

February 2022



EVENTS *at the* CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

ADULT PROGRAMS

VARIANTS, BREAKTHROUGHS, AND BOOSTERS: UNDERSTANDING OMICRON AND THE FUTURE OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC **VIRTUAL**

Wednesday, February 2, 6-7 p.m.

The Omicron variant of SARS-CoV-2 rose to prominence less than a month after it was first detected. Dr. Gaurav Gaiha and Dr. Wilfredo Garcia Beltran will present information on how the immune system reacts to Omicron and other variants, and how we can protect ourselves. Derrick Neal, Chief Public Health Officer of the Cambridge Public Health Department, will discuss the rise of COVID-19 cases in our community.

A question-and-answer session will follow.



KAITLYN GREENIDGE PRESENTS *LIBERTIE*

VIRTUAL

Wednesday, February 16, 6-7:30 p.m.

The critically acclaimed and Whiting Award-winning author of *We Love You, Charlie Freeman* returns with *Libertie*, an

unforgettable story about one young Black girl's attempt to find a place where she can be fully herself. The event features a reading by Kaitlyn Greenidge, followed by a conversation with Dr. Ianna Hawkins Owen of Boston University.

Supported by the Cambridge Public Library Foundation.

Workshops

JUMPSTART YOUR FINANCIAL FUTURE: MANAGING YOUR MONEY TO BUILD YOUR BEST LIFE **VIRTUAL**

Tuesday, February 8, 7-8 p.m.

Paying your bills should be a top financial priority for everyone. Of course, most of us also want some extra money for a major purchase, dream of owning a home or want to retire comfortably. This workshop will help you learn how to budget your money and start building a nest egg for your future. Registration is required. Registrants who participate in all four sessions receive a certificate at the end of the series.

ESSENTIALS OF AFRICAN AMERICAN CUISINE: RASTA PASTA WITH CHEF MALCOLM GREEN **VIRTUAL**

Wednesday, February 9, 6:30-8 p.m.



Celebrate Black History Month with Cambridge native and Master Chef Season 4 contestant Malcolm Green as he prepares a rasta pasta dish. This is your chance to

cook the perfect rasta pasta in your own kitchen, or just meet and chat with fellow rasta pasta lovers!

MARCUS ELEY PRESENTS BUT NOT FORGOTTEN: MUSIC BY AFRICAN AMERICAN COMPOSERS FOR CLARINET **VIRTUAL**



Wednesday, February 23, 6-7 p.m.

Marcus Eley will discuss the songs, research and stories behind his album *But Not Forgotten: Music by African American Composers for Clarinet*. The majority of the pieces in this collection get their world premiere recording exposure as it presents hidden musical gems from clarinet composers spanning a time period

from 1868 to the present day. This event will conclude with a live solo performance not to be missed!

CPL INTERNATIONAL BRIEFING: US-IRAN NUCLEAR CONFRONTATION WITH TRITA PARSI **VIRTUAL**



Thursday, February 24, 12:15-1:15 p.m.

Trita Parsi is an award-winning author and the 2010 recipient of the Grawemeyer Award for Ideas Improving World Order. In 2021, he was named by the *Washingtonian Magazine* as one of the 50 most influential voices on foreign policy in Washington DC, and Noam Chomsky calls Parsi "one of the most distinguished scholars on Iran." In this lecture for the CPL International Briefing Series, Parsi will speak on the US-Iran confrontation over the nuclear issue.

JESSICA ROSEMAN PRESENTS NOURISH **VIRTUAL**



VIRTUAL

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

NOURISH is not a dance class or workout. NOURISH is moving in our own spaces, talking, drawing, and writing together. You

will be guided to create your own gentle movement sequences to help bring centering, grounding, and clarity for yourself. We will focus on feeling whole through our breath and attention. No dance experience necessary, welcome for people of different abilities and ages!

Jessica Roseman is an award winning choreographer, solo dance performer, movement educator, and a mother.

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All Library locations will be closed Monday, February 21 for Presidents' Day.

Workshops

FUEL FOR LIFE: NUTRITION 101 FOR A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE **VIRTUAL**

Thursday, February 17 & 24, 7-8 p.m.

Join "Fuel For Life, LLC" for a deeper look into nutrition and its role on health. Over the span of 4 weeks, participants in each session will cover and overview the following topics: Nutrition 101 and the Indicators of a Nutritious Diet (including recipes); Sleep, Stress, Lifestyle and the Role of Nutrition; The Gut Brain Connection; Healthy Snacking; Navigating the Grocery Store and Eating Out.

MENDING MATTERS **VIRTUAL**

Wednesday, February 23, 6:30-8 p.m.

Learn how to get more life out of your clothes or put household textiles to new use in this monthly hands-on workshop! Teaching artist Jessamy Kilcollins will demonstrate different techniques each month and provide guidance on your projects. A limited number of supply kits will be available for registered participants to pick up at the Valente Branch (826 Cambridge St).

Workshops FOR SENIORS

NAVIGATING SOLO: TOOLS FOR CREATING YOUR PLAN FOR AGING WELL

VIRTUAL

Thursday, February 3 & 17, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Ailene Gerhardt will explore the unique considerations and planning needs of solo agers (an adult who, because of choice or circumstance, is without the family support structure of adult children or close family members). Ailene will review specific needs

related to healthcare, community, and programs and resources available to support solo agers.

In partnership with Cambridge Neighbors.

Sessions 1-2 of 10 of the Navigating Solo series. Every other Thursday 10:30-11:30

WELLNESS FOR SENIORS: COMBO DANCE FITNESS AND LET YOUR YOGA DANCE **VIRTUAL**

Saturday, February 7, 14, 28, 11-11:45 a.m.

A fun, dynamic, and ultimately blissful combo. We start with some high-energy (low-impact) dance fitness, and then work our way through the seven energy centers (chakras) with Let Your Yoga Dance. You will leave with a good workout and a happy mind, body, and spirit. Good for everybody!

Literacy Center

For more information call Maria Balestrieri at 617-349-4013. *No classes are held on days the library is closed.*

Beginner ESOL Class **VIRTUAL**

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1-2 p.m.

High Beginner ESOL Class

VIRTUAL

Wednesdays and Fridays, 10:30 a.m.-noon

Intermediate ESOL Class

VIRTUAL

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

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3-4 p.m.



A Yearlong Library Challenge

READING TOGETHER

BOOK GROUP **VIRTUAL**

Mon. February 28, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Reading Interests: We choose the theme, you choose the book!

February theme: Celebrate Black Voices

For more information, visit camb.ma/readingtogether

Adult Book Groups

Visit bit.ly/cplbookgroups or call the host library for more information about joining.

MAIN LIBRARY

Contemporary Book Group **VIRTUAL**

Tuesday, February 15, 6-7 p.m.

That Old Country Music: Stories by Kevin Barry

Great Books Book Group **VIRTUAL**

Tuesday, February 8 & 22, 7-9 p.m.

2/8: Washington and Eisenhower's farewell addresses

2/22: *A Streetcar Named Desire* by Tennessee Williams

Nonfiction Book Group **VIRTUAL**

Monday, February 28, 1-2 p.m.

Becoming Duchess Goldblatt by Anonymous

Science Fiction and Fantasy Book Group **VIRTUAL**

Wednesday, February 9, 6-7 p.m.

Piranesi by Susannah Clarke

BRANCH LIBRARIES

Boudreau Book Group

Wednesday, February 9, 12-1 p.m.

What's Mine and Yours by Naima Coster

Central Square Book Group **VIRTUAL**

Tuesday, March 1, 6-7 p.m.

Chinese Soul Food: A Friendly Guide for Homemade Dumplings, Stir-Fries, Soups, and More by Hsiao-Ching Chou

Collins Book Group **VIRTUAL**

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

Miracle Creek by Angie Kim

O'Connell Book Group **VIRTUAL**

Tuesday, February 15, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared by Jonas Jonasson

O'Neill Branch Book Group **VIRTUAL**

Monday, February 14, 6:30-8 p.m.

Overground Railroad: the Green Book and the Roots of Black Travel in America by Candacy Taylor

VIRTUAL

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REGULAR PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND THEIR CAREGIVERS

We invite children and their grown-ups to join us for story times and sing-alongs, both virtual and in-person. Outdoor programs will be cancelled in the event of inclement weather. Please check our website for programming updates and additions or call 617-349-4038 for more information. No programs are held on days the library is closed.

VIRTUAL

Baby Lapsit

Mondays, 10-10:30 a.m.

Enjoy time together with other parents, caregivers, and babies to learn, play, and develop language and motor skills.

Family Story Time

Thursdays, 4-4:20 p.m.

Pajama Story Time

Presented by the Cambridge Public Library and the Center for Families.

Wednesday, February 16,
6:45-7:30 p.m.

📍 Main Library

Outdoor Songs and Stories

Tuesdays, 11-11:20 a.m.

Wednesdays, 11-11:20 a.m.

Thursdays, 11-11:20 a.m.

📍 Central Square Branch

Outdoor Story Time

Wednesdays, 10:30-11 a.m.

Thursdays, 10:30-11 a.m.

📍 Collins Branch

Outdoor Story Time

Tuesdays, February 1 & 15

10:30-11 a.m.

📍 O'Connell Branch

Outdoor Story Time

Thursdays, 3:30-4 p.m.

Fridays, 11-11:30 a.m.

📍 O'Neill Branch

Outdoor Songs and Stories

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

📍 Valente Branch

Outdoor Story Time

Mondays, 4-4:30 p.m.

Tuesdays, 11-11:30 a.m.

KIDS BOOK GROUPS

Let's talk about a book together! Register online at bit.ly/cplbookgroups

Main Library

Join us virtually for a lively discussion. For a copy of the book, stop by the Children's Room or call 617-349-4038.

Books Not Binaries **VIRTUAL**

Wednesday, February 2, 6-7 p.m.

(Ages 11-14)

Ana On the Edge by A. J. Sass

Parent/Child Book Group **VIRTUAL**

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

For ages 7-10 and a parent or caregiver.

Freja & Zoose by Emily Butler

Parent/Child Book Group **VIRTUAL**

Wednesday, February 9, 6-7 p.m.

For ages 10-13 and a parent or caregiver.

The Beatryce Prophecy by Kate DiCamillo

Branch Libraries

Please pick up a copy of the book beforehand at the host Branch.

Book Buzz **VIRTUAL**

Monday, February 7, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

For ages 10 and up.

Jukebox by Nidhi Chanani

Chapter Chat **VIRTUAL**

Thursday, February 17, 4-5 p.m.

For ages 7-10.

Sanity and Tallulah by Molly Brooks

Magic Tree House Book Group

VIRTUAL

Friday, February 4, 4-5 p.m.

For ages 5-10.

Pirates Past Noon by Mary Pope Osborne



Need a laptop or hotspot to attend a virtual event?

Call the Library to check out our Takeout Tech!

Chromebook Laptop

Available at all Library locations

Mobile Hotspot

Available at the Main Library

Chromebook + Hotspot Bundle

Available at all Library locations

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STEAM

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.

Check out our February workshops and go online to camb.ma/cplhive to see the latest schedule and register for workshops.

HIVE SAFETY TRAINING VIRTUAL

In this workshop, you will learn about our makerspace, how to use our resources, and how to keep safe in The Hive.

Tuesday, February 1, 2:30-3 p.m.
Wednesday, February 2, 1-1:30 p.m.
Tuesday, February 8, 8-8:30 p.m.
Thursday, February 10, 2-2:30 p.m.
Wednesday, February 16, 1-1:30 p.m.
Friday, February 18, 3:30-4 p.m.
Tuesday, February 22, 6:30-7 p.m.
Thursday, February 24, 6-6:30 p.m.

3D MODELING WITH TINKERCAD VIRTUAL

Learn the fundamentals of Tinkercad to design and edit objects for 3D printing. Tinkercad is a free, web-based application. Basic computer skills are necessary for this course. Registration is required. This course is open to all audiences. You do not need to take Hive Safety Training before attending this virtual workshop.

Thursday, February 3, 7-8 p.m.
Tuesday, February 8, 3-4 p.m.
Tuesday, February 15, 5-6 p.m.
Wednesday, February 16, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

GRAPHIC DESIGN WITH GOOGLE DRAWINGS

VIRTUAL

Interested in graphic design? Learn the fundamentals of using Google Drawings to design and edit your own distinctive images. Google Drawings is a free web-based application. Basic computer skills and a free Gmail account are necessary for this course. Registration is required. This course is open to all audiences. You do not need to take Hive Safety Training before attending this virtual workshop.

Friday, February 4, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Friday, February 4, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, February 8, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, February 9, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Thursday, February 24, 7-8 p.m.

AUDIO ENGINEERING IN GARAGEBAND

VIRTUAL

Get started with audio editing for podcasts, music, audiobooks, and other creative sound projects using GarageBand, the sound creation software found on Mac and iOS devices. You will become familiar with the GarageBand interface, explore the basics of audio engineering, and learn about more resources and tools you can use at home and in the Hive to create with sound. This course is open to all audiences. You do not need to take Hive Safety Training before attending this virtual workshop.

Thursday, February 17, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Tuesday, February 22, 7:30-8:30 p.m.
Thursday, February 24, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

EQUIPMENT AND STUDIO RESERVATIONS

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.

Tuesday, February 1, 6-8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, February 2, 2-5 p.m.
Thursday, February 3, 1-4 p.m.
Saturday, February 5, 1-3 p.m.
Wednesday, February 9, 3-5 p.m.
Thursday, February 10, 6-8:30 p.m.
Friday, February 11, 1-5 p.m.
Saturday, February 12, 12-3 p.m.
Tuesday, February 15, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Thursday, February 17, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
Saturday, February 19, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
Wednesday, February 23, 2-5 p.m.
Saturday, February 26, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

LIBRARY LOCATIONS

Boudreau Branch

245 Concord Ave. | 617-349-4017
TUE 10-8, WED 10-6, FRI 10-6

Central Square Branch

45 Pearl St. | 617-349-4010
MON 10-6, TUE 10-9, WED 10-6,
THU 10-9, FRI 10-6, SAT 10-2

Collins Branch

64 Aberdeen Ave. | 617-349-4021
MON 10-6, TUE 10-6, FRI 10-6

Main Library

449 Broadway | 617-349-4040
MON 9-9, TUE 9-9, WED 9-9,
THU 9-9, FRI 9-5, SAT 9-5, SUN 1-5

O'Connell Branch

48 Sixth St. | 617-349-4019
MON 10-6, TUE 10-8, WED 10-8,
THU 10-8, FRI 10-6

O'Neill Branch

70 Rindge Ave. | 617-349-4023
MON 10-8, WED 10-8, THU 10-6,
FRI 10-6

Valente Branch

826 Cambridge St. | 617-349-4015
MON 10-8, TUE 10-6, WED 10-8,
THU 10-6, FRI 10-6, SAT 1-5

All locations are accessible by public transportation. Details are on our website.

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.

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cambridgepubliclibrary.org

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