

Summer Reading Challenge Color Our World

Registration ongoing – 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.

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Summer Library Tour

With your free Suffolk Summer Tour booklet, you'll visit public libraries all around Suffolk County from July through August. While you visit, be sure to find that library's Color Swatch and then locate their Stamp Station to receive a stamp in your booklet. At 5, 15, and 25 library visits you will be entered into fun raffles. At your 25th library you will officially be a Summer Tour Library Artist and receive a special commemorative patch (while supplies last)!

GamerCon is Taking Over!

On Friday, July 25, the library transforms into a full-on gaming paradise—seating areas will be buzzing with board games, video games, challenges, mini golf, and more! It's not the best day to study, but it is the perfect day to play.

See the full GamerCon lineup in this newsletter—and look for the die icon throughout the newsletter to find even more GamerCon events happening all summer long!

A World of Song and Dance Series See inside for more info.

Thank You, Friends!

A huge thank you to the Friends of the Library for their generous \$8,000 donation at June's general meeting—bringing their total support to an incredible \$16,000 this year! Their ongoing generosity helps fund programs, projects, and events that bring our library and community to life. Learn more about the Friends, become a member, or donate online at longwoodlibrary.org/friends.

Friends of the Library Scholarship

Congratulations to Longwood High School graduating senior Angelina LeTellier, winner of this year's \$1,000 Friends of the Library Scholarship! Angelina was recognized for her dedication to the library through program participation, community service, and use of library resources.

With Much Appreciation

The Library Board of Trustees thanks outgoing trustee Lauren O'Connell, who contributed so much to the library during her 15 years on the board. Best of luck in future endeavors, Lauren!

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: Daniella, Mason, TJ

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Library Board Meetings

Board/Reorganizational

Meeting for 2025/26

Wednesday, July 16 at 5:00 pm

Board Meeting (tentative)

Wednesday, August 20 at 7:00 pm

Library Closed

Friday, July 4—Independence Day

The book drop is open 24 hours

Hours

Monday–Friday: 9:30 am–9:00 pm

Saturday: 9:30 am–5:00 pm

Sunday: CLOSED (Jul/Aug)

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.

makerLAB Classes & Events

- Button Maker
- Cricut Autopress

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

DIY@makerLAB Appointments

Space is limited to LPL cardholders; appointments are required and can be made up to 14 days in advance.

Make one of our makerLAB Kits or work on your own project. Appointments are DIY self-guided experiences. 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 DIY@makerLAB schedule, and make an appointment online at longwoodlibrary.org/makerLAB.

makerLAB Fundamentals

Limited to LPL cardholders

3D Printing Pioneers

Thursday, July 3 at 7:00 pm

Registration ongoing

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

Making Buttons, Magnets, and Stickers

Zoom

Thursday, July 31 at 7:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Looking to prototype your own merch for conventions, fairs, and more? Or are you just interested in making your own designs to decorate with? Join our librarians and learn how to make buttons, magnets, and stickers in the makerLAB!

makerLAB Crafts

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

Fandom Flair

Fandom Flair: Sublimation Patches

Tuesday, July 8 from 2:30-4:30 pm OR

Thursday, July 10 from 6:30-8:30 pm

Registration begins July 3

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

(can pay online) due at registration

Design a bold, colorful set of patches with us and rep your favorite fandoms your way!

Fandom Flair: Ita Bags & Custom Buttons

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

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

Registration begins July 7

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

(can pay online) due at registration

Design custom buttons with our button maker and show them off in your very own ita bag—a clear-window bag made for displaying your favorite fandoms!

Cricut Designed Layered Flower Lantern

Monday, July 14 from 6:30-8:30 pm OR

Monday, July 28 from 6:30-8:30 pm

Registration begins July 8

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

(can pay online) due at registration

Join our librarians in using Cricut to design a captivating paper lantern to place outside on summer nights.

Custom Beach Totes with Puff UV Heat Transfer Vinyl

Thursday, August 7 from 6:30-8:30 pm OR

Friday, August 8 from 2:30-4:30 pm

Registration begins July 17

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

(can pay online) due at registration

Personalize a stylish beach tote with puff heat transfer vinyl designs that change color when exposed to UV light!

Stained-Glass Sublimation Wind Spinners

Monday, August 11 from 6:30-8:30 pm OR Tuesday, August 12 from 2:30-4:30 pm

Registration begins July 21

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

(can pay online) due at registration

Join our librarians in sublimating any variation of a stained-glass design on a tasteful wind spinner with a decorative crystal glass pendant.

Print Painting: Dragon Keychains

Thursday, August 14 from 6:30-8:30 pm OR

Friday, August 15 from 2:30-4:30 pm

Registration begins July 24

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

(can pay online) due at registration

Add color, detail, and a little magic to your very own 3D printed dragon keychains with acrylic paints!

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.

Thomas R. Bayles Local History Room

- 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

Genealogy Drop In

Saturday, July 12 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. Local History Librarian Georgie O'Neill 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.

Cow to Cone: The History of Ice Cream

Tuesday, July 15 from 6:30-8:00 pm

Registration begins July 1

Embark on a delicious exploration of ice cream's fascinating past! From its icy origins to its rise as a beloved treat, historic cook Diane Schwindt uncovers the surprising stories in the evolution of this frozen delight. Discover the innovations, cultural shifts that shaped its popularity, and the quirky anecdotes sprinkled throughout its history. A tasting will follow the lecture.

Smith-Longwood Estate Tour

Saturday, August 9 from 12:00-1:30 pm

Registration begins July 23

Join us for a tour of the historic Longwood/Smith Estate. Discover how the estate, originally part of the vast Manor St. George, played a role in the local economy and community. Learn about the

prominent Smith family members and explore the grounds, including the outbuildings, the Smith family cemetery, and the Ridge Schoolhouse.

Meet at the Smith-Longwood Estate located on Smith Road near Longwood Road in Ridge.

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.

Local History Librarian and Certified Archivist Melanie Cardone-Leathers 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

A World of Song and Dance-Open to all

These events are co-sponsored by Suffolk County and Legislator Nick Caracappa.

Hawaiian Hula Dancers

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

Registration ongoing

Learn about the Hawaiian and Tahitian island's most memorable multicultural experiences through the energy of dance featuring Uli Uli, Pu'ili, and Silk Poi dances performed by Barynya Dance Ensemble.

Standing Ovation: Celebrating Musical Theatre

Tuesday, July 29 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Registration ongoing

Join us for an evening of exciting musical theatre which celebrates the outstanding songs, wits, and positivity written by influential theatre artists. Enjoy the romance, drama, and non-stop melodies from a variety of shows including *The Phantom of the Opera*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *The Music Man*, and *Cabaret* presented by Plaza Theatrical.

Ensemble Kozak: Ukrainian Dance, Songs, and Music

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

Registration ongoing

Kozak (Kozak), the dynamic ensemble of Ukrainian dancers and musicians led by Ukrainian-born choreographer Nadiya Lemega, Serhiy Tsyganok, and Lina Karokhina, will share the rich cultural heritage of Ukraine through traditional music and dance.

Kinding Sindaw: Ancestral Dance Performance

Tuesday, August 12 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Join NYC-based Filipino dance theater company Kinding Sindaw as they perform ancestral living tradition storytelling movements, a cultural art form that carries the language of Philippine legends,

epics, myths, and heritage told through stories, dance, and Kulintang music.

Betrayal Within: How Four Americans Became Traitors

Monday, July 14 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Behind secure doors and patriotic oaths, four insiders shattered our trust by handing deadly secrets to the enemy. Why did they turn? How were they caught? Join former CIA officer, distinguished professor, and author Lester Paldy for this fascinating talk.

Pioneers of the '50s Rock 'n' Roll: Part 2

Zoom

Wednesday, July 16 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 more about the early years of rock 'n' roll in this virtual presentation. Hear stories, music, and see videos of Jackie Brenston, Ike Turner, Carl Perkins, Shirley and Lee, Jerry Lee Lewis, The Everly Brothers, Danny and The Juniors, The Silhouettes, Johnny Otis, and The Eternals. There will also be some fun trivia questions.

Headline News Discussion

Wednesdays, July 30 and August 27 from 2:00-3:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Please register for each date you plan to attend.

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.

5th Annual Vincent Rodgers Memorial Blood Drive

Thursday, July 31 from 1:00-7:00 pm

Appointments are suggested but walk-ins are welcome. To make an appointment, please call the New York Blood Center at 1-800-933-2566 or visit **longwoodlibrary.org/BloodDrive**

Help us reach our goal of 40 donors! There is a critical shortage of blood in our area and nearly 2,000 donations are needed each day in New York and New Jersey alone. The entire donation process takes less than an hour and a single donation can be used to save multiple lives. You may donate if you are at least 17 years old (16 years old with written consent from parent or legal guardian), weigh at least 110 pounds, and are in good health. Donors with O-negative blood type are especially encouraged to donate, as their blood can be used in emergencies.

What's it Worth? Antique Appraisal with Mike Ivankovich

Zoom

Tuesday, August 19 from 6:30-8:30 pm

Registration begins July 29

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Author, appraiser, and radio show host, Mike Ivankovich will introduce you to “what determines value” and reveal what your antiques, collectibles, and personal treasures are really worth today.

Throughout the appraising process and the program, Mike will be sharing many buying and selling tips and strategies. The first 20 patrons to register for this program may have one to two items appraised virtually by Mike.

2025 Adult Summer Reading Challenge

June 2–August 31

Registration ongoing

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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Arts & Crafts

Color Your Cares Away

Fridays, July 18 and August 15 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Registration ongoing

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Please register for each date you plan to attend.

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

A Knitting and Crochet Circle of Friends

Thursdays, July 24 and August 28 from 10:30 am-12:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Please register for each date you plan to attend.

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.

Colorful Flowers Paint Night

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

Registration begins July 3

Non-refundable materials fee: \$12 cash (exact change) or major credit card

(can pay online) due at registration

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Paint a beautiful, eye-popping field of flowers in this painting class with Pamela. Beginners welcome!

All supplies are included.

Upcycled Paper Birds

Friday, August 1 from 6:30-8:00 pm

Registration begins July 3

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

In this workshop from Creativebug, learn how to work with wire, cut various styles of realistic and whimsical feathers, and form the body and features using upcycled book pages. *This program is geared toward adults aged 18-30.*

Paint and Color Our World: Summer Fruit Trio

Tuesday, August 5 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Registration begins July 8

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Paint a vibrant trio of seasonal summer fruits on pre-printed mini canvases. Perfect for beginners – we'll provide all supplies and simple guidance. Leave with your own set of three charming mini-masterpieces and a mini easel!

Diamond Art Flowers

Wednesday, August 13 from 2:30-3:30 pm

Registration begins July 23

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Create a sparkling flower magnet or keychain by adhering glittering rhinestones to a pretty paint-by-numbers background in this fun and relaxing beginner class.

All materials are included.

Long Island Home Sign

Wednesday, August 20 from 6:30-7:45 pm

Registration begins July 30

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

(can pay online) due at registration

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Create a unique small home sign using a wood plaque, sand, seashells, and other beach-inspired elements. Add a red heart to represent your hometown. All materials are included.

Books & Writing

Summer Writing Workshop

Mondays, July 14, 21, 28, and August 4 from 2:00-4:00 pm

Registration begins July 1

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

Titles and Treats

Tuesdays, July 29 and August 26 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!

Tuesday, July 29 and Friday,
August 29 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Registration ongoing

Please register for each date you plan to attend.

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

Daytime Book Discussion

Nothing to See Here

by Kevin Wilson

In-person or Zoom (Hybrid)

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

Registration ongoing

Agreeing to help her former college roommate care for two stepchildren who possess the ability to spontaneously combust when agitated, Lillian endeavors to keep her young charges cool in the face of an astonishing revelation.

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

Demon Copperhead

by Barbara Kingsolver

In-person or Zoom (Hybrid)

Thursday, August 21 from 3:00-4:00 pm

Registration ongoing

The son of an Appalachian teenager uses his good looks, wit, and instincts to survive foster care, child labor, addiction, disastrous loves, and crushing losses.

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

Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow

by Gabrielle Zevin

Monday, July 21 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration ongoing

A modern love story about two childhood friends, Sam, raised by an actress mother in LA's Koreatown, and Sadie, from the wealthy Jewish enclave of Beverly Hills, who reunite as adults to create video games, finding an intimacy in digital worlds that eludes them in their real lives.

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

The Only Good Indians

by Stephen Graham Jones

Monday, August 25 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Four American Indian men from the Blackfeet Nation, who were childhood friends, find themselves in a desperate struggle for their lives, against an entity that wants to exact revenge upon them for what they did during an elk hunt ten years earlier by killing them, their families, and friends.

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

Computer Classes

Smartphone Spotlight

Intro to Android Devices

Tuesday, July 15 from 2:00-4:00 pm

Registration begins July 3

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Get an introduction to your Android device (phone or tablet). Learn about your device's home screen and system apps, how to access the Internet and email, understand device settings, and discover many tips and tricks. Bring your Android device or just come and listen.

Inside Your Android Device

Tuesday, August 5 from 2:00-4:00 pm

Registration begins July 3

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Learn all about the settings on your device such as display options, protecting your device with privacy settings, which settings can impact battery life, and much more. Bring your device and your questions. Prerequisites: Introduction to Android or equivalent and comfort with your device.

*Please bring your Google password.

Introduction to the iPhone and iPad

Tuesday, August 12 from 2:00-4:00 pm

Registration begins July 22

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Get a hands-on tutorial on your iPhone/iPad device, learn how to get online, understand important device settings, learn about the latest iOS system, and discover many tips and tricks. Bring your iPad or iPhone, or just come and listen. *Please bring your Apple ID and password.

Inside Your iPad and iPhone

Tuesday, August 19 from 2:00-4:00 pm

Registration begins July 22

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Learn all about the settings for certain apps, display options, protecting your device with privacy settings, which settings can impact battery life, and much more. Bring your device and your questions. Prerequisites: Introduction to the iPad and iPhone or equivalent/comfort with your device.

*Please bring your Apple ID and password.

Concerts

Acoustic Friday with Nina Etcetera

Friday, July 11 from 6:30-8:00 pm

Registration begins June 25

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Celebrating traditional American music with heartfelt performances of songs by iconic artists like Johnny Cash, The Carter Family, Hank Williams, Lead Belly, and Patsy Cline—alongside compelling original tunes—offering audiences an authentic and engaging experience.

Acoustic Friday with Tal Naccarato, Live!

Friday, August 15 from 6:30-8:00 pm

Registration begins July 30

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Tal Naccarato is a guitarist/songwriter and instrumentalist in the Americana/folk-blues/classical guitar tradition performing solo acoustic from his original and traditional repertoire.

Cambiata Cello Duo

Sunday, September 7 from 2:00-3:30 pm

Registration begins August 25

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

The Cambiata Cello Duo, formed by Suzanne Mueller and Paul Lawrence Finkelstein, offers a rich and diverse repertoire that spans centuries, continents, and musical genres. Their performances feature works by iconic composers such as Bach and Beethoven, alongside music inspired by tangos, Catalan traditions, the works of Jobim, and Danzas Latinoamericanas. What sets the duo apart is their engaging presentation style: in addition to performing, they share insightful commentary about the composers and pieces, creating a uniquely immersive and educational musical journey for their audiences.

Cooking

Summer Entertaining with Chef Rob

Wednesday, July 30 from 4:00-5:00 pm OR 6:30-7:30 pm

Registration begins July 9

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Chef Rob shows you how to use farm fresh ingredients for summer entertaining in this demonstration class. Learn how to create his Summer Ratatouille Flatbread with local eggplant, zucchini, bell peppers, and onions. Also, on the menu is a Chopped Shrimp Waldorf Salad with apples and grapes. *This program may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

Judy's Cucina: Van Dough Focaccia

Tuesday, August 26 from 6:30-8:00 pm

Registration begins August 5

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

With pizzeria dough as your canvas, learn how to transform herbs and vegetables into focaccia that is almost too pretty to eat. **Please bring a cutting board and vegetable knife.** *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.

General Defensive Driving

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

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

Saturday, August 9 from 10:00 am-4:30 pm OR Wednesday and Thursday, August 27 and 28 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

Monday and Tuesday, July 14 and 15 from 10:00 am-1:30 pm OR

Monday and Tuesday, August 11 and 12 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.

Games

Hey! Let's Play!

Fridays from 10:00 am-12:00 pm

No registration

Bring 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!

Indie Board Games

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

Registration ongoing

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Join us to discover unique and off-the-beaten-path tabletop games. Whether you're a seasoned player or a curious beginner, come ready to learn new games, meet fellow enthusiasts, and enjoy some friendly competition. Games will be provided, but feel free to bring your own favorite indie finds to share! *This program is geared toward adults aged 18-30.*

Beginner's Bridge

Thursdays, July 10, 17, 24, 31, and August 7 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Registration begins July 1

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

In this fun, beginner-friendly class, you'll learn the basics of bidding, play, and strategy of this popular card game. Each week blends easy instruction with guided games taught by Bill Rosenwald. Whether you're a beginner or want to update your bidding and learn new conventions, this class is for you.

Introduction to Dungeons & Dragons

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

Registration ongoing

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Dungeons & Dragons, a fantasy-based tabletop roleplaying game, has continued to grow in popularity over the years. Join Dungeon Master (DM) Jimmy to learn the basics of starting your own campaign with friends and family or to be a part of future games at the library. Learn the ins and outs, from making your own character to creating the world you play in.

Puzzle and Board Game Swap

Saturday, July 12 from 11:00 am-1:00 pm

No registration

Bring in your gently used puzzles and board games to swap for new-to-you ones! Can't make the swap but have puzzles and games to share? Drop them off to the Adult Services desks from July 1-12.

All puzzles and board games must be complete with no missing pieces or components, be in their original box, and be in good condition. Puzzles and games can be any level.

BINGO

Wednesday, July 16 from 2:00-3:30 pm

Registration begins July 2

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!

Super Smash Bros.

Friday, July 18 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.*

Munchkin

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

Registration begins June 26

Grab your gear, betray your friends, and race to Level 10! Join us for a wild and hilarious night of Munchkin, the fast-paced card game that parodies classic dungeon crawlers. *This program is geared toward adults aged 18-30.*

Classic Board Games

Friday, July 25 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm

No registration

Drop in and join us for a morning of playing classic board games, such as Chess, Scrabble, Clue, and more in the Adult Department. Games will be provided, but feel free to bring your own to share!

Puzzle Palooza:

Jigsaw Puzzle Competition

Friday, July 25 from 1:00-3:00 pm

Registration begins July 1

Limit 4 registrations per LPL cardholder

Grab some friends and join us for a fun puzzle competition at the library! Your team of 2 to 4 players will have two hours to assemble a 500-piece puzzle. The team closest to finishing at the end of two hours wins! (If you register as a single player, you will be teamed up with other single players.)

Indie Board Games

Friday, July 25 from 4:00-6:00 pm

No registration

Join us in the Adult Department's Quiet Area to discover unique and off-the-beaten-path tabletop games. Whether you're a seasoned player or a curious beginner, come ready to learn new games, meet fellow enthusiasts, and enjoy some friendly competition. Games will be provided, but feel free to bring your own favorite indie finds to share!

Painting Warhammer 40,000 Miniatures

Friday, July 25 from 4:00-5:00 pm

No registration

Whether you are a hobbyist or have a curiosity, stop by to watch the intricate and detailed work of painting Warhammer 40,000 miniatures.

Warhammer 40,000

Friday, July 25 from 5:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins July 1

Join us for an evening of Warhammer, a tabletop wargame where players command armies of miniature models in a turn-based battle. Register to play.

No registration necessary if you wish to spectate.

Game Show Night

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

Registration begins July 1

Limit 5 registrations per lpl cardholder

Get ready for a high-energy evening of laughter, competition, and fun! Join us for a dynamic game night featuring classic TV game show favorites where you go head-to-head in fast-paced rounds that test your knowledge, teamwork, and quick thinking. Whether you're playing or cheering from the sidelines, there's something for everyone. Unforgettable memories await – don't miss it!

Dungeons & Dragons: Summer Campaign

Mondays, July 28, August 4, 11, and 18 from 6:00-8:30 pm

Registration begins July 7

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Ready to level up? Join expert DM Jimmy for this four-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 session is a new story arc so if you miss out on this one, keep an eye out for future campaigns!

Art Museum Heist Escape Room

Thursday, August 14 from 6:00-6:30 pm

OR 6:30-7:00 pm OR 7:00-7:30 pm OR 7:30-8:00 pm

Registration begins July 24

Limit 2 registrations per LPL cardholder

Please register for ONE session only.

Figure out clues, strategize, and discuss art history to unlock the mystery box in this exciting escape room experience! Limit 5 patrons per half hour session.

Health & Fitness

Stop the Bleed

Tuesday, July 22 from 6:30-8:00 pm

Registration ongoing

When traumatic events or even everyday accidents including home or work injuries occur, every minute counts. Learn how to stop life-threatening bleeding until emergency services arrives. Join the nurses and educators from NYU Langone to learn how to apply pressure to a wound, pack a wound, and how to properly apply a tourniquet in this hands-on workshop. Stop the bleed, save a life!

Gentle Yoga

Mondays, July 28, August 4, 18, and 25

from 6:30-7:30 pm

Registration begins July 8

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Join Stephanie to learn poses, postures, breath, and movement in this gentle exercise class. Please wear comfortable clothes and bring a yoga mat. You may also bring two yoga blocks to modify your poses if you have them (the blocks are optional).

The Anxiety Antidote: Proven Meditation Techniques That Work

Zoom

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

Registration ongoing

Life in today's world is stressful. People are anxious about their health, finances, relationships, safety, and work. Medical practitioners are promoting the benefits of meditation to relieve stress and anxiety. Join Arlene Samsel to learn how to use meditation to calm your mind and body, connect to a place of peace, and to help you cope with the stresses of life. This virtual workshop will also include a short meditation session.

Back Pain Workshop

Tuesday, August 5 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Join physical therapist and chiropractor Dr. David Stern to learn the common causes of back pain, basic back anatomy, and the best conservative methods to treat back issues.

Finding Inner Peace and Calmness Through Meditation

Zoom

Tuesday, August 26 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Join Arvind Naik for this deep and engaging meditation workshop. Arvind will talk about the journey of finding lasting peace, happiness, and a greater sense of well-being and how a simple meditation can help. This virtual workshop will also include a short meditation session.

Salsa, Merengue, and Bachata Dancing

Wednesdays, August 27, September 3, and 10 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Registration begins August 6

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Learn to dance the Salsa, Merengue, and Bachata with returning dance instructor Christopher Castro.

This three-week series is for beginners and all who wish to have a great time! No experience is necessary and no partner required.

Language

English Conversation Online

Zoom

Tuesdays, September 9 through October 28 from 5:00-6:30 pm

Registration begins August 26

This 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 discussion and reading.

Intermediate English with LIEOC

Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning September 9 from 6:00-8:30 pm

Registration begins August 8

The Long Island Educational Opportunity Center (LIEOC) is offering an English class at the library with certified teachers. The LIEOC is a tuition-free Adult Education program sponsored by SUNY Farmingdale. The course introduces students to basic structures and vocabulary of the English language through reading, listening, and pronunciation skills at no cost to you.

Make connections, and learn English. Please note that this is not a Beginner English Class.

El Centro de Oportunidades Educativas de Long Island (LIEOC) ofrece una clase de inglés en la biblioteca con maestros certificados. El LIEOC es un programa gratuito de educación para adultos patrocinado por SUNY Farmingdale. El curso introduce a los estudiantes a las estructuras básicas y el vocabulario del idioma inglés a través de las habilidades de lectura, comprensión auditiva y pronunciación sin costo alguno para usted. Haz conexiones, aprende inglés. ¡Tenga en cuenta que esta no es una clase de inglés para principiantes!

Movies

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!

Saturday Afternoon Movie

The Last Starfighter

Saturday, July 5 at 2:15 pm

No registration

Starring Lance Guest, Dan O'Herlihy, and Robert Preston

(Sci-fi/Adventure, 1984, PG, 101 mins.)

Captain America:

Brave New World

Saturday, August 2 at 2:15 pm

No registration

Starring Anthony Mackie, Harrison Ford, and Danny Ramirez

(Action/Adventure, 2025, PG-13, 118 mins.)

July/August Selections...

JULY 2 *Wicked*

(Fantasy, 2024, PG, 160 mins.)

Starring Cynthia Erivo & Ariana Grande

JULY 9 *TRON*

Oldie But Goodie!

(Sci-Fi/Adventure, 1982, PG, 96 mins.)

Starring Jeff Bridges & David Warner

JULY 16 *I'm Still Here*

(Drama–Portuguese Subtitled, 2024, PG-13, 136 mins.)

Starring Fernanda Torres & Selton Mello

JULY 23 *Jumanji*

Oldie But Goodie!

(Action/Adventure, 1995, PG, 104 mins.)

Starring Robin Williams & Bonnie Hunt

JULY 30 ***Last Breath***

(Suspense, 2025, PG-13, 93 mins.)

Starring Woody Harrelson & Simu Liu

AUGUST 6 ***50 First Dates***

Oldie But Goodie!

(Romance/Comedy, 1993, PG-13, 99 mins)

Starring Drew Barrymore & Adam Sandler

AUGUST 13 **Reagan**

(Drama, 2024, PG-13, 141 mins.)

Starring Dennis Quaid & Penelope Ann Miller

AUGUST 20 **Grumpy Old Men**

Oldie But Goodie!

(Comedy, 1997, PG-13, 104 mins.)

Starring Jack Lemon & Walter Matthau

AUGUST 27 **The Unbreakable Boy**

(Drama, 2025, PG, 104 mins.)

Starring Zachary Levi & Meghann Fahy

Nature & Environment

How to Save Money on Home Energy Bills

Tuesday, July 8 from 6:30-7:30 pm

Registration ongoing

Learn about the benefits of clean energy, ways to reduce energy use, and how to lower your energy bill through energy assessments, incentives, and rebates. Also, learn about job opportunities available in the clean energy industry. Presented by the United Way and the Long Island Clean Energy Hub.

Citizen Disaster Preparedness Training

Tuesday, July 15 from 6:30-8:00 pm

To register visit: longwoodlibrary.org/CDPT

With severe weather events becoming more frequent and more extreme, it is more important than ever that New Yorkers are prepared for disasters. This training teaches residents to have the tools and resources to prepare for any type of disaster, respond accordingly, and recover as quickly as possible. Also, learn how to develop a family emergency plan and stock up on emergency supplies.

Each family that attends will receive one preparedness kit.

Presented by the New York National Guard Citizen Preparedness Corps in partnership with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services.

Supporting Long Island Wildlife

Monday, July 21 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Registration ongoing

Learn all about our wonderful local wildlife and how you can help, including who to contact if you come across an injured animal, in this presentation by Save the Animals Rescue (STAR). You will also get to meet some of STAR Foundation's educational ambassador animals.

Buzz of the Beekeeper

Wednesday, August 6 from 6:30-8:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Beekeeper Gerald Raffa returns to discuss everything bees. Learn about caring for bees, feeding bees, bee hierarchy, and the loss of bees throughout the world. He will bring a small hive (no bees) and the tools he uses to support the colony and collect honey. Whether you would like to become a beekeeper or simply want to learn what all of the “buzz” is about, this program is for you!

Seining at Mother’s Beach

Wednesday, August 20 from 9:00-10:30 am

Registration begins July 30

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Get up close and personal with some of the fascinating organisms that live in Bellport Bay! Join the Friends of Bellport Bay (FoBB) to learn how to use seine nets to capture marine creatures such as fish, snails, and crabs. After wading into the water to collect specimens, we will use FoBB’s identification guides to learn more about the species we find then return them to the bay. Bring drinking water, sunscreen, swimwear, a towel, water-suitable shoes (such as Crocs), and a curious mind! Although we will be in the water, swimming is not permitted at Mother’s Beach. You must provide your own transportation to the park. Weather permitting.

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 Button Art Turtle

Thursday, July 24 from 10:30-11:30 am

Registration begins July 7

Join Doreen to make an adorable turtle out of buttons.

SmileAwhile with the Magic of Amore

Wednesday, August 13 from 11:00-11:45 am

Registration begins July 16

From the moment the show begins until the grand finale, Amore will have you on the edge of your seat with laughter and amazement. Join us for this mesmerizing, mystifying, and unforgettable show!

SmileAwhile with a Movie

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The LEGO Movie

Friday, July 18 from 10:30 am-12:15 pm

No registration

Starring Voices: Chris Pratt, Will Ferrell, Will Arnett, Elizabeth Banks, Nick Offerman, Alison Brie, Charlie Day, Liam Neeson, Morgan Freeman

An ordinary LEGO construction worker, thought to be the prophesied as “special”, is recruited to join a quest to stop an evil tyrant from gluing the LEGO universe into eternal stasis.

(2014, Animated comedy, PG, 1 hour 41 minutes)

Mufasa: The Lion King

Friday, August 8 from 10:30 am-12:30 pm

No registration

Starring: Aaron Pierre, Kelvin Harrison Jr., Seth Rogen, Billy Eichner, Tiffany Boone, Donald Glover, Mads Mikkelsen, Thandiwe Newton, Lennie James, Anika Noni Rose, Blue Ivy Carter, Beyonce Knowles-Carter

An orphaned Mufasa is lost and alone until he meets Taka, heir to a royal bloodline. This launches an epic journey that tests the pair’s bonds as they evade a deadly foe.

(2025, Family drama, PG, 1 hour 58 minutes)

Train Trip to NYC

Saturday, August 9, on the 9:32 am train

from LIRR’s Ronkonkoma Train Station.

Fee: \$10.75 per round trip ticket

(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, July 14 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.****

Community Outreach

Health Insurance Enrollment Assistance for NY State of Health

Tuesdays, July 8, August 12, and 19 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.

Crime Victims Center and Parents for Megan's Law Resource Table

Tuesday, July 8 from 10:00 am-12:30 pm

No registration

Stop by the library to meet representatives from the Crime Victims Center and Parents for Megan's Law. This non-profit organization is dedicated to the prevention and treatment of child sexual abuse and rape, the provision of services for victims of violent crime, and the elderly, disabled, and minor victims of all crime. They offer prevention education, victim services, and Megan's Law Community and Law Enforcement support.

ADRC Caregiver Support Program

Wednesdays, July 9 and August 13 from 2:00-3:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Please register separately for each date you plan to attend.

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.

Long Island Cares Food Pantry Farm Truck

Thursday, July 10 from 11:00 am-12:00 pm

No registration

Long Island Cares Food Pantry's Farm Truck will be in our parking lot to distribute FREE, fresh seasonal produce, milk, cheese, butter, and eggs (while supplies last). In the case of inclement weather, please call the Adult Reference Desk at **(631) 924-6400 x250** before coming.

Risewell Community Services Resource Table

Monday, July 14 from 1:00-3:00 pm

No registration

Risewell is a multi-service, community-based wellness agency offering resources for health and wellness services, senior and children's care, addiction recovery services, and affordable housing and support. Stop by the library to meet a Risewell representative and learn more.

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.

Medicaid Enrollment Assistance for the Aged, Blind, and Disabled

Tuesdays, July 1, 22, August 5, and 26 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, July 9 and August 13 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.

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.

Art Exhibit

Throughout July and August, make sure to stop by the gallery and view some wonderful watercolor paintings created by three talented local residents – Pat Cunningham, Karin Lauer, and Merle McGarrett. Upon viewing these colorful works, you'll no doubt be inspired to pick up a brush yourself. An interesting note is that two of the artists were inspired to continue their painting pursuits after taking a class right here at the library!

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.

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 is ongoing.

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

Supported by Friends of the Library

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.

July: S'more Fun

August: Commotion in the Ocean

Baby, Toddler, and Preschool Classes & Events

Kidnastics

Tuesday, July 1

Children (12-35 months) at 10:00 am

Children (3 years–entering kindergarten in fall 2025) at 11:00 am

Registration begins June 16

Tuesday, August 5

Children (12-35 months) at 10:00 am

Children (3 years–entering kindergarten in fall 2025) at 11:00 am

Registration begins July 23

Join Kidnastics for a morning of musical warm-ups, obstacle courses, fun activities, and so much more! Please wear comfortable clothing and sneakers and be ready to move!

Let's Move with PlayHooray

Wednesday, July 2 at 10:00 am OR 11:00 am

Children (infant–4 years)

Registration begins June 16

Monday, August 11 at 10:00 am OR 11:00 am

Children (infant–4 years)

Registration begins August 1

PlayHooray on a sunny summer day with balls, instruments, drums, and so much more. This lively music and movement class will have you rocking to the beat.

Star Spangled Celebration

Thursday, July 3 at 10:30 am

Children (2 years–Pre-K)

Registration begins June 16

Celebrate the birthday of the USA with crafts, a fun story, and patriotic tunes!

Baby Picasso

Monday, July 7 at 10:00 am

Children (12 months–30 months)

Registration begins June 24

Friday, August 1 at 10:00 am

Children (12 months–30 months)

Registration begins July 23

Art Starts

Monday, July 7 at 11:00 am

Children (31 months–entering kindergarten in fall 2025)

Registration begins June 24

Friday, August 1 at 11:00 am

Children (31 months–Pre-K)

Registration begins July 23

Children will develop 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.

Zumbini

Tuesday, July 8 at 10:00 am OR 11:00 am

Children (infant–4 years)

Registration begins June 24

Tuesday, August 19 at 10:00 am OR 11:00 am

Children (infant–4 years)

Registration begins August 7

Created by Zumba and BabyFirst, Zumbini is an early childhood education program that uses original music and movement to promote young children's cognitive, social, fine/gross motor skills, and emotional development.

BenAnna Band

Wednesday, July 9 at 11:00 am

Children (birth–grade 3)

Registration begins June 24

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.

Tots Night Out

Wednesday, July 9 at 6:00 pm

Children (18 months–entering kindergarten in fall 2025)

Registration begins June 24

Tuesday, August 12 at 6:00 pm

Children (18 months–entering kindergarten in fall 2025)

Registration begins August 1

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

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

Children (infant–3 years)

Registration begins June 24

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

Babies & Books

Monday, July 14 at 10:00 am

Children (infant–17 months)

Registration begins July 1

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

Monday, July 14 at 11:00 am

Children (18-35 months)

Registration begins July 1

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

Nursery Rhyme Sing Along

Tuesday, July 15 at 10:00 am OR 10:45 am

Children (birth–entering kindergarten in fall 2025)

Registration begins July 1

Join Megan VK to sing, clap, and dance along to all your favorite classic rhymes! This fun-filled class encourages early language skills, rhythm, and social interaction in a warm and welcoming environment.

Color Our World Yoga

Wednesday, July 16

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

Children (3 years–entering kindergarten in fall 2025) at 11:00 am

Registration begins July 1

Let's bend, stretch, sing, and laugh! Children will experience storytime like never before.

Puppet Pals

Thursday, July 17 at 10:00 am OR 11:00 am

Children (3 years–entering kindergarten in fall 2025)

Registration begins July 1

Join us for a colorful and creative storytime! Listen to stories, sing songs, and make your own colorful puppet to take home!

Seashore Safari

Friday, July 18 at 10:00 am OR 11:00 am

Children (3 years–entering kindergarten in fall 2025)

Registration begins July 1

Cornell Cooperative Extension's Marine Program educator will bring the beach to the library! This hands-on presentation introduces children to local marine life, including sea stars, shellfish, hermit crabs, snails, and a horseshoe crab!

A Time for Kids: Elmer the Elephant

Monday, July 21

Children (18-35 months) at 10:00 am
Children (3 years—entering kindergarten in fall 2025) at 10:45 am
Registration begins July 10
Join A Time for Kids for a colorful morning featuring Elmer the Elephant!

Peppa Party
Wednesday, July 23
Children (18-35 months) at 10:00 am
Children (3 years—entering kindergarten in fall 2025) at 11:00 am
Registration begins July 10
Oink, oink! It's a Peppa Party! Join us for a fun-filled program featuring everyone's favorite pig – Peppa!

Sensory Storytime
Thursday, July 24 at 10:00 am
Children (3 years—entering kindergarten in fall 2025)
Registration begins July 10
Join us for a journey through the senses as we explore all the elements of a story.

Shake 'N Make Music
Saturday, July 26
Children (infant–17 months) at 10:00 am
Children (18-35 months) at 11:00 am
Registration begins July 10
Monday, August 4
Children (infant–17 months) at 10:00 am
Children (18-35 months) at 11:00 am
Registration begins July 23
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.

Tot Rave: Little Movers Dance Party
Monday, July 28 at 10:00 am
Children (3 years—entering kindergarten in fall 2025)
Registration begins July 15
Light up the library at this music-filled, movement-powered program for little party animals!

Summer Stories & Crafty Fun
Monday, July 28 at 6:30 pm
Children (2 years—completed kindergarten)
Registration begins July 15
Join us for storytime followed by a hands-on craft! Perfect for kids who love to listen, imagine, and create!

Color Wheel Wonders
Tuesday, July 29
Children (18-35 months) at 10:00 am
Children (3 years—entering kindergarten in fall 2025) 11:00 am
Registration begins July 15
Dive into a world of color as we listen to stories and make colorful creations.

Lil Athletes: Baseball
Wednesday, July 30 at 10:00 am OR 11:00 am

Children (2 years—entering kindergarten in fall 2025)

Registration begins July 15

Hey batter, batter! Join Lil Athletes for some baseball basics and get your little one moving!

Fun 4 Littles: Ms. Rachel Puppet Show

Thursday, July 31 at 10:30 am

Recommended for birth—completed grade 1

Registration begins July 15

Join us for an interactive musical puppet production featuring look-alike Muppet-style puppets from the Ms. Rachel series and many more! Education for littles has never been so much fun! Join us after the show for Family Art Fun in the Craft Room!

Superhero Training with Captain America

Friday, August 1 at 5:00 pm OR 6:00 pm

Children (3 years—completed grade 2)

Registration begins July 23

Get some superhero training from Captain America! Practice your moves and get ready to fight crime!

Colorful Chameleon

Wednesday, August 6

Children (2-3 years) at 10:00 am

Children (4-5 years) at 11:00 am

Registration begins July 23

Join Miss Kelli as we read about colorful chameleons and make our own chameleon craft.

A Time for Kids: Colorful Caterpillar

Friday, August 8

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

Children (18 months—entering kindergarten in fall 2025) at 10:45 am

Registration begins July 23

Join A Time for Kids for a fun-filled morning featuring colorful caterpillars!

Saturday Mother Goose & Playtime

Saturday, August 9 at 10:00 am

Children (infant—3 years)

Registration begins July 23

Spend a Saturday morning joining in on nursery rhymes and songs with a children's librarian. Afterward, we'll open the toy cabinet and spend time playing and socializing with other families.

Nursery Rhyme Sing Along

Wednesday, August 13 at 10:00 am OR 10:45 am

Children (birth—entering kindergarten in fall 2025)

Registration begins August 1

Join Megan VK to sing, clap, and dance along to all your favorite classic rhymes! This fun-filled class encourages early language skills, rhythm, and social interaction in a warm and welcoming environment.

Drama with Your Mama

Thursday, August 14 at 10:00 am

Children (2 years—entering kindergarten in fall 2025)

Registration begins August 1

Taught by theater professionals who are also moms, this class uses a variety of activities including live music, storytelling, and imaginative play to engage the youngest performers and build confidence.

Stuffy Sleepover

Friday, August 15 at 6:30

Children (3 years–completed kindergarten)

Registration begins August 1

Children will enjoy pretending they are at their first sleepover with their favorite stuffed animal. We will listen to bedtime stories, make a craft, and get our stuffies ready for bed. Then, the stuffed animals will have a sleepover at the library! Children can return the next day to pick up their animals and see all the fun they had at the library after hours! Please note that stuffed animals will stay at the library overnight, so pick the perfect stuffy that your child is okay without for one night.

Lil Athletes: Lacrosse

Monday, August 18 at 10:00 am OR 11:00 am

Children (2 years–entering kindergarten in fall 2025)

Registration begins August 7

Join Lil Athletes to learn basic lacrosse skills. Kids will get moving and have some fun!

Baby Start

Wednesday, August 20 at 10:00 am

Children (Infant–17 months)

Registration begins August 7

Join A Time For Kids for this half hour program that includes music, movement, fingerplays, and circle time. Early literacy, socialization, fine and gross motor development, early language development and group play skills are introduced.

Let's Get Ready for Preschool

Wednesday, August 20 at 10:45 am

Children (3-4 years and entering preschool or Pre-K in fall 2025)

Registration begins August 7

Join A Time For Kids for a special program for children who are entering preschool or pre-kindergarten. Children will play, explore, and learn side-by-side with their grown-ups about math and reading readiness using fun interactive educational materials.

Let's Get Ready for Kindergarten

Thursday, August 21 at 11:00 am

Children entering kindergarten in fall 2025

Registration begins August 7

Calling all Kindergarteners! Join us as we celebrate your big day! Children entering kindergarten are invited with their parents to a special storytime filled with stories and songs to beat those first-day jitters. Families can spend time at several activity stations focusing on kindergarten skills such as cutting, name-writing, recognizing shapes, colors, letters and numbers, and shoe-tying. Children will take home a craft that they can take with them on their first day of school!

Babies Boogie

Wednesday, August 27 at 2:00 pm

Children (infant–23 months)

Registration begins August 13

Toddlers Tango

Wednesday, August 27 at 3:00 pm

Children (2-4 years)

Registration begins August 13

Clap your hands, stomp your feet, and sing along with Miss Nicole for this wonderful movement class featuring instruments and music from around the world.

School-Aged Classes & Events

Minecraft Junior

Tuesday, July 1 at 2:00 pm OR 3:00 pm

Children (completed grades K-2)

Registration begins June 16

Wednesday, August 13 at 11:00 am OR 12:00 pm

Children (completed grades K-2)

Registration begins August 1

Minecraft Club

Tuesday, July 1 at 4:00 pm

Children (completed grades 3-6)

Registration begins June 16

Wednesday, August 13 at 1:00 pm

Children (completed grades 3-6)

Registration begins August 1

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.

DIY Ice Cream Bank

Wednesday, July 2

Children (completed grades K–2) at 6:00 pm

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

Registration begins June 16

Create a delectable ice cream bank to save your money for the ice cream man this summer!

Apple Pie Fourth of July

Thursday, July 3

Children (completed grades K–2) at 6:00 pm

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

Registration begins June 16

Join us to celebrate the Fourth of July! We'll read a book and then make a tasty treat and a craft.

Food provided may not be suitable for those with food allergies.

Sunglasses Mania

Monday, July 7 at 2:00 pm

Children (completed Grades K–2)

Registration begins June 24

Design and decorate your own unique pair of sunglasses to sparkle in the sun!

Seashell Trinket Dish

Monday, July 7 at 3:00 pm

Children (completed grades 3-6)

Registration begins June 24

Choose your colors, get creative, and paint a one-of-a-kind seashell that you can turn into your very own trinket dish.

Catch Some Colorful Rays

Tuesday, July 8

Children (completed grades K–2) at 6:00 pm

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

Registration begins June 24

Join us at the library for a bright and colorful adventure making your own suncatcher!

Pokémon Perler Party

Wednesday, July 9

Children (completed grades K–2) at 2:00 pm

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

Registration begins June 24

Join us in designing pixel-perfect Pokémon and bringing them to life with Perler beads – no Pokéballs required!

Garden Club

Wednesdays, July 9–August 6 at 4:15 pm

Children (completed grades 2-6)

Registration begins June 24

This program will take place offsite at Bartlett Pond Park.

The Children's Department has a garden bed at the Longwood Victory Garden at Bartlett Pond Park! We will be growing vegetables that we will donate to our local soup kitchen, and we are looking for children with their grown-ups who are interested in gardening to help us plant, weed, and harvest all summer long! Sign up for one or more weeks of fun in the sun! Please dress appropriately for the weather and for working in the garden and bring a water bottle and sunscreen. Grown-ups must remain at Bartlett Pond Park with their child, whether they are helping in the garden with us or playing on the playground with younger siblings. Certificates for 1 hour of community service are awarded at each session if needed.

Magnet Mania

Thursday, July 10 at 10:00 am OR 11:30 am

Children (completed grades 3-6)

Registration begins June 24

Join us in the makerLAB to design and subliminate your own magnets using Canva design software.

Library Llamas

Thursday, July 10

Children (completed grades K–2) at 4:00 pm

Children (completed grades 3-6) at 5:00 pm

Registration begins June 24

Learn all about llamas from an educator from the Suffolk County Farm. Then, meet a llama up close on our Terrace!

Parrot Picasso

Friday, July 11

Children (completed grades K–2) at 6:00 pm

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

Registration begins June 24

Join Art Teacher Kim to Color Our World and create a vivid parrot art project.

Minecraft Stuffies

Saturday, July 12

Children (completed grades K–2) at 2:00 pm

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

Registration begins June 24

Kick it up a notch! Venture to the library to sew Minecraft stuffies!

We Sign Together

Mondays, July 14, 21, 28 at 1:00 pm

Children (completed grades K–2)

Registration begins July 1

Learn basic sign language with Miss Jennie at the library. Make new friends and learn new skills in the fun and informative class!

Signing Stars

Mondays, July 14, 21, 28 at 2:00 pm

Children (completed grades 3-6)

Registration begins July 1

Learn basic sign language with Miss Jennie at the library. Make new friends and learn new skills in this fun and informative class!

Paws for Reading

Children (readers—completed grade 6)

Monday, July 14 starting at 5:00 pm

Registration begins July 1

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.

Video Game Showdown

Tuesday, July 15

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

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

Registration begins July 1

Tuesday, August 5

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

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

Registration begins July 23

Battle your friends head-to-head in popular video games! Test your skills in this tournament-style program.

I am Peace: Mindfulness & Yoga

Wednesday, July 16

Children (completed grades K-2) at 12:00 pm

Children (completed grades 3-6) at 1:00 pm

Registration begins July 1

Children have a lot to navigate in this world. Practicing mindfulness can give kids the tools to help them navigate on their journey. We'll practice mindfulness through yoga poses, breathing exercises, games, and meditation. Dress comfortably.

Sculpey Clay Squirtle

Thursday, July 17

Children (completed grades K-2) at 3:00 pm

Children (completed grades 3-6) at 4:00 pm

Registration begins July 1

Gotta catch 'em all! Join Art Teacher Amy to create your very own Squirtle out of Sculpey clay!

Dungeons & Dragons Tween Edition

Children (grades 4-6)

Thursday, July 17 from 6:00-7:30 pm

Registration begins July 1

Thursday, August 21 from 6:00-7:30 pm

Registration begins August 7

Join the Quest Master's Guild for a "Tween Edition" 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.

Grumpy Monkey Banana Pops

Friday, July 18 at 6:00 pm

Children (completed grades K-2)

Registration begins July 1

Let's read the book and get hands-on experience making delicious banana pops, perfect for making even the grumpiest monkey happy! Snacks provided may not be suitable for those with food allergies.

Book Chat: *Diary of a Minecraft Zombie*

Friday, July 18 at 7:15 pm

Children (completed grades 3-6)

Book pickup and registration begins July 1

It's a gamer summer here at LPL! Grab your copy of *Diary of a Minecraft Zombie*, then join us to discuss, play games, and make crafts.

Guitar Camp

Monday, July 21–Thursday July 24 at 6:00 pm

Children (completed grades 3-6)

Registration begins July 10

Join Adam King from Reprise Music for beginner guitar class! Guitars will be provided for use during the class.

Lego Build Challenge

Tuesday, July 22 at 2:00 pm

Children (completed grades K-2)

Registration begins July 10

With help from middle school buddies, create your own builds using our Lego collection!

Lego Buddies

Tuesday, July 22 at 1:45 pm

Children (completed grades 5-6)

Registration begins July 10

Love Legos? Want to help younger kids? Volunteer during our Lego Build Challenge to help younger kids create Lego masterpieces.

Cupcake Creations

Thursday, July 24 at 2:30 pm

Children (completed grades 2-6)

Registration begins July 10

Create your own diamond art cupcake magnet and enjoy a tasty cupcake snack while you craft.

Snacks provided may not be suitable for those with food allergies.

Game On: Pixels and Pieces

Friday, July 25

Children (completed grades K-2) at 1:00 pm

Children (completed grades 3-6) at 2:00 pm

Registration begins July 10

Join us at GamerCon to play some games! We'll play some Nintendo Switch and break out the library's board game collection!

Mario Party

Friday, July 25

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

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

Registration begins July 10

“Let’s-a go!” We’re off to Super Mario Land to play games and make some crafts!

Gaming Grooves

Tuesday, July 29

Children (completed grades K-2) at 5:00 pm

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

Registration begins July 15

Listen to your favorite video game soundtracks and create instrumental duets and character moves to music including Minecraft, Mario Kart, Plants vs. Zombies, and more.

Solar Bugs

Wednesday, July 30 at 3:00 pm

Children (completed grades 3-6)

Registration begins July 15

Children will learn about solar energy by creating a simple solar circuit in minutes using only conductive tape, a mini solar panel, and a motor. When complete, these bugs will move around in the sun and never run out of power!

Longwood’s Got Talent

Children (completed grades 2-12) Registration for auditions begins July 15

Each child/duet/group can perform one talent for a total of up to 3 minutes and must be able to attend one audition time.

Auditions will be held on Wednesday, July 30 from 6:00-7:00 pm and Thursday, July 31 from 5:00-6:00 pm. Each child/duet/group will register for one 15-minute time slot and will be seen on a first come, first served basis.

The talent show will take place on Friday, August 8 at 7:00 pm. Registration to attend the show begins July 15

Beginner Songwriting

Thursday, July 31 at 6:00 pm

Children (completed grades 3-6)

Registration begins July 15

Join singer-songwriter Meghan VK for a songwriting class. Analyze rhyme patterns, learn song structure, and try your hand at writing your own song!

Color Changing Beach Totes

Friday, August 1 at 2:00 pm OR 3:30 pm

Children (completed grades 3-6)

Registration begins July 23

Head to the makerLAB to make a color changing beach tote to carry all your stuff to the beach this summer!

Superhero Training with Captain America

Friday, August 1 at 5:00 pm OR 6:00 pm

Children (3 years–completed grade 2)

Registration begins July 23

Get some superhero training from Captain America! Practice your moves and get ready to fight crime!

Sculpey Clay Toucan

Monday, August 4

Children (completed grades K-2) at 3:00 pm

Children (completed grades 3-6) at 4:00 pm

Registration begins July 23

Join Art Teacher Amy to Color Our World with a vibrant toucan Sculpey Clay creation.

From Zebra to Unicorn

Wednesday, August 6

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

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

Registration begins July 23

Join Art Teacher Kim to create a colorful art piece!

Straw Painting: Monsters

Thursday, August 7 at 6:00 pm

Children (completed grades K-2)

Registration begins July 23

Listen to a story then create a funny, colorful monster using a straw painting technique.

Straw Painting: Emus

Thursday, August 7 at 7:00 pm

Children (completed grades 3-6)

Registration begins July 23

Create fun and quirky art using straws and blow painting to make a funny emu.

Scooter Games

Friday, August 8

Children (completed grades K-2) at 3:00 pm

Children (completed grades 3-6) at 4:15 pm

Registration begins July 23

Take classic games and turn them upside down! We'll play some classic games but with a twist...we'll be on scooters!

3D Printed Name Keychains

Monday, August 11 at 3:00 pm

Children (completed grades 3-6)

Registration begins August 1

Learn how to design your own dual-color name keychain using Tinkercad, a free 3D modeling software. We'll print your project for you, and it will be ready for pickup within a week after the program.

Build-A-Stuffie

Tuesday, August 12

Children (completed grades K-2) at 10:30 am

Children (completed grades 3-6) at 11:30 am

Registration begins August 1

Bring a plush pal to life in our Build-A-Stuffie workshop!

Learn to Crochet

Wednesdays, August 13, 20, 27 at 6:00 pm

Children (completed grades 3-6)

Registration begins August 1

Learn the basics of crocheting! All skill levels are welcome. Materials will be provided.

Fully Loaded Brownie Trifles with Chef Rob

Thursday, August 14

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

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

Registration begins August 1

Join Chef Rob for some chocolate overload! Create a delicious brownie trifle that you can take home and share with your family.

Creation Stations

Friday, August 15 at 11:00 am

Children (completed grades K-2)

Registration begins August 1

Unleash your creativity in this art program designed to spark the imagination! Use different art techniques to make colorful creations.

Escape Room: Art Heist

Friday, August 15 at 1:00 pm, OR 1:30 pm,

OR 2:00 pm, OR 2:30 pm

Children (completed grades 3-6)

Registration begins August 1

See if you and your friends can break out of this escape room! Sign up for a time slot to test your ingenuity.

Pastel Meow-sterpieces

Monday, August 18

Children (completed grades K–2) at 2:30 pm

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

Registration begins August 7

Use pastels to create a purr-fectly pretty meow-sterpiece.

Sphero Painting

Tuesday, August 19 at 3:00 pm

Children (completed grades K–2)

Registration begins August 7

Like to paint? Think robots are cool? Combine them in this fun art class, where we'll program robots to paint!

Sleepover Essentials

Tuesday, August 19 at 5:30 pm OR 7:00 pm

Children (completed grades 3-6)

Registration begins August 7

Come to the makerLAB and use the sewing machines to create a tote bag, perfect for carrying your sleepover essentials, like your custom eye mask that we'll decorate using the Cricut!

Perler Party

Wednesday, August 20 at 3:00 pm

Children (completed grades K-2)

Registration begins August 7

Make some cool pixel art to take home!

Colorful Candles

Thursday, August 21

Children (completed grades K-2) at 3:00 pm

Children (completed grades 3-6) at 4:00 pm

Registration begins August 7

Join us to create a colorful, scented candle with personalized jar and wax charm!

Family Classes & Events

Magic of Amore

Tuesday, July 1 at 7:00 pm

Families with children (4 years–completed grade 6)

Registration begins June 16

You never know what Amore might have up his sleeve, but be assured he will have you on the edge of your seat in astonishment and laughing at his silly and goofy comedy.

Morning at the Movies: ***Dog Man***

Saturday, July 5 at 11:00 am

Families with children

No registration

Join us for a fun-filled screening of *Dog Man*, based on the beloved graphic novels. Follow Dog Man, half-dog, half-man police hero, as he battles the mischievous Petey the Cat and discovers the power of friendship, family, and kindness. **This movie runs for 89 minutes.**

Family Maker Night: Light Up Signs

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

Families with children (completed grades 2-6)

Registration begins June 24

Have you ever wanted to check out our makerLAB? Not sure how to use the equipment? Join us in the makerLAB to learn a new skill as a family! This month, learn how to make a light-up sign.

BenAnna Band

Wednesday, July 9 at 11:00 am

Children (birth– completed grade 3)

Registration begins June 24

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

Frogs, Bugs & Animals

Friday, July 11 at 10:00 am OR 11:30 am

Families with children

Registration begins June 24

Green Meadows Farm is visiting and will bring lots of animals to help us learn all about nature during this hands-on program! They will bring frogs, bugs, reptiles, hedgehogs, bunnies, and adorable baby animals.

Play It Cool: Family Board Games

Saturday, July 19 at 2:30 pm

Families with children

No registration

Beat the heat with an afternoon of screen-free family fun! Drop by the library to play classic and new board games, enjoy cool snacks, and spend quality time together. All ages are welcome!

Petra Puppets: Carnival of Colors

Tuesday, July 22 at 11:00 am

Families with children (ages 4–completed grade 6)

Registration begins July 10

What happens when you put a Talented Tuna, a Colorful Bug Collector, a Magic Paint Brush and a Wonder Chicken in the same room with unlimited art supplies? You get Steve Petra's *Carnival of Colors*!

Hawaiian Pineapple Banana Bread with Chef Rob

Wednesday, July 23 at 3:00 pm OR 4:00 pm

Families with children (completed grades K-6)

Registration begins July 10

Join Chef Rob to make Hawaiian Pineapple Banana Bread, a new twist on an old favorite! *Food provided may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

Creative Mode: Gaming Crafts

Friday, July 25 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Families with children

No registration

Dive into different craft stations, each inspired by gaming and popular video games!

Family Kahoot! Gaming Edition

Friday, July 25 at 3:00 pm

Families with children

Registration begins July 10

Bring the family for some Kahoot! trivia all about gaming. From board games to video games, there's a question for everyone!

Family Art Fun

Thursday, July 31 at 11:00 am

Families with children

Spend some time creating art at different stations using different techniques with your kids!

Interactive Morning at the Movies: ***Trolls Band Together***

Saturday, August 2 at 11:00 am

Families with children

Join Poppy and Branch on a wild adventure, featuring some interactive audience participation!

Family Maker Night: Sublimation Journals

Monday, August 4 at 6:00 pm OR 7:00 pm

Families with children (completed grades 2-6)

Registration begins July 23

Have you ever wanted to check out our makerLAB? Not sure how to use the equipment? Join us in the makerLAB to learn a new skill as a family! This month, learn how to make a sublimation journal, perfect to take back to school! Sign up by calling the Children's Department.

Princess Sing Along

Thursday, August 7 at 11:00 am

Families with children

Registration begins July 23

Families will enjoy a morning of songs and smiles with princesses from Royal Princess Prep. Come sing-a-long with your favorite princesses!

Spoon Man

Monday, August 11 at 7:00 pm

Families with children

Registration begins August 1

Join us for this interactive musical comedy program perfect for all ages. It's a real *stirring* performance – you'll eat it up! It's a spoonful of family fun you won't want to miss.

Creation Stations

Saturday, August 16 at 11:00 am OR 2:00 pm

Families with children

No registration

Unleash your creativity in this art program designed to spark the imagination! Use different art techniques to make colorful creations.

Rainbow Bingo

Monday, August 18 at 6:00 pm OR 7:00 pm

Families with children

Registration begins August 7

Bring the family to play a colorful version of bingo!

Color Our World: An Evening with Local Authors

Thursday, August 28 at 7:00 pm

Families with children (3 years–completed grade 6)

Registration begins August 13

Come meet local authors and get their autographs! We'll provide an autograph book that you can take with you to each author's special table. There will be some crafts related to their books, plus a chance to hear the authors read their books and a raffle to win some books.

Craft Closet Clean Out

Friday, August 29 at 10:30 am OR 2:30 pm

Families with children

No registration

Help us clean out our craft closet! Stop in if you missed any of our crafts this summer for a second chance at making them.

Summer Reading Celebration!

Join us to celebrate a great summer of reading, books, and library fun! Families will be able to register beginning August 1 to see Bubblemania at 2 pm and visit centers around the library filled with crafts, games, activities, and an Italian ice treat to eat on the Terrace from 3-4 pm!

Bubblemania: Comedy with a Drip!

Friday, August 22 at 2:00 pm

Families with children

Registration begins August 1

An extremely unique program combining high-energy entertainment with artistic achievement, Bubblemania is loaded with visual comedy, quick wit, music, and unbelievable bubble tricks!

Teen Classes & Events

Teen Services programs are open to teens entering grade 7 through completed grade 12 (2025 graduates). 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

Switch Showdown Series

Put your gaming skills to the test in these Nintendo Switch tournaments you can join with your friends. Enjoy snacks and earn collectible prize tags for every tournament you win! Personal controllers are prohibited during Switch Showdowns and should be left at home. *The snacks provided may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

Wario Ware Move It

Wednesday, July 2 from 3:00-4:00 pm

Registration begins June 18

Mario Kart

Thursday, July 10 from 3:00-4:00 pm

Registration begins June 26

Super Smash Bros

Wednesday, July 16 from 3:00-4:00 pm

Registration begins July 2

Overcooked All You Can Eat

Thursday, July 24 from 3:00-4:00 pm

Registration begins July 10

Teenage Mutant Ninja

Turtles Shredder's Revenge

Wednesday, July 30 from 3:00-4:00 pm

Registration begins July 16

Nintendo Sports

Tuesday, August 5 from 3:00-4:00 pm

Registration begins July 22

Minecraft Dungeons

Wednesday, August 13 from 3:00-4:00 pm

Registration begins July 30

Rocket League

Thursday, August 21 from 3:00-4:00 pm

Registration begins August 7

Mario Party Superstars

Friday, August 29 from 3:00-4:00 pm

Registration begins August 15

Beach Ball Bonanza

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

Registration begins June 18

Design your own beach ball using the Cricut machine in the makerLAB. Show off your creation at the beach, pool or backyard all summer long!

Dreamy Landscapes

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

Registration begins on June 26

Color your world in this vibrant workshop. Create a beautiful, dreamy landscape of your choice with artist Chris Vivas, resulting in a multi-layered work of art from cardstock that will jump out in living color!

Dungeons & Dragons with the Quest Masters Guild

Friday, July 11 from 5:45-8:30 p.m.

Registration begins June 27

Friday, August 22 from 5:45-8:30 pm

Registration begins August 8

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

Meet the makerLAB

Friday, July 11 from (pick one) 2:00-2:45 pm, OR 3:00-3:45 pm, OR 6:00-6:45 pm, or 7:00-7:45 pm

Registration begins June 27

Choose one session to check out what our makerLAB has to offer in this hands-on workshop. Teens will learn what machines and tools they can use to create all kinds of projects from embroidery to 3D printing! At the end of the program participants will go home with a customized bookmark made with sublimation.

Starlit Stretching and Meditation

Tuesday, July 15 from 7:00-8:15 pm

Registration begins Tuesday, July 1

Take time to breathe and unwind beneath a serene starry night projector. After learning a few gentle yoga stretches to promote relaxation, we will practice basic breathing exercises and end with a guided meditation. Please dress comfortably for light movement and bring a yoga mat or towel.

Lego Lounge

Thursday, July 17 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins July 3

Tuesday, August 5 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins July 22

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

Teen Surprise Boxes

Friday, July 18

Registration begins June 30

Join our Teen Surprise Box Program – the ultimate thrill for book-loving teens! Each themed box contains two carefully curated books based on a questionnaire you answer for a blind-box style selection. From there, we'll add snacks and mystery goodies to your box, chosen just for YOU! Unbox at home to see what fun surprises await you! Only return the books when they are due. The rest is yours to keep! Anticipation is half the fun. Register online, in-person, or by phone between June 30 and July 11. You may pick up your surprise box beginning July 18, with the last day of pick-ups being July 24. *The snacks provided may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

Fashion Friday

Friday, July 18 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins July 3

Calling all aspiring fashion designers! Bring your own T-shirt to repurpose using fabric paint, bedazzling, beads, and more. There will be extra T-shirts available if you want to experiment with additional looks. Have fun making accessories to complete your perfect ensemble.

5-hour Pre-licensing Class

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

Registration begins June 1 (in-person and phone registration only)

Fee: \$55 (cash, exact change) payable
to the instructor the first day of class

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 aged 16 and up. **You must bring your NY State Learner's Permit to class. Bring your lunch with you.**

Pencil Pals: Color Your World with Watercolor

Monday, July 21 from 3:00-4:00 pm

Registration begins July 7

Calling all artists! Join our drawing and sketching club for teens! Each meeting, we'll try new sketching techniques and play drawing games. This session will explore watercolor painting combined with pencil drawing.

Color and Chill

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

Registration begins July 8

Unleash your creativity with coloring! Explore different patterns and designs while enjoying time with friends in this relaxing coloring program.

Needle-Felted Turtles

Wednesday, July 23 from 6:30-8:00 pm

Registration begins July 9

Let's get felty! Did you know whalers carved knitting and sewing tools out of whalebone? Use felt and learn felting techniques to create a colorful turtle pal to take home.

Trivémon: Gotta Guess 'Em All

Friday, July 25 from 11:00 am-1:00 pm

No registration (All ages)

Drop by the Teen Services Department and test your knowledge of all things Pokémon in this laid-back, friendly trivia experience.

Pokémon Card Tournament

Friday, July 25 from 2:00-3:30 pm

Registration begins July 11

Battle, strategize, and showcase your Pokémon skills. Use the Library's Pokémon decks and compete in a sped-up format of the classic trading card game. Do you have what it takes to be crowned champion?

Live Action Pokémon Go!

Friday, July 25 from 3:30-4:30 pm

No registration

Stop by the Teen Services

Department between 3:30-4:30 pm

to pick up a Poké Ball clue sheet to spot all 20 Pokémon hiding throughout the building! Once you correctly fill out your Poké Ball clue sheet, return to the Teen Services desk. Supplies are limited, and the first 25 Pokémon Trainers to correctly “catch ‘em all” will get their very own Pokémon to keep and trade with one another if they choose.

Pokémon D&D

Friday, July 25 from 5:30-8:30 pm

Registration begins July 11

Play an adventure-filled Pokémon version of Dungeons & Dragons with all your favorite Pokémon characters!

Minute to Win It

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

Registration begins July 15

Get ready for a high-energy *Minute to Win It* game night where teens compete in fun, fast-paced challenges for prizes, laughs, and bragging rights!

Longwood's Got Talent

Auditions (pick one):

Wednesday July 30 from 6:00-7:00 pm OR Thursday, July 31 from 5:00-6:00 pm

Performance: Friday, August 8 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Young performers take the stage to showcase their unique skills! From singing and dancing to magic tricks, poetry readings, and musical performances, this is a celebration of creativity and talent. Open to children and teens, this event provides a supportive and fun environment for participants to shine in front of family, friends, and the community.

Participants must register for one audition time and be present on performance night.

Cupcake Creations: Tropical Island

Wednesday, August 6 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins July 23

Get ready to create your very own tropical island paradise this summer! Hone your cake decorating skills by transforming cupcakes and candy into a delicious beach-inspired cake display that's sure to put anyone in a sunny mood! *This program may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

Diamond Art Locker Magnets

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

Registration begins July 24

Create dazzling diamond art magnets to decorate your locker, a friend's locker, or your own refrigerator. Add a little extra sparkle to the school day or use them to post up important homework, reminders, and certificates.

Clay Confections Charm Bracelets

Monday, August 11 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins July 28

Create a colorful charm bracelet that looks good enough to eat in this polymer clay crafting class. We'll cover various clay modeling techniques, and the results will make the perfect summer accessory to wear or give as a gift.

Summer Crafternoon

Thursday, August 14 from 12:00-2:30 pm

No registration

Join us in True North to create colorful masterpieces using a variety of arts and crafts supplies! No registration is required, but only teens entering grade 7 through completed grade 12 (2025 graduates) will be admitted.

Art Heist Escape Room

Thursday, August 14 from 12:00-12:30 pm,

OR 12:30-1:00 pm, OR 1:00-1:30 pm, OR 1:30-2:00 pm

Registration begins July 31

Figure out clues, strategize with your friends, and discuss art history to unlock the mystery box in this exciting escape room experience! You can only register for one time slot. Stop by the Teen Department after you escape the room with your group to relax while working on some arts and crafts masterpieces of your own. Scores from the teams will be posted in the Teen Department as groups complete their mission.

Graffiti Art

Tuesday, August 19 from 6:00- 7:45 pm

Registration begins August 5

Join artist Chris Vivas for this exciting workshop where you will create your very own stylized Graffiti Logo. Guaranteed to get you street cred!

International Snack

Taste Test

Monday, August 25 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins August 11

Embark on a delicious adventure as teens taste-test and rate unique snacks from around the world, discovering new flavors and cultures along the way! *This program may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

Teen Writing Workshop: Fanfiction

Tuesday, August 26 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins August 12

Calling all teen writers! Have you ever written fanfiction about your favorite characters from TV, movies, games, and more? This workshop will explore how to expand your favorite fandom universe with both its existing characters, and your own original characters! Sharing your 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.*

Herbalism for Teens

Friday, August 29 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins August 15

This is a beginner's class to learn about healing plants that grow locally and in your backyard. We will be making two herbal products to take home. A delicious herbal tea infusion and herbal oil. Handouts will be provided, and all materials are included! *This program may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

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.

T-Shirt Drive

July 1 through October 1

The Teen Services Department will be accepting adult-sized, clean, gently used, cotton T-shirts that will be turned into yarn to use in our Dog Toys for Donation program. Teens that drop off **three** T-shirts will earn a community service certificate.

Certificate for 1 hour of community service

Garden Club

Thursdays, July 3–August 28 from 4:15-5:00 pm

Registration begins June 16

Longwood Public Library is joining the Longwood Victory Garden at Bartlett Pond Park, and we need your help to get our garden bed started! We donate our harvest to local soup kitchens, and we are looking for teens who are interested in gardening to help us all summer long! Sign up for one or more weeks of service and fun in the sun! Please dress appropriately for the weather and for working in the garden. Bring a water bottle and sunscreen if needed. You are responsible for providing your own transportation to and from Bartlett Pond Park.

Certificate for 1 hour of community service

Teen Sustainability Club

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

Registration begins June 10

Tuesday, August 12 from 4:00-5:00 pm

Registration begins July 8

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.

July: "Stormwater Detectives" - Cornell Cooperative Extension joins us this month to turn the TSC into pollution investigators as we try to find the cause of the mysterious Bluefish Bay fish kill! First, students are guided through the background data needed to solve this mystery, including a map of the area surrounding Bluefish Bay. Our club will then perform water quality testing of samples taken from Bluefish Bay to find the culprit of the fish kill. This presentation provides our Teen Sustainability Club with essential information on water quality and local sources of stormwater pollution.

August: In honor of National Honeybee Day on August 16, our club celebrates all things pollinators with a visit from Beekeeper, Chris Kelly. We'll learn all about honeybees and other types of pollinators and how important they are to our environment.

Certificate for 1 hour of community service

Talking Newsletter

Thursday, August 14 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Registration begins July 31

We're looking for teens to read aloud the Children's and Teen sections of our newsletter for a recorded audio version on the library's website.

Certificate for 1.5 hours of community service

Back-To-School

Sublimation Pencil Cases

Friday, August 15 from 6:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins August 1

Design a pencil case for yourself and make one to donate to students in need in our makerLAB for the upcoming school year.

Certificate for 2 hours of community service

Cards for Hospitalized Kids

Wednesday, August 20 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins August 6

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

Certificate for 1 hour of community service

Paracord Lanyards

Thursday, August 28 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins August 14

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

Certificate for 1 hour of community service

GamerCon

Get ready to level up this summer at Longwood Public Library!

GamerCon | Friday, July 25 | 10:00 am-8:00 pm | All ages

GAME ON!!!

We're transforming the entire building into a game lover's paradise for all ages!

We're celebrating a month of games with fun for all ages—featuring board games, video games, puzzles challenges, and more! It all leads up to the ultimate library takeover: GamerCon, our all-day gaming extravaganza on Friday, July 25. Join us as the library transforms into a gamer's paradise. Whether you're a casual player or a pro, the game is on! Look for the die symbol in the newsletter to spot GamerCon events happening throughout the summer!

Special Guest Appearances!

Meet costumed Star Wars characters from 501st Legion and your favorite staff members in cosplay – and don't forget to take a photo with them while you're here!

GamerCon Costume Contest

Show off your PG-appropriate game-inspired gear in our GamerCon Costume Contest! We're awarding first-place prizes in four categories: Adult, Teen, Child, and Group. Each first-place winner will receive a \$50 Visa gift card, and runners-up will take home a \$20 Friends Book Sale gift card courtesy of the Friends of the Library. All winners will also receive a custom trophy created in our makerLAB!

Costume photos will be taken at a designated station in the library during GamerCon. These photos will be featured in a public online voting gallery, with voting open through the week and closing the Friday after GamerCon. Follow us on social media for voting updates!
All costumes must adhere to library policy.

Drop In & Play All Day Long!

Library Links: Mini Golf Adventure

10:00 am-8:00 pm

Magazine Area | All ages

Swing by for a tee-rific time as you putt your way through a playful mini golf course weaving through the library!

Outside Play Day

10:00 am-8:00 pm | Terrace | All ages

Head out back for a full day of fun! Step inside the SLED—Suffolk County's Mobile Library—for video games and green screen photos, then enjoy GIANT games, classic lawn games, ping pong, and historic games on the Terrace.

Games Galore on the Floor

10:00 am-8:00 pm | Children's Department | Families with children

Swing by the Children's Department for jumbo-sized fun—battle it out with Giant Connect 4, dig into dinosaur bones, serve up some ping pong, and check out even more surprise games waiting to be discovered!

GamerCon Event Lineup

Events without registration dates are drop-in—just stop by and join the fun!

Hey! Let's Play!

10:00 am-12:00 pm | Kovarik | Adults

Bring your friends or find new ones for Friday morning games—just bring your cards, Mah Jongg sets, or favorites; we'll supply the space and tables!

Classic Board Games

10:00 am-12:00 pm | Quiet Area | Adults

Join us for a morning of playing classic board games, such as Chess, Scrabble, Clue, and more. Games will be provided, but feel free to bring your own to share!

Creative Mode: Gaming Crafts

10:00 am-12:00 pm | Craft Room

Families with children

Registration begins July 10

Dive into different craft stations, each inspired by gaming and popular video games!

Fandom Flair: Fandom Buttons

10:00 am-12:00 pm & 2:00-4:00 pm

makerLAB | All ages

Stop into the makerLAB to create your very own gaming-themed button.

Mario Kart 8

10:00 am-1:00 pm | Community Room

All ages

Rev your engines and race your friends in fan-favorite Mario Kart 8! Compete on the big screen in our Community Room using a huge projector setup!

Video Games!!!

10:00 am-3:00 pm | Clemens | All ages

Join us to test out and play a plethora of video games on different systems!

Trivémon: Gotta Guess 'Em All

11:00 am-1:00 pm | Teen Department

All ages

Drop by Teen Services and test your knowledge of all things Pokémon in this laid-back, friendly trivia experience.

Game On: Pixels & Pieces

1:00-2:00 pm | Completed grades K-2

2:00-3:00 pm | Completed grades 3-6

Craft Room

Registration begins July 10

We'll play some Nintendo Switch and break out the library's board game collection!

Puzzle Palooza: Jigsaw Puzzle Competition

1:00-3:00 pm | Quiet Area | Adults

Registration begins July 1

Grab some friends and join us for a fun puzzle competition at the library! Your team of 2 to 4 players will have two hours to assemble a 500-piece puzzle.

The team closest to finishing at the end of two hours wins! If you register as a single player, you will be matched up with other single players.

Into the VR-Verse!

1:00-5:00 pm | Kovarik | Ages 12 & up

Step into new worlds and experience gaming like never before with virtual reality! Drop in and play—no headset required (we've got you covered)!

Pokémon Card Tournament

2:00-3:30 pm | Teen Department | Teens

Registration begins July 11

Battle, strategize, and showcase your Pokémon skills. Use the Library's Pokémon decks and compete in a sped-up format of the classic trading card game. Do you have what it takes to be crowned champion?

Family Kahoot! Gaming Edition

3:00-4:00 pm | Community Room | All ages

Registration begins July 10

Bring the family for some Kahoot! trivia all about gaming. From board games to video games, there's a question for everyone!

Live Action Pokémon GO!

3:30-4:30 pm | Teen Department | All ages

Stop by to pick up a Poké Ball clue sheet to spot all 20 Pokémon hiding throughout the building! Once you correctly fill out your sheet, return it to the Teen Services desk. The first 25 Pokémon Trainers to correctly "catch 'em all" will get their very own Pokémon to keep and trade with one another if they choose. Supplies are limited.

Painting Warhammer 40,000 Miniatures

4:00-5:00 pm | Gallery | All ages

Whether you are a hobbyist or have a curiosity, stop by to watch the intricate and detailed work of painting Warhammer 40,000 miniatures.

Indie Board Games

4:00-6:00 pm | Quiet Area | Adults

Discover unique and off-the-beaten-path tabletop games. Games will be provided, but feel free to bring your own favorite indie finds to share!

Warhammer 40,000

5:00-8:00 pm | Clemens Room | Adults

Registration begins July 1

Join us for a tabletop wargame where players command armies of miniature models in a turn-based battle. Register if you want to play. Spectators welcome! No registration required if you wish to spectate!

Pokémon D&D

5:30-8:30 pm | Teen Department | Teens

Registration begins July 11

Play an adventure-filled Pokémon version of Dungeons & Dragons with all your favorite Pokémon characters!

Mario Party

6:00-7:00 pm | Completed grades K-2

7:15-8:15 pm | Completed grades 3-6

Craft Room

Registration begins July 10

“Let’s-a go!” We’re off to Super Mario Land to play games and make some crafts!

Game Show Night

6:30-8:00 pm | Community Room | All ages

Registration begins July 1

Get ready for a high-energy evening of laughter, competition, and fun in this dynamic game night featuring classic TV game show favorites where you go head-to-head in fast-paced rounds that test your knowledge, teamwork, and quick thinking. Whether you’re playing or cheering from the sidelines, there’s something for everyone. Unforgettable memories await – don’t miss it! You may register up to 5 participants with your adult/teen LPL card.
