

March 2024



# EVENTS *at the* CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

## Events

### Day of Action for Menstrual Equity!

Saturday, March 2, 1:30-4:30 p.m.

📍 **Community Room**



Join the Girl Up New England Coalition and the Cambridge Public Library for a Day of Action for Menstrual Equity! Together, we will assemble sustainable period kits for local girls in

need, while hearing from youth advocates, local entrepreneurs, and other women leaders speaking out against period poverty in Cambridge and beyond. You'll learn about the impacts of period poverty in New England and find out how you can support the I AM Bill, which would offer free period products in MA schools. While registration is preferred, it is not required. Girl Up is a United Nations Foundation initiative for gender equality, uniting girls to change the world.

### Cambridge Cooks: Ayida Solé of the Haitian Croissant

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

📍 **Café**



Ayida Solé is a versatile creative, blending her talents as a home cook, author, designer, philanthropist, and brand consultant for emerging businesses, personalities, and luxury brands. Originally from Cambridge, MA, she brings a rich background in both the fashion and culinary industries. As the proud daughter of a Haitian immigrant, Solé made her mark by establishing The Haitian Croissant in 2020 during her time living in Paris, France.

### Left on Pearl Screening and Talkback

Thursday, March 7, 6-7:30 p.m.

📍 **Lecture Hall**



Join us for a screening of the film *Left on Pearl*, followed by a moderated discussion with the filmmaker and past and current members of the Cambridge Women's Commission. *Left on Pearl* chronicles a highly significant but little-known event in the history of the women's liberation movement, the 1971 takeover and occupation of a Harvard University-owned building by hundreds of Boston area women.

### Women's History Month Saturday Screenings

Saturday, March 9, 1-3 p.m.

Saturday, March 30, 1-3 p.m.

📍 **Lecture Hall**

During Women's History Month, our Saturday Screenings will feature films directed by women. Stop by and catch a free film!



**March 9: *Women Talking*:** The women of an isolated religious community grapple with reconciling their reality with their faith.

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](mailto:library@cambridgema.gov), 617-349-4032 (voice), or via relay at 711.

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## SERVICE UPDATE

All Library locations will be closed Sunday, Mar. 31 for Easter.

**VIRTUAL** Virtual event

**IN-PERSON** In-person event

**HYBRID** In-person event with option to attend virtually

Through the backstory, we see a community of women come together to figure out how they might move forward together to build a better world for themselves and their children. Starring Rooney Mara, Judith Ivey, Claire Foy and featuring Frances McDormand. Rated PG-13. Runtime: 1 hour 44 minutes.



**March 30: *The Queen of Katwe***: This biopic of Ugandan chess prodigy Phiona Mutesi traces her journey from the slums of Katwe, where she is forced to abandon her schooling

at the age of nine, to the upper echelons of the chess world after she develops an interest in the game at a youth-outreach program. Starring Lupita Nyong'o, David Oyelowo and Ntare Mwine. Rated PG. Runtime: 124 minutes.

## Workshops



### Basic Tech Classes

Various Dates  
Learning Lab

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 required for each class.**

- Email Tips and Tricks  
Tuesday, March 5, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Mouse and Keyboard  
Tuesday, March 12, 3-4 p.m.
- Google Docs Basics  
Wednesday, March 13, 3-4 p.m.
- Intro to Libby  
Tuesday, March 19, 6-7 p.m.
- Online Meeting Basics  
Wednesday, March 20, 11 a.m.- 12 p.m.
- Keyboard Tips and Tricks  
Tuesday, March 26, 11 a.m.- 12 p.m.
- Language Learning with the Library  
Wednesday, March 27, 3-4 p.m.



### Wellness for Seniors: Low Impact Fitness (Virtual)

Mondays, 11-11:45 a.m.

This class is designed for people of all levels to strengthen the muscles, the heart and the brain--all while having fun and moving to great music! Come as you are and take everything at your own pace. You will feel the benefits in mind and body! Registration for each session is required. This is a virtual event. **A Zoom link will be sent to all registered participants 1 hour before the event.**



### Wellness for Seniors: Tai Chi Paradigm

Wednesdays, 10-11 a.m.

Fridays, 10-11 a.m.

Community Room

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. Note: We will be running two separate Tai Chi Paradigm series this year, a Wednesday series and a Friday series. Due to the popularity of this series, we expect participants to attend all the classes. **Please register for only one of the series.** *This program is full, but a waitlist is available.*



### Puppetry Studio: Crankie Theater Storytelling

Thursday, March 7, 14, and 21, 5-6:30 p.m.

Curious George Room

A crankie theater uses illustrated scrolls that are hand-cranked to advance the story along. We will adapt the folktale "The Three Billy

Goats Gruff" for a tiny stage and perform our masterpiece for family and friends.

This three-week puppetry workshop is for kids ages 7-10. No experience necessary! Registration is required. Participants must attend all sessions and have read a version of the folktale before the first session. Stop by the Children's Room to pick up a copy or call 617-349-4038. For questions about Puppetry Studio, please email [nzylicz@cambridgema.gov](mailto:nzylicz@cambridgema.gov).



### Creative Journaling for Teens

Tuesday, March 19, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Rindge Room

Take a screen break and get organized! Plan your day, track your workouts, remember your friends' birthdays, all with a pen and paper. Join other teens to learn the basics of the bullet journal and how you can use your doodles to plan your future.

### Introduction to Genealogy Sources



### Ancestry for Genealogy Sources

Thursday, March 14, 2-3 p.m.

Community Room

Ancestry is the most powerful single tool for researching your family history. Learn all the ins and outs of what is offered and how to search.



### Isha Kriya

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

Community Room

In this one-hour session, you will learn Isha Kriya, a simple 12-18-minute practice, to help you become meditative effortlessly. For beginners and experienced meditators alike! **While registration is preferred, it is not required.**

Walk-ins are welcome!





## Home Brewing Coffee Class with Forge Baking Company & Café

Wednesday, March 20, 6-7:30 p.m.

Boudreau

This class will teach you everything you need to know to brew delicious coffee using a variety of different brewing methods including aeropress, V60, chemex and more! We'll cover the fundamentals of coffee brewing with plenty of guided tasting to help you understand what excellent coffee should taste like and how to make adjustments if your home brews aren't living up to your expectations. This class will be hands-on with lots of opportunities to practice your skills using commercial coffee equipment as well as some of the more accessible home brewing equipment. **Registration is required.**



## Hand Embroidery

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

Valente

Hand Embroidery will cover an assortment of basic embroidery stitches that can be used to embellish your clothing and hide (or highlight!) holes and stains! Leave class with a sampler of embroidery stitches you can refer to, along with knowledge of tools, materials, and techniques for stitching up embroidered designs.

Suitable for beginners with little or no embroidery experience, or those who want a refresher on the basics.

## 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  
Mon 10-6, Tue-Thurs 10-8, Fri 10-6

### 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

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

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

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

### Collins

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

Evening Family Story Time **Wednesdays, 5:30-6 p.m.**

### Main Library

Baby Lapsit **Mondays, 10-10:20 a.m.**

**Rey Room**

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**

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

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

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

## Solar Stories and Craft

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

**O'Neill**

Are you excited for the 2024 Solar Eclipse? We are! We invite children and their grown-ups to join us for solar system stories, followed by a craft activity.

## Family STEAM Night: UV Creatures

Tuesday, March 12, 6:30-7:15 p.m.

**O'Neill**

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! This month we will be making UV Creatures! Children use common craft materials and ultraviolet (UV)-sensitive beads to construct a person (or dog or imaginary creature): UV Kid! They use sunscreen, foil, paper, and more to test materials that might protect UV Kid — and ourselves! — from being exposed to too much UV radiation.

## Beading with UV-Sensitive Beads

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

**Collins**

Prepare for the upcoming solar eclipse by using common craft materials and ultraviolet (UV)-sensitive beads to construct a person (or dog or imaginary creature). Then, we'll test materials that might protect our creation - and ourselves - from being exposed to too much UV radiation. For children ages 5 and up with a caregiver.

### REMEMBER TO VIEW THE ECLIPSE SAFELY

<https://science.nasa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/eng-2024-eclipse-safety-sheet.pdf>

# Did You Know?

there will be a



## Total Solar Eclipse

April 8, 2024



We're hosting events across several branches for the Library's 2024 Eclipse Celebration.

Check out our calendar of events or ask at your local library to learn about other events that are part of this special program:  
<https://bit.ly/3HSfXUe>

## Make Along for Adults: Build a Solar Eclipse Viewer

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

**Valente**

Join us for the first of a monthly make-along series to create and socialize. Make this month's project, or bring your own! This month we are making solar eclipse viewers in preparation for the total solar eclipse on April 8th. All supplies for the featured craft will be provided.

## World of Wonder

Thursday, March 28, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

**Main Library, Curious George Room**

Get ready for the solar eclipse with an entertaining, multicultural shadow theater program from master storyteller and performer, Leland Faulkner.

## Make an Eclipse Viewer

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

**O'Neill**

Use recycled materials to create an eclipse viewer at the Library. Then safely view the eclipse on April 8! This program is open to people of all ages.

## Let's Go to the Moon

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

**Main Library, Community Room**

Join NASA Solar System Ambassador and educator Benadette Manning for a hands-on workshop all about the moon! Learn about the phases of the moon, the moon's role in the upcoming Solar Eclipse, and space exploration missions to the moon.



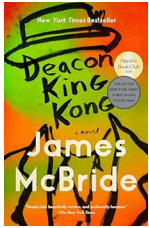


# Book Groups



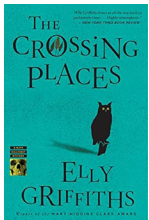
## Adult Book Groups

### Boudreau



**Boudreau Branch Book Group** **HYBRID**  
Wednesday, March 13, 12-1 p.m.

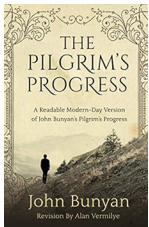
*Deacon King Kong* by James McBride



**Boudreau Branch Mystery Book Group** **HYBRID**  
Tuesday, March 26, 12-1 p.m.

*The Crossing Places* by Elly Griffiths

### Main Library

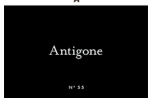


**Great Books Book Group** **HYBRID**  
Tuesday, March 5, 7:15-9:00 p.m.

*Pilgrim's Progress* by John Bunyan, chapters 1-4

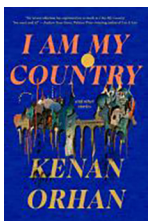


Tuesday, March 19, 7:15-9:00 p.m.  
*Antigone* by Sophocles



**Romance Book Group** **IN-PERSON**

Tuesday, March 12, 7:15-8:15 p.m.  
*Before I Let Go* by Kennedy Ryan



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

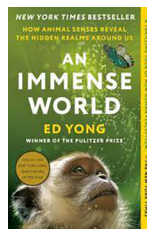
*I Am My Country: Stories* by Kenan Orhan



**Science Fiction & Fantasy Book Group** **IN-PERSON**  
Wednesday, March 20, 6-7 p.m.

*The Traitor Baru Cormorant* by Seth Dickinson

### O'Connell



**Adult Book Group** **IN-PERSON**  
Tuesday, March 19, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

*An Immense World* by Ed Yong

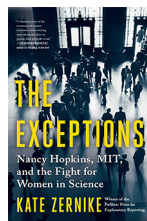
### O'Neill



**O'Neill Branch Book Group** **IN-PERSON**  
Monday, March 11, 6:30-8 p.m.

*The Alice Network* by Kate Quinn

### Valente

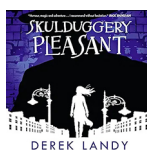


**Valente Branch Book Group** **IN-PERSON**  
Wednesday, March 20, 12-1 p.m.

*The Exceptions: Nancy Hopkins, MIT, and the Fight for Women in Science* by Kate Zernike

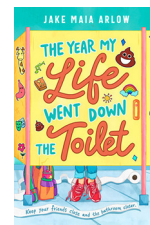
## Children's Book Groups

### Main Library



**Parent/Child (Ages 10-13) Book Group** **HYBRID**  
Wednesday, March 13, 6-7 p.m.

*Skulduggery Pleasant* by Derek Landy



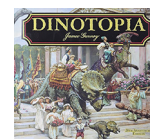
**Books Not Binaries Book Group** **IN-PERSON**  
Wednesday, March 27, 6-7 p.m.

*The Year My Life Went Down the Toilet* by Jake Maia Arlow. This group is currently full.

### O'Connell



**Magic Tree House Book Group** **HYBRID**  
Friday, March 1, 4-5 p.m.  
*Good Morning Gorillas* by Mary Pope Osborne (Ages 5-10)



**Kids' Classic Fantasy Book Group** **HYBRID**  
Friday, March 8, 5-5:40 p.m.  
*Dinotopia* by James Gurney (Ages 10-14)



**Graphics Are Great! Book Group** **HYBRID**  
Tuesday, March 26, 4-5 p.m.  
*Buzzing* by Samuel Sattin and Rye Hickman (Ages 8-12)

### O'Neill

**Kids' Books for Everyone (Hybrid)**  
NO MARCH MEETING



**Save the Date: Kids' Books for Everyone** **HYBRID**  
Tuesday, April 2, 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
*The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown



# 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.



### Chess Hour

Monday, March 11 and March 25, 6-7 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. **Registration is not required.**



### One-on-One Tech Help

Wednesday, March 13 and March 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.



### Coffee, Cribbage, and Chess

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

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

## Central Square

### Overdose Prevention Training

Monday, March 4, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

📍 Lewis Room

Join the Cambridge Public Health Department for a free in-person training on Naloxone administration and overdose prevention. Participants will learn:

- About the impact of opioids on our community
- How to recognize the signs of an opioid overdose
- The importance of calling 9-1-1 in the event of an overdose
- How to administer Naloxone
- Various treatment options that exist for opioid users



### Drop-in Tech Help at the Library

Tuesdays, 4-6 p.m.

Looking for some basic computer or mobile device guidance? Want help using an online resource? Need someone to read your resume and

support navigating online job applications? Join us for our drop-in help hours between 4 and 6pm. **No registration required.** If you have any questions, please contact [library@cambridgema.gov](mailto:library@cambridgema.gov)

### The Spot: Shop for Free

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

📍 Lewis Room

Shop for Free with the Spot at the Central Square Branch.

- Warm clothes (hoodies, jackets, long sleeves, pants)
- Toiletries (Shampoo, deodorant, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes)
- General shoes
- Underwear, socks

All available for free.

## Collins



### Crafternoon: Paper Beads

Tuesday, March 5, 2-3 p.m.

Learn to make one-of-a-kind beads from recycled strips of paper. Once the beads are constructed, thread them into a piece of jewelry for yourself or someone else.

Recommended for children ages 5-12 and their caregivers.



### Resume and Job Application Support

Monday, March 11, 3-4 p.m.

Would you like help creating a resume or looking for jobs? Join a librarian at the Collins

Branch for assistance with your resume, job search, or online applications. **Registration is required.**



### CPL Nature Club: Seed Swap

Tuesday, March 12, 5-6 p.m.

Bring all the extra, leftover garden seeds you don't think you'll get to this year! We'll have envelopes and pens to stay organized. Don't have any seeds? Just come anyways! We will

have extras and you can swap garden stories.



### Half-Day Hangout: Tissue Paper Flowers

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

Visit the Collins Branch for a fun after-school activity. This month, we'll create flowers made from tissue paper. Build a bouquet to take home for yourself or share with someone special. Recommended for children ages 5-10 and their caregivers.

## Special Story Time: Welcome Spring

Monday, March 18, 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Join us for a bonus story time to celebrate the spring equinox this week. We'll read stories, sing songs and complete a craft featuring flowers, showers and all things spring. For children of all ages and a caregiver.



## CPL Nature Club: Morning Bird Watching Walk at Mount Auburn Cemetery

Wednesday, March 20, 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 migratory birds as well as those that can be spotted all year round. A limited supply of binoculars will be available. **Registration is required.**



## CPL Nature Club: Fresh Pond Nature Walk

Wednesday, March 27, 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.**

## Main

### FREE DROP-IN TUTORING FOR TEENS



Mondays & Wednesdays, 5-6pm  
Teen Room, Main Library

Call the Teen Room for more info: (617) 349-4027



## Free Drop-in Tutoring for Teens

Mondays and Wednesdays, 5-6 p.m.

📍 Teen Room

Need help with a class? Have a question before an exam? Tutors are available to help you! Feel free to drop by. Please contact 617-349-4027 with any questions.



## Sit 'n' Knit

Tuesdays, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

📍 Rossi Room

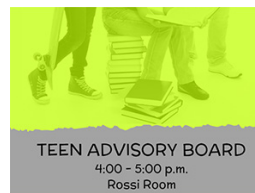
Bring your project and enjoy the company of other fiber crafters. Drop-in with this informal group to work on your craft, get inspired, pick up skills and socialize. Knit, embroider, crochet, spin, and mend. Refreshments will be provided.

## Puzzle Party

Thursdays, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

📍 Rossi Room

Join our librarians for tea, cookies and a jigsaw puzzle. An hour of fun and conversation on a Thursday afternoon. Refreshments will be provided.



## Teen Advisory Board Meeting

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

📍 Rossi Room

Teens! Help us plan teen programs for the Library! Earn community service hours! Enjoy free snacks! We meet monthly during the school year. **No registration required.** Stop by the Teen Room or call 617-349-4027 to learn more.

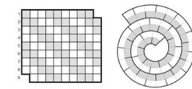
## O'Connell



## 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.



## Wednesday Word Puzzles

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

Drop in to try some fun puzzles every week: word searches, riddles, and variety crosswords! You can come alone or bring a grownup. Recommended for ages 11 and up. No registration required. Email [meisler@cambridgema.gov](mailto:meisler@cambridgema.gov) for more details.

## Evening Family Story Time

Wednesday, March 27, 5:30 p.m.

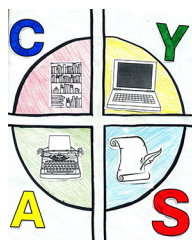
We invite children and their grown-ups to join us for a special evening story time event. This program will run for 20-25 minutes, with songs, stories and rhymes. No registration is required.

## Family Crochet Hour

Thursday, March 28, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Join us for an hour of relaxing crochet with friends and family at the O'Connell Branch! Each month will feature a recommended project with hands-on instruction and limited supplies, but you are also welcome to bring your own project. Recommended for ages 5 and up.

## O'Neill



## Cambridge Young Authors' Squad

Friday, March 1, 15, and 29, 4-5 p.m.

Young people aged 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! **On Friday, March 1, we will be joined by children's author Sara Levine. If you are attending for the first time, registration is helpful, but not required.**





### Felted Winter Scene Hoop Workshop Monday, March 4, 6-7:30 p.m.

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. Registration is required.

### Wednesdays of Wonder - WOW!

#### Wednesdays

March 6, 3-4:30 p.m.

3-D Doodle Pens

March 13, 1-2:30 p.m.

Women’s History Month Paper Dolls

March 20, 3-4:30 p.m.

Air-Dry Clay

March 27, 3-4:30 p.m.

Invisible Ink



### 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.



### Read to a Dog

Thursday, March 7, 3-4 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

Thursday, February 29 by calling or visiting the O’Neill Branch (617-349-4023).



### Kids’ Zine Collective

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

What’s a zine? And how do I make one? Come find out! Kids are invited to explore making, copying, sharing,

and swapping zines. Making zines will include activities like writing, drawing, and collage. Recommended for ages 7 and up. Snacks are provided!



### Drop-In Maker Studio Saturday, March 9, 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.**



### Chess Hour

Saturday, March 16, 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 16, 3:30-4:00 p.m.

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



### (In)visible self: How do you know how you are?

Monday, March 18, 3-4:30 p.m.

How do you know how you are? Middle schoolers can create high- and low-tech sensors to measure their mental, emotional and physical wellness. We will do this through creative exploration. This social-emotional awareness program was developed the PLIX (Public Library Innovation Exchange) Program at the MIT Media Lab. The activity centers around building and speculating tools for revealing invisible parts of ourselves: our breath, our heartbeat, and other body rhythms. Here, “tools” means anything from simple electronics sensors to programmed circuits to mechanically activated paper constructions! Please register in advance! Pizza will be provided.

### Pajama Story Time

Tuesday, March 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 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.



### Trivia Night!

Wednesday, March 27, 6:15-7 p.m.

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



# Valente



## ESOL Conversation Class

**Mondays, 6-7:30 p.m.**

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

## Evening Story Time

**Monday, March 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. No registration is required.



## Crafternoon for Teens

**Monday, March 18, 3-4 p.m.**

Join us after school to make a low-key craft in the community room. This event is recommended for teenagers ages 12-18. No registration is required.



## Board Game Night for Adults

**Wednesday, March 20, 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.

## LITERACY CENTER PROGRAMS

The Literacy Center is located in the Central Square Branch at 45 Pearl Street.

### 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

**Wednesdays and Fridays, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.**

### Résumé & Job Application Support IN-PERSON

**Wednesdays, 1-3 p.m.**

## Save the Date

# 2024 CPL Eclipse Celebration Continues

## Sun-Powered Jewelry

**Tuesday, April 2, 4-5 p.m.**

**O'Connell**

These beads change color! Come join us at O'Connell to make fun jewelry with a twist. Recommended for kids ages 5 and up and their grownups.

## Blackout Poetry

**Tuesday, April 2, 5-6 p.m.**

**Collins**

**Wednesday, April 3, 3-4 p.m.**

**O'Connell**

Celebrate National Poetry Month and the upcoming Solar Eclipse with us by creating your own blackout poetry. Blackout poetry is created by taking a written piece of text from a book, newspaper, or magazine and redacting words to come up with your very own poetry piece!

## Wednesdays of Wonder - WOW! Sun Clocks

**Wednesday, April 3, 3-4:30 p.m.**

**O'Neill**

Come to the Library for games and a different activity each week! Kids of all ages can hang out and do crafts or STEAM activities. No registration required. This week we will be making sun clocks.

## Eclipse Chalk Art Drop-in Craft

**Friday, April 5, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.**

**Main Library Children's Room**

Get ready for the upcoming solar eclipse by creating your very own picture of an eclipse using chalk in the Children's Room at the Main Library. This is a self-guided activity for children of all ages and their caregivers.

## Solar Eclipse Party

**Monday, April 8**

**Collins, 2-4 p.m.**

**O'Connell, 3-4 p.m.**

Here in Cambridge, the eclipse will be at its maximum (92%) at 3:29 pm. We will have some eclipse glasses to share, but supplies are limited, so please bring your own if you have them!



# Highlights from February



Feb 7, Joel LaRue Smith on keyboards, Yoron Israel on drums, and poet Tatiana Johnson-Boria joined together to put jazz in conversation with poetry.



Feb 20, Black History Month at the CPL: Cambridge Cooks with the Coast Cafe. From L-R, Chef J, and Anthony Brooks, Chef/Owner of the Coast Cafe.



Feb 7, Wednesdays of Wonder at Patrons at the O'Neill branch made Black History Month buttons.



Feb 20, in the Community Room at the Main Library, Coast Café teaches patrons southern cooking traditions, in celebration of Black History Month.



Feb 14, Program and Events Coordinator Zachary Bond discusses Love Poetry with poets Rachelle Toarmino, Tawanda Mulalu, and Jill McDonough (L-R).



Feb 23, Cambridge Public Library Legislative Breakfast.



# Hive Workshops for March 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](http://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.

**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 - March 2024



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