

# FELLOWES ATHENAEUM TRUST ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

*Please sign up for Public Comment by 1:00pm via the “CHAT” or send written comments to the Clerk of the Board, [pcarver@bpl.org](mailto:pcarver@bpl.org). Comments left in the chat will not be acknowledged.*

December 7, 2023

*Evelyn Arana Ortiz, Chair*

# BPL OPENING STATEMENT

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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.*

# BPL Updates

**BOSTON  
PUBLIC  
LIBRARY**



*Priscilla Foley,*

*Director of Neighborhood Services*

*Candelaria Silva-Collins*

*FATC Program Manager*

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- Updates on FY24 programs



# FATF Programs

October 2023 -December 2 2023

Presentation by  
Candelaria Silva-Collins

# FATF Grantee Orientations 9/9 (11 attendees) & 9/11 (10 attendees)

- Forgot to take photo this year.



# Program Categories

## ARTS

- Book Fair (Greater Roxbury Book Fair)
- Dance
- Film
- MassQing workshops
- Music Concerts/Performances
- Piano Lessons
- Play Reading Book Club
- Visual Arts
- Writing (Poetry)

## INSTRUCTION

- Brazilian Dance Class
- Chair Yoga
- Chess Classes
- Cartooning Workshop (for Tweens)
- Collage Workshop
- Creativity as Meditation
- Family Cooking classes
- Fundamentals of Financial Planning
- Movers & Makers
- Piano classes (children & teens)
- Poetry classes
- Play Reading Book Club
- Senior Cooking classes
- Sewing Classes (Adults & Families)
- Take the A Train Arts Camp



# Program Categories-2

## HEALTH & WELL-BEING

- Art & Meditation
- CALM Experience Tween Program
- Chair Yoga
- Cooking Classes (for Families and Seniors)
- Movers and Makers
- Women's Health & Wellness Empowerment Series

## AUDIENCE CATEGORIES (There is some overlap)

- Families – 5
- Youth – 7
- Adults – 10
- Seniors – 3



# Programs - Fall 2023

- Piano Classes for Kids began on October 7
- Mama Used To Say: Chair Yoga & Intro to Yoga's Ethical Principles (Mon. - Oct. 2-30, Tues. 10/10)
- Roxbury Concert Series:
  - Hemenway Strings (10/28)
  - Trio Gaia (12/2)
- New Wealth Workshop Series (12/9, 12/16, 1/27)

## Programs - Fall 2023 (cont.)

- Makanda Project Concert featuring Dee Alexander  
(November 4)
- Sewing 101 Bootcamp  
(October 14)
- Chess Classes  
(Oct. 4 - Dec. 7)
- Play Reading Book Club (The Real James Bond was...Dominican  
(October 28-Nov. 18; performance Nov. 11)
- Art & Meditation Workshops  
(Nov. 2 - December 7)



# Arts & Meditation Workshops November 2- December 7

**BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY**

## Art and Meditation Workshops

*With Contemplative & Healing Arts Practitioner Faith Johnson*



RELAX through guided meditation. REFLECT through journaling. REPLENISH through contemplative creativity.

EXPLORE:

- November 2: Collage
- November 9: Watercolor
- November 16: Rubbings and Stamps
- November 30: Weaving - Part 1
- December 7: Weaving - Part 2

For Weaving, please sign up for Part 1 and Part 2.

No experience necessary with art or meditation needed. Limited space to 15 spots per workshop. To register for one or all, please visit [full-circle-arts.com/upcoming](http://full-circle-arts.com/upcoming), scan QR code, or text Faith Johnson at 617-971-8951.

*This program is funded through the Fellowes Athenaeum Trust Fund.*

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**Art and Meditation Workshops**  
**Dates: Thursday, November 2, 9, 16, & 30; and December 7, 2023**  
**Time: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**  
Registration required.

Roxbury Branch Library | 149 Dudley St. | Roxbury | MA 02119  
617.442.6186



For more, visit [www.bpl.org](http://www.bpl.org)

Adults



# Art & Meditation





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## November 16 - Journaling





# Art & Meditation - Weaving





# Roxbury Piano Classes November 5

9:00 am class





# Piano classes - November 5





# Piano Class - October 28

In Learning Lab space





# Piano Classes - 12/2

9:00 & 10:00 with 2 assistants





# Piano Class with Kyoka November 18



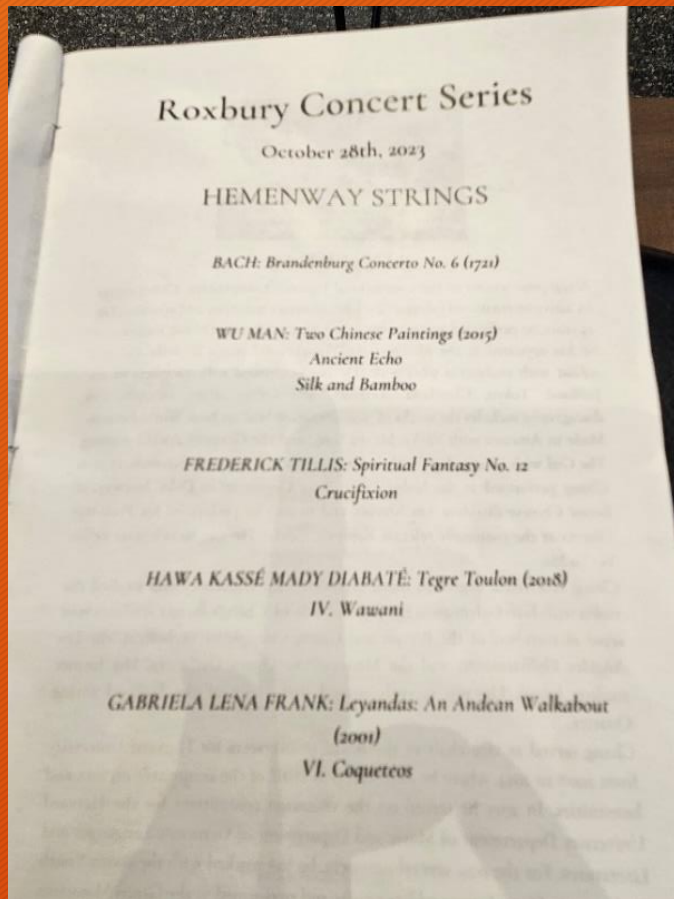


# Roxbury Concert Series Hemenway Strings





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# Roxbury Concert Series

## Trio Gaia - December 2





# Roxbury Concert Series

## Trio Gaia





# Sewing 101 Bootcamp October 14





# Sewing 101 - 2 participants with certificates





# Chess Wizards Chess Class

11/01





# Mama Used To Say: Chair Yoga & Intro to Yoga's Ethical Principles






# Real James Bond - reception





# Photo from Play Bill



“Pumped full of the most  
AMAZING STORIES  
[and] chalk full  
of humor and depth.”  
— The Column Online

**NOV 08—12**

## THE REAL JAMES BOND... WAS DOMINICAN

DNAWORKS

from USA Tickets start at \$75

1 hour 10 minutes 14+

Emerson Performance Series  
Robert J. Orchard

The real inspiration for 007 is revealed in this one-of-a-kind show.

What happens when a James Bond-obsessed Dominican boy in Queens (who won't go anywhere without his nerf gun), finds out that the real James Bond was Dominican? Learning that Bond creator Ian Fleming drew upon the life and career of Porfirio Rubirosa—a Dominican diplomat, international polo champion, race-car driver, pilot, and spy—as the inspiration for the classic 007 character shook performer Christopher Rivas' very foundation and set him on a quest to find his true self.

Join Chris as he digs deeper into the world of Bond, its inspiration, and what it meant to him as an actor in Hollywood. Before Connery and Craig, there was Rubirosa. Developed with and Directed by Daniel Banks. Don't miss the Boston premiere of **The Real James Bond...Was Dominican**.

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# PRBC - Real James Bond Reception photos





# Starting December 9 New Wealth Workshop Series

 **New Wealth Workshop Series**  
*Presented by Nubian Square Investment Advisors LLC*

Join us for an exciting in-person event, the New Wealth Workshop Series, happening at the Roxbury Branch of the Boston Public Library. This series is designed to help you gain valuable insights to prepare you for financial success heading into the new year and beyond. Sessions include:

1. The Fundamentals of Financial Planning (Dec 9)
2. Investment Strategies & Leaving a Legacy (Dec 16)
3. Achieving Your Financial Goals in 2024 and Beyond (Jan 27)

Whether you're just starting out or looking to level up your financial knowledge, this workshop series is for you. We'll see you there!

Light refreshments will be served.

RSVP encouraged email [advisor\\_services@nubiansquareia.com](mailto:advisor_services@nubiansquareia.com) or visit <https://bit.ly/Newwealth> or scan QR code below.

*Funded by the Fellowes Athenaeum Trust Fund.*


*Accessibility Notice: We strive to make our events accessible. To request a disability accommodation and/or language services, contact [roxbury@bpl.org](mailto:roxbury@bpl.org). Please allow at least two weeks to arrange accommodation.* 

**New Wealth Workshop Series presented by  
Nubian Square Investment Advisors LLC**

**Date: Saturday, Dec. 9 & 16, 2023 and Jan. 27, 2024**

**Time: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM**

Roxbury Branch Library  
149 Dudley St., Roxbury, MA 02119  
617.442.6186

*For more, visit [www.bpl.org](http://www.bpl.org)*



# In the News: Zahili Gonzalez Zamora Roxbury Concert Series

## Bay State Banner (11/18)





# In the News (Bay State Banner) Jay Vilar (Haley House - TBK Classes)





# Makanda Project Concert Dee Alexander November 4





# Makanda Project Horns & City Strings - November 4





# Greater Roxbury Book Fair

## Authors so far - May 18, 2024

- Adult Featured Author:  
Ibram X. Kendi
- Kids Featured Author:  
Jacqueline Woodson
- Abria Smith
- Anna Staniszewski
- Arthur Collins
- Carlos Hernandez
- Denise Washington
- Ekoa Holmes
- Hannah Moushabeck
- Jabari Asim
- Jonathan Todd
- LJ Baptiste
- Mia Wenjen
- Phoebe Sinclair
- Raul the Third
- Valerie Stephens



Thank you.



# New Business

**BOSTON  
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*Evelyn Arana Ortiz, Committee Chair*

\* Schedule next meeting



# 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](mailto:pcarver@bpl.org)