

FELLOWES ATHENAEUM TRUST ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Please sign up for Public Comment by 12:30pm via the “CHAT” or send written comments to the Clerk of the Board, pcarver@bpl.org. Comments left in the chat will not be acknowledged.

BPL OPENING STATEMENT

The Trustees of The Boston Public Library reaffirm our commitment to racial equity and to principles of diversity equity and inclusion, more broadly.

The Library is formally committed to becoming an anti-racist organization in response to systemic racism, inequity, and injustice prevalent in our society.

We acknowledge also that the Boston Public Library's Central Library stands on land that was once a water-based ecosystem providing sustenance for the indigenous Massachusetts people *and is a place which has long served as a site of meeting and exchange among nations*. We are committed to land acknowledgements for all locations at which we operate.

We reaffirm this commitment to set the context for our planning, deliberations, and public engagement so that they take place from the spirit of welcome and respect, found in our motto 'free to all.'

Taken from the Institutional Statement Ratified by the Board of Trustees for the Boston Public Library on September 29, 2020.

FELLOWES ATHENAEUM TRUST COMMITTEE (FATC)

Evelyn Arana Ortiz, Committee Chair

- A. Roll Call of Committee Members
- B. Approval of Meeting Minutes from 2.16.23
- C. Update on Committee Members
- C. Trustees FATC FY24 Expenditure of \$110,886.00

BPL Updates

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Priscilla Foley,

Director of Neighborhood Services

APPROVAL OF PROGRAM MANAGER CONTRACT

Evelyn Arana Ortiz, Committee Chair

VOTED: “that, the Fellowes Athenaeum Trust Fund Advisory Committee of the Public Library of the City of Boston approve the Program Manager contract with Candelaria Silva-Collins for FY24 not to exceed Forty-One Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Seven dollars (\$41,777.00).”

Review of FY23 Programs

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*Candelaria Silva-Collins,
FATC Program Manager*

Attendance for FY23 Programs

Grantee	Program	Audience	Date(s)	Notes (* =observed)
Faith Johnson	Movement & Meditation	Adults	April 6-May 18	Ranged 3-8 participants: Nearly ½ didn't show that signed up at times*
Arts Emerson	Play Reading Book Club	Adults	Various – 5 sessions per play October –March	Session sizes ranged from 6-20 participants*
Ayana Bean	Beyond the Bars	Adults	Various: 11/14-5/27 Monday afternoons & Saturday AM	Ranged from 3-13 participants*
Visionary: Mestra Isaura Oliveria	Brazilian Dance Class & Performance	Teens-Adults	Oct. 22-Dec. 10 Final Performance on Dec. 7, Community Evaluation on Dec. 19	10-13 attendees in classes. 75 in performance (Teen participation never took off)*
Chess Wizards	Chess Classes	Youth	4/05-6/28 Wed. afternoons and Saturdays (13 classes)	Class size average 8 with high of 14*
Brenda Huggins (Family Arts)	Poetry Alive	Families w Youth 7+	April 8 and April 15	15 in 1st session, 12 in 2 nd session*
Haley House	Take Back the Kitchen: Cooking classes for families	Families	4 sessions (Feb – May)	12-14 per session*
Haley House	Take Back the Kitchen: Cooking classes for Older Adults	Seniors	4 sessions (Feb-May)	10-15 per session*
Stephanie McKay and Lauren Dale	Take the “A” Train: Exploring Creative Processes of Key, Harlem Renaissance creatives	Youth (ages 6-10)	June 26-30	
Deborah A. Cox (DAC Enterprises)	Know Your Rights: When Interacting with Police & Law Enforcement	Adults – 18+	March-June 14 (Once a month)	Approximately 20 participants each
Que Lindo (Blanca Bonilla)	Latino Pioneers in Boston Project (Film and Poster Exhibit	All ages	Oct. 12 & October 17	75+ in audience

John Kordalewski	Makanda Project Concerts	All ages	Nov. 12 (Dee Alexander) Feb. 25 (Ricky Ford)	November: 90-107 people* 1,432 views online. February: 70-108* (25% new) Not available online
Thabasix Solutions (Darnell Anderson)	Math for Life	4 &5th graders	Oct. –Dec.	2-4 students and 2 parents*
Iris Evans & Breyanna Catlett	Movers and Makers	Kids	July 7-21	
City Strings United (Bithyah Israel)	Musical Stories	January-May (Monthly)	Families	15-30participants*
Carlos Vargas	Piano Classes for Kids	Oct.-June (3 session/wk)	Youth 6-15	Recital: 75+ 15-24 students (8 per session)*
Carlos Vargas	Roxbury Concert Series	Feb., April, & June	All ages	1 st – 95 * 2 nd – 45 * 3 rd - 100+*
Leslie R. English	Sewing 101 Workshops	Oct-March	Adults	Final dates for each session was Certificate Ceremony/Showcase (11 started in 1 st class - 8 completed)*
Joel Mackall (Reidren Business Group)	Genealogy Bootcamp – Tracing Our Roots	March 25	Adults	15 students
Joel Mackall (Reidren Business Group)	Smart Phones		Seniors	4-7 participants *
Michelle Coleman	Intro to Chakras & Chair Yoga	January 9- February 27	Seniors	Between 11-13 participants

Photo Overview of FATF Programs

Candelaria Silva-Collins

June 15, 2023

Grantee Orientation Sept. 2022



Art & Meditation - Spring 2023



Art & Meditation Student work



Art & Meditation: Supplies



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"I just wanted to say a heartfelt thank you for the wonderful watercolor meditation workshop in Roxbury. I didn't expect it to be so moving and so powerful to be in a meditative state. I recently lost my job in healthcare and found myself with a lot of time, hence my showing up. But it was so helpful in helping me grieve and allowing me to explore my emotions of floating unmoored."

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Art & Meditation participant

ArtsEmerson Play Reading Book Club



ArtsEmerson - Play Reading Book Club



Brazilian Dance Class



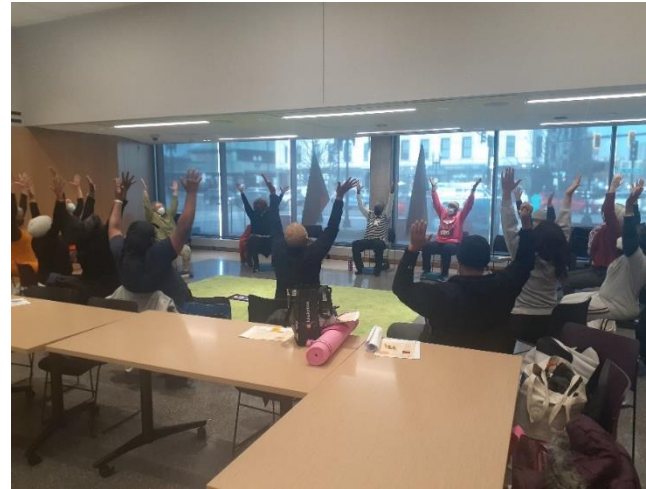
Beyond the Bars



Beyond the Bars



Finding the Light Within - Intro to Chakras & Chair Yoga



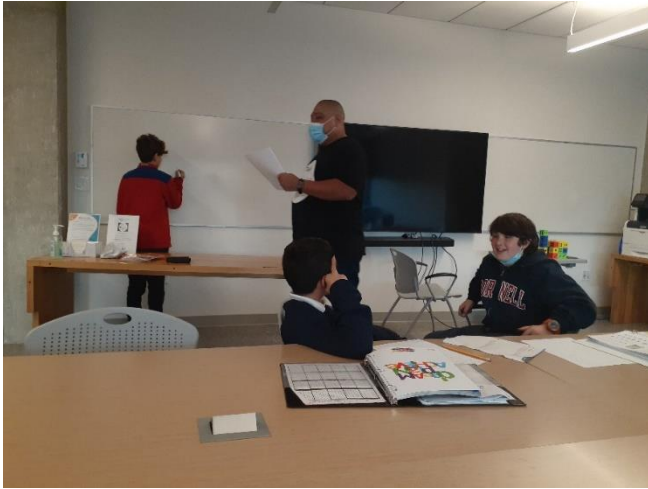
Genealogy Bootcamp



Makanda Project Concert



Math for Life



Elhan Salimovich 12-18-22

1. Did you like the workshop?
yes

2. Did you work out problems with a pencil help you understand math more?
yes

3. What part of the workshop did you not like?
~~Q~~ I liked it a lot.

4. Would you recommend a friend to do it?

5. What could have the instructor have done better?
nothin

Know Your Rights When Interacting w Police and Law Enforcement



Know Your Rights



Latino Pioneers in Boston



Movers and Makers (starting in July)

 **Movers & Makers**
with Iris Evans and Breyanna Catlett

FREE Family Event | 2023 Summer Sessions
MOVE TOGETHER. ENGAGE YOUR SENSES. CREATE ART.

We'll begin each session with playful movement and games before we settle into our creative space to create art.

July 7th 10am-12pm | Jewelry Making
July 7th 12-3pm | Tie-dye
July 8th 10am-1pm | Tie-dye
July 8th 1-4pm | Potted Plants
July 12th 10am-1pm | Jewelry Making
July 21st 10am-1pm | Terrarium

Snacks provided.

LOCATION:
Roxbury Public Library
149 Dudley St, Roxbury, MA 02119

For more information / to register contact:
iris@irisemindbody.com

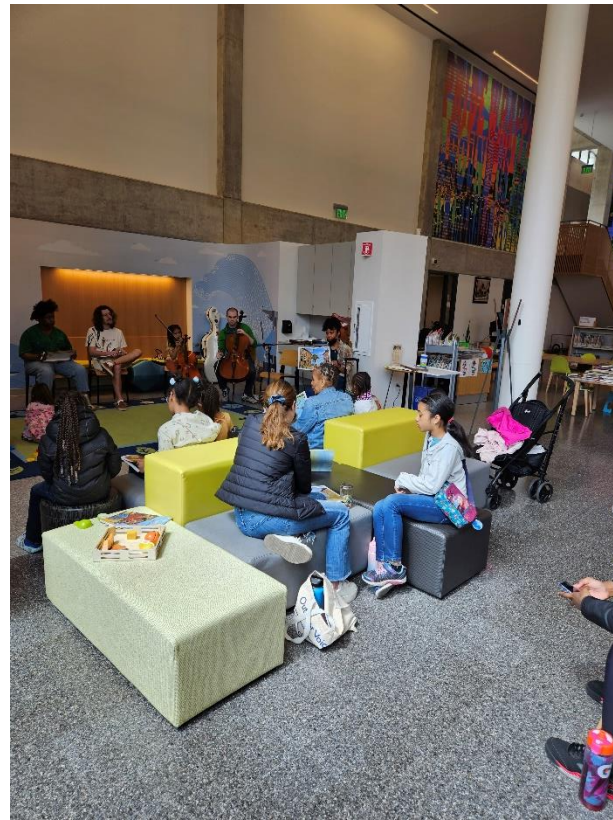
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Musical Stories



Musical Stories



Piano classes - Spring



Piano Recital - 6/3/23



Poetry Alive (Family Arts)



Poetry Alive



Roxbury Concert Series - Intro by Piano Student



Roxbury Concert Series

1st & 2nd



Roxbury Concert Series - 3



Sewing 101 - Spring Session



Sewing 101 - Spring



Sewing 101

Wearable Art



Pillows & Runners



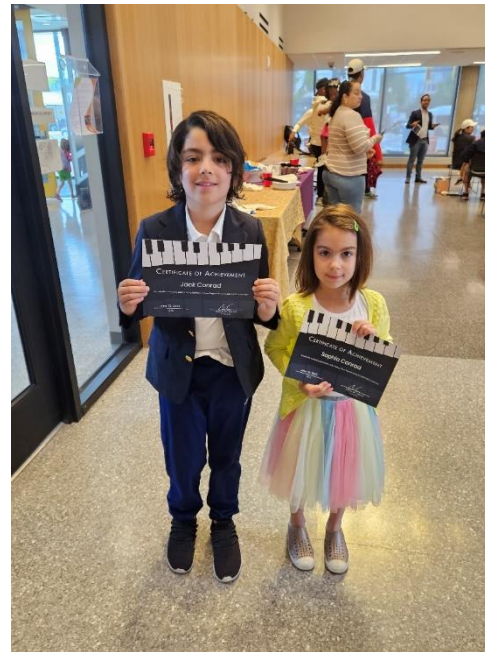
Smart Phones



Piano Recital - More photos



More Piano Recital Photos



Partial group shot



Chris in 2019



Take Back the Kitchen: Families



Take Back the Kitchen: (Older Adults)



Take Back the Kitchen: (Older Adults)



Take the A Train- Exploration of the Harlem Renaissance (June)

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Take the "A" Train

Enter the world of the Harlem Renaissance!

A FREE five-session arts workshop for children* exploring the art, culture, history and activism of the Harlem Renaissance.

Come experience a unique and exciting hands-on workshop where children (ages 6-10) will explore the creative processes of key historical Harlem Renaissance figures. We will immerse ourselves in books, storytelling, art, music and dance.

This program is facilitated by arts educators Stephanie McKay and Lauren Dale. Stephanie is an internationally renowned recording artist who uses the arts to engage in culturally responsive learning. Lauren is a career educator who is passionate about integrating children's books to create rich educational experiences. Artists will include:

- Session 1 12:15 - 2:45 pm** Duke Ellington and Ella Fitzgerald
- Session 2 12:15 - 2:45 pm** August Savage and Nicholas brothers
- Session 3 12:15- 2:45 pm** Zora Neale Hurston
- Session 4 12:15- 2:45 pm** Romare Beardon and Langston Hughes
- Session 5 12:15- 2:45 pm** Jacob Lawrence

Registration is required. Upon registration, please pick a session. Children can attend all five or just one. Lunch will be served each day.

*This program is funded by the Fellowes Athenaeum Trust

Take the "A" Train - Week-long Camp
June 26th - June 30th 12:15 pm - 2:45 pm
for kids ages 6-10

Roxbury Branch of the Public Library
149 Dudley Street, Roxbury, MA 02119
In person. Masks optional
To register <https://forms.gle/1qjbeHLHWAUNgB4Z7>



For more, visit www.bpl.org

KIDS





As you can see, programs funded by FATF are reaching many in positive ways.

Review of FY24
RFP Language & Timeline

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FATC Program Manager*

Activities Requested (October 2023-June 2024)

Children (Preschool and Elementary Grades)

- The Children's space has computers, picture books, cultural history and literature, fun math books, science project guides, encyclopedias, magazines and graphic novels. The Children's Room also has a central reading area that is great for storytelling.

The Children's Librarian, Brittany Johnson, suggests the following activities:

- After-school arts, dance or yoga
- Storytelling, music and movement
- Chess instruction
- Technology classes (Including Minecraft, Lego robotics, 3D Printing or coding)
- Crafts classes
- Cooking classes (once allowed)
- Activities for families are welcome

Quiet activities are welcomed in the Children's Space, Nutrition Lab, and Outdoor Space. Performing arts and large-group events for children need to be carried out in the Community Room. **Your proposal must demonstrate strategies for family engagement and cultural competency with children.**

Teens (Middle School and High School students)

- Teens and tweens utilize the Roxbury Branch's computers and wireless Internet access during out-of-school time. Programs about youth culture are popular. Drop-in programs have also been successful.

The Teen Librarian, suggests the following activities:

- Music programming – how to make a CD, how to make music on computer
- Open mics/spoken word events or programs
- Digital music programming (how make a beat, how to use Garage Band)
- Chess Instruction
- Using 3D printer
- Comic book and graphic novel creation
- Cooking classes
- Technology programs (including web design, photo editing, anime, Minecraft, Lego robotics, 3D printing or coding).
- Writing workshops (visits from local artists & 'zine written by participants)
- Other appropriate teen-focused programs (i.e., cooking, fashion, or crafts)

Your proposal must demonstrate strategies for youth engagement and cultural competency with teens. Most youth activities that involve groups, are best carried out in Small Conference Room, Teen Space, Learning Lab, Nutrition Lab, Community Room, or outdoor space.

Adults and Families

- Educational, history, and arts and cultural programming are invited. We are especially interested in financial literacy programs and programs that work with people who have been marginalized. Computers, community development, the arts, chess, cultural events, research, creative writing, and continuing education, including employment and finances are the primary interests of adult library users.

The Branch Librarian, Allen Knight & Akunna Eneh, Programs and Community Outreach Librarian, suggest the following activities:

- Adult Literacy (Math, English, reading, and writing)
- Computer and Smart Phone instruction (in English, Spanish, Haitian Kreyol, and/or Arabic)
- Financial Literacy (i.e., establishing or repairing credit, banking, saving, budgeting and investing)
- Cultural arts programming (i.e., visual, performing arts, dance, and film)
- Writing classes (i.e., memoirs, fiction, poetry, and essays)
- Music instruction and music programming
- Podcast Instruction Classes
- Multilingual Poetry Event
- Cooking and Nutrition classes (for families, seniors, young adults who are learning to live independently)
- Sewing and craft classes (for families, seniors, and young adults)
- Speakers' series presenting authors and thought-leaders in Greater Roxbury and information on Roxbury History
- Services for formerly incarcerated (i.e., Clearing and sealing incarceration records – CORI)

Members of Friends of the Roxbury Branch Library suggest the following activities:

- Financial Education (i.e., learning about budgets, baking, saving, investments, and financial paperwork)
- Health and wellness programs (i.e., yoga, meditation, stress reduction, etc.)
- Adult Literacy
- Technology Instruction (i.e., basic and advanced computer use, connecting the Internet, social media, ordering online, etc.)
- Black History programs and events
- Programs and Events which showcase the arts

New Business

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Evelyn Arana Ortiz, Committee Chair

Public Comment

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- People will be chosen in the order they were received and allowed 2 minutes to speak.
- The Moderator will unmute your mic when you are called on.
- Comments made in chat during meeting will not be acknowledged.
- If follow up is required, please send your contact email or phone number to the Clerk of the Board at pcarver@bpl.org