essential culinary knife skills.



Christa Kuljian discusses her book *Our Science, Ourselves: How Gender, Race, and Social Movements Shaped the Study of Science*.



Director Maria McCauley speaks on a panel about transforming libraries at the Urban Libraries Council's Annual Leadership Forum.

Hive Workshops for November 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 - November 2024



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