

# 2024 IN REVIEW

## CAMBRIDGE COMMUNITY LIBRARY



1. A full table at our Annual Turkey BINGO program
2. Countdown to Noon Year
3. Entertainment from Circus performer during our Summer Library Program
4. Showing off costumes and crafts at our Halloween Party
5. Learning Spanish words at Bilingual Storytime with special guest Marti
6. 2nd Graders show off the books they created that were on display at the library throughout the summer
7. Cambridge Public Works showing off one of their vehicles during a Storytime
8. Petting snakes at another Summer Library Program
9. A family enjoys snacks and games at Family Game Night
10. Siblings explore Wii Sports at Video Game Day

# OUTREACH

Library Director,  
Samantha Seeman



Library Board of  
Trustees

Jennifer Trendel,  
President

Kristin Martin

Paula Hollenbeck

Jennifer Simdon Budewitz

Cari Redington

In collaboration with CAP, the Cambridge School District and Cambridge PTO, an initiative targeting children ages 3-4 and their families kicked off in September. The goal is to train parents how to prepare their children for school through play activities. Monthly Learn & Play meetings were held at the Library.

In December, Book Club members donated feminine hygiene products to the Food Pantry as part of their annual Holiday meeting



# ACHIEVEMENTS

In November, we unveiled a new World Language Collection, which includes over 230 fully Spanish and Bilingual Spanish/English books for children in a variety of formats. This collection was started due in part to a donation in memory of Lucy Flynn.



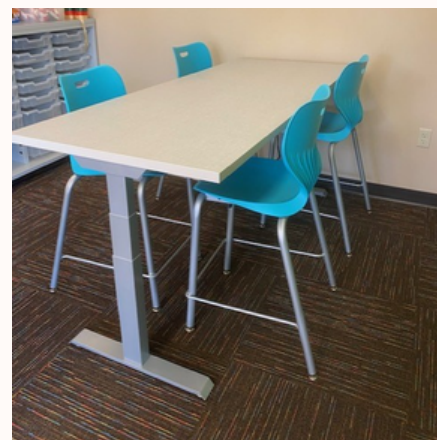
**Far Left:** Our new World Language Collection on launch day.

**Left:** The Flynn family made our collection launch a special family event; family members of Lucy Flynn pictured here at our Bilingual Storytime

**Below Right & Above:** Our Makerspace cabinet and desk/stools thanks to a grant through Cambridge Foundation.

**Top Right:** Kerry Marren accepts book club donations at the food pantry

Our long awaited Makerspace was finally opened at the end of 2024. Thanks to the Cambridge Foundation for approving a grant to purchase the furniture and materials to launch this space. It will be used for various creative outlets, programs and community projects.



Our brand new World Language Collection was launched in memory of Lucy Flynn, pictured here.

## 2025 GOALS

- Update and replace Drive-Up window for easier transactions
- Expand World Language Collection
- Expand Makerspace services/supplies and create Community Projects through the space
- Launch an Instagram account to better reach our younger users

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## QUICK STATS

**250+ signups for Summer Library Program**

up from just over 100 in 2023

**ADVENTURE**  
— BEGINS AT —  
**YOUR LIBRARY™**



**3,026 PEOPLE ATTENDED 159 PROGRAMS**

396 more people than 2023, and 29 more programs



**350 more Overdrive checkouts than 2023**



**1,660 more library visits than last year**

**4,735 people** logged on to our computers this year

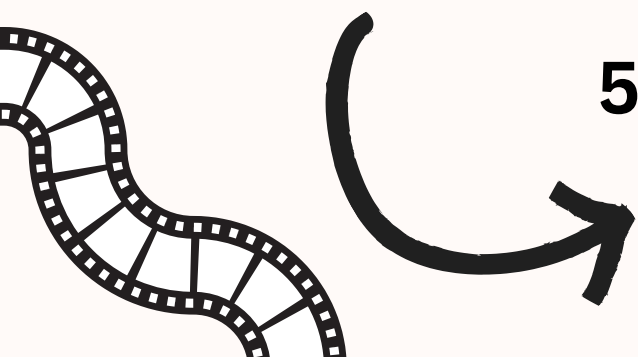


**53%** of Cambridge Residents **HAVE A LIBRARY CARD**

**40,438** items circulated



**57% of checkouts are from our own collection**



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# BEHIND THE SCENES

## VOLUNTEERS

We are fortunate to have a group of volunteers who dedicated over **220** hours re-shelving returns and assisting with programs

Thank you!

**Cathy, Cheryl, Bruce, Autumn, Scarlett, Aurora, Evan & Paula**  
for your service!

Cambridge Community  
Library Staff, 2024

**Director** - Samantha

**Youth Librarian** - Patty

**Library Assistants** - Bev, Robin, Stephanie

**Cataloger** - Kayla

**Pages** - Elise, Scarlett

## Friends of the Library

In 2024, The Friends of Cambridge Community Library donated **\$4150** to assist with a number of programs, services and projects:

- Enrichment passes
- Summer Reading kickoff event (Zoozort) & grand prizes
- Rotating Audiobook and Large Print collection memberships
- Special programs: Halloween Party, Turkey Bingo & Graham Cracker Houses
- Re-upholstered YA Couches



The Friends annual fundraising events (Book Sale and Craft Fair), collection of Piggly Wiggly receipts, and book cart sales raised **\$25,000!**

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

daily anonymous donors who contribute to the counter donation jar

Thorson Family

Lathrop Family

Shirley Rucks

Jennifer Trendel

The Lucas Family in memory of Mary K. Pecoraro for materials on grief and loss