

## Longwood Public Library March/April 2025 Newsletter

### Local History: Lester H. Davis Town Meeting House Tour

See the Local History section for more information.

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2025-2026 Annual Budget Vote & Trustee Election Remember to Vote!

**Tuesday, April 8 from 8:00 am-9:00 pm**

For more details see inside.

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### Bus Trip: The Met Fifth Avenue, The Met Cloisters, and Lunch at Mario's

See the Adults section for more information.

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### Hygiene Products Drive

**March 1–March 31**

We're collecting hygiene products to stock our Little Free Pantry and create kits with the help of our teen volunteers. While we welcome all sizes, travel-sized items are especially appreciated for assembling hygiene kits. **All items must be unopened and unused.** Drop off your donations at the Adult Reference or Info Desks. Thank you for supporting our community!

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### 500 Books Before Junior High

This new engaging reading challenge is designed to encourage students in kindergarten through 6th grade to read a total of 500 books before entering junior high! 500 Books Before Junior High aims to foster a love of reading, boost literacy skills, and celebrate each reader's progress as they work toward this impressive goal. Participants earn rewards and recognition along the way, making the journey as exciting as the destination. **Sign up in Beanstack!**

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### Earth Day Every Day Fair

**Saturday, April 19 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm**

All are welcome to celebrate Earth Day at the library! Learn about various topics that can positively shape Earth's future. Get information about nature activities, recycling, energy-saving opportunities and more!

- Visit our **Longwood Grows! Seed Library**
- Check out our **Citizen Science Kits**
- Make recycled crafts in the Children's Department
- **Plant Swap:** Bring plants to share with others and pick up some new ones to take home!  
*See Adult section for more info.*

## Explore more nature-inspired and sustainability programs inside!

- Seal Walk at Cupsogue Beach *See Nature & Environment section*
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## 1000 Books Before Kindergarten

This national project was created to encourage parent and child bonding through reading with infants, toddlers, and preschoolers. The goal is to read 1,000 books to your child before they enter kindergarten.

Stop by the Children's Department to sign up, get your starter bag, and begin your journey!

Learn more online at: [longwoodlibrary.org/1KBK](http://longwoodlibrary.org/1KBK). *Supported by Friends of the Library*

## 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Winners: Robert, Claire, Rocco and John.

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### Library Board Meetings

#### Budget Information Meeting

Wednesday, March 26 at 7:00 pm

Wednesday, April 23 at 7:00 pm

### Library Closed

Sunday, April 20 – Easter Sunday

The book drop is open 24 hours

### Hours

Monday–Friday: 9:30 am-9:00 pm

**Saturday: 9:30 am-5:00 pm**

**Sunday: 1:00-5:00 pm**

Opinions presented by speakers and organizations do not reflect an endorsement by the library.

Library staff may take photographs or video recordings at library events for use in publicity. This includes use in our newsletter, website, or social media pages. Please inform us if you do not want photos or videos taken of you or your child.

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## **Bayles Local History Room**

Thomas R. Bayles Local History Room holds many documents and items relating to the Longwood community. You may speak with a Local History Librarian by calling **(631) 924-6400 x246** or email your questions to **baylesroom@longwoodlibrary.org**.

- Bayles photographs and family files
  - Biographies
  - Cemetery transcriptions
  - Correspondence
  - Deeds
  - Local population censuses
  - Genealogical reference books
  - House histories
  - Long Island Forum
  - Manuscripts, clippings and scrapbooks
  - Maps and atlases
  - Minutes of library and some school board meetings
  - Periodicals
  - Postcards
  - Town records
  - War histories
  - Wills
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### **Ask an Archivist**

Call the Adult Reference Desk at **(631) 924-6400 x250** or register in person for an appointment

No walk-ins

Registration ongoing

Local History Librarian and Certified Archivist can help you sort through your family's documents, photos, and other personal items and create a plan to preserve them. Reserve a one-hour time slot to start preserving your family's history.

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### **Ancestry.com**

There are many paths to finding your family story. Whichever way you choose—tracing your family generations back with a family tree or uncovering your ethnicity with AncestryDNA—we'll be here to help you. Available for use in the library only.

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## **Lester H. Davis Town Meeting House Tour**

Saturday, March 15 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm or 12:00-2:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

We are pleased to partner with the Davis Town Meeting House Society to host a tour of the Lester H. Davis House. Come see the newly restored house, cemetery, and grounds to learn the history behind this important site in our community.

*The Lester H. Davis House is located at the corner of Middle Country Road and Coram-Mount Sinai Road in Coram. Parking is available behind the house.*

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## **Spotlight on History: Lester H. Davis Town Meeting House**

Situated along Middle Country Road in Coram, the Lester H. Davis Town Meeting House is one of the oldest original buildings in the Longwood community. Built by Elijah Davis around 1750, the house is representative of the English, Dutch, and New England styles of architecture found on the eastern end of Long Island and has played a vital role in the history of the local community and the Town of Brookhaven. In addition to being a working farm, the Davis House was a tavern, general store, base for a horse artillery company of the State Militia, and most importantly, the seat of the Town of Brookhaven. Since it was in the middle of the island, all Town meetings and the Town's official boards were held there from 1790 to 1884. Men came to vote in the annual election held on the first Tuesday in April. These meetings were a combination of political, social, and business events. Horses were traded, relatives and friends socialized, and baker wagons, oyster stands, farm equipment salesmen, and other merchants sold their wares along Middle Country Road. During the Civil War, special Town meetings were held in Coram to decide how many men would be sent to fight and how much they would be paid. After 1884, the town population grew too large to hold a centralized town meeting, and it was decided to divide the town into election districts; however, the Davis family and their house still played a significant role in the Town government. They served as Town Board members, Town Clerks, Justices of the Peace, and even Suffolk County Treasurer.

The farm, which over the years ranged in size from 200 to 135 acres, grew a variety of grains such as barley, wheat, rye, buckwheat, and corn. Cows, hogs, sheep, and chickens were raised for family use and sale. Later, new crops such as asparagus, potatoes, peaches, pears, plums, and assorted berries were added. As with much of the community, cordwood remained an important business for the Davises, with the wood shipped off on sloops and later freight cars. The last owner of the house, Lester H. Davis III, kept a herd of 135 cows for his dairy farm. The cows and barns were on the north side of Middle Country Road, but their pastures were south of the road. As a result, they were brought across Middle Country Road daily to graze in the fields. Lester transformed a portion of his farmland into an airfield in 1959. Known as the Coram Airport, it closed in 1984 but has been occasionally used for emergency landings and is still visible in satellite images of the area.

By the 1960s, Coram was being built up, with new housing developments popping up on the tracts of old farmland. Traffic increased, and the cows needed police officers to stop traffic to let them pass. By 1974, the dairy business ceased. Eventually, most of the farm south of Middle Country Road was sold and became a shopping center. In 1997, Lester sold the house and 3/4 acres of land to the Town of Brookhaven for \$300,000 and zoning concessions on other land he owned. The Town later bought the plot of land on which the Davis family cemetery is located. The house is listed on the State and National Registers of Historic Places and is designated as a Brookhaven Town Landmark.

***See above for more information about a tour of the Davis Town Meeting House on Saturday, March 15.***

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Saturday, March 8 from 2:00-3:00 pm

No registration

Thinking about tracing your roots but don't know where to start? Or maybe your search is underway, and you've hit a dead end. A Local History Librarian will be on hand to show you how you can access free genealogical resources, including Ancestry, through the library and to offer search tips and advice.

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### **DNA Testing for Your Genealogy Research**

Wednesday, April 16 from 6:30-8:00 pm

Registration begins March 17

Are you considering taking a DNA test to further your genealogy research and wondering what you can get out of taking that step? Or have you already taken a test and found yourself overwhelmed and puzzled by the results? Join April Lynne Earle to learn about the basics of the newest genealogy research tools, DNA testing. Learn what kind of testing is available, what your results will look like, how to determine potential relationships to your genetic cousin matches, and terms and tools available to deepen your understanding of your genetics.

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## **Adult Classes & Events**

March is Women's History Month

### **Madam C.J. Walker: The First Black Female Millionaire**

Zoom

Wednesday, March 12 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Born in 19th century rural Louisiana to former slaves, Sarah Breedlove become the first female, African-American, self-made millionaire in the US. Known as Madam C.J. Walker, she developed a line of beauty care products for black women and built a factory, hair salon, mail-order business, and beauty school which trained 20,000 sales agents. Join American Business History Professor Rick Feingold to learn more about Walker's rise to success and her legacy.

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### **The Great Gatsby: Celebrating 100 years**

Zoom

Tuesday, April 1 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration ongoing

April 10th marks the 100-year anniversary of the publication of F. Scott Fitzgerald's *The Great Gatsby*. Join Erin Coughlin to learn the history of this great American classic set in the Roaring Twenties on Long Island's Gulf Coast as well as its screen adaptations.

### **Songs and Stories of Ireland's 1916 Easter Monday Rising**

Zoom

Wednesday, April 23 from 6:30-7:30 pm

Registration ongoing

Learn the history of the uprising that occurred on Easter Monday, April 24, 1916, in Ireland. Through stories and songs, Kevin Westley, guest host on WRHU (Hofstra University), will talk about Jeremiah O'Donovan Rossa, the reading of the Proclamation (POBLACHT NA h-EIREANN), the aftermath, the children of 1916, and much more in this presentation.

### **Headline News**

Wednesday, April 30 from 2:00-3:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Join John Merenda for a lively discussion about current events. All in attendance will listen to one another in a respectful manner during this program.

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### **Tiny Worlds: Ecosystems Behind Glass**

Discover the magic of self-sustaining ecosystems as you learn about aquariums and terrariums—tiny worlds, endless possibilities!

### **Introduction to Aquariums**

Zoom

Thursday, April 3 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Registration begins March 6

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Deep dive into the world of freshwater fishkeeping and aquascaping! Learn the basics of creating a thriving underwater ecosystem, from mastering the nitrogen cycle to choosing the right fish and keeping aquatic plants happy and healthy.

### **Making a Terrarium**

Thursday, April 10 from 2:00-4:00 pm OR 6:00-8:00 pm

Non-refundable materials fee: \$5 cash (exact change) or major credit card (can pay online) due at registration

Registration begins March 6

Limit 1 registration and 1 session per LPL cardholder

Explore the world of terrariums! In this hands-on class, you'll learn the basics of creating a thriving mini-ecosystem before rolling up your sleeves to build your own.

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### **Bus Trip: The Met Fifth Avenue, The Met Cloisters, and Lunch at Mario's**

Tuesday, May 20 from 7:45 am-5:30 pm approximately

Non-refundable fee: \$120 per person cash (exact change) or major credit card (can pay online) due at registration.

Registration begins April 22

Be a tourist and join us on a self-guided tour of The Met Fifth Avenue and The Met Cloisters. This unique experience allows you to journey through vast collections of art from around the world at the main Met building, followed by a deep dive into the medieval era at the Cloisters, a separate museum with stunning architecture and gardens that evoke a medieval European monastery. Lunch will follow at Mario's Restaurant. Departure in front of Meltology (previously known as Friendly's) at 8:00 am.

Package Includes: Round-trip transportation (gratuity for driver is not included), entrance to The Met Fifth Avenue and The Met Cloisters, and lunch at Mario's of Arthur Avenue (tax and gratuity included).

**Accessibility at The Met Cloisters is somewhat limited for wheelchairs and others who need step-free access due to the building's landmark status.**

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## **Arts & Crafts**

### **Mardi Gras Mask**

Friday, March 7 from 2:30-4:00 pm

Registration begins March 3

Non-refundable materials fee: \$5 cash (exact change) or major credit card (can pay online) due at registration

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Celebrate Mardi Gras all month long! Join an Adult Services Librarian to create your own festive Mardi Gras mask. Please bring a glue gun if you have one.

### **Butterfly Seashell and Sand Art**

Tuesday, March 18 from 6:30-8:00 pm

Registration begins March 3

Non-refundable materials fee: \$5 cash (exact change) or major credit card

(can pay online) due at registration

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Join Anna Chan in making a beautiful butterfly out of seashells and sand using her specialized materials. No prior experience necessary.

### **Color Your Cares Away**

Fridays, March 21 and April 18 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Registration ongoing

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Join us for a relaxing evening of coloring, music, and conversation. All materials will be provided.

Please register for each date you plan to attend.

### **A Knitting and Crochet Circle of Friends**

Thursdays, March 27 and April 24 from 10:30 am-12:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Bring your own knitting or crochet project and meet other knitters and crocheters in this group facilitated by fiber artist Aimee Saccio who can help you with questions and may offer unique patterns for you to try. All levels are welcome to join us. Please register for each date you plan to attend.

### **Blackout Poetry**

Tuesday, April 8 from 6:30-8:00 pm

Registration begins March 11

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Craft a unique poem by highlighting select words from a printed text and leave with a piece of art that's uniquely yours. All supplies will be provided. This program is geared toward adults aged 18-30.

### **Fresh Spring Teacup Flower Arrangement**

Tuesday, April 15 from 6:30-8:30 pm

Registration begins March 7

Non-refundable materials fee: \$10 cash (exact change) or major credit card

(can pay online) due at registration

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Join floral designer Cindy Gerard to make your own fresh flower arrangement perfect for spring.

Bring a pair of scissors or clippers.

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## **Books & Writing**

### **Quiet Company**

Tuesdays, March 25 and April 22 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Registration ongoing

Picture it, a room of readers. It's quiet, the lights are low, you're in your comfiest ensemble with your favorite blanket, sipping on warm tea while a crackling fire plays in the background. All while you are engrossed in a book you become lost in. If this reads like a scene you would like to be a part of, join us for a night of quiet reading with good company. Light refreshments will be provided, cozy ensemble and favorite blankets provided by you. Please register for each date you plan to attend. This program is geared toward adults aged 18-30.

### **Titles and Treats**

Tuesdays, March 25 and April 29 from 2:30-3:30 pm

Registration ongoing

Come and hear about interesting yet-to-be released books, as well as our favorites and classics. You are encouraged to share some of your favorite titles with the group or sit back, relax, and enjoy some good book chats and treats!

### **Spring Writing Workshop**

Mondays, April 7, 14, 28, and May 5 from 2:00-4:00 pm

Registration begins March 5

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Join Anne Kelly-Edmunds and a supportive group of writers in this inspiring writing workshop. All levels are welcome!

### **Daytime Book Discussions**

*The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald

In-person/Zoom

Thursday, March 20 from 3:00-4:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Celebrating its 100th anniversary, this elegantly simple work captures the spirit of the Jazz Age, where the mysteriously wealthy Jay Gatsby tries to recapture the past and win back Daisy Buchanan, his former love, despite the fact that she has married.

**This title is available in eBook and audiobook formats on Libby. You may also pick up a hard copy at the library.**

2025 Long Island Reads

*On Fire Island* by Jane Rosen

In-person/Zoom

Thursday, April 17 from 3:00-4:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Faced with a terminal diagnosis, Julia Morse, a book editor, decides to spend one last summer on Fire Island with those she loves most, discovering the ripple effect her life has had on the trajectory of so many.

**This title is available in eBook and audiobook formats on Libby. You may also pick up a hard copy at the library.**

### **Evening Book Discussions**



*Nettle and Bone* by T. Kingfisher

Friday, March 28 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration ongoing

After years of seeing her sisters suffer at the hands of an abusive prince, Marra has finally realized that no one is coming to their rescue. No one, except for Marra herself.

**This title is available in eBook and audiobook formats on Libby. You may also pick up a hard copy at the library.**

*Motherthing* by Ainslie Hogarth

Friday, April 25 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration ongoing

A darkly funny domestic horror novel about a woman who must take drastic measures to save her husband and herself from the vengeful ghost of her mother-in-law.

**This title is available in eBook and audiobook formats on Libby. You may also pick up a hard copy at the library.**

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## Concerts

### **Celebrating St. Patrick's with The North Folk**

Sunday, March 16 from 2:00-3:30 pm

Registration begins March 1

The North Folk is a trio specializing in music from cold climates, including traditional Irish fiddling, Nordic folk music, sung ballads, and even some original compositions that will all make for an eclectic musical journey.

### **Gene Casey and the Lone Sharks**

Sunday, April 13 from 2:00-3:30 pm

Registration begins April 1

Local country, rockabilly legend, and indie artist Gene Casey and his musical entourage will perform a show of favorites and originals that are sure to please.

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## Computer Classes

### **Sell Your Stuff Online!**

#### **All About eBay Selling**

Zoom

Wednesday, March 19 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Registration begins March 10

In this lecture and demonstration class, learn how to sell items using eBay. Students will learn how to create an eBay account, search for comparable items, check the reliability of sellers and buyers, create a listing to sell your items, the best way to describe the items, what seller fees are involved, and how to post a listing.

### **All About Craigslist**

Zoom

Wednesday, April 2 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Registration begins March 10

This lecture and demonstration class teaches how to buy and sell items using Craigslist. Covered topics include creating an account, checking the reliability of sellers and buyers, online safety, and much more.

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## **Cooking**

### **Traditional Irish Soda Bread**

Tuesday, March 4 from 4:00-5:00 pm OR 6:30-7:30 pm

Registration ongoing

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Join Chef Rob to learn how to make this traditional Irish Soda Bread for St. Patrick's Day. **You must bring a cookie tray, a large bowl, and a mixing spoon to make and take this bread home to bake.** *This program may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

### **It's All Greek to Me Bread**

Tuesday, April 29 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins March 12

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Join A Mano Baking Company to learn how to make this quick and easy no-knead bread with the delicious Greek Mediterranean flavors of spinach, dill, feta, and more. **You must bring your own mixing bowl and utensil of your choice to mix this up and take it home to bake.** *This program may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

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## **Defensive Driving**

**\*You MUST attend both sessions of the 2-day classes or stay for the full 1-day class to receive your completion certificate. No late admittance to class allowed.**

### **General Defensive Driving**

Saturday, March 8 from 10:00 am-4:30 pm OR

Wednesday and Thursday, March 26 and 27 from 5:30-8:30 pm OR

Saturday, April 12 from 10:00 am-4:30 pm OR

Wednesday and Thursday, April 23 and 24 from 5:30-8:30 pm

Fee: \$40. Seniors (ages 62+) and veterans pay \$30. Cash (exact change) or major credit card required at first class. NO CHECKS.

Registration ongoing

Completion of this course helps those who attend to become better, safer drivers, may include a reduction of violation points on your license, and a discount on automobile insurance.

### **AARP Smart Driver Course**

Mondays, March 10 OR April 28 from 10:00 am-4:15 pm

Fee: \$25 for AARP members or \$30 for non-members. Check or money order, payable to AARP, due at first class. NO CASH OR CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED.

Registration ongoing

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

The AARP Smart Driver Course covers defensive driving techniques and the normal changes in vision, hearing, and reaction time associated with aging. The course also provides practical techniques for adjusting to these changes to ensure the driver's own safety and that of others on the road. During the course, participants learn about the current rules of the road and how to operate their vehicles more safely in today's increasingly challenging driving environment. Anyone with a NYS Driver's License may take this class regardless of age.

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## **Games**

### **Hey! Let's Play!**

Fridays from 10:00 am-12:00 pm

No registration

Bring along your friends or find others to share a game on Friday mornings. Bring your playing cards, your Mah Jongg sets, and your other favorites. We provide the tables and the room; you provide the fun!

### **Super Smash Bros.**

Tuesday, March 11 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Get ready to battle it out in the ultimate gaming showdown! Join us for an action-packed evening featuring Super Smash Bros., where players of all skill levels can jump into the fray.

*This program is geared toward adults aged 18-30.*

### **Learn to Play Mah Jongg**

Tuesdays, April 8, 15, and 22 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Registration begins March 6

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Join instructor Jacqui Palatnik to learn the game that has fascinated people for many years with its strategies, sequences, and combinations. This class will introduce you to this ancient game's tiles and basic moves. The instructor will bring all necessary game pieces.

### **Bingo**

Wednesday, April 9 from 2:00-3:30 pm

Registration begins March 7

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Join us as we play our favorite game! We'll provide Bingo cards and snacks for an afternoon of fun, games, and prizes galore!

### **Dungeons & Dragons: Spring Campaign**

Mondays, April 14, 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19, and June 2 from 6:00-8:30 pm

Registration begins March 10

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Ready to level up? Join expert DM Jimmy for this seven-week D&D campaign involving mats, minifigs, and higher-level characters. Either bring your character from a previous campaign or create a new one prior to the first session. Every season is a new story arc so if you miss out on this one, keep an eye out for future campaigns!

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## **Health & Fitness**

### **Nutrition Basics to Improve Your Health**

Zoom

Thursday, March 20 from 1:00-1:45 pm

Registration ongoing

March is National Nutrition Month! Join Northwell Health dietitian Michelle Murdolo to learn how to choose the best food for a healthier you in this virtual lunch and learn program.

### **Overcoming Stress and Anxiety Using Meditation**

Zoom

Wednesday, March 26 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Join Dr. Matthew Raider, long time meditator, as he teaches a simple meditation technique to increase personal well-being and reduce the stress and anxiety you may be feeling. This virtual workshop will also include a short meditation session.

### **Gentle Pilates**

Fridays, March 28, April 4, 18, and 25 from 10:00-10:45 am

Registration begins March 7

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Improve posture, muscle tone, balance, and joint mobility with this Pilates-inspired gentle workout with Debbie from Fitness Figures.

### **Blood Pressure Screening**

Fridays, March 28 and April 25 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm

No registration

Monthly free blood pressure screenings are provided by Northwell Health.

### **Spring Awakening through Meditation**

Zoom

Wednesday, April 30 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Begin spring by learning a simple meditation technique, taught by long-time meditator William Smith, that may help you tap into the peace within. This virtual workshop will also include a short meditation session.

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## **Language Classes**

### **English Conversation Online**

Zoom

Tuesdays, April 15–May 27 from 5:00-6:00 pm

Registration begins April 2

This ESOL conversation class is open to adult English learners who would like to improve their spoken English. Must be able to speak English and willing to participate in discussions and reading activities.

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## **Nature & Environment**

### **Seal Walk at Cupsogue Beach**

Saturday, March 8 from 11:00 am-1:00 pm

Registration begins March 3

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Biologist and Ranger Eric Powers will guide us on a walk at Cupsogue Beach County Park to see over-wintering seals and other wildlife. We'll do a beachcombing hike on the way back. Dress warmly and be prepared to walk about two miles. Bring your own water, cameras, and binoculars. You must provide your own transportation to the park.

Weather permitting.

### **All About Piping Plovers**

Zoom

Tuesday, March 11 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration ongoing

The piping plover is a small shorebird that nests on Fire Island's sandy beaches. Learn all about these federally threatened, endangered birds in New York State, and how we can share the shoreline with them in this engaging presentation with a Fire Island Park Ranger.

### **United Way Clean Energy Hub**

Wednesday, March 19 from 6:30-7:30 pm

Registration ongoing

Learn about the benefits of clean energy, ways to reduce energy use, how to lower your energy bill through energy assessments, incentives, rebates, and job opportunities in the industry.

### **E-waste Recycling Event**

Thursday, April 17 from 10:00 am-1:00 pm

No registration

Drop off your old electronics at the Pupfish Sustainability Solutions e-waste recycling table in the library parking lot. Pupfish will destroy sensitive data on your devices to Department of Defense Standards and make sure that your old electronics are recycled. Accepted items include: laptops, tablets and iPads, cell phones, desktop computers, flat screen monitors and televisions, DVD/VCR players, printers, mice, keyboards, speakers, webcams, external drives, microphones, gaming consoles, chargers, cords, and more! **\*\*They do NOT accept CRT monitors. If you have questions about which items are acceptable, please call Pupfish at (631) 403-1100.**

### **Plant Swap**

Saturday, April 19 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm

No Registration

Bring your extra garden or house plants, cuttings, seedlings, or seeds, and swap them for some new-to-you plants. All plants and seeds must be healthy, pest-free, and labeled. Plants can be in soil or rooted cuttings in water (please only bring pots that you are willing to part with). Bring your own bags and/or containers to carry your new green friend's home.

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## **Movies**

### **Saturday Afternoon Movie**

#### **Piece By Piece**

Saturday, March 1 at 2:15 pm

No registration

*Starring Pharrell Williams, Morgan Neville, and Kendrick Lamar.*

A unique cinematic experience that invites audiences on a vibrant journey through the life of cultural icon Pharrell Williams. Told through the lens of LEGO® animation, turn up the volume on your imagination and witness the evolution of one of music's most innovative minds.

**(Animated/Biographical, 2024, G, 93 mins.)**

### **Venom: The Last Dance**

Saturday, April 5 at 2:15 pm

No registration

*Starring Tom Hardy, Juno Temple, and Alanna Ubach.*

Tom Hardy returns as Venom, one of Marvel's greatest and most complex characters, for the final film in the trilogy. Eddie and Venom are on the run. Hunted by both of their worlds and with the net closing in, the duo is forced into a devastating decision that will bring the curtains down on Venom and Eddie's last dance.

**(Action/Sci-Fi, 2024, PG-13, 109 mins.)**

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### **Watch-A-Movie Wednesday!**

Wednesdays at 2:15 pm • No registration

Too busy to watch a movie this weekend? If so, why not... Watch-A-Movie Wednesday?! Every Wednesday of the month at 2:15 pm, the library shows a film for all to enjoy! So, come on in, sit back, and relax to a great film without filling up your weekends!

### **March/April Selections...**

MARCH 5

*Moonraker*

**(Action/ Adventure, 1979, PG, 126 mins.)**

Starring Roger Moore & Lois Chiles

MARCH 12

*Borderlands*

**(Comedy/Sci-Fi, 2024, PG-13, 101 mins.)**

Starring Kevin Hart & Cate Blanchett

MARCH 10

*Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Ark*

**(Action/Adventure, 1981, PG, 115 mins)**

Starring Harrison Ford & Karen Allen

MARCH 26

*It Ends With Us*

**(Drama, 2024, PG-13, 130 mins.)**

Starring Blake Lively & Justin Baldoni

APRIL 2

*The Great Gatsby*

**(Drama, 1974, PG, 143 mins.)**

Starring Robert Redford & Mia Farrow

APRIL 9

*Afraid*

**(Horror/Sci-Fi, 2024, PG-13, 84 mins.)**

Starring John Cho & Katherine Waterston

APRIL 16

*Ghost*

**(Drama/Romance, 1990, PG-13, 91 mins.)**

Starring Patrick Swayze & Demi Moore

APRIL 23

*Beetlejuice Beetlejuice*

**(Horror/Sci-Fi, 2024, PG-13, 104 mins.)**

Starring Michael Keaton & Winona Ryder

APRIL 30

*Dirty Dancing*

**(Drama, 1987, PG-13, 105 mins.)**

Starring Patrick Swayze & Jennifer Grey

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## SmileAwhile

SmileAwhile is geared towards adult patrons with sensory issues, those on the autism spectrum, or those who have other specific needs.

SmileAwhile with Music: Keys, Strings, and Drumming Things

Wednesday, March 26 from 10:30-11:30 am

Registration begins March 5

Join Mr. Scott for some open-floor music fun! We'll jam together on a variety of drums, percussions, an acoustic guitar, ukulele, an eight-foot floor piano mat, and more.

SmileAwhile with Decorating Bunny Cakes

Thursday, April 17 from 10:30-11:30 am

Registration begins March 14



Join us for some fun decorating cupcakes for spring. They will look so pretty you won't want to eat them! Also try Doreen's deviled eggs. *Snacks provided may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

## SmileAwhile with a Movie

### ***The Super Mario Bros. Movie***

Monday, March 17 from 10:30 am-12:15 pm

No registration

**(2023, Animated Action-Adventure Comedy, PG, 1 hour 33 minutes)**

### ***Bedtime Stories***

Friday, April 11 from 10:30 am-12:15 pm

No registration

**(2008, Comedy, PG, 1 hour 39 minutes)**

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## Train Trip to NYC

Saturday, April 5, on the 9:32 am train from LIRR's Ronkonkoma Train Station

Non-refundable fee: \$10.75 per round trip ticket (cash only, exact change please)

LIRR ticket prices are subject to change without prior notice. Children 4 years old and under ride free.

Ticket sales begin Monday, March 3 at 9:30 am at the Circulation Desk. There is a 4-ticket limit per adult LPL cardholder (cardholders must be present).

Tickets are valid for this trip only.

Travel as a group at a reduced rate from the Ronkonkoma Railroad Station to Penn Station NYC.

Please remember that you must sit in the first two cars of the train. This is because you'll be traveling under a library group ticket for the westbound leg of the trip only. For your return (eastbound) trip, you may use your ticket for any other train that day and may sit wherever you like.

**\*\*Schedules are subject to change without notice, so please check the LIRR website for important updates and schedule changes prior to your trip.\*\***

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## One-on-One Appointments

### **Ask-A-Librarian**

Call **(631) 924-6400 x250** or email [askus@longwoodlibrary.org](mailto:askus@longwoodlibrary.org) for appointment dates and times

Limited to LPL cardholders

Need help downloading apps, accessing library services, or navigating a website? Sign up for an Ask-A-Librarian 30-minute appointment and a librarian will be available to assist you!

### **Citizenship One-On-One**

Call (631) 924-6400 x250 or email [askus@longwoodlibrary.org](mailto:askus@longwoodlibrary.org) to schedule an appointment  
The library offers free one-on-one assistance to help you prepare for the United States Naturalization Test.

### **Family Service League Social Worker**

Mondays from 4:30-8:30 pm

Call (631) 924-6400 x250 or email [askus@longwoodlibrary.org](mailto:askus@longwoodlibrary.org) to schedule an appointment; walk-ins welcome

A social worker can help find resources for those seeking shelter, suffering from addiction, facing the challenges of mental illness, seniors seeking help, and more.

### **Medicaid Enrollment Assistance for the Aged, Blind, and Disabled**

Tuesdays, March 4, 25, April 1 and 22 from 12:00-3:30 pm

First come, first served; no registration

Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council's facilitated enrollers will assist the aged, blind, and disabled populations to enroll in the following programs: Medicaid, Medicaid Buy-In for Working People with Disabilities (MBI-WPD), Medicaid Spend-Down, Medicare Savings (MSP), and Medicaid for Institutional Care in a Nursing Home. For more information, please call the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council at **(631) 435-3000**.

### **HIICAP Medicare Counseling**

Wednesdays, March 12 and April 9 from 10:00 am-2:30 pm

Call **(631) 924-6400 x250** for an appointment; no walk-ins

A trained counselor from the Health Insurance Information Counseling Assistance Program (HIICAP) provides guidance about Medicare coverage choices and low-income subsidy programs. HIICAP counselors are not affiliated with any commercial healthcare insurers or providers.

### **SCORE Business Mentoring**

Wednesdays, March 19 and April 16 from 5:30-8:30 pm

Call **(631) 924-6400 x250** or register

in-person for an appointment

Marketing Specialist Ron Greenstone of SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives) will assist with free business mentoring.

### **Office for the Aging Advocate**

First come, first served; no registration

Please call the Adult Reference Desk at **(631) 924-6400 x250** for date and time

A Suffolk County Office for the Aging representative will assist seniors in filling out forms and learning about various county-wide programs and services and other appropriate agencies.

### **FCA Alzheimer and Dementia Caregiver Support Resources**

Wednesday, March 5 from 11:00 am-1:00 pm

Tuesday, April 15 from 5:00-6:30 pm

No registration

FCA Alzheimer's and Dementia Caregiver Support Program offers free services to caregivers who care for loved ones with memory loss. Meet their representatives and learn about workshops, support groups, joint enrichment programs and more.

### **Health Insurance Enrollment Assistance for NY State of Health**

Tuesdays, March 11, 18, April 8, and 15 from 10:00 am-6:00 pm

No registration

NY State of Health is the official health plan marketplace for New Yorkers to shop for, compare, and enroll in health insurance coverage. Some plans are free and most New Yorkers are eligible for financial support to lower their costs. Those with higher incomes may be eligible for reduced premiums. Speak with a NY State of Health Insurance Enrollment Assistor about choosing a plan that is right for you.

### **Resources for Dementia Caregivers**

Wednesday, March 12 from 10:00 am-12:30 pm

No registration

The Willing Hearts, Helpful Hands Caregiver Grant will be visiting to educate, engage, and offer free services, support, and funds to caregivers of someone with dementia. Looking to give back to your community? Learn about volunteer opportunities available.

### **Long Island Cares Mobile Food Pantry**

Wednesday, March 12 from 11:00 am-12:00 pm

No registration

Long Island Cares Mobile Food Pantry will be in our parking lot to distribute FREE bags with a three-day supply of food for you and your family (while supplies last). In the case of inclement weather, please call the Adult Services Desk at **(631) 924-6400 x250** before coming.

### **ADRC Caregiver Support Group**

Wednesdays, March 12 and April 9 from 2:00-3:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Join the Alzheimer's Disease Resource Center (ADRC) for their monthly caregiver support group. Find emotional support, discuss challenges, share experiences, and get practical advice.

### **The Apple of My Eye: Sexual Assault Prevention**

Wednesday, April 9 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration ongoing

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Learn skills to protect children from sexual abuse and services available to crime victims in this presentation by Parents for Megan's Law and the Crime Victims Center. Learn prevention tips, red flags, tricks abusers use to access children, the grooming process, types of child predators, Megan's Law, and more. Adult rape prevention will also be discussed.

### **Narcan Training**

Wednesday, April 16 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Narcan, also known as naloxone, is a medication used to reverse opioid overdose. Join educators from the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County to learn how to recognize an opioid overdose, how to administer Narcan, and how to care for an individual until emergency services arrive. **Free Narcan kits will be given to all those who complete this training.**

### **Brainfuse JobNow**

Receive live job coaching, real-time interview practice, full-service resume lab, 24/7 access to local job resources and more!

**Available online at: [longwoodlibrary.org/onlineclasses](http://longwoodlibrary.org/onlineclasses)**

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## **Art Exhibit**

In the library's gallery, throughout March and April, all are welcome to view the eye-catching works of the Paumanok Camera Club. Located on the North Shore of Long Island, the club gets its name from the Native American word for Long Island, a name that poet Walt Whitman also loved to use when describing this area of New York. As you're sure to see, the talented club members draw inspiration from the rich diversity of our local landscapes.

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## **makerLAB**

### **open makerLAB**

Appointments are limited to LPL cardholders.

Make one of our makerLAB Kits or work on your own project. Open makerLAB is DIY self-guided experience. A staff member is here to assist with your questions but for more in-depth training take one of our makerLAB classes. View our makerLAB Kits, check our openLAB schedule, and make an appointment online at [longwoodlibrary.org/makerLAB](http://longwoodlibrary.org/makerLAB).

- Button Maker
  - Cricut Autopress
  - Cricut Maker
  - Cricut Mug Press
  - Embroidery Machine
  - Sewing Machine
  - Sublimation Printer
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## **makerLAB Crafts**

LPL cardholders only; limit 1 registration and 1 session per class

### **Cricut St. Patrick's Day Stickers**

Friday, March 14 from 6:30-8:30 pm OR

Tuesday, March 18 from 2:30-4:30 pm

Registration begins March 4

Non-refundable materials fee: \$5 cash (exact change) or major credit card  
(can pay online) due at registration

Use Cricut's Print-and-Cut process to create colorful and individualized stickers to celebrate St. Patty's Day.

### **Infusible Ink Coasters**

Monday, March 24 from 6:30-8:30 pm OR

Tuesday, March 25 from 2:30-4:30 pm

Registration begins March 7

Non-refundable materials fee: \$5 cash (exact change) or major credit card  
(can pay online) due at registration

Use Cricut Infusible Ink Pens to create elaborate mehndi designs on coasters to use in your home.

### **Spring Into Sublimation Clipboards**

Tuesday, April 15 from 2:30-4:30 pm OR

Friday, April 18 from 6:30-8:30 pm

Registration begins March 25

Non-refundable materials fee: \$5 cash  
(exact change) or major credit card  
(can pay online) due at registration

Create colorfully sublimated clipboards to add some creativity to your organization.

### **Sublimation HTV Black Tote Bags**

Tuesday, April 22 from 2:30-4:30 pm OR

Friday, April 25 from 6:30-8:30 pm

Registration begins April 1

Non-refundable materials fee: \$5 cash (exact change) or major credit card  
(can pay online) due at registration

Use sublimated images, with the medium of Sublimation Heat Transfer Vinyl, onto non-polyester black tote bags.

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### **Shine & Design Series**

Let your creativity shine bright with these three classes!

### **Cricut Candles**

Thursday, March 20 from 6:30-8:30 pm OR

Friday, March 21 from 2:30-4:30 pm

Registration begins March 5

Non-refundable materials fee: \$5 cash

(exact change) or major credit card

(can pay online) due at registration

Use Cricut's adhesive vinyl to customize your own candles. Each patron gets two four oz. jarred candles to design.

### **Illuminated Sublimation Frames**

Thursday, March 27 from 6:30-8:30 pm OR

Friday, March 28 from 2:30-4:30 pm

Registration begins March 6

Non-refundable materials fee: \$5 cash (exact change) or major credit card

(can pay online) due at registration

Make these beautiful light-up frames with a sublimated picture. Either bring a photo on your phone or use Canva Premium to create your own design in the class.

### **Lighted Wine Bottles**

Thursday, April 17 from 6:30-8:30 pm OR

Friday, April 18 from 2:30-4:30 pm

Registration begins March 27

Non-refundable materials fee: \$5 cash (exact change) or major credit card

(can pay online) due at registration

Learn to decorate with Cricut permanent vinyl, battery-operated cork fairy lights, and ribbon. Bring your own clean, label-free bottle (you can also use one of ours to craft a second sparkling creation for free).

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### **3D Printing Pioneers**

Thursday, March 13 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Join us for our club for 3D printing enthusiasts! This group meets every other month to discuss 3D design software, filament brands, printer models, 3D printing-related news, and much more.

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## **makerLAB Kits**

Pick from our menu of projects you can make using our makerLAB equipment.

### **Card Kit – Birthday Bundle**

Supplies to make 3 cards

Non-refundable fee: \$7

### **Card Kit – Thinking of You Bundle**

Supplies to make 3 cards

Non-refundable fee: \$7

### **Cricut Faux Leather Earring Kit**

Supplies to make 2 pairs of earrings

Non-refundable fee: \$6

### **Embroidered Tea Towel Kit**

Supplies to make 1 tea towel

Non-refundable fee: \$5

### **Make Your Own Mug**

Supplies to make 1, 12 oz. mug

Non-refundable fee: \$5

Supplies to make 1, 15 oz. mug

Non-refundable fee: \$6

### **Make Your Own Tote**

Supplies to make 1 tote

Non-refundable fee: \$5

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## **3D Print Requests**

### **Looking to 3D print an object?**

The library can help! Adult Longwood Public Library cardholders in good standing can submit files to be printed in the color of their choice on one of our 3D printers.

- We will take custom and premade designs from Thingiverse, Yeggi, STLFinder, and more.
- Printing fees are \$1.00 per hour or \$0.50 per 30 minutes.
- Print jobs are printed with Ultimaker PLA filament, a plant-based, biodegradable material.

Submit a request on our website at [longwoodlibrary.org/3Dprint](http://longwoodlibrary.org/3Dprint)

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## **Children's Classes & Events**

Unless otherwise noted, all classes for children from birth through Pre-K are intended for parents and children together. Classes for children in grades K-6 are intended for children on their own. Please adhere to all posted age/grade requirements for programs or registration will not be valid.

## **Baby, Toddler, and Preschool Classes & Events**

### **Storytime**

Be part of our storytimes where early literacy and fun come together! Each week, children will listen to some of our favorite stories, sing along with songs, and move! This will create an experience beneficial to your child's development of early literacy skills. These are the building blocks necessary

for your child's success in learning to read. These interactive sessions support the Every Child Ready to Read @ Your Library initiative.

***Please choose one session.***

### **Toddler Tales**

Tuesdays, March 4, 11, 18 at 10:00 am  
Children (24-35 months)  
Registration begins February 19

### **Little Listeners**

Thursdays, March 6, 13, 20 at 10:00 am  
Children (3 years–Pre-K)  
Registration begins February 19

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### **Bouncing Babies**

Wednesday, March 5 at 10:00 am  
Children (birth–23 months)  
Registration begins February 19  
Bring your babies for a morning of songs, stories, and playtime with library friends!

### **Playtown**

Monday, March 10 at 10:00 am OR 11:00 am  
Children (2 years–Pre-K)  
Registration begins February 24  
Children will use their imaginations as they visit and play in Playtown's supermarket, animal hospital, library, and other community centers. Children will develop essential social and emotional skills by participating in dramatic play with costumes and acting out the behaviors of community helpers.

### **Lucky Little Leprechauns**

Monday, March 17 at 10:00 am OR 11:00 am  
Children (3 years–Pre-K)  
Registration begins February 24  
Harness the luck o' the Irish during this silly leprechaun storytime and craft.

### **Lil' Athletes: Basketball**

Friday, March 21 at 10:00 am  
Children (18 months–Pre-K)  
Registration begins March 6  
Learn some basic basketball skills and have some fun with your friends!

### **Sign with Me!**

Mondays, March 24, 31 and April 7 at 10:30 am  
Children (6 months–4 years)  
Registration begins March 6  
This highly interactive communication-centered class features gestures, spoken word, sign language, music, and literature. This class deepens child-caregiver bonds, promotes the use of spoken language, reduces frustration, and fosters a love of reading!

### **Chick Tales**

Tuesday, March 25  
Children (18-35 months) at 10:00 am



Children (3 years–Pre-K) at 11:00 am

Registration begins March 6

Celebrate the arrival of spring with adorable baby chick crafts! These crafts and stories are sure to bring smiles and spark creativity in littles.

### **Tots Night Out**

Children (18 months–Pre-K)

Thursday, April 24 at 6:00 pm

Registration begins March 14

Wednesday, March 26 at 6:00 pm

Registration begins April 8

Come have some fun before bedtime with A Time for Kids! There will be songs to sing, time to move and dance, and a craft for families to do together!

### **Mostly Mother Goose**

Friday, March 28 at 10:00 am OR

Saturday, March 29 at 10:00 am

Children (Infant–3 years)

Registration begins March 14

Parents and children can join in on nursery rhymes and songs with a children's librarian.

### **Babies & Books**

Wednesday, April 2 at 10:00 am

Children (infant–17 months)

Registration begins March 14

Join us for an early literacy experience with your little ones, including an introduction to reading the best of board books, simple songs, and nursery rhymes.

### **Tots & Books**

Wednesday, April 2 at 11:00 am

Children (18-35 months)

Registration begins March 14

Children are invited to take part in an early literacy program consisting of songs, rhymes, fingerplays, and books.

### **Construction Zone**

Friday, April 4 at 10:00 am OR 11:00 am

Children (18 months–Pre-K)

Registration begins March 14

Put on your hard hats, and let's build with all types of blocks! Imaginative play helps enhance your child's gross motor skills and socialization.

### **Secret Pizza Party**

Wednesday, April 9 at 10:00 am OR 11:00 am

Children (3 years–Pre-K)

Registration begins March 24

Join the Secret Pizza Party for a slice of fun! Kids will unlock the mystery of pizza-making with hands-on dough kneading, topping adventures, and a sprinkle of magical games and stories. *Snacks provided may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

### **Tinker Tots**

Thursday, April 10 at 10:00 am OR 11:00 am

Children (31 months–Pre-K)

Registration begins March 24

Join your library friends for fun with manipulatives, puzzles, blocks, and other things to tinker with.

### **Showers to Flowers**

Friday, April 11

Children (18-35 months) at 10:00 am

Children (3 years–Pre-K) at 11:00 am

Registration begins March 24

April showers bring May flowers! Join us for spring-tastic stories and crafts. We will have a blooming good time!

### **Lil' Athletes: Soccer**

Tuesday, April 15

Children (18-35 months) at 10:00 am

Children (3 years–Pre-K) at 11:00 am

Registration begins April 2

Join Lil' Athletes for soccer practice! You'll learn the basics of soccer and have some fun running around with your friends!

### **Stretchy Storytime**

Wednesday, April 16 at 10:00 am

Children (3 years–Pre-K)

Registration begins April 2

Join us for a storytime for wiggle worms. We will listen, move to stories, sing songs, and explore simple yoga poses. Be dressed for stretching!

### **Parent Toddler Workshop**

Tuesdays, April 22, 29, May 6, 13 and 20 at 9:45 am OR 11:00 am

Children (12 months–35 months)

Registration begins April 8

Parents and children will spend time together playing at various centers, which include imaginative play, blocks, books, toys, and puzzles. Children can experience playdough, dot paint, stampers, and more at our art table each week. Then we will end our fun with a circle time of songs, rhymes, and parachute play. This weekly program also includes a resource person who will discuss issues such as toilet learning, nutrition, child safety, and other parenting questions you may have.

### **Preschool Playtime**

Thursdays April 24, May 1, 8, 15 & 22 at 10:00 am

Children (3 years–Pre-K)

Registration begins April 8

Calling all preschoolers! Join us for this weekly program with friends and fun, during which your child will have an hour of play and learning time. Each session will start with an extended circle time in which stories and songs are shared, followed by a related craft and free play.

### **Baby Picasso**

Monday, April 21 at 10:00 am

Children (12 months–30 months)

Registration begins April 8

### **Art Starts**

Monday, April 21 at 11:00 am

Children (31 months–Pre-K)

Registration begins April 8

Children will develop their fine motor skills as they maneuver items and practice holding utensils such as paintbrushes and rollers. Through our exploration we will focus on the process and not the final product. Don't forget to bring your smock!

### **Monthly Family Storytime Kits**

In addition to our in-person programs for little ones, we offer Monthly Family Storytime Kits. Each themed kit includes a craft, activity sheets, and a QR code that will take you to our digital storytime guide with links to eBooks and extension activities to do at home. These kits are most appropriate for children 18 months to Pre-K and will be available starting the first of the month, while supplies last.

**March: In Like a Lion**

**April: Hello Spring!**

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## **School-Aged Classes & Events**

### **500 Books Before Junior High**

500 Books Before Junior High is an engaging reading challenge designed to encourage students in kindergarten through 6th grade to read a total of 500 books before entering junior high! This challenge aims to foster a love of reading, boost literacy skills, and celebrate each reader's progress as they work toward this impressive goal. Participants earn rewards and recognition along the way, making the journey as exciting as the destination.

**Sign up in Beanstack!**

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### **April is Citizen Science Month!**

Celebrate by borrowing one of our Citizen Science Kits with all the tools you need to participate in various Citizen Science projects. Citizen Science is ordinary people of any age gathering scientific information locally and sharing it with the global scientific community. Whether you are participating in star finding, birdwatching, sharing pictures from your backyard to help track plant and species populations or taking a walk in your neighborhood with a personal air monitor, you can contribute!

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### **Junkyard Orchestra**

Thursday, March 6

Children (Grades K–2) at 6:00 pm

Children (Grades 3-6) at 7:15 pm

Registration begins February 19

Transform ordinary household items and recycled materials into musical instruments. Explore different sounds and rhythms produced by repurposed objects, encouraging them to compose their own unique pieces.

### **Sublimation Tumblers**

Friday, March 7 at 5:30 pm OR 7:00 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins February 19

Get creative in our makerLAB and design your very own personalized tumbler! Use sublimation techniques to create your own designs, color, and patterns to make a tumbler that's uniquely yours.

### **Paws for Reading**

Monday, March 10 starting at 5:00 pm

Children (Readers–grade 6)

Registration begins February 24

Monday, April 28 starting at 5:00 pm

Children (Readers–grade 6)

Registration begins April 8

Register for a 15-minute reading session to read to certified therapy dogs and their owners. Research suggests that reading to dogs can help children practice their skills by providing a non-judgmental listener. Please note that this program is intended for children who read independently.

### **Dungeons & Dragons Tween Edition**

Children (grades 4-6)

Thursday, March 13 from 6:00-7:30 pm

Registration begins February 24

Thursday, April 17 at 6:00-7:30 pm

Registration begins March 24

Join the Quest Masters Guild for our “Tween Edition” round of Dungeons & Dragons at the library. All levels of players are welcome as new players will learn how to play this interactive role-playing game while having fun and learning from more experienced players.

### **Purr-fectly Fishy**

Friday, March 14

Children (grades K-2) at 6:00 pm

Children (grades 3-6) at 7:00 pm

Registration begins February 24

Join art teacher Kim to learn to paint a masterpiece in this fun art class.

### **Spark It Up: Paper Circuit Creations**

Tuesday, March 18 at 6:30 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins February 24

Miss Danielle will teach kids how to create light-up designs using paper, copper tape, and LED lights. They will develop skills in basic electronics, problem-solving, and creativity while exploring the science behind electrical circuits.

### **Minecraft Junior**

Thursday, March 20 at 6:00 pm

Children (grades K-2)

Registration begins March 6

### **Minecraft Club**

Thursday, March 20 at 7:00 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins March 6

Children will join library friends for a fun game of Minecraft! Build your own castle, fight the Ender Dragon, or explore the Nether – the possibilities are endless! We'll be playing the Minecraft.edu version of the game, so you do not need to have a personal account to play.

### **Kindness Kids: Pet Food Mats**

Friday, March 21 at 6:00 pm

Children (grades K-2)

Registration begins March 6

Earn some community service and bring joy to others while having fun! Children will create food mats for the animals at Save-A-Pet Animal Rescue.

### **Kindness Kids: Bunny Catnip Toys**

Friday, March 21 at 7:00 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins March 6

Earn one hour of community service while bringing joy to others and having fun! Children will sew springtime bunny catnip toys for the animals at Save-A-Pet Animal Rescue.

### **Book Chat:**

*How To Train Your Dragon*

Friday, March 28 at 6:30 pm

Children (grades 4-6)

Registration begins March 6

Join us to chat about *How to Train Your Dragon* by Cressida Cowell. Enjoy a sheep cupcake and Swedish Fish while making Toothless Shrinky Dinks and playing Viking games. *Snacks provided may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

### **Book Bunch & Munch**

Tuesday, April 1 at 6:30 pm

Children (grades K-2)

Registration begins March 14

Children will listen to a story or two, chat about its amazing qualities during our book discussion, and then make a craft while eating a snack based on the book! *The snack provided may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

### **Engraved Nightlights**

Thursday, April 3 at 5:30 pm OR 7:00 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins March 14

Join Miss Sarah in the makerLAB to learn to engrave using the Cricut! We'll engrave designs onto acrylic and place them in light bases for an awesome nightlight.

### **Come Sail Away**

Friday, April 4

Children (grades K-2) at 6:00 pm

Children (grades 3-6) at 7:00 pm

Registration begins March 14

Join art teacher Kim on the high seas as she teaches you how to create a work of art featuring a sailboat!

### **Coding Buddies**

Wednesday, April 9 at 6:00 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins March 24

Interested in learning to code? Join our teen volunteers as they teach you how to use Fiero Code, a coding software that will help you begin your coding journey.

### **Spring Storytime**

Thursday, April 10 at 6:30 pm

Children (grades K-2)

Registration begins March 24

Springtime is a wonderful time to read stories about new beginnings, nature and the excitement of the season.

### **Spring Cookies**

Friday, April 11 at 6:00 pm

Children (grades K-2)

Registration begins March 24

Enjoy creating delicious cookies to celebrate spring and play some springtime games!

### **Bunny Cookies**

Friday, April 11 at 7:15 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins March 24

Children will enjoy making fabulous bunnies from sugar cookies they will bake and decorate with royal icing.

### **Whimsical Bluebirds**

Monday, April 14 at 2:00 pm

Children (grades K-2)

Registration begins April 2

Learn some sewing basics and create a bluebird using felt and yarn!

### **Fabulous Frog Stuffies**

Monday, April 14 at 3:15 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins April 2

Join Miss Laura to learn to sew a plush frog stuffie!

### **Sketch & Stretch**

Wednesday, April 16 at 11:00 am

Children (completed grades K-2)

Wednesday, April 16 at 12:30 pm

Children (completed grades 3-6)

Registration begins April 2

Sketch & Stretch is an exciting program that combines art and yoga for children. Children will stretch their bodies with some yoga and then create an art project.

### **Royal Ball**

Wednesday, April 16 at 6:30 pm

Children (grades K-2)

Registration begins April 2

Hear ye, hear ye, all princes and princesses are cordially invited to the Royal Ball. There will be games, goodies, crafts, and fun!

### **Superhero Science Academy**

Thursday, April 17

Children (grades K-2) at 2:00 pm

Children (grades 3-6) at 3:00 pm

Registration begins April 2

Unleash your inner superhero and discover the science behind extraordinary powers!

### **Double Dutch**

Friday, April 18

Children (grades K-2) at 2:00 pm

Children (grades 3-6) at 3:00 pm

Registration begins April 2

This engaging and energetic activity is perfect for kids of all skill levels. You'll learn the basics of jumping and turning the ropes, develop coordination and teamwork, and, most importantly, have a blast! Please wear sneakers!

### **Spring Beauty**

Friday, April 18

Children (grades K-2) at 6:00 pm

Children (grades 3-6) at 7:15 pm

Registration begins April 2

Students will enjoy relaxing activities such as making an all-natural face mask and lip gloss, getting their nails painted by teen volunteers, and playing spring Kahoot!

### **Sculpey Clay Charmander**

Wednesday, April 23

Children (grades K-2) at 6:00 pm

Children (grades 3-6) at 7:00 pm

Registration begins April 8

Join Art Teacher Amy to sculpt a Charmander Pokemon out of clay!

### **Comics & Candy:**

*I Survived the Shark Attacks of 1916*

Friday, April 25 at 6:30 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins April 8

Let's chat about *I Survived the Shark Attacks of 1916*, a graphic novel by Lauren Tarshis. We'll chat, enjoy a snack, and try to survive an underwater shark attack using Sphero BOLT robots! Books can be picked up starting April 8.

### **Blooming Buddies with the "Take a Look at Teaching" Club**

Saturday, April 26 at 11:00 am

Children (grades K-2)

Registration begins April 8

Listen to stories as you build, create, and plant flowers with students from Longwood High School's "Take a Look at Teaching" Club this spring! Children in grades K-2 can participate in crafting flowers and planting their very own seeds to take home.

### **Games & Goodies**

Tuesday, April 29

Children (grades K-2) 6:00 pm

Children (grades 3-6) 7:00 pm



Registration begins April 8

Enjoy some snacks and play fun games with your friends! We will have assorted board and video games for you to explore. *Snacks provided may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

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## Family Classes & Events

### Family Maker Night in the makerLAB

Join us in the makerLAB to learn a new skill as a family! Each month we will have a new craft using makerLAB equipment for families to learn together. In March, we will make mugs, and in April we will make stickers!

### Sublimation Mugs

Monday, March 3 at 6:00 pm OR 7:00 pm

Families with children (grades 2-6)

Registration begins February 19

### Cricut Stickers

Monday, April 7 at 6:00 pm OR 7:00 pm

Families with children (grades 2-6)

Registration begins March 14

### Be Inspired: Women's History Month

Saturday, March 22 at 11:00 am or 2:00 pm

Monday, March 24 at 6:00 pm

Families with children

No registration

Drop in for crafts and interactive stations celebrating Women's History.

### Mad Science: Marvels of Motion

Monday, April 14 at 7:00 pm

Families with children (ages 4–grade 6)

Registration begins April 2

Join Mad Science as they show you the Marvels of Motion! In this high energy event, children see Newton's three laws of motion in action. There will be exciting experiments, crazy competitions and we'll learn the physics behind some of your favorite sports!

### Life-Sized Candyland

Tuesday, April 15 starting at 4:00 pm

Families with children (birth–grade 6)

Registration begins April 2

Families are invited to experience the classic game Candyland as they never have before! Walk through a Disney-inspired life-sized game board featuring set pieces and characters from your

favorite films. Step into a tale as old as time, visit a magical Colombian casita, chat with an ice princess and her talking snowman, and much more! Games will begin at 10-minute intervals starting at 4:00 pm, and the last session will start at 6:30 pm. Each group may have up to 3 players; each player may bring 1 non-playing guest. For example, parents with small children may play as one. Each game will take about 30 minutes. *Please register each child who will play.*

### **BenAnna Band**

Friday, April 18 at 11:00 am

Families with children (birth–grade 3)

Registration begins April 2

Join us for a rockin' good time with the BenAnna Band! BenAnna Band is a nationally touring children's band focusing on music and inclusion for kiddos of all ages, abilities, and identities.

### **Earth Day Every Day**

Saturday, April 19 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm

All ages welcome

All are welcome to celebrate Earth Day at the library! Get information about nature activities, recycling, energy-saving opportunities, and more. Check out our Citizen Science Kits, visit our Longwood Grows Seed Library, and participate in a plant swap where you can bring plants to share with others and pick up some new ones to take home! Learn about various topics that can positively shape Earth's future. We will also have recycled crafts in the Children's Department.

### **Family Art Fun**

Monday, April 21 from 6:00-7:00 pm

Families with children

No registration

Can't make it to any of our daytime art programs? Drop in anytime between 6:00-7:00 pm to explore our art stations and create some open-ended artwork with your children!

Dress for a mess!

### **Kids Can Vote from 9:30 am–9:00 pm**

It's Library Budget Vote Day! On **Tuesday, April 8** children of all ages are invited to vote for their favorite authors, books, characters, and movies. Voting will be available all day at the library. Each child who votes will be entered into a raffle.

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## **Teen Classes & Events**

Teen Services programs are open to teens entering grade 7 through completed grade 12  
You must have a valid LPL Young Adult card to register.

### **Authors Unlimited**

Saturday, April 5 from 9:30 am-2:30 pm

St. Joseph's University Patchogue

Authors Unlimited celebrates reading by connecting tweens, teens, and authors! Jen Calonita (*Isle of Ever*, *Lost Legends: Zero to Hero*), Mike Cavallaro (*Nico Bravo*, *Eowulf*), and Sarah Beth Durst (*The Lake House*, *Spy Ring*) make up this year's all-star lineup! The program will begin with a group panel followed by solo sessions from each author. Books will be sold and can be signed! Attendees will earn three hours of community service credit by attending and filling out a survey at the end of the day. **Scan to register or register at: [au2025.eventbrite.com](https://au2025.eventbrite.com)**

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### **Friends of Longwood Public Library 2025 Scholarship**

The Friends of the Longwood Public Library are offering a **\$1,000 scholarship** to recognize a graduating high school senior who has made meaningful contributions to the library.

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Reside within the Longwood School District
- Hold a valid Longwood Public Library card
- Be planning to attend college or a vocational/technical training program

This scholarship celebrates students who have positively impacted the library community.

**Applications are due April 1, 2025 and are available in the Teen Services Department.**

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### **Dungeons & Dragons with the Quest Masters Guild**

Friday, March 7 from 5:30-8:30 pm

Registration begins February 21

Friday, April 11 from 5:30-8:30 pm

Registration begins March 28

Join the Quest Masters Guild for a round of Dungeons & Dragons at the library.

### **Shimmering Shamrocks**

Thursday, March 6 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins February 20

Celebrate the season and create sparkling lucky charms for your backpack, device, or as decoration for your room! Diamond art painting is easy to learn and perfect for working either alone or with friends.

### **Beginner Sign Language**

Mondays, March 10, 17 and 24 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins February 24

Join Jennie Sardone to learn the basics in this three-session class that is perfect for beginners.

*You must be able to attend all three sessions to participate.*

### **After-School Art: Paper Quilling Flower Pendant**

Tuesday, March 11 from 3:30-4:30 pm

Registration begins February 25

Learn a crafting technique known as paper quilling to make flower pendants – a perfect accessory as spring approaches. *Snacks provided may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

### **Pi Day Apple Pie Pops**

Friday, March 14 from 6:00-7:00 pm

Registration begins February 28

Join the Baking Coach and celebrate Pi Day with tasty pies as part of the equation! *This program may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

### **Pencil Pals**

Monday, March 17 from 6:00-7:00 pm

Registration begins March 3

Calling all artists! Join our drawing and sketching club for teens! At each meeting, we'll try new sketching techniques and play drawing games.

### **Cupcake Arcade**

Wednesday, March 19 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins March 4

Let your inner chef and gamer collide in decorating challenges that will put your skills and game knowledge to the test. Only one player will be crowned champion, but everyone will be able to bring their creations home! *This program may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

### **Sublimation Journals**

Friday, March 21 from 6:30-7:30 pm

Registration begins March 7

Unleash your creativity in this hands-on workshop where teens will design and create their own unique journal covers using sublimation printing technology!

### **Hop into Spring**

Friday, April 4 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins March 21

Hop into spring, transforming fluffy pom poms into adorable bunny decorations that are perfect for the season.

### **Game Master Workshop**

Saturday, April 5 from 2:00-4:00 pm

Registration begins March 29

Join Quest Masters Guild to learn how to run your very own tabletop games, with a special focus on Dungeons & Dragons.

### **5-hour Pre-licensing Class**

Saturday, April 12 from 10:00 am-2:30 pm

Registration begins March 1

Non-refundable fee due at first date of class: \$55 (cash, exact change)

The five-hour pre-licensing class is required by the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles for all applicants who would like to schedule a road test. The class will be taught by an instructor from a

local driving school and is open to both district and non-district residents ages 16 and up. **You must bring your NY State Learner's Permit to class. Bring your lunch with you. You will not have time to leave for lunch.**

### **Junior Battle of the Books: Grades 5-8**

Monday, April 14, Wednesday, April 16, and Thursday, April 17 from 3:00-4:30 pm

Registration begins March 10

Love to read, eat snacks, and play games? Longwood readers in grades 5 to 8 can join us for Junior Battle of the Books!

Participants read two books: *The Mystery of Locked Rooms* by Lindsay Currie and *Slugfest* by Gordon Korman. After playing trivia games about each book, we will face off in a pub-style trivia competition!

Beginning Monday, March 10, register in-person at Longwood Public Library's Teen Services Department and pick up the books and practice schedule. Participants must be able to attend all three sessions to register. *Snacks provided may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

### **Earth Day Recycled Art: Newspaper Paintings**

Tuesday, April 22 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins April 14

Using cardboard and recycled newspapers as your canvas, join librarian Ms. Baio to create your very own unique art pieces where fine print meets fine art.

### **April Showers Umbrellas**

Thursday, April 24 from 6:30-8:00 pm

Registration begins April 10

Keep the rain away in style! Personalize your very own umbrella in the makerLAB using the Cricut machine.

### **Robot Game Night**

Friday, April 25 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins April 11

Join librarian Mr. McCoy for a fun night playing games featuring the library's Sphero robots! *Snacks provided may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

### **Teen Writing Workshop: Poetry**

Tuesday, April 29 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins April 15

Celebrate National Poetry Month at the library. Learn about poem structures and play writing games while enjoying snacks. Sharing original work or work from a favorite poet is welcome. Please bring a notebook or one will be provided for you.

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## **Teen Community Service Opportunities**

If you need community service hours or if you just like the idea of helping others, sign up for a fun program.

### **Craft Kits for Donation**

Tuesday, March 4 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins February 18

Wednesday, April 30 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins April 16

Help us prepare some simple crafts and activities to donate to service agencies in our community!

**Certificate for 1 hour of community service**

### **Placemats for Meal Services**

Wednesday, March 12 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins February 26

Monday, April 28 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins April 14

Weave paper placemats that will be donated to meal service organizations to distribute with their meals!

**Certificate for 1 hour of community service**

### **Paracord Lanyards**

Thursday, March 13 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins February 27

Design paracord lanyards that will be sent to soldiers through Operation Gratitude!

**Certificate for 1 hour of community service**

### **Cards for Hospitalized Kids**

Tuesday, March 18 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins March 4

Thursday, April 3 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins March 20

Brighten someone's day with a handmade card and a friendly message!

**Certificate for 1 hour of community service**

### **Life-Sized Candyland Assistance**

Saturdays, March 22 and April 5 from 10:00 am-1:00 pm and

Tuesday, April 15 from 4:00-7:00 pm

Registration begins March 1

Create a Disney-inspired life-sized game board featuring set pieces and characters from your favorite films. Then, help bring beloved characters and sets to life for the younger kids in our community during Longwood Public Library's Disney-themed Life-Sized Candyland program. *Please note that this program is only open to Longwood teens in grades 8-12 who can commit to all sessions (no partial service credit will be given).*

## **Certificate for 9 hours of community service**

### **Felt Napkin Rings**

Thursday, March 27 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins March 11

Help our community residents dine in style! Create festive napkin rings that we'll wrap around utensils and donate to our local nursing homes and service agencies.

## **Certificate for 1 hour of community service**

### **Stenciled Tote Bags**

Tuesday, April 1 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins March 18

Paint a reusable canvas tote bag that will be given to families in our community.

## **Certificate for 1 hour of community service**

### **Coding Buddies**

Wednesdays April 2 and 9 from 6:00-7:00 pm

Registration begins March 19

Earn community service while demonstrating Fiero Code to kids to help them learn how to code! Attend the first session to familiarize yourself with this self-paced computer coding software. Attend the following week to help teach a younger coder all you know! *You must attend both sessions to earn credit and will receive your certificate at the end of the second session.*

## **Certificate for 2 hours of community service**

### **Bookstormers: Book Club for Grades 7-9**

Monday, April 7 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins March 3

Monday, May 5 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins April 7

Join the Teen Services Librarians for a monthly book club where we play games, eat snacks, and talk about awesome books! *Snacks provided may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

## **Certificate for 3 hours of community service**

### **April: *Alone* by Megan Freeman**

When twelve-year-old Maddie hatches a scheme for a secret sleepover with her two best friends, she ends up waking up to a nightmare. She's alone—left behind in a town that has been mysteriously evacuated and abandoned.

### **MAY: *Weirdo* by Tony Weaver Jr.**

After a traumatic event shakes him to his core, eleven-year-old Tony embarks on a journey of self-love that will require him to become the hero of his own story.

### **Teen Sustainability Club**

Tuesday, April 8 from 4:00-5:00 pm

Registration begins March 25

Join our monthly club of passionate teens making a difference for the planet! Through hands-on projects, workshops, and guest speakers, TSC will explore environmental issues, take action in the community, and create innovative solutions for a sustainable future.

**Certificate for 1 hour of community service**

### **Talking Newsletter**

Thursday, April 10 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Registration begins March 27

We need teens to read the Children's and Young Adult sections of our newsletter out loud while we record them for our audio version on the library's website.

**Certificate for 1.5 hours of community service**

### **Royal Helpers**

Wednesday, April 16 from 5:45-7:15 pm

Registration begins April 2

Assist with games and crafts during the Children's Department Royal Ball program.

**Certificate for 1.5 hours of community service**

### **Springtime Beauty Helpers**

Friday, April 18 from 5:45-7:15 pm OR 7:00-8:30 pm

Registration begins April 4

Help children with nail painting and more during this Children's Department program.

**Certificate for 1.5 hours of community service**

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## **Remember to Vote, Tuesday, April 8, 2025 – 8:00 am-9:00 pm 2025-2026 Annual Budget Vote & Trustee Election**

### **Annual Message to the Community**

In 2024, as usual, we had a lot going on here at the LPL. The Community Yarn Project was a "thread" that ran through the entire year and across all departments, from collecting donated yarn to offering programs for all ages, to displaying fiber arts around our building and finally to donating lap blankets to a local rehab facility. Thanks to all who took part in this library-wide, and community-wide, initiative.

Our staff introduced new programming such as the volunteer-led Repair Café and the eclipse challenge (we distributed 1300 sets of glasses to participants!). We expanded programs in the makerLAB. We added new discount tickets for sale at the Circulation Desk, saving residents money. Thanks to Legislator Caracappa, we were awarded a grant from Suffolk County which supported



additional summer music and dance performances. We launched a new platform for mobile printing in the library, and introduced Fiero Code, a new online resource for learning coding skills. Our community completed the second iteration of the NexTrex Challenge, taking soft plastic film out of the waste stream, and winning a bench that is now located in Bartlett Pond Park. As always, we continue to enhance our collections: we added lots of new items to our Equipment & Gadgets collection, and our children's department introduced Toniebox Kits.

Our dedicated library staff has worked throughout the year to offer high-quality, in-demand services, and has made plans to introduce new programs and services in 2025.

Now that we have been in our "new" building for almost ten years, we will also be evaluating our collections and their use as well as their placement in the building. We anticipate relocating some items and freshening up spaces.

The Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that the small proposed increase is again below the state tax cap. The anticipated increase for the average household is 94 cents per month (\$11.29 per year). Details of the proposed budget are shown here and will be available in the library and online in early March. The Board will hold a budget information meeting on Wednesday, March 26 at 7:00 pm.

Completed petitions for library trustee are due by 5:00 pm on Monday, March 10, and information about trustee candidates will be available in the library and on our website shortly thereafter. There is one five-year term seat on the Board of Trustees that is up for election.

If you have any questions about the budget, running for trustee or the library in general, please contact Library Director Lisa Jacobs, at (631) 924-6400 x275, or by email at [lisa@longwoodlibrary.org](mailto:lisa@longwoodlibrary.org).

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## A Few Statistics from 2024

- More than 489,000 physical items were checked out or renewed. In addition, eBooks, movies, music and audiobooks were streamed or downloaded more than 187,000 times.
- Computers were used almost 35,000 times, and the library's wireless network was accessed more than 113,000 times.
- Library staff planned and produced 2117 in-person or virtual programs with 39,645 participants.
- Cardholders utilized our online learning courses more than 21,000 times.
- The library's convenient mobile app was launched almost 37,000 times during the year.

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## 2025 Plans

The library provides incredible value for the community's modest investment. Your support of the proposed 2025-2026 budget will allow the library to continue our current excellent level of services and programs, such as:

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- The ability to stream and download free eBooks and eAudio from Libby, Hoopla, Freegal and Kanopy
  - Free museum passes to more than 40 museums on Long Island and in New York City
  - Equipment & Gadgets, our Library of Things collection

- Classes and events for all ages, including concerts and performances in our theatre-style Community Room
- Access to classes and appointments in the makerLAB, our makerspace
- Thousands of books, movies, audiobooks and more, with access to millions of additional titles through our shared county catalog
- Free online homework help including live tutors every day from 2 pm to 11 pm
- Access to public computers with librarians who can provide guidance, as well as one-on-one tech assistance
- A wonderful play area for families with young children, plus the interactive Learn & Play Children's Garden

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**In addition, your support will enable the library to introduce and/or expand:**

- Coding programs for children and teens
- Programs and collections geared toward new adults (adults aged 18-30s)
- Our first GamerCon event, for all ages
- Programs and displays focused on sustainability
- A new reading challenge for students: 500 Books Before Junior High

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**Please Vote**

We will hold our Annual Budget Vote and Trustee Election on Tuesday, April 8, from 8:00 am to 9:00 pm at the library. The Library Board of Trustees is committed to continuing to offer excellent library service while keeping the budget as low as possible. We thank you for your support throughout the year, and ask you to come in and vote on April 8.

## **Voter Registration Information**

### **REQUIREMENTS TO VOTE IN THIS ELECTION**

- You are at least 18 years of age
- You are a citizen of the United States
- You have been a resident of Longwood Central School District for at least 30 days
- You have voted in any general, school or other election in the last four years

### **VOTER REGISTRATION**

Registration is available every school day through **April 3** at the Longwood Central Office, 35 Yaphank-Middle Island Road, Middle Island

### **ABSENTEE & EARLY MAIL-IN BALLOTS**

Applications are available at the library. Completed applications will be accepted by the District Clerk between **March 10 and April 7**. If the ballot is to be mailed, the application must be received by **5:00 pm on Tuesday, April 1**.

## Longwood Public Library Proposed Budget 2025-2026

	Current Budget 2024-2025	Proposed Budget 2025-2026
<b>Materials &amp; Supplies</b>	<b>\$932,500</b>	<b>\$955,500</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Items for library collections</li> <li>• Library programs</li> <li>• Office &amp; custodial supplies</li> </ul>		
<b>Professional &amp; Consulting Services</b>	<b>\$118,100</b>	<b>\$122,000</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legal, treasurer, auditor</li> </ul>		
<b>Library Operations</b>	<b>\$278,500</b>	<b>\$277,500</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Software</li> <li>• Printing &amp; postage</li> <li>• Service contracts</li> <li>• Training</li> </ul>		
<b>Building Operations</b>	<b>\$353,350</b>	<b>\$361,350</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Utilities</li> <li>• Insurance</li> <li>• Building &amp; property maintenance</li> </ul>		
<b>Equipment</b>	<b>\$90,000</b>	<b>\$90,000</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Furniture</li> <li>• Computer hardware</li> </ul>		
<b>Fixed Employee Benefits</b>	<b>\$1,789,236</b>	<b>\$1,969,075</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NYS Retirement</li> <li>• Health insurance</li> <li>• Workers compensation</li> <li>• Unemployment &amp; disability</li> </ul>		
<b>Salaries</b>	<b>\$4,530,733</b>	<b>\$4,675,420</b>
<b>Bond Payment</b>	<b>\$1,176,000</b>	<b>\$1,179,000</b>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$9,268,419</b>	<b>\$9,629,845</b>
<b>LESS ANTICIPATED REVENUES</b>	<b>\$451,500</b>	<b>\$589,000</b>
<b>Amount to be raised by taxation</b>	<b>\$8,816,919</b>	<b>\$9,040,845</b>

The proposed operating budget for 2025-2026 is below the NYS tax cap. It is estimated that the adoption of this budget will raise the library's tax rate to \$17.10 per \$100 of assessed valuation. This would increase the average homeowner's tax payment by \$11.29 per year or 94¢ per month.