



BPL FELLOWES ATHENAEUM TRUST FUND
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Evelyn Arana Ortiz, Committee Chair

2.16.23

Members of the Public may sign up for Public Comment via the CHAT by 10:30 a.m.
Comments left in the chat will not be acknowledged. written comments may be submitted to the Clerk of the Board, pcarver@bpl.org

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. Reading of Reaffirmation Statement
- B. Roll Call of Committee Members
- C. Approval of Meeting Minutes from 8.17.22
- D. FATC Budget update

BPL Updates

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*Priscilla Foley,
Director of Neighborhood Services*

Review of FY23 Program Updates

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*Candelaria Silva-Collins,
FATC Program Manager*



FATF Programs

October 2022 –February 2023

Presentation by

Candelaria Silva-Collins

FATF Grantee Orientation

9/12/2022



Program Categories

o Arts

- Dance
- Film
- Exhibit
- Music Concerts
- Music Lessons
- Play Reading Book Club
- Visual Arts

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o Instruction

- Know Your Rights When Interacting with Police & Law Enforcement
- Brazilian Dance Class
- Chess Classes
- Math for Life (4th & 5th graders)
- Creative Writing & Visual Art Making
- Genealogy “Tracing Our Roots” Bootcamp
- Smart Phones workshop
- Collage Workshop
- Creativity as Meditation

Program Categories-2

o Instruction -2

- Family Cooking classes
- Senior Cooking classes
- Sewing Classes
- Movers and Shakers
- Play Reading Book Club
- Piano classes
- Musical stories – Interactive literature & music learning
- Arts Camp (Artist & Activists of Harlem Renaissance)

o Health & Well-being

- Cooking Classes (for Families and Seniors)
- Creativity as Meditation
- Movers and Makers
- Introduction to Chakras and Chair Yoga

Program Categories -3

◦ Empowerment

- Beyond the Bars (for people impacted by incarceration)
- Know Your Rights When Interacting with Police & Law Enforcement

Programs

Play Reading Book Club (On Beckett completed, Made in China in process)

Piano Classes – (10/15-6/17)

Makanda Project Concert featuring Dee Alexander – (11/12)

Latino Pioneers in Boston (10/17) – doc screening, magazine, and exhibit

Math for Life (10/27-12/15) – For 4th & 5th grade students

Brazilian Dance Classes (10-29-12/10)

Programs

o **Brazilian Dance** – Final Performance: Power of Skirts (12/17)

o **Chess Classes** with Chess Wizards:

Session 1 – (9/28-11/16 - Wed. afternoons)

Session 2 – (10/1-11/10 – Sat. midday)

o **Sewing 101**

Session 1 – (10/24-12/17 – Mondays & Saturdays)

Session 2 – (17-2/27 – Mon. & Sat.)

Closing certificate ceremony (3/11)

Programs in Action

****Photos****



Beyond the Bars

12/6/2022



Beyond the Bars workshop

1/19/2023



Chess Wizards

12-15-2022



Latino Pioneers in Boston

Film screening - 10-17-2022



Latino Pioneers in Boston

Poster exhibit

Early audience pix Latino Pioneers screening



Brazilian Dance Class



Brazilian Dance Class

Power of Skirts audience





Drummers – Power of Skirts

Final Performance

Carlos & Kamilla teaching

Piano classes



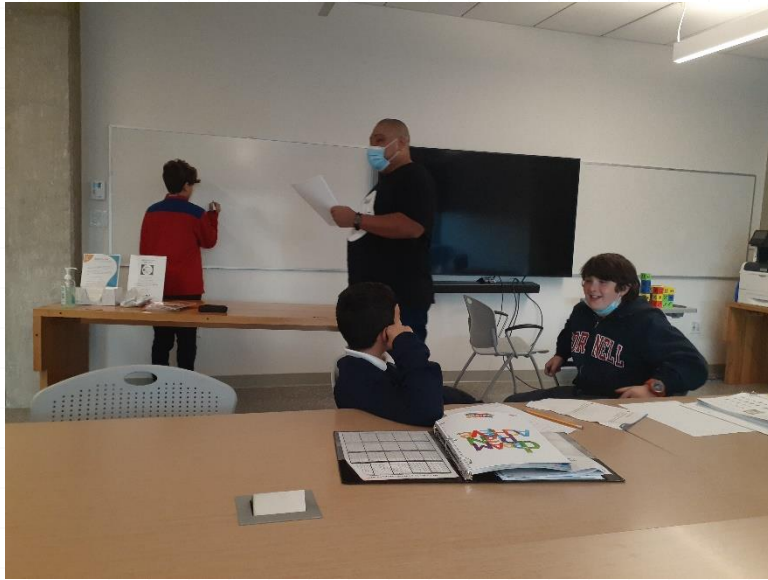
Piano classes



Piano classes



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?
~~no~~ I liked it a lot.

4. Would you recommend a friend
to do it?

5. What could have the instructor
done better
nothin

Musical Stories

Crowd



Musicians

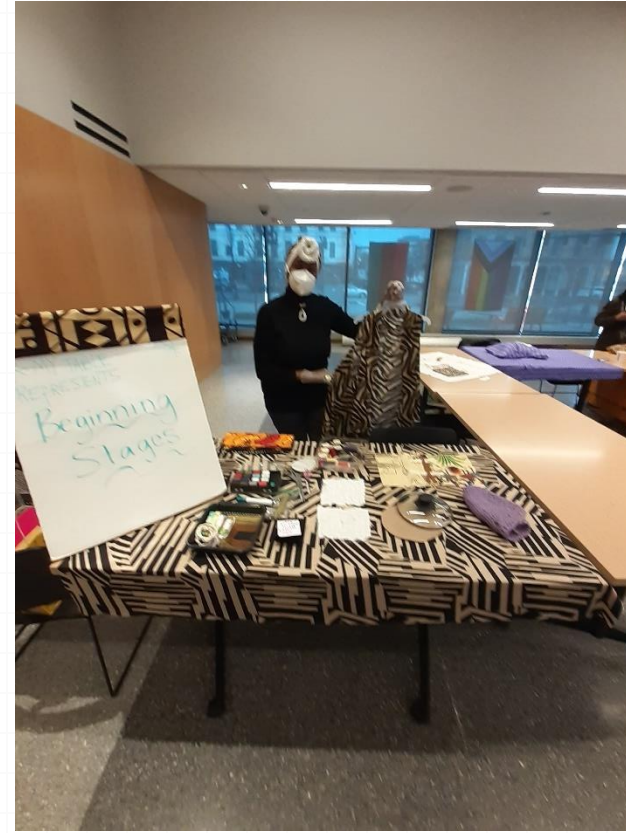


Play Reading Book Club

2 different plays (On Beckett & Made in China)



Sewing 101 Classes



Gifts from Sewing 101 for Roxbury staff



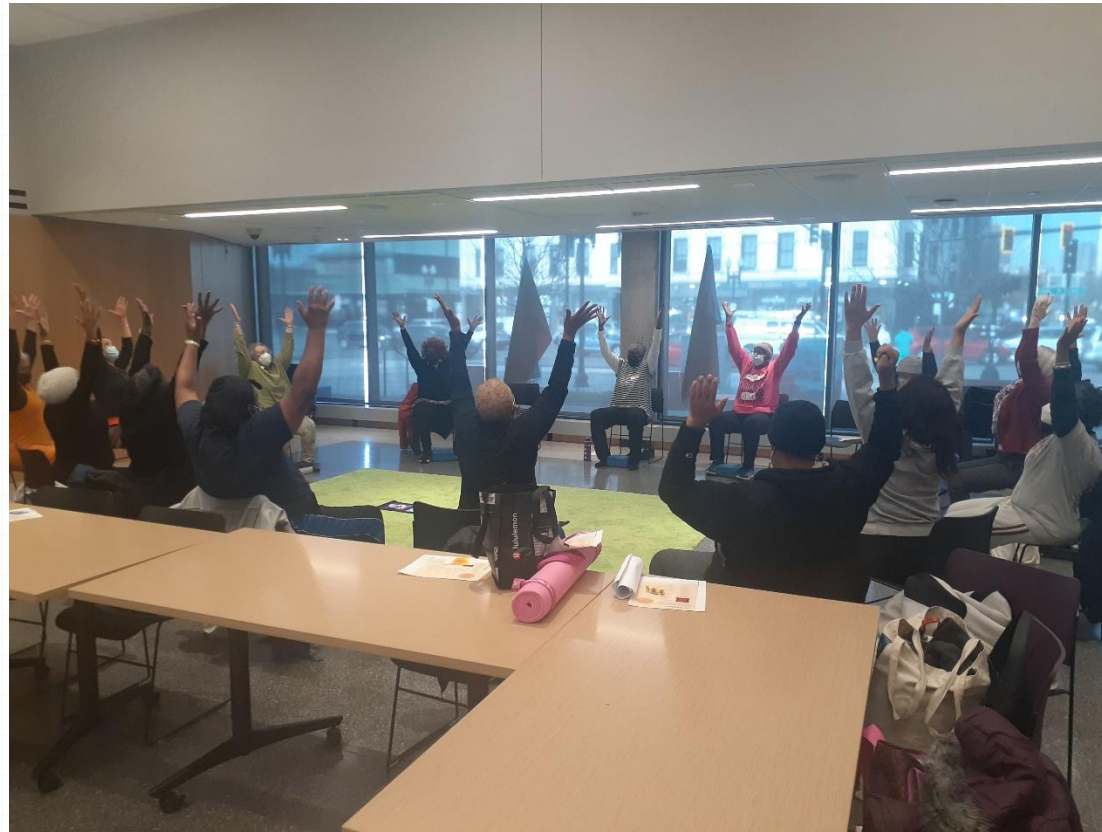
Pincushion cupcakes

Sewing 101 Certificate Ceremony



Finding the Light Within:

Intro to Chakras & Chair Yoga



Current/Upcoming

- o TBK (Take Back the Kitchen Classes) – one for families, one for Older Adults
- o Roxbury Concert Series (3 concerts)
- o Poetry Alive (families)
- o Makanda Project Concert featuring Rickie Ford and Askia Toure
- o Know Your Rights
- o Movers & Makers: Movement & Art Making Workshops (families)
- o Musical Stories (families)

Current/Upcoming - 2

- o Sewing 101
- o Smart Phones Instruction (Adults)
- o Tracing Our Roots Bootcamp (Adults)
- o Creativity & Meditation (Adults)
- o Finding the Light Within: Intro to Chakras & Chair Yoga
- o Piano Classes (Recital – June 17)

Flyers for upcoming programs

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Family Arts Workshop: Poetry Alive!

Free workshop with Families Creating Together

Join Families Creating Together, an inclusive arts program for children of all abilities, and visual and performing artist Brenda Huggins for two fun sessions of Poetry Alive!

Enjoy a bi-lingual and interactive creative writing and visual art workshop that centers around the themes of community and imagination. Express and share your creative ideas through a variety of fun and engaging artistic activities including drama games, poetry writing, drawing and painting. Make your words come alive!

Recommended for youths ages 7+ and their adults.

Free workshop materials and a light snack will be provided.

This program is funded with the generous support of the Fellowes Athenaeum Trust Fund.

POETRY ALIVE!
Date: Saturday, April 1 and April 8, 2023
Time: 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Pre-registration required.
Please email fcreatingt@gmail.com to RSVP.

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

For more, visit www.bpl.org



KIDS

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Roxbury Concert Series

Presents: "The Romantic Piano Trio"
Brahms Piano Trio Op. 8
Free concert with reception to follow

Join us for the opening concert of the Roxbury Concert Series featuring internationally renowned musicians Carlos Vargas, Gaia Sbeghen, and Ricardo Sardinias.

The concert will feature Brahms Piano Trio Op. 8, one of the most beautiful pieces of music written for this format (Piano, Violin and Cello).

Join us and enjoy the reception to follow along with the possibility to meet and greet these distinguished artists.

This program is funded by the Fellowes Athenaeum Trust Fund.

The Roxbury Concert Series is proud to use an instrument from Falcetti Pianos for these performances.



Roxbury Concert Series Presents:
"The Romantic Piano Trio" - Brahms Piano Trio Op. 8
Date: February 18, 2023
Time: 12:00-1:30 pm
RSVP by emailing roxburyconcertseries@gmail.com.

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For more, visit www.bpl.org



Adults

Two more flyers

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Know Your Rights

When Interacting with Police and Law Enforcement

"Know Your Rights When Interacting with Police and Law Enforcement" is a 4-part pilot program series, made possible by a grant from **The Fellowes Athenaeum Trust Fund of the Boston Public Library (FATF)**, designed to introduce the Black and Brown communities of Boston with life-saving safety skills to promote safer outcomes when interacting with the police and other law enforcement officials especially during traffic stops. The training activities include:

- Review & critique of videos about encounters with law enforcement
- Role plays
- Current event discussions
- Personal reflective writing

Participants will have an opportunity to learn their 5 C's of Awareness and Change as it relates to their cultural identity, increase awareness of the legal system, rights under the US Constitution, communication techniques, the importance of voting and navigating the criminal justice system as well as the political process.

Participants who attend all 4 sessions will receive a certificate upon completion of the series.

This program, led by instructor Deborah Cox, is offered in-person and online. Registration is required.

Know Your Rights When Interacting with Police and Law Enforcement
Dates: Wednesdays, 3/8, 4/12, 5/10, and 6/14
Time: 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Registration (in-person): bit.ly/knowyourrightsbydac
Registration (virtual via Zoom): bit.ly/knowyourrightsbydeb

For more information, contact dacenterprisesinc@gmail.com or 617-777-9941.

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Jazz Concert: The Makanda Project

Music written by Ricky Ford, based on poems by Langston Hughes. Poems read by Askia Touré and Vanessa Silva.

- Saxophones: Ricky Ford, Kurtis Rivers, Lee Odom, Sean Berry, Temidayo Balogun, and Charlie Kohlhase
- Trumpets: Jerry Sabatini, Haneef Nelson, Ryan Kapoor, and Lemuel Marc
- Trombones: Alfred Patterson, Richard Harper, Michael Prentky, and Bill Lowe
- Piano: John Kordalewski
- Bass: John Lockwood
- Drums: Yoron Israel

There will be two shows. Seating capacity limited; reservations recommended. For reservation information, visit: makandaproject.com/upcoming-performances

This program is funded through the Fellowes Athenaeum Trust Fund, and supported by the Boston Cultural Council, the Hamilton Company Charitable Foundation, and the Miss Wallace M. Leonard Foundation.

Jazz Concert: The Makanda Project
Date: Saturday, February 25, 2023
Times: 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm (First show)
8:30 pm - 10:00 pm (Second show)

Roxbury Branch of the Boston Public Library
149 Dudley St., Roxbury, MA 02119
617-442-6186



For more, visit www.bpl.org

Challenges

- Space at the branch
- Physical condition of branch on Saturdays
- Combative/Toxic attitude of one grantee
- Learning curve with invoicing & reports
- Need to have same reporting forms for everyone
- Receipts with the various ways people pay for things now
- Recruiting children
- The hype (some people write a better grant than they deliver program)
- Getting acknowledgement for FATF

Needs

- Notice from Business Office when a check has been issued
- Format from Business Office for grantees to submit receipts
- Grant application software
- Business card? BPL address?
- More meeting space at library or return to 2nd evening opening
- Custodial care on Saturdays

Thank you.

Discussion of FY24 Requests for Proposals

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FATC Program Manager*

New Business

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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