

September 2023



EVENTS *at the* CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

On DISPLAY

VIRTUAL

Virtual event.

IN-PERSON

In-person event.

HYBRID

Attendances can be in-person or virtually.

Featured Events

Sola Mahfouz and Malaina Kapoor Present: Defiant Dreams HYBRID

Wednesday, September 6, 6-7:30 p.m. (Main Library)

Mona Awad Presents: Rouge: A Novel in conversation with Laura Zigman HYBRID

Monday, September 11, 6-8 p.m. (Main Library)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 6-7:30 P.M.

Monday, September 11, 2023 6 p.m. ET

Join Sola Mahfouz, the author of the debut memoir *Defiant Dreams: The Journey of an Afghan Girl Who Risked Everything for Education*, appearing with her co-author Malaina Kapoor. A reading and conversation, the program will be moderated by Matthieu Aikins, the author of *The Naked Don't Fear the Water: An Underground Journey with Afghan Refugees* and a 2023-2024 Radcliffe Fellow in Journalism and Nonfiction. **Registration is required.**

Harvard Book Store welcomes Mona Awad, acclaimed author of the books *All's Well* and *Bunny*, for a discussion of her latest novel *Rouge*. She will be joined in conversation by Laura Zigman, author of *Separation Anxiety* and *Small World*. Cosponsored by the Cambridge Public Library. **Registration is required.**

Isabella Hammad in conversation with Namwali Serpell HYBRID

September 14, 6-7:30 p.m. (Main Library)

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Service Update

All Library locations will be closed Sunday, Sep. 3 and Monday, Sep. 4 for Labor Day.

Main Library Sundays resume on Sunday, September 10, 1-5 p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 6-7:30 P.M.

Join Isabella Hammad, the award-winning author of *The Parisian* for a conversation about her latest book, *Enter*

Ghost. Hammad will be in conversation with Namwali Serpell, the author of *The Old Drift*, winner of the Windham-Campbell Prize, and *The Furrows: An Elegy*, a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award, and a *New York Times*' 10 Best Books and 100 Notable Books of 2022. This event is sponsored by the Cambridge Public Library Foundation. **Registration is required.**

CPL Park Sounds HYBRID

Thursday, September 21, 6-7:30 p.m. (Joan Lorentz Park)



The poster features a colorful grid of icons on the left, including a book, a star, a target, a lightning bolt, and a trumpet. In the center is a photograph of Fabiola Méndez, a woman with glasses and a white top, holding an acoustic guitar. To the right, text reads: 'CPL PARK SOUNDS: Presents: Fabiola Méndez Thursday, September 21, 2023 6-7:30 p.m. Outside the Main Library in Joan Lorentz Park'. The Cambridge Public Library logo is in the top left corner.

Enjoy a magical outdoor evening featuring the talented Fabiola Méndez. His program is sponsored by the Cambridge Public Library Foundation. Bring chairs, blankets and loved ones to Joan Lorentz Park outside of the Main Library. Jenga, cornhole, and other outdoor games will be available.

The rain date for this event is October 12 from 6-7:30 p.m.

Exhibitions

The Uncompromising Political Career of Alice K. Wolf On DISPLAY

August 14 - September 10 (Lobby & Second Floor, Main Library)



Alice K. Wolf represented the city of Cambridge on the School Committee, City Council, as Mayor, and as a member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives. Her 40-year career as a public servant was a testament to progressive ideals and equity and fairness in

government. Join us for a tribute to Alice Wolf on September 9 at 2 p.m. in the Lecture Hall.

Cousins by Kristin Emack On DISPLAY



September 11-October 12, (Main Library, L2)

Emack has been photographing her daughter and nieces for over a decade. She has captured the girls' childhood in an unfiltered way as they move with confidence throughout Cambridge and their environment. Her work is an undeniable celebration of Black girlhood.

Join us for an opening reception on September 21 at 6:30 p.m. with a panel discussion by Kristen Emack, Dr. Alisa Victoria Prince, and cousins Apple Emack, Leyah Bernard, Kayla Bernard and Layla Bernard, as they discuss the process, inspiration, and impact of *Cousins*.

Main Sundays



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Workshops

Main Library

Death Café VIRTUAL

Tuesday, September 5, 7-8:30 p.m.

Join other adults, 18 and older, for Cambridge's virtual Death Café - an evening of open, lively, and insightful discussion about death. 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. Facilitated by Richard Davis a long time Death Café organizer and hospice volunteer.

Come with an open mind, a healthy curiosity, and

a willingness to share your thoughts, feelings, and questions with other like-minded individuals. This is a virtual event on Zoom. Registration is required. Space is limited. Questions? Contact Marie at MMathieu@cambridgema.gov

Wellness for Seniors: Tai Chi Paradigm (Community Room)



Wednesdays, September 6-November 22, 10-11 a.m.
Fridays, September 15-December 15, 10-11 a.m. (no class on Nov 10 & 24) **IN-PERSON**

Join us in this 12-week Tai Chi practice, which focuses on the mind and body connection. Tai Chi is a fluid sequence of movements choreographed in a low impact routine.

Sifu Mynor Diaz has been learning and teaching Tai Chi classes for over 20 years. He has taught classes at five VA Boston Healthcare System locations and at Senior Centers.

Note: We will be running two separate Tai Chi Paradigm series this year, a Wednesday series and a Friday series. Please register for only one of the series.

Sponsored by the Cambridge Public Library Foundation.

Mindfulness Meditation (Community Room)

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

The graphic features a purple background with a white silhouette of a human head in profile, facing right. Inside the head, there are colorful flowers and leaves. To the left of the head is a circular inset photo of a woman with glasses, identified as Laura Carmen Arena. The Cambridge Public Library logo is in the top left corner. Text on the graphic includes: 'Presents', 'Tuesday, September 12, 2023 6-7:30pm', 'Register Today', and 'Mindfulness Meditation at CPL'.

Join Laura Carmen Arena for a beginner-level meditation class with a focus on mindfulness and journaling.

Laura Carmen Arena is an Argentinian-American writer and visual artist and an experienced yoga and meditation teacher based in Cambridge. She has led workshops

on meditation and yoga at universities and other professional settings. She studied literature at NYU, and contemplative traditions, education and creative writing at Harvard University, where she also served as a teaching fellow, photographer, webmaster and assistant director of multicultural affairs. She enjoys leading mind-body practices to pollinate creative outlooks and a more peaceful, centered awareness.

Cambridge Cooks: Celebrating Latinx Heritage Month with Tres Latinas

Tuesday, September 19, 6-7 p.m. **MAIN**

The graphic has a dark blue background with a white outline of the Cambridge skyline. Text includes: 'CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY Presents: Cambridge Cooks', 'Tuesday, September 19, 2023 6-7:30pm', 'Join us for a free cooking demonstration followed by a tasting and Q&A with the chefs.', and 'Registration is required.' There is a circular inset photo of two women smiling, one wearing a white t-shirt with a graphic.

Join us for Cambridge Cooks, an exciting new series that invites local chefs to the Cambridge Public Library for free cooking demonstrations and classes.

Learn how to make your own arepas with Tres Latinas! This live cooking demonstration will be followed by a free tasting and a Q&A with the chefs.

About the Chef: Tres Latinas LLC is a women-owned and operated business. The owners are Eli and Vero, two friends from Caracas with a passion for sharing their delicious Venezuelan arepas with everyone. Their food truck can be found at events across Massachusetts.

Registration is required for this event.

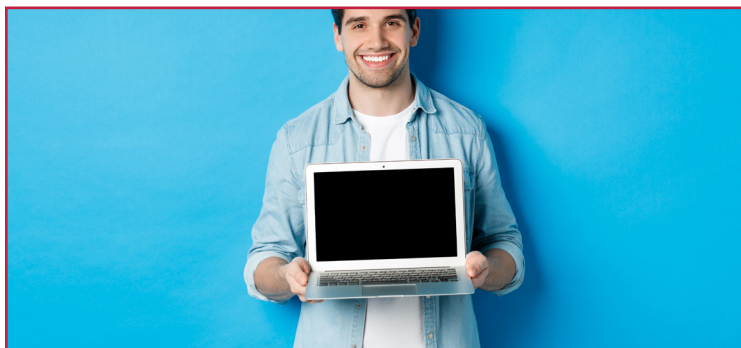
Basic Tech Classes, various dates **MAIN**

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 tech classes each month. Registration is required for each class.

- Mouse and Keyboard **IN-PERSON**
Tuesday, September 12, 10 - 10:30 a.m.
- Email Basics **IN-PERSON**
Tuesday, September 12, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- Email Tips and Tricks **IN-PERSON**
Wednesday, September 13, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- Google Docs Basics **IN-PERSON**
Monday, September 18, 1 - 2 p.m.

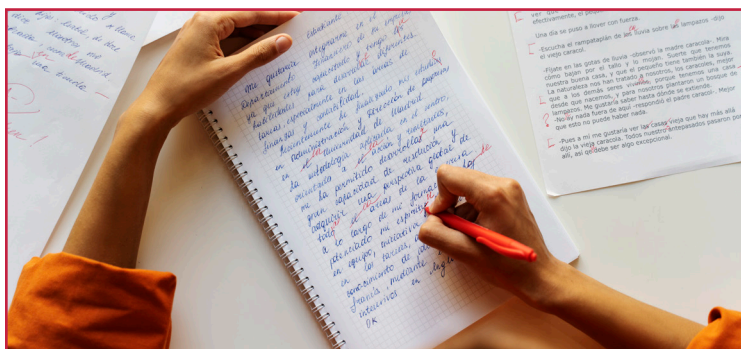
- Google Docs Tips and Tricks **IN-PERSON**
Wednesday, September 20, 1 - 2 p.m.
- Internet Basics **IN-PERSON**
Tuesday, September 26, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
- Internet Safety **IN-PERSON**
Wednesdays, September 27, 6 - 7 p.m.
- Intro to Library e-Resources **IN-PERSON**
Friday, September 29, 2 -3 p.m.

To sign up for classes, visit cambridgepl.libcal.com or call us at 617-349-4041.



Literacy Center Programs

- Intermediate ESOL **IN-PERSON**

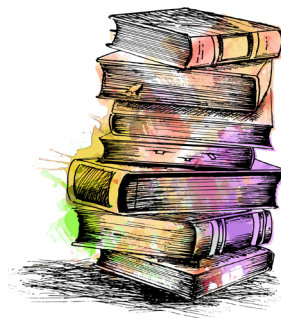


Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

- High Beginner ESOL **IN-PERSON**
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1-2:30 p.m.
- Advanced ESOL **IN-PERSON**
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3-4:30 p.m.
- Beginner ESOL **IN-PERSON**
Wednesday and Fridays, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Résumé and Job Application Support **IN-PERSON**
Wednesdays, 1-3 p.m.

Book Groups

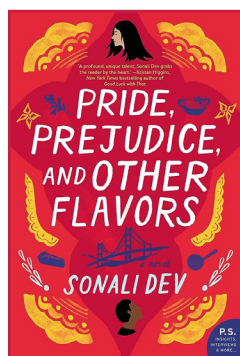
Adult Book Groups



Romance Book Group

IN-PERSON

Tuesday, September 12, 7:15-8:15 p.m.



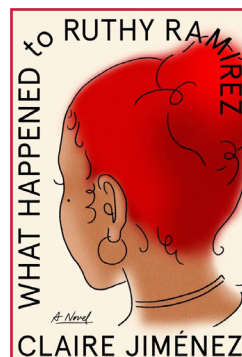
September selection:
Pride, Prejudice, and Other Flavors
by Sonali Dev

Brewery Book Club (at Lamplighter Brewing Co., Broadway location)

IN-PERSON

Wednesday, September 13, 7-8:30 p.m.

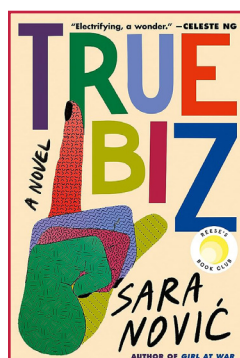
September selection:
What Happened to Ruthy Ramirez
by Claire Jimenez



Contemporary Book Group

IN-PERSON

Tuesday, September 19, 2023, 6-7 p.m.



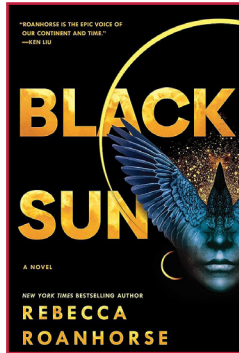
September selection:
True Biz
by Sara Novic

Science Fiction & Fantasy Book Group

IN-PERSON Wednesday, September 20, 6-7 p.m.

September selection:

Black Sun
by Rebecca Roanhorse



O'Connell Branch

Adult Book Group **IN-PERSON**

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

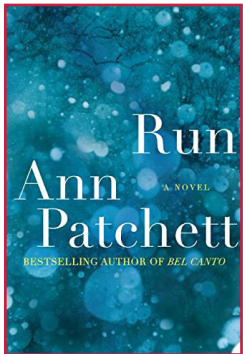
September selection:
The Last White Man
by Mohsin Hamid



Boudreau Branch

Boudreau Branch Book Group **HYBRID**

Wednesday, September 13, 12-1 p.m.



September title:

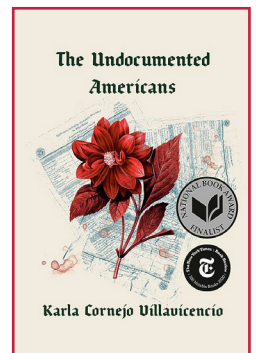
Run
by Ann Patchett

O'Neill Branch

O'Neill Branch Book Group **IN-PERSON**

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

September selection:
The Undocumented Americans
by Karla Cornejo Villavicencio

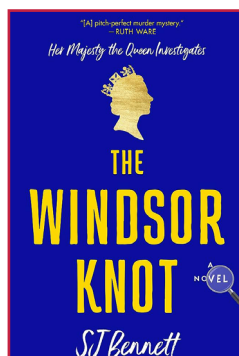


Boudreau Branch Mystery Book Group **HYBRID**

Tuesday, September 26, 12-1 p.m.

September title:

The Windsor Knot
by SJ Bennett

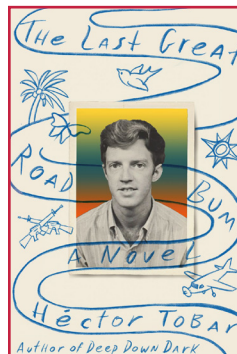


Valente Branch

Valente Branch Book Group **IN-PERSON**

Wednesday, September 27, 6:30-7:45 p.m.

September selection:
The Last Great Road Bum
by Hector Tobar



Main Library

Romance Book Group **IN-PERSON**

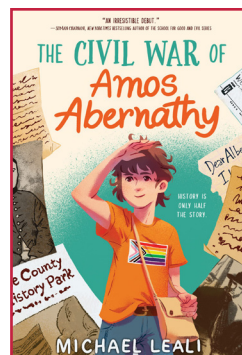
Tuesday, September 12,
7:15-8:15 p.m.

Children's Book Groups



- Books Not Binaries Reading Group **MAIN**
Wednesday, September 27, 6-7 p.m.

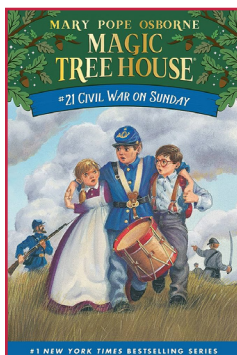
September selection:
The Civil War of Amos Abernathy
by Michael Leali



O'Connell Branch

- Magic Tree House Book Group **HYBRID**
Friday, September 8, 4-5 p.m.

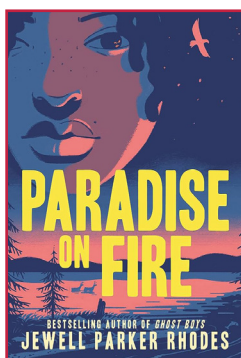
September selection:
Civil War on Sunday
by Mary Pope Osborne
(Ages 5-10)



Main Library

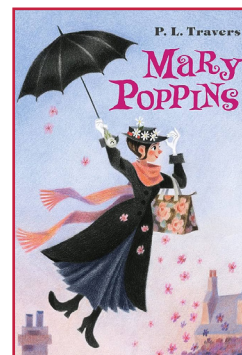
- Parent/Child (Ages 10-13) Book Group
VIRTUAL **MAIN**
Wednesday, September 13, 6-7 p.m.

September selection:
Paradise On Fire
by Jewell Parker Rhodes

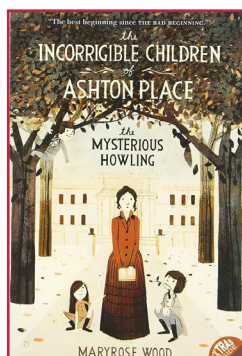


- Kids' Classic Fantasy Book Group **HYBRID**
Friday, September 15, 5-5:40 p.m.

September selection:
Mary Poppins
by P. L. Travers (Ages 5-11)



- Parent/Child (Ages 7-10) Book Group
VIRTUAL **MAIN**
Tuesday, September 19, 6-7 p.m.



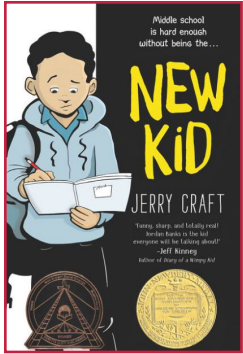
September selection:
The Mysterious Howling
by Maryrose Wood

- Graphics Are Great! Book Group **HYBRID**

Tuesday, September 26, 4-5 p.m.

September selection:

New Kid



by Jerry Craft (Ages 8-12)

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

Collins

Story Time
Tuesdays, 10:30-11 a.m.

Main Library

Baby Lapsit (Rey Room)
Mondays, 10-10:20 a.m.

Morning Sing-Along (Curious George Room)
Mondays and Wednesdays, 11-11:25 a.m.

LEGO Time (Curious George Room)
Mondays, 4-4:45 p.m.

Toddler Story Time (Rey Room)
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11-11:25 a.m.

Preschool Story Time (Rey Room)
Tuesdays, 4-4:25 p.m.

Afternoon Sing-Along (Curious George Room)
Thursdays, 4-4:25 p.m.

O'Connell

Preschool Story Time
Thursdays, 3:30-4 p.m.



Toddler Story Time
Fridays, 11-11:30 a.m.

O'Neill

Sing-Along
Mondays, 10:30-10:50 a.m.

Story Time
Thursdays, 11-11:30 a.m.

Valente

Songs and Stories
Tuesdays, 11-11:25 a.m.

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

More Events Section

Boudreau Branch Knitting Group

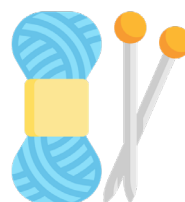
Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

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

Chess Hour

Monday, September 11 and September 25, 6-7 p.m.

Come join us at the Boudreau branch for a chess challenge. Players of all skill levels and all ages are welcome to participate. Chess sets will be provided, but feel free to bring your own if you prefer. This is not an instructional class, but rather a gathering for individuals



who want to play and test their skills against other members of the community. Registration is not required. Contact the Boudreau Branch by phone at 617-349-4017 or via email: ipachoncaballero@cambridgema.gov or mmcglathery@cambridgema.gov.

One-on-One Tech Help by Appointment

Wednesday, September 13 and
September 27, 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: Downloading library eBooks, audiobooks, and magazines to your tablet, smartphone, or laptop, navigating databases and other library resources such as LinkedIn Learning, Using the Internet, and e-mail, Setting up devices like smartphones or streaming devices, and much more. Scheduled sessions run between 30 min to 45 min. Please bring your device, cords, and any necessary account information. Contact the Boudreau Branch (617-349-4017) with questions about this program.



Read with Ana the Therapy Dog! Therapy dogs provide warm and non-judgmental reading companions for new or experienced readers of all ages. Registration for each ten-minute time slot is required. Sign up the day of the program by phone or in person at the Boudreau Branch (617-349-4017).

Read to a Dog

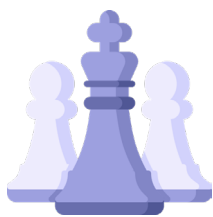
Thursday,
September 14, 3-4
p.m.

Central Square Branch

One-on-One Tech Help

Tuesday, September 5 and September 19, 5-7 p.m.

Looking for some basic computer or mobile device guidance? Want to learn how to access audiobooks and eBooks? Stop by at the Central Square Branch for our drop-in hours! A laptop will be available for use during the session. If you have any questions, please contact sysuda@cambridgema.gov.



Collins Branch

Special Story Time: All About Fall

Monday, September 11, 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Autumn is almost upon us. Celebrate the new season with stories, songs and a craft about changing the leaves and crisp apples. For children of all ages and a caregiver.



Watercolor Painting Workshop

Tuesday, September
19, 5-7 p.m.

Create beautiful paintings with watercolor at the

Collins Branch! Learn to paint with watercolor at your own pace in a fun and relaxing environment. We will cover techniques in color mixing, observational painting, composition, shading, light techniques, ink washes, and pattern making. Materials will be provided and no experience is necessary. Registration is required.

Morning Birdwatching Walk at Mount Auburn

Friday, September 22, 10:15-11:30
a.m.

Join us at the Collins Branch library for a morning walk at the renowned birdwatching spot in our own backyard, Mount Auburn Cemetery! We will help you identify birds, learn birdwatching tips and tricks, and familiarize yourself with the summer migratory birds as well as those that can be spotted all year round. A limited supply of binoculars will be available. Registration is required.



Cambridge Science Festival: Fresh Pond Fungi Tour

Wednesday, September 27, 3:30-5:30

p.m.

Join the local mycologist Lawrence Millman for an educational walking tour of Fresh Pond Reservation. Together we will learn about existing species, the history of different species, and their role in our ecosystem. Registration is required.

Thursday, September 28, 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. Registration is required.

Main Library

Sit 'n' Knit

Tuesdays, 2:30-3:30 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, and mend. Refreshments will be provided.

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Cambridge Science Festival

These events are part of Cambridge Science Festival, a weeklong 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.



Eyes in the Field: Participatory Science as an Essential Practice for Conservation Research

Tuesday, September 26, 6:30-7:45 p.m.

The recent discovery of a marbled salamander larva by Earthwise Aware volunteers in the Middlesex Fells



illustrates the importance of participatory science to conservation research. In addition to collecting critical data, these science programs can foster a robust research community of scientists, field leaders, and local experts.

Design With Us: Marvel's Hero Project & STEM on Stage Short Film Screenings

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



How can design thinking and STEM innovation change our world? Join Design With Us and STEM on Stage for a STEAM-inspired evening with double short film screenings featuring pioneering innovators Jordan Reeves in Marvel's Hero Project and Humanity Needs Dreamers: A Visit With Marie Curie — plus fun trivia with prizes and

more! Recommended for families and students, ages 9 & older.

Science Story Slam MA MAIN

Wednesday, September 27, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Watch high school storytellers compete for \$5000 in cash prizes! The Science Story Slam is an invitation to all US high schoolers to share their stories about science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM), live at the

Cambridge Public Library. Listen to stories set in fictional or factual scenarios that explain a scientific concept, or gripping accounts of how a scientific discovery came about, or more personal accounts of how the pursuit of



science has impacted the storyteller. Finalists will compete for \$5K in cash prizes in front of celebrity judges like New York Times reporter and author of The Exceptions, Kate Zernike!



Transforming AI with iFp Emerging Innovators: Ensuring Equity, Justice and Inclusion

MAIN

Thursday, September 28, 4-6 p.m.

Get ready to be part of an exclusive behind-the-scenes reveal of Innovators for Purpose's (iFp) latest project: "Transforming AI: Ensuring Equity, Justice, and Inclusion."

The teen Emerging Innovators are excited about the potential of AI tools. However, they are also deeply concerned about the rising mistakes and harms that come with the technology. Join us for a special open house event where you'll get an insider's look into our early research. Your feedback will play a pivotal role in shaping the final version of "Transforming AI" which will run throughout the school year for students in grades 7-12.

We're wrapping up the event with a fireside chat, led by iFp Innovators themselves. If you're passionate about making AI more equitable and just for all, we can't wait to welcome you!



Youth Demands in Sustainability

MAIN

Friday, September 29, 12-1 p.m.

Youth should be the centerpiece of climate education since they are the key stakeholder. It's time to ensure that youth feel included, represented and invited to engage in curriculum and conferences as well as in the classroom. Hear from a young person about what their demands look like, how youth would like to plug in, and what institutions can do to support them.

Women in Wildfire

MAIN

Saturday, September 20, 10-11 a.m.

With climate change increasing wildfire frequency and our wildland-urban interface (WUI) expanding, wildfire fuel management is more important than ever. Learn about the science and reality of wildfires and fuel reduction methods from Georgia Scarr - a young wildland firefighter, environmental non-profit co-founder, and wildfire researcher at the Stanford Bill Lane Center for the American West. This workshop includes hands-on demonstrations modeling wildfire behavior, first-hand accounts of fuel reduction case studies, and a chainsaw maintenance lesson.



OctoStudio Play Time

MAIN

Saturday, September 30, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Join us to play with craft materials and preview OctoStudio creative coding app with your family. OctoStudio is a free coding app project in development at MIT Media Lab's LifeLong Kindergarten Group (the same group who developed Scratch coding!) It encourages children and families to create and share stories and games. With the app, children can add photos and sounds from their environment, or integrate their creations into their physical world!



The Hive Maker Showcase



Saturday, September 30, 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Join us as we celebrate making in The Hive and highlight community makers! Explore finished and in-process Hivemade projects and meet fellow community members. If you would like to have a project featured in the showcase, please email The Hive: thehive@cambridgema.gov.

Bridging Cultural Identity



Research Passion: Exploring Microplastics in MAIN

MAIN

Saturday, September 30, 12-1 p.m.

Some people might think of scientific research to be something only related to textbook facts. While that is true to some extent, the great passion that you bring to the research can be even more powerful. Join Nikhita Varma as he shares how his research in India about microplastics helped him bridge the gap between research and cultural background.



Mind Tricks: The Magic of Neuroscience MAIN

Saturday, September 30, 1-2 p.m.

Are you interested in neuroscience or want to learn more about how your brain operates? Do you enjoy watching and learning magic tricks? Join us as Sabrina Welch shares her knowledge of brain function using magic tricks to illustrate neuroscience concepts! Within this comedic magic show we explore the function of the brain! All featured neuroscience concepts are displayed through the lens of card ma MAIN understandable and fun way for all to enjoy.



Ice Cream Science is -321 Degrees COOL! MAIN

Saturday, September 30, 2-3:30 p.m.

Interactive experiments showing States of Matter, Ideal Gas Law, Density, Pressure, Wavelength then

the final experiment, making ice cream with liquid nitrogen right before your eyes! Taste the science with yummy ice cream samples!

Protecting Yourself Online: A Quick and Simple Guide to Information Security MAIN

Saturday, September 30, 3-4 p.m.

The digital world is full of promise but it also holds risks untold for the everyday computer user. Malware, ransomware and surveillance lurk in every corner of the Internet. Data breaches and financial fraud are now



an unfortunate daily occurrence. We will explore the risks of the digital realm from apps, to social media, email and then-some. Learn real world tools and techniques to minimize your risks, protect your privacy/identity and shield your financial health – all while getting the most out of your digital tools. We will explore the risks to you as a computer user from your desktop to the ever-expanding world of smart phones, tablets, and the world of cloud computing. The digital realm can be a dangerous place; this presentation will give you the practical knowledge to protect yourself.



Youth Involvement in Energy MAIN

Saturday, September 30, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

There are many misconceptions about the energy industry. Many believe it to be slow moving and dominated by old, white men. However, this isn't true. There are opportunities for young people of all backgrounds and interests, from policy to tech, to get involved in the clean energy transition. This event is all about educating young people on energy and how they can connect their passions to the topic. Energy doesn't just come from a hole in the wall, there is a world of innovation and exciting opportunities to get involved with!



O'Connell Branch

Fiber Crafts Group Drop-In

Thursdays, 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.

Cambridge Science Festival: Evening Family Story Time-Stories About Scientists

Wednesday, September 27, 6:30-7 p.m.

We invite children and their caregivers to join us for a special evening story time event: learning fun things about the lives of famous scientists like Jane Goodall and George Washington Carver. This program will



be held indoors at the O'Connell Branch Library and will run 20-25 minutes. No registration is required. Please call (617) 349-4019 for more information.

O'Neill Branch

English Conversation Practice

Fridays 10-11:30 a.m.

Class is currently full. Please call the O'Neill Branch at 617-349-4023 for more information.

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.

Crafting Corner

Saturdays, 1:30-3 p.m.

Fiber arts crafters of all skill levels are welcome to drop in for companionable crafting! Bring your current work in progress, and enjoy tea, snacks, and conversation with other crafters. Chat, share tips, and maybe even inspire others. No registration required.

Read to a Dog

Thursday, September 14, 3-4 p.m. and

Saturday, September 23, 1-2 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 one week before by calling or visiting the O'Neill Branch (617-349-4023).



Cambridge Young Authors' Squad

Friday, September 15 and
September 29, 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!

Registration is helpful, but not required.

Family STEAM Night

Tuesday, September 19, 6:30-7:15



Cambridge Preschool Science Story Time

Thursday, September 28, 3:30-4 p.m.

We invite children and their caregivers to join us for 20-25 minutes of stories and songs about science, with a craft to take and make at home, while supplies last.

No registration is required. Please call (617) 349-4019 for more information.

Science Festival:

Cambridge Science Festival: Tin Foil Boats

Friday, September 29, 4-5 p.m.

Think you have what it takes to build an unsinkable ship? Join us for some stories and then we will build boats out



of tin foil. If your boat floats, we'll add pennies to see how much weight they hold! For children ages 5 and up and their caregivers.

No registration is required. Please call (617) 349-4019 for more information.



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!

Saturday Songs and Stories



Saturday, September 23, 3:30-4 p.m.
Music, movement and stories! Join your librarians for 20 minutes of fun! For children of all ages and their grown-ups.

This program will be held in the Community Room of the Valente Branch Library. Please call 617-349-4015 for more information.

Half-Day Hangout: Anime Afternoon

Wednesday, September 20, 1-3 p.m.

Join us after the half-day to watch some kid-friendly anime and wind down with some coloring! Snacks will be provided.



No registration is required for this drop-in program. Contact the library at 617-349-4015 for more information.

Pajama Story Time

Tuesday, September 26, 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 may be held indoors or outdoors, depending on the weather. Please call ahead to inquire 617-349-4023. 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.



Cambridge Science Festival: Hands-on Entomology with Professor Bugma

Saturday, September 30, 2-4 p.m.

How do you inspire a new generation of entomologists and scientists? With hands-on fun, of course! Stop by and see some of the amazing arthropods featured in educational kids' enrichment programs from Professor Bugman Entomology Adventures!

Cambridge Science Festival: Science Educators Meetup

Saturday, September 30, 2-4 p.m.

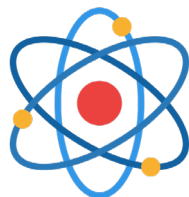


Science educators of all levels are welcome to bring a portable demo or instrument to share how your students are learning about science phenomena. Tabletop wind turbines, cell-phone-based electrophoresis kit, fossil collections, chaotic pendulums, your best paper airplane design, home titration kit, and more! EnergyTeachers.org will bring doppler radar, a handheld oscilloscope, a solar cooker, and more from our lending library for teachers.

EnergyTeachers.org is a network for educators interested in energy production and use.



Valente Branch



Evening Story Time

Monday, September 11, 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.

YOUR NEXT GREAT READ

Need suggestions for your next read?

Ask your local librarian for recommendations!

Stop by any Cambridge Public Library location or receive personalized reading recommendations by visiting this link or scanning the QR code:



<https://www.cambridgema.gov/cpl/Services/yournextgreatread>

HIGHLIGHTS FROM LAST MONTH



Jenny Odell presents her latest work, *“Saving Time: Discovering a Life Beyond the Clock”*



Director McCauley introducing Jenny Odell, August 8, 2023



Jenny Odell in conversation with Nina MacLaughlin



Library patrons line up for a book signing

The Hive Workshops for September 2023

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

The Hive Calendar - September 2023

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| 4 | 5 Zing Laser Cutting 101 1-2:30 p.m. Equipment and Studio Reservations 3-6 p.m. 3D Printing 101: Game Piece Design 6:30-8 p.m. | 6 Sergers 101 1-2:30 p.m. Sewing Circle 5:30-8:30 p.m. | 7 Studio Recording 10-11 a.m. Equipment and Studio Reservations 2-6 p.m. 3D Printing 101: Game Piece Design 6:30-8 p.m. | 8 Videography 101 9:30-10:30 p.m. Equipment and Studio Reservations 1-4:30 p.m. | 9 XR Lab 101 9:30-10:30 a.m. Equipment and Studio Reservations 1 a.m.-4:30 p.m. |
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