

## January 04, 2025

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### *Live Performance: I Am Okay to Feel*



A unique musical experience featuring three local classical musicians. Bringing Karamo Brown's I Am Okay to Feel to life with uplifting rhythms and engaging movement, young listeners are empowered to explore feelings with confidence, reminding them that all emotions are valid and part of their unique journey. Drop in for fun! This program does not require registration. This program is provided in partnership with Arts Integration. Accessibility: If you require an accessibility accommodation for this program or event, please tell us how we can meet your needs as soon as possible so arrangements can be organized. If you require a sign language interpreter, please let us know at least two-weeks (10 working weekdays) before the program date. If you are attending a registered program with a support person, please add your support worker as a guest when you sign up. COST: Free AGE GROUP: —Kids— EVENT TYPE: —Live Performances— TAGS: —Music— Drop-In —

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### *A Curious Landscape*



November 9, 2024 - January 5, 2025 Located in the Cambridge Art Galleries' Artist Garden (the corner of North Square and Grand Avenue North), *A Curious Landscape* is a parametric sculptural installation inspired by the structures of honeycombs and crystals, composed of individual polyhedral modules that interlock to form an unexpected topography. Asli Alin is a multidisciplinary artist traversing disciplines of drawing, painting, installation and photography who holds a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture. She has been commissioned to create public art in Canada and Europe and her work has been featured in a number of galleries throughout Toronto and abroad. Asli lives and works in Toronto. Explore *A Curious Landscape*. Accessibility If you require an accessibility accommodation for this program or event, please tell us how we can meet your needs as soon as possible so arrangements can be organized. If you require a sign language interpreter, please let us know at least two-weeks (10 working we

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Transforming mental health care in Canada, one community at a time. Learn more about our services and initiatives, and find out how you can contribute to a healthier, supportive Ontario. About our Partner Wounds 2 Wings Trauma and Embodiment Association of Ontario (TEAO) is committed to creating an inclusive, supportive environment for mental health and trauma recovery. Our mission is to provide immediate, community-based mental health services, offering mental health assessments, crisis support, and connection to vital resources. TEAO advocates for a shift in mental health services

towards early intervention, especially for vulnerable populations, with the goal of preventing hospitalizations and reducing emergency services. Our team works to deconstruct power dynamics, destigmatize mental health, and promote healing through embodiment practices. Together, we aim to build a resilient community where individuals thrive and support each other toward long-term wellness. By engaging the commun

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### *Focus on Leadership*



Empowering women to become tomorrow's leaders by building skills in board governance, networking, and community-driven decision making for lasting impact. Through this comprehensive training, participants will learn how to navigate the responsibilities of being a nonprofit board member. We focus on practical, hands-on skills including team building, problem-solving, and decision-making. You will also learn how to connect and collaborate effectively within leadership settings; helping you establish strong networks and expand your professional opportunities. Whether you're looking to make your voice heard in your community or advance your career, Focus on Leadership equips you with the essential tools to build a powerful leadership presence. This program is open to all women who are interested in pursuing leadership opportunities and making meaningful contributions to their communities. We believe in fostering diversity in leadership and providing access to opportunities that will help you

### *Ukulele Meet-Up*



Enjoy singing and smiling while strumming your ukulele with this casual group. All skill levels are welcome. If needed, you can borrow a ukulele with your membership card. Accessibility If you require an accessibility accommodation for this program or event, please tell us how we can meet your needs as soon as possible so arrangements can be organized. If you require a sign language interpreter, please let us know at least two-weeks (10 working weekdays) before the program date. If you are attending a registered program with a support person, please add your support worker as a guest when you sign up. COST: Free AGE GROUP: —Teens —Adults —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —Ukulele —Music —Meet-Up —Instruments —

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### *SPECTRUM Cambridge Transgender Peer Support Group*



Join SPECTRUM for a discussion and to meet other local gender-diverse folks. Funded by a grant from the Cambridge and North Dumfries Community Foundation, the bi-weekly Cambridge Transgender Peer Support Group is an informal, discussion-based, drop-in program. This group is a space for adults that identify within the trans/gender variant umbrella. Accessibility: If you require an accessibility accommodation for this program or event, please tell us how we can meet your needs as soon as possible so arrangements can be organized. If you require a sign language interpreter, please let us know at least two-weeks (10 working weekdays) before the program date. If you are attending a registered program with a support person, please add your support worker as a guest when you sign up. COST: Free AGE GROUP: —Adults —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —SPECTRUM —Queer —Pride —2SLGBTQIA+ —

### *Board Game Café*



From cards to Catan, this is a warm and friendly atmosphere for fans of low-tech table games. Try new games or bring your favourites with you. From deep strategy to goofy fun, all interest levels are welcome. Accessibility: If you require an accessibility accommodation for this program or event, please tell us how we can meet your needs as soon as possible so arrangements can be organized. If you require a sign language interpreter, please let us know at least two-weeks (10 working weekdays) before the program date. If you are attending a registered program with a support person, please add your support worker as a guest when you sign up. COST: Free AGE GROUP: —Teens —Adults —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —Table Top Games —Gamer —Board Games —

### *Fibre Arts Meet-Up*



Join other fibre arts enthusiasts as you work on your own project in a social environment. Share ideas and tips with like-minded folks related to knit, crochet, embroidery, macrame, sewing, and other fibre arts for a weekly social meet-up. Accessibility: If you require an accessibility accommodation

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### *Queen's Square Book Club*



Read with us and have great discussions about amazing books. A traditional book club where we meet the first Wednesday night of every month. Great for people who are busy during the day but still want to enjoy a book club in the evening. Note: Books will be distributed at the previous meeting for the next meet up. If you were unable to attend would like a copy of the book, please ask at the Member Services desk at Queen's Square. Accessibility If you require an accessibility accommodation for this program or event, please tell us how we can meet your needs as soon as possible so arrangements can be organized. If you require a sign language interpreter, please let us know at least two-weeks (10 working weekdays) before the program date. If you are attending a registered program with a support person, please add your support worker as a guest when you sign up. COST: Free AGE GROUP: —Adults —EVENT TYPE: —Book Clubs —TAGS: —Community —

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### *Introduction to Digital Embroidery*



In this class, we will go through the basics of using the Makerspace embroidery machine. You’ll learn to upload designs, hoop your fabric, thread the machine, and more. We’ll also share common mistakes or errors you may receive and how to resolve them. Accessibility If you require an accessibility accommodation for this program or event, please tell us how we can meet your needs as soon as possible so arrangements can be organized. If you require a sign language interpreter, please let us know at least two-weeks (10 working weekdays) before the program date. If you are attending a registered program with a support person, please add your support worker as a guest when you sign up. COST: Free AGE GROUP: —Adults —EVENT TYPE: —Maker Programs —TAGS: —Technology —Tech Training —Sewing —Makerspace —Embroidery —DIY —

### *Special Board Meeting*



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of the Cambridge Public Library Board will be held on Thursday, January 9, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. Members of the public are advised that a Special Meeting of the Cambridge Public Library Board will be held on Thursday, January 9, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. In accordance with Public Libraries Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.44, s. 16 (2) and 16.1 (4), the special meeting will take place in closed session and will not be open to members of the public. AGENDA 1. Acceptance of Agenda 2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest 3. Closed session: R.S.O. 1990, c. P.44, s. 16.1 (4) matter related to labour relations 5. Next Regular Meeting: February 26, 2025 in the board room at Queen’s Square, beginning at 4:45 p.m. 6. Adjournment For more information on library governance: <https://ideaexchange.org/about/board-trustees> AGE GROUP: —Adults —EVENT TYPE: —Special Events —TAGS: —

### *Silent Book Club*



Read your book silently alongside others silent readers. Set aside an hour of dedicated time to read while you share a quiet space with other readers. Share a little bit about what you’re reading, or listen to recommendations from other readers. There is no homework and sharing is optional. Bring your own book in any format. This is a drop-in program, you do not need to register to attend. Accessibility If you require an accessibility accommodation for this program or event, please tell us how we can meet your needs as soon as possible so arrangements can be organized. If you require a sign language interpreter, please let us know at least two-weeks (10 working weekdays) before the program date. If you are attending a registered program with a support person, please add your support worker as a guest when you sign up. COST: Free AGE GROUP: —Adults —EVENT TYPE: —Book Clubs —TAGS: —

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Enjoy singing and smiling while strumming your ukulele with this casual group. All skill levels are welcome. If needed, you can borrow a ukulele with your membership card. Accessibility If you require an accessibility accommodation for this program or event, please tell us how we can meet your needs as soon as possible so arrangements can be organized. If you require a sign language interpreter, please let us know at least two-weeks (10 working weekdays) before the program date. If you are attending a registered program with a support person, please add your support worker as a guest when you sign up. COST: Free AGE GROUP: —Teens —Adults —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —Ukulele —Music —Meet-Up —Instruments —

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### *Old Post Office Book Club*



Meet monthly to discuss a pre-selected title, share thoughts, and learn more about the books we love. This season's book titles: While supplies last, pick up a copy of the next month's book from the Old Post Office starting the second Friday of the month prior. Accessibility If you require an accessibility accommodation for this program or event, please tell us how we can meet your needs as soon as possible so arrangements can be organized. If you require a sign language interpreter, please let us know at least two-weeks (10 working weekdays) before the program date. If you are attending a registered program with a support person, please add your support worker as a guest when you sign up. COST: Free AGE GROUP: — Adults — EVENT TYPE: — Book Clubs — TAGS: — —

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### *Introduction to Laser Cutting*



Interested in using the Laser Cutter at the Old Post Office but have no idea where to start? In this session, we will show you the basics of 2D design using CorelDraw specifically with the Laser Cutter in-mind. We will also teach you to draw vector lines, cut out shapes and letters, and saving the design. When finished, you will feel comfortable enough to make de-

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Transforming mental health care in Canada, one community at a time. Learn more about our services and initiatives, and find out how you can contribute to a healthier, supportive Ontario. About our Partner Wounds 2 Wings Trauma and Embodiment Association of Ontario (TEAO) is committed to creating an inclusive, supportive environment for mental health and trauma recovery. Our mission is to provide immediate, community-based mental health services, offering mental health assessments, crisis support, and connection to vital resources. TEAO advocates for a shift in mental health services

towards early intervention, especially for vulnerable populations, with the goal of preventing hospitalizations and reducing emergency services. Our team works to deconstruct power dynamics, destigmatize mental health, and promote healing through embodiment practices. Together, we aim to build a resilient community where individuals thrive and support each other toward long-term wellness. By engaging the commun

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Learn strategy to improve your chess gameplay in a supportive setting. A basic understanding of the chess piece names and movements are required. Registration is required as each session builds upon content learned in previous sessions, please register for all four sessions. Accessibility If you require an accessibility accommodation for this program or event, please tell us how we can meet your needs as soon as possible so arrangements can be organized. If you require a sign language interpreter, please let us know at least two-weeks (10 working weekdays) before the program date. If you are attending a registered program with a support person, please add your support worker as a guest when you sign up. COST: Free AGE GROUP: —Adults —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —Games —Chess —

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*Time for Twos and Threes*

Bring your tot for some late-morning fun. Complete a registration for each child attending the program. Join us for fun and engaging stories, songs, and activities for 2 and 3-year-olds and their caregiver each week. Complete a registration for each child attending the program. This will help us provide the best possible experience. Accessibility If you require an accessibility accommodation for this program or event, please tell us how we can meet your needs as soon as possible so arrangements can be organized. If you require a sign language interpreter, please let us know at least two-weeks (10 working weekdays) before the program date. If you are attending a registered program with a support person, please add your support worker as a guest when you sign up. COST: Free AGE GROUP: —Kids —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —Preschool —

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*Families Under the Rainbow*

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*STEAM Storytime*

Twinkle, twinkle, little star, how I wonder what you are... Songs, rhymes, stories, and fun learning activities that inspire curious little minds to explore STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) and more. Drop in for fun! This program does not require registration. Accessibility If you require an accessibility accommodation for this program or event, please tell us how we can meet your needs as soon as possible so arrangements can be organized. If you require a sign language interpreter, please let us know at least two-weeks (10 working weekdays) before the program date. If you are attending a registered program with a support person, please add your support worker as a guest when you sign up. COST: Free AGE GROUP: —Kids —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —Stem —Steam —School Aged —Preschool —Drop-In —

*Baby and Me*

Learn new songs and rhymes, share stories, and meet other parents and babies. Complete a registration for each child attending the program. Get ready for some circle time fun. Learn new songs and rhymes, share stories, and meet other caregivers as your little one discovers the exciting world around them. Complete one registration for each child attending the program. This will help us provide the best possible experience. Accessibility If you require an accessibility accommodation for this program or event, please tell us how we can meet your needs as soon as possible so arrangements can be organized. If you require a sign language interpreter, please let us know at least two-weeks (10 working weekdays) before the program date. If you are attending a registered program with a support person, please add your support worker as a guest when you sign up. COST: Free AGE GROUP: —Kids —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —Baby and Parent —Baby —

*Shake, Rattle, and Read*

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### *Discover-ology*



From archaeology to zoology, explore a new field of study each week through hands-on activity stations. Dive into a new research field each week to explore exciting topics like archaeology, zoology, and oceanology. Through interactive learning stations, you'll engage in fun activities that spark your curiosity and creativity. Drop in for fun! This program does not require registration. Accessibility If you require an accessibility accommodation for this program or event, please tell us how we can meet your needs as soon as possible so arrangements can be organized. If you require a sign language interpreter, please let us know at least two-weeks (10 working weekdays) before the program date. If you are attending a registered program with a support person, please add your support worker as a guest when you sign up. COST: Free AGE GROUP: —Kids —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —Steam —School Aged —Drop-In —Activities —

### *Reading Buddies*



Kids practice their reading with a teenage buddy. Complete a registration for each child attending the program. Have fun with a teenage buddy and read books, play games, and hang out! Complete a registration for each child attending the program. This will help us provide the best possible experience. Accessibility If you require an accessibility accommodation for this program or event, please tell us how we can meet your needs as soon as possible so arrangements can be organized. If you require a sign language interpreter, please let us know at least two-weeks (10 working weekdays) before the program date. If you are attending a registered program with a support person, please add your support worker as a guest when you sign up. COST: Free AGE GROUP: —Teens —Kids —EVENT TYPE: —Programs + Workshops —TAGS: —School Aged —Games —

### *NFB Movie Screening*



View an award-winning cinematic feature film presented by the NFB. Directed by Monique LeBlanc 2023 — 75 min Documentary Original English The Geographies of DAR is a captivating film that explores the life and literary works of renowned Canadian author David Adams Richards. Through stunning visuals, insightful interviews and excerpts from his writings, the film uncovers the profound connection between Richards' personal experiences and Eastern Canada's Miramichi, the region that shaped his storytelling. The masterful cinematography showcases the harsh yet beautiful landscapes of Richards' Miramichi, taking viewers on a journey through the complex lives of his characters, marked by destruction, freedom and redemption. Richards opens up about his childhood, his struggles and demons, and his unwavering belief in God, providing candid and perceptive insights into cruelty, love, faith and the human experience. This poignant film is an elegy to the joys, suffering, mercies and beauty of life, celeb