Longwood Public Library May/June 2025 Newsletter

Summer Reading Challenge Color Our World

Registration begins June 2 – All Ages

Read, attend programs, and participate in activities to earn raffle tickets for a chance to win fantastic prizes!

Register at longwoodlibrary.org or on the Beanstack app.

Supported by Friends of the Library

Congratulations to This Year's Advanced Division Battle of the Books Team!

Kai, Mason, Joell, Gwen, Olivia, Erica, Maria, Lydia, and Polina represented LPL at the county-wide competition. We're so proud of you!

Annual Budget Vote & Trustee Election

The library's 2025-2026 budget vote was held on Tuesday, April 8. We are pleased to report that the budget passed, 405 yes to 98 no. Tracy Caliendo was elected to a five-year term on the Board of Trustees.

Thank you for your support.

Longwood Grows Seed Library

The seed library, made possible by funds donated by the Friends of the Library, is a favorite of the community! There are a variety of organic vegetables, herbs, and flowers available while supplies last! Find them on the Mezzanine near the Adult Services desk.

We've Earned a New Bench!

Thanks to our community, we collected 2,600 pounds of soft plastics and earned three benches! You can find them in the library's entryway and the Community Garden at Bartlett Pond Park.

By popular demand, we're signing up for a fourth challenge in partnership with Middle Island Civic! For the fourth challenge, if our community can collect 1,000 pounds of soft plastic refuse in a year, we will earn another high-performance composite bench. Please place all plastic refuse in the designated box in the library. All items must be clean, dry, and free of food residue.

For more details on accepted items visit: longwoodlibrary.org/NexTrexChallenge

Friends of the Library General Meeting

Followed by Teatime Refreshments

See Adult section for more information.

Repair Cafe Volunteers Needed!

See Nature & Environment Section for more information.

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**. Supported by Friends of the Library

1000 Books Before Kindergarten Winners: Cambrie, Juliet and Noah.

2024-2025 Board of Trustees

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Library Board Meetings

Wednesday, May 21 at 7:00 pm Wednesday, June 18 at 7:00 pm The book drop is open 24 hours

Library Closed

Sunday, May 11 – Mother's Day

Sunday, May 25 - Memorial Day Weekend

Monday, May 26 - Memorial Day

Sunday, June 15 – Father's Day

Thursday, June 19 – Juneteenth

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 (Last Sunday is June 29)

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.

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.

Spotlight on History: Longwood's First Photographer

Many of the earliest photos of the Longwood Community that are housed in the Thomas R. Bayles Local History Room are courtesy of Albert E. Bayles' interest in photography. Born December 23, 1897, to Richard and Florence Bayles, and named for his late uncles, Albert and Edward, he could be considered Longwood's first photographer.

For his 16th birthday, Albert declared he would be Middle Island's first commercial photographer. On January 30, 1914, Albert sent out for a "folding Conley plate camera 5 x 7 model XV, 1 doz. Roebuck Ortho. Plates, 1 doz. DuVoll's printing out paper, tray, ruby lamp, and tripod." [Diary Entry, January 30, 1914] The camera sold for about \$10 in 1914, or just over \$300 in today's value. A week later he received his items and then on February 9th, took his first photos: the Bayles home and the Hutchinson home. Soon after, Albert converted a small storeroom on the upper floor of the Bayles home into a darkroom where he would develop his photographs.

Not only was Albert an avid photographer, but he was also very interested in automobiles and mechanics. In 1910 at 13 years old, he constructed his own "little automobile," like a Smith Flyer. In 1915, he purchased a Smith Motor Wheel, which attached to his bicycle and allowed for faster and longer trips. The Motor Wheel held one gallon of gasoline and could get up to 100 miles on the single tank. It allowed him to travel all over Brookhaven Town. Albert even attached the wheel to his sled in the winter and indicated in his diary that it "goes fine on the ice." Albert became very familiar with automobiles and would learn to fix and take care of them. Because his father didn't drive, he often had to chauffer him around and even got his Chauffeur's License in 1917.

When his father died in 1930, Albert took over his insurance business and during this time his interest in photography waned. It was renewed in the late 1930s when he bought a new Rolfix F: 3.8 #120 Folding Camera and began photographing happenings all over Brookhaven Town and eastern Long Island.

Albert took photographs of the everyday life he was living here in Middle Island, and all around Long Island. From the Butcher Sleigh that would travel from Port Jefferson to deliver meat, damage done by the 1938 hurricane, and snapping photographs of bridges, train stations, and other sites that were set to be demolished, often some of the only photographs we have of particular buildings, people, or events are because of Albert.

These photographs are some of the most important we have in the collection because they document what was happening here in our community that is otherwise overlooked in the history books. Over his lifetime, Albert amassed over 400 photographs, a majority of which we have in the Thomas R. Bayles Room. They can be viewed upon request, but we also have them available to view in the book, *Albert E. Bayles, 1897-1963: His Life and Photographs*; we have a copy for patrons to check out and a copy for reading in the Thomas R. Bayles Local History Room.

Preserving Your Past: Scanning Family Photos and Documents Wednesday, May 28 from 7:00-8:00 pm Registration begins May 7

Creating digital copies of family photographs and documents makes your family history easily accessible and sharable. Join us for an intro-duction to selecting, scanning, and organizing family history materials, and learn the best practices and guidelines for digitization.

Beyond the Hamptons: The Hidden History of the Twin Forks

Wednesday, June 4 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Registration ongoing

Long Island's East End is home to beautiful beaches, colorful farms, trendy restaurants, luxurious mansions, and popular wineries. Underneath all of this, the heritage of the Twin Forks holds a rich history that tells the story of early settlements and the origins of Long Island as we know it today. That history is all around us, both on the North and South Forks, if we know where to look. Join Eco-Photo Explorers as they take a journey through time and examine the hidden history of Long Island's East End from days of the first settlements to the modern era.

Union Cemetery Tour

Saturday, June 7 from 2:00-3:00 pm

Registration begins May 16

Join us as we explore the Union Cemetery. Located in Middle Island, the cemetery can be traced to the mid-1700s when it began as a Swezey family burial site. Learn the stories of those interred in Union Cemetery, including members of local families, veterans, and other interesting residents of Middle Island, Coram, and Ridge.

The Union Cemetery is located in Middle Island just west of Bartlett Pond Park across from the Middle Island United Church.

Genealogy Drop In

Saturday, June 14 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 offer search tips and advice.

Replacing Victor's Headstone

Wednesday, July 2 from 6:30-8:00 pm

Registration begins June 11

What began as a personal quest to honor her direct ancestors by visiting their gravesites blossomed into an unexpected and complex endeavor. When a broken headstone was discovered for her 3rd great-grandfather, Victor Henry, a family project was born. Join April Earle as she recounts her journey, from initial research to navigating cemeteries, connecting with distant relatives, utilizing social media, and overcoming the numerous challenges involved in replacing Victor's memorial.

Ask an Archivist

Registration ongoing

Call the Adult Reference Desk at

(631) 924-6400 x250 or register in person for an appointment; No walk-ins

A 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.

Adult Classes & Events

Friends of the Library General Meeting

Followed by Teatime Refreshments

Bring a teacup if you desire.

Saturday, June 7 at 11:30 am

Registration begins May 1

Registration closes May 24

Teatime refreshments registration is limited to current Friends members.

The general meeting is open to all.

Individual/Lifetime Membership: 1 registration

Family Membership: 2 family members of the same household

Not a Friends member?

Register online: at longwoodlibrary/friends

Call (631) 924-6400 x250 to register or register in-person at the Adult or Info Desks.

2025 Adult Summer Reading Challenge

June 2-August 31

Registration begins June 2

Join us for our Adult Summer Reading Challenge! Sign up to receive your registration prize. Then, spend time reading and/or listening to books and attending programs to receive raffle tickets toward chances to win fabulous prizes!

Register at **longwoodlibrary.org** or on the Beanstack app.

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The Pioneers of 50's Rock 'n' Roll: Part 1

Zoom

Wednesday, May 14 from 6:30-7:30 pm

Registration ongoing

Join Bossman Kevin Westley, guest host on WRHU's (Hofstra University) Rock 'n' Roll Oasis, to learn about the early years of rock 'n' roll in this virtual presentation. Hear stories, music, and see videos of Big Joe Turner, The Drifters, Chuck Berry, Fast Domino, Buddy Holly and The Crickets, Larry Williams, Eddie Cochran, The Champs, and Aretha Franklin. There will also be some fun trivia questions.

Friday Night Jam

Friday, May 16 from 6:30-8:00 pm

Registration begins May 1

Friday, June 13 from 6:30-8:00 pm

Registration begins May 30

Love music? Got an instrument? Then let's jam! The Friday Night Jam is back at the Longwood Public Library! Join our community acoustic jam session, where local musicians come together and bring their instruments to the LPL and jam. Musician Adam King of Reprise Music leads this community jam session, which incorporates jam and open mic. Open to all.

Estate Planning

In-person or Zoom Monday, May 19 from 7:00-8:30 pm OR Monday, June 16 from 2:00-3:30 pm Registration ongoing Learn how to prepare an estate plan no matter your age or circumstances, including asset protection for long-term care and planning for future generations—presented by Christina Russo of Twomey, Latham, Shea, Kelley, Dubin & Quartararo LLP.

Beginner Ukulele

Tuesdays, May 20, 27, June 3, and 10 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins May 5

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Learn the basics of playing the ukulele with music teacher Adam King. Ukuleles will be provided, or you may bring your own.

Headline News Discussion

Wednesdays, May 21 and June 25 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 respectfully listen to one another during this program. Please register for each date you plan to attend.

Pinstripes and Tales: Curious Stories the Yankees Told Me

In-person or Zoom

Thursday, June 5 from 6:30-8:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Author and lifelong Yankees fan Bill Schulman is back to regale you with even more tales, adventures, humorous stories, and anecdotes shared during his personal interviews with over 100 Yankees stars who played for the Bombers from the

1950s through the 1980s.

Calling 911

Monday, June 9 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Registration ongoing

Every second counts when calling 911. Learn the best way to communicate your emergency needs in the most efficient way possible, how to find your location when you are unsure where you are, how to use text to 911, Smart 911, and more from a retired Suffolk County Police Department Emergency 911 Dispatcher.

Arts & Crafts

Tying It Together: Paracord Lanyards

Friday, May 16 from 2:30-3:30 pm

Registration ongoing

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Help make paracord survival lanyards that will be donated to Operation Gratitude for troops and first responders to use in case of emergency.

Color Your Cares Away

Fridays, May 16 and June 6 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, May 22 and June 26 from 10:30 am-12:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Calling all fiber friends! Join us for Longwood's own knitting and crochet group. Bring any project you are working on and take this opportunity to meet other knitters and crocheters in our area. The group will be facilitated by experienced fiber artist, Aimee Saccio. She can help you with questions you may have and offer unique patterns for you to try. All levels are welcome to join us. Please register for each date you plan to attend.

Needle Felted Turtles

Wednesday, May 28 from 6:30-8:00 pm

Registration begins May 7

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

(can pay online) due at registration.

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Discover the world of felting and learn how to sculpt with wool with Cold Spring Harbor Whaling Museum. See whalebone tools used in textile arts and transform wool fibers into an adorable turtle in this class for both new and experienced crafters.

Watercolor Painting on the Terrace

Friday, June 13 from 6:00-7:30 pm

Registration begins May 16

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Immerse yourself in nature and creativity with our Watercolor Painting on the Terrace (weather permitting)! This relaxing, open-air experience invites artists of all skill levels to join us. Use our supplies or bring your brushes, paints, and imagination to capture the beauty of the outdoors. Whether you're a beginner exploring watercolor techniques or an experienced painter looking for inspiration, this session offers a peaceful environment to create and unwind. This program is geared toward adults aged 18-30.

Color Our World Origami Workshop

Tuesday, June 17 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins May 27

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

(can pay online) due at registration.

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Learn the ancient art of paper folding while making patriotic-themed origami creations with artist Missy Longo-Lewis. Beginners are welcome:

no experience is necessary.

Books & Writing

Titles and Treats

Tuesdays, May 27 and June 24 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 just sit back, relax, and enjoy some good book chats and treats!

Quiet Company

Fridays, May 30 and June 20 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. Tea 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.*

Daytime Book Discussion

The Berry Pickers

by Amanda Peters

In-person or Zoom

Thursday, May 15 from 3:00-4:00 pm

Registration ongoing

A four-year-old Mi'kmaq girl goes missing from the blueberry fields of Maine, sparking a tragic mystery that haunts the survivors, unravels a community, and remains unsolved for nearly fifty years.

This title is available in eBook and audiobook formats on Libby.

You may also pick up a hard copy at the library.

The Briar Club

by Kate Quinn

In-person or Zoom

Thursday, June 12 from 3:00-4:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Capturing the paranoia of the McCarthy era and evoking the changing roles for women in postwar America, *The Briar Club* is an intimate and thrilling novel of secrets and loyalty put to the test.

This title is available in eBook and audiobook formats on Libby.

You may also pick up a hard copy at the library.

Evening Book Discussion

The Time Traveler's Wife

by Audrey Niffenegger Friday, May 23 from 7:00-8:00 pm Registration ongoing The tale of Henry DeTamble, a dashing, adventuresome librarian who inadvertently travels through time, and Clare Abshire, an artist whose life takes a natural sequential course.

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

Light from Uncommon Stars

by Ryka Aoki

Friday, June 27 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration ongoing

A defiantly joyful adventure set in California's San Gabriel Valley, with cursed violins, Faustian bargains, and queer alien courtship over fresh-made donuts.

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

Concerts

Gipsy Strings

Sunday, May 18 from 2:00-3:30 pm

Registration begins May 5

Explore the sounds of Latin jazz, bossa nova, bolero, and flamenco rumba music from Paco de Lucia, Gipsy Kings, Santana, Jobim, and more with classical-flamenco guitarist, Vito Genna, and Latin percussionist.

Penny Lane Beatles Tribute Band

Sunday, June 8 from 2:00-3:30 pm

Registration begins May 22

Penny Lane recreates the legacy of The Beatles from all the band's periods, note for note, with pure sound and tight vocal harmonies. Get ready for an exciting show complete with costume changes and songs from the past that will leave you cheering for more!

Computer Classes

Introduction to Microsoft Office 365

Saturday, May 10 from 10:00-11:30 am

Registration begins May 2

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

In this hands-on program, you will learn how to access and use Office 365, including creating, sharing, and editing documents, and much more. *Prerequisites: Some familiarity with previous versions of Microsoft Office*.

Microsoft Office Tips & Tricks

Saturday, May 31 from 10:00-11:30 am

Registration begins May 2

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

In this hands-on class, you will learn the most popular Office functions

that will help improve your skills for Word, Excel, and PowerPoint.

Prerequisites: General knowledge of Microsoft Office. Intermediate users only.

Cooking

Chef Rob's BBQ Chicken Chili

Thursday, May 29 from 4:00-5:00 pm

OR 6:30-7:30 pm

Registration begins May 8

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Chef Rob demonstrates how to make his deliciously seasoned BBQ Chicken Chili with tomatoes, onions, and red peppers—a recipe that goes back to his restaurant days when he was a head Chef in the Hamptons. This class is a demonstration only, with a tasting at the end. *This program may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

Parmesan Crusted Quesadillas

Thursday, June 26 from 4:00-5:00 pm

OR 6:30-7:30 pm

Registration begins June 5

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Chef Rob will show you how to make this delicious recipe made with tomatoes, basil, and mozzarella cheese that you can take home for dinner. **Bring a box grater, a small cookie tray, a small bowl, and a small cutting board.** This program may not be suitable for those with food allergies.

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.

AARP Smart Driver Course

Monday and Tuesday, May 12 and 13 from 10:00 am-1:30 pm OR

Monday and Tuesday, June 9 and 10 from 10:00 am-1:30 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 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.

NYS Safe Boating Course

Tuesday and Wednesday, May 13 and 14 from 5:00-9:00 pm

Fee: \$40 cash (exact change) or Venmo required at the first class

Register online only at longwoodlibrary.org/boat

Registration ongoing

The New York State Safe Boating Course is now mandatory for anyone, regardless of age, who operates a boat, watercraft, or Jet Ski in NY State. Successful completion earns a New York State Safe Boating Certificate required for boat operators and those aged 14+ operating a Jet Ski. Open to all ages 10+. You must attend both sessions to receive your completion certificate. No late admittance.

General Defensive Driving

Saturday, May 17 from 10:00 am-4:30 pm OR

Wednesday and Thursday, May 21 and 22 from 5:30-8:30 pm OR

Saturday, June 14 from 10:00 am-4:30 pm OR

Tuesday and Wednesday, June 17 and 18 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, which may include a reduction of violation points on your license and a discount on automobile insurance.

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, Mah Jongg sets, and other favorites. We provide the tables and the room; you provide the fun!

Health & Fitness

Mental Health and Wellness 101

Zoom

Tuesday, May 13 from 6:30-7:30 pm

Registration ongoing

May is National Mental Health Awareness Month. We all have mental health regardless of the presence or absence of an illness. Join Jasmine Lucas of the Association for Mental Health and Wellness to learn how your mental health is an integral part of your overall health. Learn about the prevalence of mental illness including the risk and protective factors, and how to promote help-seeking behavior, recovery, and self-care in this online workshop.

Catholic Health Services Mobile Clinic

Friday, May 16 from 10:00 am-2:00 pm

No registration

The Catholic Health Community Outreach Mobile Clinic will be here in the library parking lot to offer free health screenings including a brief cardiac history, blood pressure, simple blood test for cholesterol, and diabetes screenings with the appropriate patient education and referrals needed for patrons aged 18 and above. This service is provided free of charge, and you do not need to have health insurance to participate.

Navigating Dementia Together: A Guide for Families Facing Cognitive Impairment

Tuesday, May 20 from 6:30-8:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia can be an overwhelming experience for both the person living with the condition and their family member. This workshop provides insight into the causes and symptoms of dementia. You'll learn how to communicate with your loved ones effectively, provide proper care, and navigate the healthcare system. This workshop is presented by FCA through the Parker Jewish Institute's Willing Hearts Helpful Hands program.

Take Charge of Your Heart Health

Zoom

Wednesday, May 21 from 12:00-1:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Learn about heart disease and how to maintain a healthy heart in this online lunch-and-learn program with Dr. Shenouda, a specialist in Clinical Cardiology with Northwell Health.

The Benefits of Meditation

Zoom

Wednesday, May 28 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Learn how meditation can bring about a sense of calm and balance that benefits both your emotional and physical well-being, which in turn may impact your overall health and reduce stress with this lively workshop with teacher Arlene Samsel. This online workshop will also include a short meditation session.

Blood Pressure Screening

Fridays, May 30 and June 27 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm No registration Monthly free blood pressure screenings are provided by Northwell Health.

Gentle Fitness

Fridays, May 30, June 6, 13, and 20 from 2:30-3:15 pm

Registration begins May 9

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Join Debbie from Fitness Figures for exercises focused on strength training, balance, aerobics, and flexibility. All performed at your fitness level, either standing or seated in a chair. Wear comfortable clothes you can move in and bring water. Bring free weights if you have them (optional).

Meditation: Connecting Body, Mind, and Spirit

Zoom

Tuesday, June 24 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Meditation can help reduce stress, gain a deeper sense of fulfillment in life, and foster greater physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being. Join Jim Rose, M. Ed, Rutgers University and long-time meditator, to learn practical meditation techniques for deeper concentration, relaxation, and personal growth. This virtual workshop will also include a short meditation session.

When Dementia Meets Depression: Understanding the Connection and Finding Ways to Cope Wednesday, June 25 from 6:30-8:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Learn about the connection between dementia and depression and ways to cope that can make a significant difference in managing the symptoms and improving quality of life. Presented by FCA through the Parker Jewish Institute's Willing Hearts Helpful Hands program.

Nature & Environment

Repair Cafe

Saturday, May 17 from 11:00 am-3:00 pm

No registration

Have a small household item in need of repair? Don't throw it away! Bring it to our Repair Cafe. Skilled volunteers will share their advice and inspiration and help you repair (if possible) your lamp, radio, clock, small furniture, small appliances, toys, jewelry, clothing, and more. This program is offered in coordination with Starflower Experiences.

Repair Volunteers Welcome!

If you can rewire a lamp, fix a broken clasp, mend a seam, or have other practical fix-it skills, we welcome you to volunteer for our Repair Cafe. Please contact Tara in Adult Services at (631) 924-6400 x250 or email **adultprograms@longwoodlibrary.org** with the subject heading Repair Cafe.

Bring Nature to Your Plate: Grow Your Own Edible Native Plants

Tuesday, June 10 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Registration ongoing

Learn about edible Long Island native plants that will thrive in your yard and provide a delicious and healthy harvest in this class presented by KMS Native Plants.

All About Horseshoe Crabs on Fire Island National Seashore

Wednesday, June 11 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Horseshoe crabs are often referred to as living fossils and have existed for more than 300 million years, long before there were dinosaurs on Earth! Join educators from the Fire Island National Seashore to learn more about these marine creatures that come ashore on Long Island during the full and new moons of May and June.

Movies

Sing-Along Movie Night

Wicked

Friday, May 2 from 6:00-8:45 pm

Registration ongoing

Starring: Cynthia Erivo and Ariana Grande-Butera

Fellow Ozians, let us be glad, grateful, and "rejoicify" that goodness could redo, this *Wicked* showing to sing along to. Join us in watching this magical movie adaptation of the beloved stage production and singing to your heart's content along with fellow fans. It's time to trust our instincts, close our eyes and sing! *This program is geared toward adults aged 18-30.* (Fantasy/Musical, 2024, PG, 160 mins.)

Saturday Afternoon Movie

The Wild Robot

Saturday, May 3 at 2:15 pm

No registration

Starring Lupita Nyong'o, Pedro Pascal, and Catherine O'Hara

The epic adventure follows the journey of a robot, Rozzum unit 7134, "Roz" for short, that is shipwrecked on an uninhabited island and must learn to adapt to the harsh surroundings, gradually

building relationships with the animals on the island and becoming the adoptive parent of an orphaned gosling. (Animated/Adventure, 2024, PG, 102 mins.)

Mufasa: The Lion King

Saturday, June 7 at 2:15 pm

No registration

Starring Aaron Pierre, Kelvin Harrison Jr., and Tiffany Boone

Mufasa, a cub lost and alone, meets a sympathetic lion named Taka, the heir to a royal bloodline. The chance meeting sets in motion an expansive journey of a group of misfits searching for their destiny. (Animated/Adventure, 2024, PG, 118 mins.)

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!

MAY 7

White Bird

(Drama, 2024, PG-13, 121 mins.)

Starring Helen Mirren & Bryce Gheisar

MAY 14

Fever Pitch

(Romance/Comedy, 2005, PG-13, 103 mins.)

Starring Drew Barrymore & Jimmy Fallon

MAY 21

Here

(Drama, 2024, PG-13, 104 mins.)

Starring Tom Hanks & Robin Wright

MAY 28

City Slickers

(Comedy, 1991, PG-13, 114 mins.)

Starring Billy Crystal & Daniel Stern

JUNE 4

Omni Loop

(Sci-Fi/Drama, 2024, NR, 111 mins.)

Starring Mary-Louise Parker & Ayo Edebiri

JUNE 11

One on One

(Drama, 1977, PG, 100 mins)

Starring Robbie Benson & Annette O'Toole

JUNE 18

Conclave

(Drama, 2024, PG, 120 mins.)

Starring Ralph Fiennes & Stanley Tucci

JUNE 25

The Bucket List (Comedy/Drama, 2008, PG-13, 97 mins.) Starring Jack Nicholson & Morgan Freeman

SmileAwhile

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

SmileAwhile with a Tea Cup and Saucer Bird Feeder

Friday, May 23 from 10:30-11:30 am

Registration begins May 1

Make a unique bird feeder out of a cup and saucer that you will paint and decorate. The birds will love it!

SmileAwhile with a Seashore Wreath

Thursday, June 12 from 10:30-11:30 am

Registration begins May 22

Join Doreen to create a beautiful wreath for your home with all items related to the sea.

SmileAwhile with a Movie

If

Friday, May 30 from 10:30 am-12:15 pm

No registration

Starring: Emily Blunt, Ryan Reynolds, Matt Damon, John Krasinski

A young girl who goes through a difficult experience begins to see everyone's imaginary friends who have been left behind as their real-life friends have grown up.

(2024, Comedy, PG, 1 hour 44 minutes)

Encanto

Friday, June 27 from 10:30 am-12:15 pm

No registration

Starring voices: Stephanie Beatriz, María Cecilia Botero,

Wilmer Valderrama, John Leguizamo

An extraordinary family, the Madrigals, live hidden in the mountains of Colombia, in a magical house called an Encanto. The magic of the Encanto has blessed every child in the family with a unique gift—every child except one, Mirabel.

(2022, Animated Musical, PG, 1 hour 42 minutes)

Train Trip to NYC

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Saturday, June 14, on the 9:32 am train from LIRR's Ronkonkoma Train Station.

Non-refundable fee: \$10.75 per ticket round trip (cash only, exact change please, and no refunds) LIRR ticket prices are subject to change without prior notice. Children 4 years old and under ride free. Ticket sales begin Monday, May 12 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 individual 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.

Community Outreach

Health Insurance Enrollment Assistance for NY State of Health

Tuesdays, May 13, 20, June 10, and 17 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.

ADRC Caregiver Support Program

Wednesdays, May 14 and June 11 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. Please register separately for each date you plan to attend.

Shed the Meds

Friday, May 16 from 11:00 am-1:00 pm No registration Looking to get rid of unwanted or expired medications in a way that is safe and protects our environment? Safely disposing of medication prevents pollution of our groundwater and keeps them out of the hands of young children and others who might abuse them. The Suffolk County Sheriff's Department will be here to accept your unwanted medications. Please have your medications in their original containers. No sharps or liquids are collected. Sponsored by Assemblyman Joe DeStefano, Sheriff Errol D. Toulon Jr., the Suffolk County Sheriff's Office, and State Senator Dean Murray.

Know Your Rights

May 16 from 6:30-8:30 pm

Registration ongoing

This workshop provides vital information on protecting your rights with immigration agents, providing you with tools to act confidently and safely—presented by Sepa Mujer.

Este taller brinda información vital sobre cómo proteger sus derechos con agentes de inmigración, proporcionando herramientas para actuar con confianza y seguridad. Presentado por Sepa Mujer.

FCA Alzheimer and Dementia Caregiver Support Resources

Thursday, May 29 from 3:00-5:00 pm

Wednesday, June 4 from 11:00 am-1:00 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. FCA provides these programs through the Parker Jewish Institute's Willing Hearts Helpful Hands program.

Long Island Cares Mobile Food Pantry

Wednesday, June 11 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.

One-on-One Appointments

Ask a Librarian

Call (631) 924-6400 x250 or email

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 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 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. *Please note that there are no appointments on May 26.*

Medicaid Enrollment Assistance for the Aged, Blind, and Disabled

Tuesdays, May 6, 27, June 3, and 24 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 in enrolling 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.

Office for the Aging Advocate

Mondays, May 12 and June 9 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm

First come, first served. No registration.

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

Career Coaching

Tuesdays, May 13 OR June 17 from 4:00-7:00 pm

Call the Adult Reference Desk at

(631) 924-6400 x250 or register

in-person for appointments.

No walk-ins. Limited to LPL cardholders.

Career advisor Richard Gluck will assist you one-on-one with your resume, give direction on a new career path, and help you navigate the ever-changing world of job searching.

HIICAP Medicare Counseling

Wednesday, May 14 and June 11 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.

Art Exhibit

Coming This Spring to the Library Gallery!

During May and June, visit the library's Gallery to explore an exhibit celebrating the native pollinator plants, gardens, and meadows growing on our property. Learn how these vibrant spaces support local wildlife and reflect Longwood Public Library's ongoing commitment to sustainability.

Scan the QR code to watch our video:

What's Growing On? Native Plants at the Longwood Public Library

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**.

- Button Maker
- Cricut Autopress
- Cricut Maker
- Cricut Mug Press
- Embroidery Machine
- Sewing Machine
- Sublimation Printer

3D Printing Fundamentals

Limited to LPL cardholders

3D Printing Pioneers

Thursday, May 1 at 7:00 pm

Registration ongoing

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.

Tinkercad Basics: Desk Signs

Thursday, June 26 from 6:30-8:30 pm OR

Friday, June 27 from 2:30-4:30 pm

Registration begins May 29

Dive into the world of 3D design! Learn the basics of Tinkercad as you create a custom desk sign—perfect for your workspace. Designs will be 3D printed and ready for pickup after the program!

makerLAB Crafts

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

Cricut Watercolor Designs

Monday, May 12 from 6:30-8:30 pm OR

Monday, May 19 from 6:30-8:30 pm

Registration begins May 5

Non-refundable materials fee: \$5 cash

(exact change) or major credit card

(can pay online) due at registration

Join our librarians in using Cricut Watercolor Pens to create a vibrant portrait!

Sublimation Wood Cards

Thursday, May 15 from 6:30-8:30 pm OR

Friday, May 16 from 2:30-4:30 pm

Registration begins May 5

Non-refundable materials fee: \$5 cash

(exact change) or major credit card

(can pay online) due at registration

Create a one-of-a-kind keepsake! Design and sublimate a stunning hardboard card with a delicate vellum insert—perfect for gifting or displaying as a mini work of art.

Jumbo Silk Scrunchie Sewing

Thursday, May 29 from 6:30-8:30 pm OR

Friday, May 30 from 2:30-4:30 pm

Registration begins May 8

Non-refundable materials fee \$5 cash

(exact change) or major credit card (can pay online) due at registration

Add a touch of luxury to your hair accessories! Join us to sew a stylish, oversized silk scrunchie in two gorgeous colors—perfect for elevating any outfit. No prior sewing experience is needed!

Pride Flair Pins

Thursday, June 5 from 6:30-8:30 pm OR

Friday, June 6 from 2:30-4:30 pm

Registration begins May 15

Show off your pride with custom flair! Use our button maker to design and create vibrant, personalized pride pins to celebrate love, identity, and community.

Etching Slate Garden Coasters with Vinyl Stencils

Monday, June 9 from 6:00-8:30 pm OR

Friday, June 13 from 6:00-8:30 pm

Registration begins May 19

Non-refundable materials fee: \$5 cash

(exact change) or major credit card (can pay online) due at registration

Join our library staff in using Cricut to design stencils to be etched with cream onto a coaster set (2) for your summer garden!

Rainbow Shimmer Sublimation Tumblers

Thursday, June 12 from 6:30-8:30 pm OR

Friday, June 13 from 2:30-4:30 pm

Registration begins May 22

Non-refundable materials fee \$5 cash

(exact change) or major credit card (can pay online) due at registration

Stay hydrated in style! Create a dazzling, full-color rainbow tumbler using sublimation printing—add a little shimmer to your designs!

Look for the makerLAB logo in the Teen and Children's Classes & Events for more makerLAB crafts.

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

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

Color Our World 2025 Summer Reading Challenge

Children (infant–completed grade 6)

Earn virtual tickets throughout the summer for every hour you read during our Summer Reading Challenge on Beanstack – "Color Our World." You can make friends at the library and earn even more tickets when you attend our fun programs. Use your tickets to enter raffles for awesome prizes! All participants who complete the challenge will earn a water bottle or a drawstring backpack and a book donated by the Friends of the Library.

Registration for the Summer Reading Challenge begins on June 2.

If your child needs any special accommodations, please contact Kim@longwoodlibrary.org.

Monthly Family Storytime Kits

In addition to our in-person programs for little ones, we offer storytime kits **once a month.** 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 for the first two weeks each month.

May: How Does My Garden Grow?

June: Flip Flop into Summer

ParentTV offers thousands of on-demand parenting videos and courses with content designed to support those who care for children, from pregnancy through to teenage years.

Available at longwoodlibrary.org/kids

Mother Goose on the Loose

Friday, May 2 at 10:00 am OR 11:00 am

Children (infant-Pre-K)

Registration begins April 21

Celebrate Mother Goose Day with rhymes, songs, and stations of crafts and art activities!

Baby & Me

Wednesday, May 7 at 10:00 am

Children (infant-17 months)

Registration begins April 21

Create a beautiful and meaningful Mother's Day gift with a handprint craft. Capture your baby's tiny handprint and create a lasting memory. We'll also have some stories and songs. After the craft, moms will enjoy a special treat. The snack provided may not be suitable for those with food allergies.

Tots Night Out

Wednesday, May 7 at 6:00 pm

Children (18 months-Pre-K)

Registration begins April 21

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

Someone Special Tea Party

Friday, May 9 at 10:00 am OR 11:00 am

Children (2 years-Pre-K)

Registration begins April 21

Spend some time crafting with your little one as we celebrate Mother's Day and the special people in our lives. After the craft, we will have a tea party with snacks. *Snacks provided may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

Caterpillar Tales

Friday, May 16

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

Children (3 years-Pre-K) at 11:00 pm

Registration begins May 1

Join us for a squiggly, wiggly, fun time as we listen to stories and create caterpillar crafts.

Pixar Palooza

Wednesday, May 21 at 10:00 am

Children (3 years–Pre-K)

Registration begins May 9

From daring toys and supercharged heroes to cuddly monsters and speedy cars, this is your backstage pass to all the Pixar magic. Join us for Pixar-themed crafts, songs, and games! Dressing up as your favorite Pixar character is encouraged!

Playtown

Wednesday, May 28 at 10:00 am

OR 11:00 am OR 6:00 pm

Children (2 years-Pre-K)

Registration begins May 14

Children will use their imaginations as they visit and play in Playtown's supermarket, animal hospital, library, and other community centers. By participating in dramatic play with costumes and acting out behaviors of community helpers, children develop important social and emotional skills.

Father's Day Keepsake

Monday, June 2 at 2:00 pm

Children (infant-17 months)

Registration begins May 22

Join us in making a special baby keepsake to give as a gift for

Father's Day to the special guy in

your baby's life.

Dude's Night Out

Tuesday, June 3 at 6:30 pm

Children (3 years-Pre-K)

Registration begins May 22

Kids will have a fun night out with the special guy in their life! They will listen to stories, create a craft, and enjoy a root beer float together. Snacks provided may not be suitable for those with food allergies.

A Time for Kids: Daddy Dog

Wednesday, June 4

Children (infant–17 months) at 10:00 am

Children (18 months-Pre-K) at 10:45 am

Registration begins May 22

Join A Time for Kids for a storytime all about Daddy Dog! We'll listen to stories, sing songs, and make a craft.

Donuts, Donuts, Donuts

Thursday, June 5 at 10:30 am

Children (3 years-Pre-K)

Registration begins May 22

Join Miss Laura in listening to a donut story, playing donut games, making donut crafts, and decorating a delectable donut to celebrate National Donut Day.

Dance With Me

Friday, June 6 at 10:00 am

Children (18-35 months)

Registration begins May 22

Join Great South Bay Dance for creative movement dance activities, free play, tumbling on mats, and a story.

Let's Dance

Friday, June 6 at 11:00 am

Children (3 years-Pre-K)

Registration begins May 22 Join Great South Bay Dance for a fun dance class exploring basic movement principles and vocabulary. Props and creative games foster an exciting,

engaging class.

Shake 'N Make Music

Saturday, June 7

Children (infant-17 months) at 10:00 am

Children (18-35 months) at 11:00 am

Registration begins May 22

Let's have a party with Heather from Shake 'N Make Music! This music and movement program incorporates instruments, bean bags, bubbles, and more for little ones and their caregivers.

Preschool Prom

Monday, June 9 at 10:30 am

Children (3 years–Pre-K)

Registration begins June 2

Join us at a perfectly pint-sized prom! Little ones can dress to impress, hit the dance floor, and enjoy giggles, fun activities, and plenty of photo-worthy moments!

Tinker Tots

Tuesday, June 10 at 10:00 am OR 6:00 pm

Children (31 months-Pre-K)

Registration begins June 2

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

A Time for Kids: Summer Sail Boat

Wednesday, June 11

Children (infant-17 months) at 10:00 am

Children (18-35 months) at 10:45 am

Registration begins June 2

Set sail with A Time for Kids! Join us for stories, songs, and a craft!

Construction Zone

Thursday, June 12 at 10:00 am OR 11:00 am

Children (18-35 months)

Registration begins June 2

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

1, 2, 3 Play with Me

Saturday, June 14 at 10:00 am OR Monday, June 16 at 10:00 am

Children (infant–17 months)

Registration begins June 2

This open-ended playtime facilitated by a children's librarian will provide a wonderful opportunity for you to bond with your child while making new friends with other caregivers and their little ones.

Tots Night Out

Monday, June 16 at 6:00 pm

Children (18 months-Pre-K)

Registration begins June 10

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

families to do together!

Colorful Storytime

Wednesday, June 18 at 10:00 am

Children (2-4 years)

Registration begins June 10

Step into a world where colors come alive! In this exciting color storytime, we'll explore the magical meaning behind every hue. Let's dive into a rainbow of tales and see where the colors take us!

Baby Picasso

Monday, June 23 at 10:00 am

Children (12 months-30 months)

Registration begins June 10

Art Starts

Monday, June 23 at 11:00 am

Children (31 months-Pre-K)

Registration begins June 10

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!

Shapes Storytime

Wednesday, June 25 at 10:00 am

Children (2-4 years)

Registration begins June 10

Get ready to explore the wonderful world of shapes in this fun-filled Shapes Storytime! We'll journey through stories where circles, squares, triangles, and more come to life in exciting and creative ways.

School-Aged Classes & Events

Chocolate Blooms

Thursday, May 1 at 6:00 pm

Children (grades 4-6)

Registration begins April 21

These adorable Hershey Kiss roses are a creative a tasty way to celebrate Mother's Day. They make a great gift for a special lady, combining a sweet treat with a touch of craftiness.

Blossoming Creations

Friday, May 2 Children (grades K-2) at 6:00 pm Children (grades 3-6) at 7:00 pm

Registration begins April 21

Make a mixed media flower project perfect to give as a gift for Mother's Day.

Circuit Critters

Tuesday, May 6 at 6:30 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins April 21

Join Miss Danielle and learn how to create your very own creepy crawler using LED lights, a battery, clothes pin, and chenille stems.

My Favorite Lady & Me Bookmarks

Thursday, May 8 at 5:30 pm OR 6:30 pm

Children (grades K-3) with parent

Registration begins April 21

Join us to spend some time with your favorite lady and create a special bookmark craft together.

Kindness Kids: Pet Blankets

Friday, May 9 at 6:30 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins April 21

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

Paws for Reading

Children (readers-grade 6)

Monday, May 12 starting at 5:00 pm

Registration begins May 1

Monday, June 30 starting at 5:00 pm

Registration begins June 10

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.*

Sublimation Station: Pouches & Keychains

Tuesday, May 13 at 5:30 pm OR 7:00 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins May 1

Children will explore the exciting process of sublimation printing to design and create their own custom pencil pouch and keychain.

Diamond Painting with Mom

Wednesday, May 14 at 6:30 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins May 1

Bring the special woman in your life to make a beautiful diamond creation with you!

Dungeons & Dragons Tween Edition

Children (grades 4-6)

Thursday, May 15 from 6:00-7:30 pm

Registration begins May 1

Thursday, June 12 from 6:00-7:30 pm

Registration begins June 1

Join us 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.

Book Chat: Maze of Bones

Friday, May 16 at 6:30 pm

Children (grades 4-6)

Registration begins May 1

Join the race with Miss Laura to discuss the book, *The Maze of Bones* from the *39 Clues* book series by Rick Riordan. Learn how to encode and decode messages in various ciphers, use invisible ink, and use a quill pen like Benjamin Franklin. Finally, enjoy some ice cream like Dan and Amy do in the book. *Snacks provided may not be suitable for those with food allergies*. **Don't forget to get a copy of the book from the children's reference desk. Book pickup begins May 1.**

Books & Bites

Tuesday, May 20 at 6:30 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins May 9

Join us for a delicious book and a bite to eat. We will read a story and make a fun appetizer inspired by the book. *This program may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

Mud Pie Munchies

Thursday, May 22 at 6:30 pm

Children (grades K-2)

Registration begins May 9

Get ready for a gooey, giggle and deliciously messy time at Mud Pie Munchies! Kids will have a blast creating their very own worms and dirt mud pie using chocolate pudding, crushed cookies, and gummy worms. We'll also enjoy a story and make a beaded worm craft. *Snacks provided may not be suitable for those with food allergies*.

Pom Pom Pillows

Friday, May 23 at 6:30 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins May 9

Students will stitch up cozy pillows and whip up playful pom-poms in this fun, hands-on crafting adventure.

Minecraft Buddies

Thursday, May 29 at 6:00 pm Children (grades K-2) Registration begins May 14

Minecraft Club

Thursday, May 29

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

Registration begins May 14

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.

Bellport Bay Touch Tank

Friday, May 30 at 6:00 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins May 14

Join the Friends of Bellport Bay to learn about Long Island's local sea life and enjoy getting up close with some of the creatures in a touch tank.

Delicious Donuts

Friday, June 6

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

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

Registration begins May 22

Join Miss Laura in baking delicious donuts to celebrate National Donut Day.

Best Dad Ever! DIY Gifts

Wednesday, June 11

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

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

Registration begins June 1

Show Dad just how much he means to you with a handmade gift straight from the heart! Join us for a fun and creative crafting session where kids will make a special Father's Day gift to surprise their #1 guy.

Watercolor Flamingos

Friday, June 13

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

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

Registration begins June 1

Bring your creativity to this art class where you will work with watercolors to create a masterpiece!

Gift For Teacher

Tuesday, June 17

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

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

Registration begins June 10

Make a unique and personalized gift for your teacher to give them before school ends!

Ladybug Land

Friday, June 20 at 6:00 pm

Childre (grades K-2)

Registration begins June 10

Dive into the enchanting world of ladybugs with stories, crafts, and games.

Comics & Candy:

The First Cat in Space and the Wrath of the Paperclip

Friday, June 20 at 7:00 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration and book pickup

begins June 1

Join Miss Laura to discuss *The First Cat in Space and the Wrath of the Paperclip* by Mac Barnett and Shawn Harris. Enjoy a delicious dessert Space Cat would love to score from a restaurant and create some amazing school supplies. *Snacks provided may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

Coding Club

Tuesday, June 24 at

Children (grades 3-6) at 6:30 pm

Registration begins June 10

Join Miss Danielle to learn how to code using Fiero Code! Kids will learn the basics of code and practice alongside their peers.

Games & Goodies

Thursday, June 26

Children (grades K-2) 6:00 pm

Children (grades 3-6) 7:00 pm

Registration begins June 10

School's out for summer! Celebrate the last day of school by coming down to the library to play fun games with your friends! We will have assorted board games for you to explore, as well as cool games on our Nintendo Switch, like Mario Kart and Mario Party. Snacks provided may not be suitable for those with food allergies.

Family Classes & Events

Family Maker Night in the makerLAB

Families with children (grades 2-6)

Sublimation Puzzles

Monday, May 5 at 6:00 pm OR 7:00 pm Registration begins April 21

Buttons

Monday, June 2 at 6:00 pm OR 7:00 pm

Registration begins May 22

Have you ever wanted to check out our makerLAB? Not sure how to use the equipment? Join us in the makerLAB to learn new skills as a family! Each month we will have a new craft using makerLAB equipment for families to learn together.

Morning at the Movies

Saturday, May 3 at 11:00 am Saturday, June 21 at 11:00 am

Families with children

No registration

Come on down to the library for a family morning at the movies!

Nature Walk at Randall Pond Preserve

Saturday, May 10 at 10:00 am

Families with children

Registration begins May 1

Join nature guide Lee McAllister as he leads us on a guided nature walk through Randall Pond Preserve in Ridge. Explore the great outdoors as a family. Please note that this program meets and takes place at the Randall Pond Preserve in Ridge.

Nursery School & Fun Things Fair

Monday, May 19 at 6:30 pm

Families with children

Registration begins May 9

Have questions about nursery school? Not sure where to turn? Are your children bored by the second day of summer vacation? Need some great ideas for family fun? Then come down to our "Nursery School & Fun Things Fair" to beat the summer blues! Representatives from local nursery schools, camps, organizations, and recreational facilities will be available to talk about the fun activities available throughout the summer. All families with children are welcome.

Be Inspired "Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month"

Saturday, May 31 at 10:00 am and 2:00 pm

Families with children

No registration

Learn about Asian American Pacific Islander history and heritage in this self-guided drop-in program.

Pride Family Storytime

Thursday, June 5 at 6:30 pm

Families with children

Registration begins May 22

Join us for a special storytime commemorating Pride Month. We will read a rainbow of stories celebrating all types of families, love, and friendship. Then we will make a craft and do some rainbow activities.

Family Art Fun

Monday, June 23 from 6:30-7:30 pm

Families with children

Can't make it to any of our daytime art programs? Drop in anytime between 6:30-7:30 pm to explore our art stations and create some open-ended artwork with your children! Dress for a mess!

Summer Kick-Off at the Farm

Friday, June 27 at 10:00 am, 11:00 am OR 1:00 pm

Families with children

(12 months-completed grade 6)

Registration begins June 2

We are back at the Suffolk County Farm to celebrate the start of the summer season! Families can play games, go on a scavenger hunt, create sand art, make some crafts, and be treated to a wagon ride. Then, families will get animal feed to feed the animals and explore the rest of the farm on their own. Come celebrate with us! Please note that this program meets and takes place at the Suffolk County Farm and Education Center in Yaphank.

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.

Teen Summer Reading Challenge 2025: Color Our World

Monday, June 2-Friday, August 29

Entering grade 7 through completed grade 12 (2025 graduates)

This summer, earn raffle tickets for a chance to win awesome prizes supported by the Friends of the Library! Register with Beanstack and receive one ticket for every 30 minutes spent reading and for each LPL teen program attended—plus, visit Teen Services to receive your prize just for signing up! Those who register and visit Teen Services by Friday, June 27 may enter our signup raffle drawing for a chance to win four free tickets to a local venue.

Register at **longwoodlibrary.org** or on the Beanstack app.

Supported by Friends of the Library

Spring Watering Cans

Thursday, May 1 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Registration begins April 17

Design your own watering can in our makerLAB to help the spring flowers grow!

Star Wars Trivia Party

Friday, May 2 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins April 18

May the force be with you in this trivia night celebrating all things Star Wars in anticipation for May fourth. Snacks provided may not be suitable for those with food allergies.

Dungeons & Dragons with the Quest Masters Guild

Friday, May 9 from 5:45-8:30 pm

Registration begins April 25

Friday, June 13 from 5:45-8:30 pm

Registration begins May 30

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

Macrame Stained Glass Candles

Thursday, May 8 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins April 24

Cast colorful shadows and light up any space—or give the perfect gift with a custom stained-glass candle holder! Learn how to make a macrame jar hanger and use stained-glass paint to give your creation an enchanting glow.

Pencil Pals

Monday, May 12 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins April 28

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

Code a Video Game: Space Invaders

Friday, May 16 from 6:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins May 2

Learn how to code the classic game, Space Invaders, with Mr. McCoy using the website Scratch.

After-School Art: Origami

Tuesday, May 20 from 3:30-4:30 pm

Registration begins May 6

Unwind with some after-school crafting at the library! Learn the art of Origami as we make paper cranes, butterflies, and more!

Tabletop Throwdown

Tuesday, May 27 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins May 13

Join us for an exciting board game night where teens can connect, strategize, and compete in a variety of fun games. It's the perfect chance to unwind, make new friends, and showcase your gaming skills!

Lego Lounge

Friday, May 30 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins May 16

Create Lego masterpieces with your friends in the Teen Department in this relaxed, brick-building night of fun.

Sensory Craft Lab

Monday, June 2 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins May 19

Feeling stressed from end-of-the-year tests or just want to unwind? Take a break, relax, and let your creativity flow! Join us for a fun Craft Lab where you'll make your own slime and sensory jars to take home.

Teen Writing Workshop: Fantasy

Tuesday, June 3 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins May 20

Teen fantasy fanatics are invited to join us for this workshop all about fantasy storytelling! Discuss your favorite fantasy stories and practice magical worldbuilding exercises while enjoying snacks. Sharing original work is welcome. Please bring a notebook or one will be provided for you. The snacks provided may not be suitable for those with food allergies.

Glow and Go Nightlights

Friday, June 6 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins May 23

Color your world and light up your nights! Librarian Mr. McCoy will show teens how to design and etch their own color-changing LED nightlights. Craft, create, and watch your imagination shine!

Battle of the Books

Mondays, June 9, 16, 23, 30, July 7, and 14 from 6:30-8:00 pm

Entering grades 6 through 9 only

Registration begins May 1 (in-person or phone only)

Do you like to read and answer trivia questions? Battle of the Books is a Suffolk County-wide competition for teens entering grades 6 through 9. Teams answer trivia questions based on six different books (everybody reads all six!) and score points for their team with each correct answer. Play games and eat snacks while we practice for the main event. Register in person or by calling the Teen Services Desk at **(631)** 924-6400 x249 to pick up a set of books and a practice schedule beginning May 1.

The snacks provided may not be suitable for those with food allergies.

Colorful Critters: Amigurumi Crochet for Beginners

Tuesdays, June 17, 24 and July 1 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins June 3

Color your world with these adorable amigurumi crochet characters in this crochet series class for beginners. You must attend all three sessions to register.

Beach Treasure Art

Friday, June 20 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins June 6

Create stunning framed artwork by turning shells, beach glass, and other coastal treasures into personalized masterpieces to celebrate the summer solstice.

School's Out Pizza Party

Friday, June 27 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Registration begins June 13

Join Mr. McCoy for a cooking class where we make personal pizzas! Use Naan bread, sauce, cheese, and whatever toppings you like to make your perfect pizza. *This program may not be suitable for those with food allergies*.

5-hour Pre-licensing Class

Saturday, July 19 from 10:00 am-2:30 pm

Registration begins June 1

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.

The cost for this class is \$55, which is payable to the instructor on the day of class. Payment must be made in cash with exact change. 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.

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.

Community Service by Appointment

Looking for some extra community service outside of our regular programming? You can make an appointment to spend some time in True North working on a variety of projects to help make a difference in our community! Call the Teen Services Desk at **(631) 924-6400 x249** to schedule a one-hour time slot. Please schedule your appointment at least 24 hours in advance and be advised that we are unable to accommodate walk-ins. Time slots may be limited. Teens in grades 7-12 may schedule one time slot per week. You will receive a paper community service certificate immediately upon meeting and completing our guidelines for service. Please retain this certificate for your records if you need to show proof of participation in the future.

Take Home Community Service Kits

Pick up a community service kit to work on at home. Projects will vary but all instructions and materials will be provided in the kit. Projects will only earn service credit if they are completed in full and all materials are returned. Supplies are limited. Call the Teen Services Desk at (631) 924-6400 x249 for more information.

Dog Toys for Donation

Tuesday, May 6 from 7:00-8:00 pm
Registration ongoing
Wednesday, June 18 from 7:00-8:00 pm
Registration begins June 4
Design rope toys that will be donated to our local animal shelter.

Certificate for 1 hour of community service

Teen Sustainability Club

Tuesday, May 13 from 4:00-5:00 pm Registration begins April 8 Tuesday, June 10 from 4:00-5:00 pm Registration begins May 13

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.

May: May is Lyme Disease Awareness Month, and this meeting will feature guest speaker Jenna Zier, a professional gardener, arborist and former Longwood student, who will discuss tick repellent plants native to

our area.

June: In honor of June's World Ocean Day and Sea Turtle Day, the TSC welcomes the New York Marine Rescue Center to discuss the rescue and rehabilitation of marine life and what steps teens can take to help.

Certificate for 1 hour of community service

Paracord Lanyards

Thursday, May 15 from 7:00-8:00 pm Registration begins May 1 Design paracord lanyards that will be sent to soldiers through Operation Gratitude!

Certificate for 1 hour of community service

Cat Toys for Donation

Monday, May 19 from 7:00-8:00 pm Registration begins May 5 Create faux-feather cat toys that will

be donated to local animal shelters.

Certificate for 1 hour of community service

Cards for Veterans

Thursday, May 22 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins May 8

Show your appreciation to our service members with a handmade card and a friendly message!

Certificate for 1 hour of community service

Pom Pom Pillow Helpers

Friday, May 23 from 6:15-7:45 pm

Registration begins May 9

Teens assist kids in this Children's Department program with sewing and decorating. Have fun while helping to create pillows with pom poms and fun embellishments.

Certificate for 1.5 hours of community service

Minecraft Buddies

Thursday, May 29 from 5:45-6:45 pm

Registration begins Thursday May 15

Help a younger builder improve their Minecraft game and mine for treasures together in this video game-based buddies program in the Children's Department.

Certificate for 1 hour of community service

Summer Reading Club Decoration

Wednesday, June 4 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins May 21

Help the Teen Services Librarians decorate

the Teen Services Department for this year's

Summer Reading Club!

Certificate for 1 hour of community service

Talking Newsletter

Thursday, June 12 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Registration begins May 29

We need teens to read the Children's and Teen 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

Thread Heads

Thursday, June 26 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins June 12

Teens use knitting looms to craft warm, handmade hats for people in need. Through creativity and compassion, learn a valuable skill while giving back to the community, one stitch at a time.

Certificate for 1 hour of community service

Museum Passes

Visit museums for free with passes provided by the library. There are more than 40 museums to choose from!

Print on demand passes

- AKC Museum of the Dog
- American Air Power Museum
- Brooklyn Botanic Garden
- Children's Museum of the East End
- Children's Museum of Manhattan
- Cold Spring Harbor Fish Hatchery
- Cooper Hewitt
- Cradle of Aviation
- The Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art
- Fire Island Lighthouse
- Guggenheim
- Heckscher Museum of Art
- Hofstra University Museum of Art
- Holocaust Memorial & Tolerance Center
- Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum
- Long House Reserve
- Long Island Explorium
- Long Island Maritime Museum
- Long Island Museum of American Art, History & Carriages
- Long Island Music & Entertainment Hall of Fame Museum
- Long Island Science Center
- LT Michael P. Murphy Navy Seal Museum
- Montauk Point Lighthouse
- Nassau County Firefighters Museum
- Nassau County Museum of Art
- New York Hall of Science
- New York Historical Society
- New York Transit Museum
- Old Westbury Gardens
- Parrish Art Museum
- Planting Fields Arboretum
- Raynham Hall Museum
- Sagtikos Manor
- South Fork Natural History Museum

- Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum
- Walt Whitman Birthplace

Pick up/return passes

- 9/11 Memorial & Museum
- Empire Pass (Extended 1 week checkout)
- Empire Pass
- Long Island Children's Museum
- Museum of the City of New York
- Museum of Modern Art (MoMA)
- Old Bethpage Village Restoration

Reserve passes on longwoodlibrary.org with your Longwood Public Library adult card in good standing, and either print the pass or pick it up at the Children's Reference Desk before your visit. If you have questions, call the Children's Department at (631) 924-6400 x236 for more information.

Discounted Venue Tickets

Limit 6 per LPL adult cardholder

Purchase tickets at the Circulation Desk (cash only, exact change please) while supplies last

Adventureland

Library price: \$31.50 per ticket

Regular price: \$49.50 General (2-24 years)/\$39.50 Adult

Valid from June 1, 2025 - October 5, 2025

The Adventure Park at Long Island

Library price: \$39 per ticket

Regular price: \$69.00 (Adult, ages 14+), \$59.00 (Child, ages 7-13)

No expiration

Bronx Zoo

Library price: \$31.45 per ticket Regular price: Adult price \$48.95 Expiration: December 31, 2025

Long Island Aquarium

Library price: \$39 Adult / \$28 Child/Senior

Regular Price: \$48.99 Adult / \$34.99 Child / \$35.99 Senior

No expiration

Watch Hill Ferry

Library price: \$16 Adult / \$9 Child

Regular price: \$20.00 Adult / \$13.00 Child

Round-trip ferry passage from Patchogue, NY to Watch Hill, Fire Island.

Discount Codes

Limit 1 code per adult LPL cardholder

Pick up a single use code at the Circulation Desk to receive a discount when purchasing tickets online. while supplies last

- Gateway Playhouse
- Splish Splash
- CRESLI Whale Watching Tours

For more information please visit: longwoodlibrary.org/tickets

Equipment & Gadgets

LPL's Library of Things
Limit 3 items per LPL adult cardholder

BORROW LAWN GAMES & MORE!

- Badminton
- Bean Bag Bucketz
- Bocce
- BocceRoll
- BucketGolf
- Bucketball
- Cornhole Ladder Toss Game
- Croquet Set
- Giant Left Center Right
- Giant Scrabble
- Golf Putting Mat
- Horseshoes
- Jazzminton
- Kan Jam
- Kan Jam Pickleball
- Kubb
- Lawn Bowling
- LED Frisbee
- Outdoor Carnival Games
- Paddlesmash
- Pepper Pong
- Petanque
- Pickleball Mini Court
- Pickleball Training Tool
- Play Parachute
- Popdarts

- QB54 Game Set
- Rollers
- Smashnet
- Speedminton
- Spikeball
- Yard Pong
- Yardzee and Farkle

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