

# LONGWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY

January/February Newsletter 2026

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### Get ready for a historic year!

Longwood Public Library is commemorating America's 250th anniversary with a year of special programs celebrating our community's history, creativity, and shared stories. As part of "Longwood 250: Our Story," we're creating a visual time capsule that invites residents to submit photos capturing everyday life in 2025–2026. We're also reviving our tradition of honoring local families through the **America 250 Babies** Project, which compiles the names of babies born during this milestone period for future generations.

More details on page 2.



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### Winter Reading Challenge "Birds of a Feather Read Together"

Can our community read 550,000 minutes this winter?

Join the challenge and help our flock take flight! Throughout the season, we'll track our collective progress by adding colorful birds to the window wall in the Magazine Area. Watch the flock grow as readers of all ages participate. Patrons will also earn virtual raffle tickets by reading and attending programs to enter prize drawings supported by Friends of the Library.



### Join The Great Backyard Bird Count 2026!

More details on page 7.



### Puzzle Swap Alert!

More details on page 5.



### Sports Equipment Swap

More details on page 11.



### Model Train Display

Saturday, February 21 from 11:30 am-2:00 pm  
No registration



Stop by the library to see the Lionel O-Scale model train table set up by the Sunrise Hi Railers Train Club and learn more about model trains. The display will also include Thomas the Tank Engine characters!

### Our latest NexTrex Challenge is complete!

Together with the Middle Island Civic Association, our community collected 1,000 pounds of soft plastics to earn another recycled-plastic bench! This new bench will be installed at the historic Davis House this spring. Don't worry — you can still bring your soft plastics to the library for recycling! We've officially signed up for our 5th NexTrex Challenge, so keep those plastics coming!



Longwood cardholders get \$2.00 off general-admission public sessions at Peconic Ice Rinks—just show your library card!



### Thank You, Friends of the Library!

Longwood Public Library received a generous \$8,000 donation from the Friends of the Library during their December General Meeting. Learn more about the Friends and become a member at: [longwoodlibrary.org/friends](http://longwoodlibrary.org/friends)



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# BAYLES LOCAL HISTORY ROOM

## Thomas R. 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](mailto:baylesroom@longwoodlibrary.org).

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



## Genealogy Drop In

Saturday, January 10 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.



## 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.

## Get ready for a historic year!



2026 marks the 250th anniversary of the United States, and the Longwood Public Library is celebrating with a series of special programs. Keep an eye out for the "America 250" designation to discover programs and events that explore the rich history of our nation.

We're also commemorating the year by documenting the many milestones in our community. This effort will include in a visual time capsule called "Longwood 250: Our Story," which will be created from photos contributed by our community members. Follow us for announcements about upcoming events and how you can be a part of the celebration!

## Share your perspective and become part of history!

### "Longwood 250: Our Story" Visual Time Capsule

**Help us capture history in the making!** As we celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States, Longwood Public Library is creating a Visual Time Capsule of 2025–2026 — a collection of photos that showcase the people, places, events, and everyday moments that define our community.

Selected photos will be featured in a library gallery exhibition, preserved in a commemorative book added to our collection, and may appear in future digital and print displays celebrating Longwood's story.

Please note: All submissions must be appropriate for a public, family-friendly environment. The library reserves the right to decline any photo that contains offensive, inappropriate, or unlawful content.



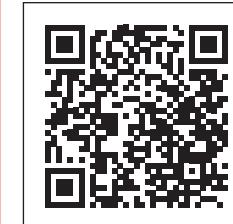
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## Commemorating "America250 Babies"

In 1976, the library collected the names of babies born that year to families in our district. The "Bicentennial Babies" plaque listing the babies' names still hangs in the library today.

We'd like to replicate this project with the names of babies born in 2026. This is an interesting piece of community history to collect for the future. If you are willing to have your child's name displayed on a new plaque, please submit the form that is available on the library website or at any library service desk. Forms will be available from January 2, 2026 to January 15, 2027. Submissions are limited to babies born to families who currently live in the Longwood library district, and whose

birthdays range from January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2026.



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## SPOTLIGHT ON HISTORY: Longwood and the American Revolution

This year marks the 250th anniversary of American independence. While the signing of the Declaration and the resulting war often evokes images of Philadelphia, Lexington, and Boston, the ramifications of that decision were felt right here in what would one day become the Longwood community.

The revolutionary tide pulled many local men into the conflict. Nearly 60 men enlisted in militias to fight in early engagements on Long Island or turned to the waterways as privateers, ferrying crucial intelligence and supplies across the Sound to Connecticut. The political rupture was not only international but also personal, creating deep fissures between friends, families, and neighbors who chose to support the Patriot cause and those who remained loyal to the Crown.

Following the American defeat at the Battle of Brooklyn in August 1776, Long Island was occupied by the British. This status would last until the war's end, a full seven years under British military control. To assert dominance, the British forces marched down Middle Country Road (then called King's Road) to the East End, effectively bringing the war right to the doorsteps of our community. The area's hamlets were inundated with troops who were often quartered in private residences. Residents were forced to surrender essential livestock and supplies without receiving compensation. Those who managed to flee to Connecticut faced the brutal hardships of being

wartime refugees. This era placed a heavy burden on our community, marked by constant vigilance against the British occupiers.

However, this seven-year military grip was constantly challenged by active resistance. While many Patriots fled to Connecticut, organized defiance continued on the ground. This included small acts of sabotage and rebellion. Setauket, a crucial part of our region, served as the mainland anchor for the famed Culper Spy Ring, whose local agents risked execution daily to feed vital information to General Washington. Furthermore, American forces launched targeted raids from Connecticut across the Sound. In November 1780, Major Benjamin Tallmadge led a daring nighttime raid, marching his dragoons from Mt. Sinai, through the Longwood community, to destroy the British-held Fort St. George in Mastic. On the return trip, Tallmadge's troops deliberately burned over 300 tons of hay stockpiled for the British cavalry in Coram. These actions forced the British to divert critical resources just to maintain control.

The American cause prevailed through that perseverance, founding our nation, and for the next two and a half centuries, the Longwood community grew alongside it. To commemorate this history, we'll spend the coming year exploring the profound impact of the Revolutionary period on our residents and the legacies they forged.

# ADULT CLASSES & EVENTS

## Hollywood vs. History

Saturday, January 17 from 1:00-2:30 pm  
Registration ongoing

Join historian and educator Rick Acritelli for a fresh perspective on the art of turning history into cinema. Explore how Hollywood has portrayed key moments in American history—from war and politics to civil rights and sports. This engaging talk examines which films got it right, where they went wrong, and how they shape our view of the past.



## Martin Luther King, Jr.: An Amazing Grace Screening and Discussion

Monday, January 19 from 2:15-4:15 pm  
Registration ongoing

Each year, on the third Monday in January, we remember Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy and his philosophy of nonviolence in the struggle to end racial discrimination in America. He was a leading figure in the Civil Rights Movement during the 1950s and 1960s, an advocate for poor and oppressed, and a man of deep conviction, courage, and love. Join us for a screening of the 90-minute documentary *Martin Luther King, Jr.: An Amazing Grace*, produced by Emmy Award-winning TV host Gil Noble. A discussion will follow with Adult Department librarian Alison Q.



## Ingenuity and Resistance: The History of African American Foods in Early New York

Thursday, February 12 from 6:30-8:00 pm  
Registration begins January 12

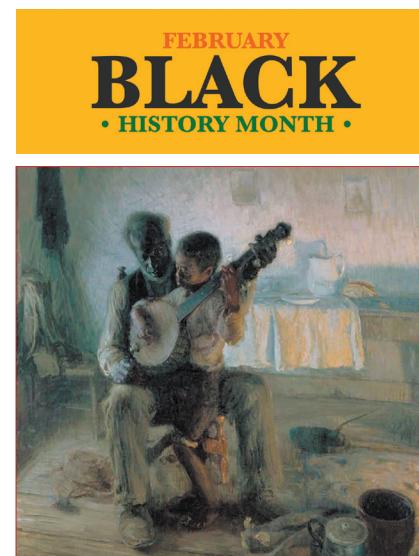
Local History librarian Melanie Cardone-Leathers will discuss the culinary history of African Americans in the New York area. Learn the stories behind these foods and customs as she explores the day-to-day life of early African American New Yorkers, with special attention to what they ate and drank, the recipes and ingredients of the time, and the legacies they left behind.



## Historic Voices: A Personal Conversation in Mrs. Washington's Bedchamber

Tuesday, February 17 from 7:00-8:30 pm  
Registration ongoing

Spend time with Martha Washington as she completes dressing for her day in this interactive and informative program with researcher and historical interpreter Sandy Spector, who portrays Martha Washington as if it were 1784. During your time together, Mrs. Washington will share news of her family and how the current events that her husband is so deeply involved in impact her family, and her developing nation.



## Celebrating Black American Artists

Monday, February 23 from 7:00-8:30 pm  
Registration ongoing

Art is a need to express. A culture that has shunned and ignored Black artists did not stop them from creating outstanding, thoughtful, and provocative art. From art about identity and race to social justice and personal reflection, there is no one definition of Black Art. Join artist and professor Chris Vivas as we explore several important Black American artists and their works in various media styles, unique perspectives, and experiences.



## ARTS & CRAFTS

### Color Your Cares Away

Fridays, January 16 and February 13 from 7:00-8:30 pm  
Registration ongoing  
Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder  
Join us for a relaxing evening of coloring, music, and conversation. All materials will be provided. Please register for each date you plan to attend.



### Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service: Paracord Lanyards and No-Sew Blankets

Monday, January 19 from 11:00 am-12:30 pm  
Registration begins January 5  
Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder  
Join us for a day of volunteer service, making no-sew blankets and paracord survival lanyards. The no-sew blankets will be donated to community members in need. The paracord lanyards will be sent to Operation Gratitude for troops and first responders to use in case of emergency.



### A Knitting and Crochet Circle of Friends

Thursdays, January 22 and February 26 from 10:30 am-12:00 pm  
Registration ongoing  
Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder  
Calling all fiber friends! Join us for Longwood's own knitting and crochet group. Bring any project you are working on and take this opportunity to meet other knitters and crocheters in our area. The group will be facilitated by experienced fiber artist Aimee Saccio. She can help you with questions you may have and offer unique patterns for you to try. All levels are welcome to join us. Please register for each date you plan to attend.

### Stained Glass Heart Suncatcher

Tuesday, January 27 from 6:30-8:30 pm  
Registration begins January 6  
Non-refundable materials fee: \$15 cash (exact change) or major credit card (can pay online) due at registration.  
Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder  
Join stained glass artist Susan to learn how to make a beautiful heart-shaped stained glass suncatcher. All materials included. Beginners welcome.



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## Adult Winter Reading Challenge: Birds of a Feather Read Together

Registration begins January 5

Spend time reading, listening to books, and attending programs to receive virtual raffle tickets good towards a chance to win one of seven fabulous prizes! Winners will be drawn on February 23.

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Register online at [longwoodlibrary.org](http://longwoodlibrary.org)

## Penguin Cross Stitch Bookmarks

Wednesday, January 28 from 2:30-4:00 pm  
Registration begins January 7

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Make a cute winter penguin cross-stitch bookmark with Tara. All supplies are included, and all skill levels are welcome.

## Lovebirds Rock Art

Thursday, February 5 from 7:00-8:30 pm  
Registration begins January 15

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Join us to craft adorable lovebird rock art scenes using smooth stones, paint, and simple sketches—perfect for a heartfelt Valentine's Day gift or a sweet keepsake. All materials will be provided.

## Diamond Art Snowflake Magnets

Thursday, February 12 from 2:30-4:00 pm  
Registration begins January 22

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Create sparkling snowflake magnets by adhering glittering gemstones to a pretty paint-by-numbers background in the fun and relaxing beginner class with Tara. All materials are included.

## Paint with Coffee

Wednesday, February 18 from 6:30-8:00 pm  
Registration begins January 28

Non-refundable materials fee: \$7 cash (exact change) or major credit card (can pay online) due at registration.

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Artist Bonnie Schwartz will teach you how to paint a landscape using water and coffee to create beautiful sepia tones. No prior painting experience is required.

# ADULT CLASSES & EVENTS

## BOOKS & WRITING

### **Quiet Company**

Tuesday, January 27 and Friday, February 20 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.

### **Titles and Treats**

Tuesdays, January 27 and February 24 from 2:30-3:30 pm  
Registration ongoing

Come and hear about interesting forthcoming books, as well as our favorites and classics. You are welcome to share your favorite titles with the group, or just sit back, relax, and enjoy interesting book chats and treats!

### **Winter Writing Workshop**

Mondays, February 2, 9, 16, and 23 from 2:00-4:00 pm

Registration begins January 12

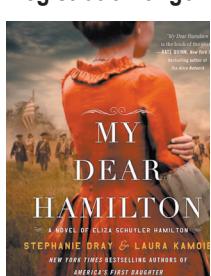
Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

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

## Daytime Book Discussion

### ***My Dear Hamilton: A Novel of Eliza Schuyler Hamilton***

by Stephanie Dray and Laura Kamoie  
In-person or Zoom  
Thursday, January 15 from 3:00-4:00 pm  
Registration ongoing

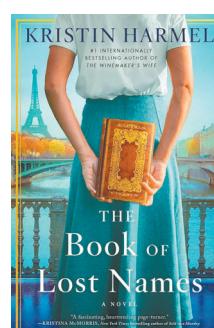


The authors draw on thousands of letters and original sources to reimagine Eliza Hamilton's story—not just as the betrayed wife in a political scandal, but as a strong, influential woman who helped shape America's legacy.

This title is available in eBook and audiobook formats on Libby. You may also pick up a hard copy at the library beginning December 18.

### ***The Book of Lost Names***

by Kristin Harmel  
In-person or Zoom  
Thursday, February 19 from 3:00-4:00 pm  
Registration ongoing



Escaping from Paris in 1942 after the arrest of her father, a Polish Jew, a graduate student finds refuge in a small mountain town, where she forges identity documents to help hundreds of Jewish children flee the Nazis.

This title is available in eBook and audiobook formats on Libby. You may also pick up a hard copy at the library beginning January 15.

## Evening Book Discussion

### ***Sharp Objects***

by Gillian Flynn  
Friday, January 23 from 7:00-8:00 pm  
Registration ongoing

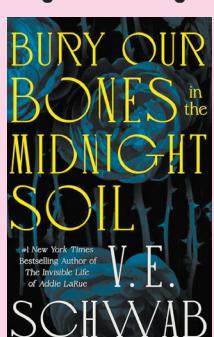


Fresh from a brief stay at a psych hospital, reporter Camille Preaker faces a troubling assignment: she must return to her tiny hometown to cover the murders of two preteen girls. Dogged by her own demons, she must unravel the psychological puzzle of her own past if she wants to get the story—and survive this homecoming.

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

### ***Bury Our Bones in the Midnight Soil***

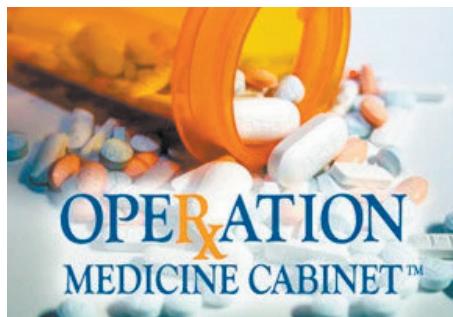
by V. E. Schwab  
Friday, February 27 from 7:00-8:00 pm  
Registration ongoing



The intertwined lives of three women, a young woman in 16th-century Spain, a 19th-century debutante in London, and a 21st-century college student in Boston, who find a form of freedom and autonomy through vampirism, though it comes at a great cost.

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

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH



### **Operation Medicine Cabinet**

Wednesday, January 7 from 11:00 am-12:30 pm  
No registration

Help keep our community and environment healthy by safely disposing of your expired or unwanted prescription drugs in the Suffolk County Police Department's Operation Medicine Cabinet collection bins located in the Gallery. Please remove pills from packages and place them in resealable bags for collection; needles and liquid medications will NOT be accepted.

### **Reduce Your Energy Bills with PSEG Long Island**

Monday, January 12 from 10:00 am-2:00 pm  
Wednesday, February 4 from 1:30-4:30 pm  
No registration

Learn how to lower your energy bills, conserve energy, and make your home healthier and safer through PSEG's Residential Energy Affordability Partnership (REAP) program. Customers must meet REAP income guidelines.

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

Tuesdays, January 13, 20, February 10, and 17 from 10:00 am-5:00 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.

### **Long Island Cares Farm Truck**

Wednesday, February 4 from 11:00 am-12:00 pm  
No registration

Long Island Cares will be in our parking lot to distribute free fresh produce and dairy (while supplies last) to those in need.

### **First Time Homebuyer Orientation**

Thursday, January 22 from 6:30-8:00 pm  
Registration ongoing

Buying your first home is an exciting milestone but it can also be overwhelming. Join Jonathan Gordon, Housing Program Coordinator at Community Development Long Island, to learn about the full process of purchasing a home. You will also learn about the valuable financial resources that you may qualify for including first-time homebuyer grants and programs available to anyone who hasn't owned a home in the past three years.

### **AARP Tax Prep**

Thursdays, February 5, 12, 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2, and 9 from 10:00 am-2:00 pm

In-person and phone registration (631) 924-6400 x250 begins Thursday, January 15 for LPL cardholders only (you MUST have a library card in good standing to register).

Out-of-district residents may begin registering on February 4.

Free personal income tax assistance and preparation of federal and New York State taxes for senior citizens with low-to-moderate income is available by appointment only, under the auspices of AARP's Tax-Aide foundation.

This service is limited based on the availability of AARP tax volunteers.

At the time of your appointment, you MUST bring a copy of last year's (2024) tax return, a photo ID (NYS Driver's License if you have one), all of your 2025 W-2s, 1099, and/or 1098 forms, and proof of social security number. No business filing. If filing a joint return, BOTH parties must be present.



### **Grandparenting Today**

Zoom

Tuesday, February 24 from 7:00-8:00 pm  
Registration ongoing

Child-rearing practices have changed over time. You raised your children and are now helping to care for your grandchildren while their parents are at work. Join Cara Weiner, Cornell Cooperative Extension parent educator, to learn what today's child development research recommends for young children regarding discipline, brain development, sleep needs, safety issues, and screen use (including smartphones and computers). Positive communication between parents and grandparents is critical, and effective methods will be discussed.

# ADULT CLASSES & EVENTS

## COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY CLASSES

### Smartphone Spotlight

#### Introduction to the iPhone and iPad

Tuesday, January 27 from 2:00-4:00 pm  
Registration begins January 6  
Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Learn all about Apple's hottest gadget. Get a hands-on tutorial of your iPhone/iPad's 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, February 10 from 2:00-4:00 pm  
Registration begins January 27  
Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Learn all about the settings on your device including 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.

**Prerequisite: Introduction to the iPad and iPhone or equivalent/comfort with your device.**

\*Please bring your Apple ID and password.

#### Intro to Android Devices

Tuesday, February 17 from 2:00-4:00 pm  
Registration begins February 3  
Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

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

#### Inside Your Android Device

Tuesday, February 24 from 2:00-4:00 pm  
Registration begins February 10  
Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Learn all about the settings on your device including display options, protecting your device with privacy settings, which settings can impact battery life, and much more. Bring your device and your questions.

**Prerequisite: Introduction to Android Devices or equivalent/comfort with your device.**

\*Please bring your Google password.

## CONCERTS

### Hokis Pokis

Sunday, January 11 from 2:00-3:30 pm  
Registration begins December 29  
Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder  
Hokis Pokis was a seminal force in the New York disco and soul scene during the 1970s and 1980s. Formed in 1970, the band carved out a distinct sound that blended infectious disco rhythms with soulful grooves, earning them a loyal following in underground circles. While never breaking into the mainstream, Hokis Pokis released a number of records both nationally and internationally, including the highly sought-after tracks such as "Nowhere," "Can't Wait for Love," "Swing," "Getcha Girl," and "City Rhythm."



### Rhonda Denét

Sunday, February 22 from 2:00-3:30 pm  
Registration begins February 9  
Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder  
All Hail the Queens! The period between the 1960s and 1980s was nothing short of a revolution in the music world, with female artists taking center stage and reshaping the soundscape of the era. Each of these incredible women (Aretha Franklin, Chaka Khan, Tina Turner, Whitney Houston, and others) brought their own unique magic to the mic, forever altering the way we listen to music. Let's journey through their remarkable legacies and celebrate the way they defined the musical movements of their time.



### The New Students

Sunday, March 22 from 2:00-3:30 pm  
Registration begins on March 1  
Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

The New Students perform original songs in an eclectic blend of folk, roots, bluegrass, and Americana traditions. Tight three-part vocal harmonies, skilled acoustic instrumentation, and thoughtful lyrics make up their signature sound, which has been delighting East Coast audiences for a decade and a half. Together, they have recorded four studio albums of original songs and one "almost live" album recorded remotely while in quarantine in 2020. In coffee houses, concert halls, and Broadway stages, the members of The New Students have collaborated with the likes of Peter Yarrow and Noel Paul Stookey (Peter, Paul and Mary), George Grove (The Kingston Trio), and Elvis Costello.

## COOKING

### Winter Comfort Foods with Chef Rob

Friday, January 23 from 4:00-5:00 pm  
OR 6:30-7:30 pm  
Registration begins January 9  
Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder  
Chef Rob will show you how to make Chicken a la Reine Soup, a creamy classic favorite, and his Healthy Mediterranean Bean Salad, packed with protein, fresh vegetables, and bold flavor. A small tasting will follow. *This program may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

### Valentine Cookies

Thursday, February 12 from 6:30-8:00 pm  
Registration begins January 22  
Limit 1 registration per library cardholder  
Join us for a fun cookie decorating session with Fanny Cakes! You'll decorate five heart-themed sugar cookies, perfect for Valentine's Day. All supplies included. *This program may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

### Traditional Irish Soda Bread

Wednesday, March 4 from 4:00-5:00 pm  
OR 6:30-7:30 pm  
Registration begins February 18  
Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder  
Make Chef Rob's traditional Irish soda bread loaded with caraway seeds and raisins. Bring a large bowl, mixing spoon, and a cookie tray to take your bread home to bake. *This program may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

## GAMES

### Hey! Let's Play!

Fridays from 10:00 am-12:00 pm  
No registration

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

### Board Game Club

Friday, January 9 from 7:00-8:30 pm  
Registration ongoing  
Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Whether you're a strategic mastermind, a social gamer, or just looking to have fun, come together to explore new or known games, meet fellow enthusiasts, and enjoy some friendly competition. Games will be provided, but feel free to bring your own favorite finds to share!



### Puzzle Swap

Saturday, January 31 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm  
No registration

Bring in your gently used puzzles to swap for new-to-you ones! Can't make the swap, but have puzzles to share? Drop off puzzle donations to the Adult Services desks from January 23-30. All puzzles must be complete, with no missing pieces, still in the original box, and in good condition. Accepting any age level of puzzles.

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## DEFENSIVE DRIVING

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

### General Defensive Driving

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

Wednesday and Thursday, January 28 and 29 from 5:30-8:30 pm OR

Saturday, February 7 from 10:00 am-4:30 pm OR

Monday and Tuesday, February 23 and 24 from 5:30-8:30 pm

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

Registration ongoing

Completion of this course helps attendees become better, safer drivers, which may result in a reduction of violation points on your license and a discount on automobile insurance.



### AARP Smart Driver Course

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

Monday, February 9 from 10:00 am-4:15 pm

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

Registration ongoing

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

The AARP Smart Driver Course covers defensive driving techniques and the normal changes in vision, hearing, and reaction time associated with aging. The course also provides practical techniques for adjusting to these changes to ensure the driver's own safety and that of others on the road. During the course, participants learn about 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.

# ADULT CLASSES & EVENTS

## GAMES *continued from previous page*



### Bingo

Wednesday, February 4 from 2:00-3:30 pm  
Registration begins January 14  
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!

### Board Game Battle Royale

Tuesday, February 10 from 7:00-8:30 pm  
Registration begins January 13  
Limit 4 registrations per LPL cardholder  
Calling all board game enthusiasts! Gather 'round for the ultimate quick challenge board game competition, where teams of up to four people battle it out at different game stations. Get as many points as possible in 10 minutes, and the top teams duel in a surprise classic to be crowned the ultimate gamers.



### Puzzle Palooza: Jigsaw Puzzle Competition

Saturday, February 14 from 11:00-1:00 pm  
Registration begins January 23  
Limit 4 registrations per LPL cardholder  
Gather some friends and join us for a fun puzzle competition at the library! Your team of two to four players will have two hours to assemble a 500-piece puzzle. The team closest to finishing at the end of two hours wins! You may register up to 4 people per library card. If you register as a single player, you will be matched up with other single players.

## MOVIES

### Saturday Afternoon Movie

#### *The Fantastic Four: First Steps*

Saturday, January 3 at 2:15 pm  
No registration



Starring Pedro Pascal, Vanessa Kirby, and Joseph Quinn

Mister Fantastic, Invisible Woman, Human Torch, and the Thing face their most daunting challenge yet as they defend Earth from Galactus and Silver Surfer.  
(Sci-fi/Adventure, 2025, PG-13, 115 mins.)

#### *Sketch*

Saturday, February 7 at 2:15 pm  
No registration



Starring Tony Hale, D'Arcy Carden, Kue Lawrence  
When a young girl's sketchbook falls into a strange pond, her drawings come to life--unpredictable, chaotic, and dangerously real. As the town unravels, she and her brother must track down the creatures before they leave permanent damage.  
(Family/Adventure, 2025, PG, 94 mins.)

### Watch-A-Movie Wednesday!

Wednesdays at 2:15 pm • No registration

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

#### January/February Selections...

##### JANUARY 7 *EdTV*

(Comedy, 1999, PG-13, 124 mins.)  
Starring Matthew McConaughey & Jenna Elfman



##### JANUARY 14 *F1*

(Action/Adventure, 2025, PG-13, 155 mins.)  
Starring Brad Pitt & Kerry Condon



##### JANUARY 21 *Never Cry Wolf*

(Adventure, 1983, PG, 105 mins.)  
Starring Charles Martin Smith & Brian Dennehy

##### JANUARY 28 *Amber Alert*

(Suspense/Thriller, 2025, PG-13, 90 mins.)  
Starring Hayden Panettiere & Tyler James Williams

##### FEBRUARY 4 *The Return of the Pink Panther*

(Comedy, 1975, G, 113 mins.)  
Starring Peter Sellers & Christopher Plummer



##### FEBRUARY 11 *Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale*

(Drama, 2025, PG, 124 mins.)  
Starring Hugh Bonneville & Laura Carmichael



##### FEBRUARY 18 *Baby Boom*

(Comedy, 2001, PG, 110 mins.)  
Starring Diane Keaton & Sam Wanamaker



##### FEBRUARY 25 *Small Things Like These*

(Drama, 2024, PG-13, 98 mins.)  
Starring Cillian Murphy & Eileen Walsh

## HEALTH & FITNESS

### Gentle Yoga

Mondays, January 12, 19, 26, and February 2 from 9:45-10:45 am  
Registration begins January 2  
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).



### How to Survive Rising Food Prices

Zoom  
Tuesday, January 13 from 6:30-8:00 pm  
Registration ongoing

Learn creative ways to shop smart and save money with proper food storage, sustainability practices, and by creating low-cost meals in this virtual program with home economist Janice Imbrogno. Recipe ideas will be shared.

### Alzheimer's and Dementia Caregivers Support Group

Wednesdays, January 14 and February 11 from 2:00-3:00 pm  
Registration ongoing

Join the Alzheimer's Disease Resource Center (ADRC) for their monthly caregiver support group. Find emotional support, discuss challenges, share experiences, and get practical advice. Please register separately for each date you plan to attend.

### Sound Bath Meditation

Wednesday, January 14 from 7:00-8:00 pm  
Registration begins January 5  
Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Susan Ferro of Glowing Energy guides you through a relaxing meditation and then flows into the healing sounds and vibrations of crystal singing bowls, gongs, drums, and chimes to rebalance your energy and restore harmony to your entire being.

### Start the New Year with Meditation

Zoom  
Tuesday, January 20 from 7:00-8:00 pm  
Registration ongoing

Bring joy, peace, positivity, and relaxation into your daily life and begin the New Year with a fresh start. Join longtime meditator William Smith to learn a very simple meditation technique that provides many benefits. This virtual workshop will also include a short meditation session.

## Catholic Health Services Mobile Clinic

Friday, February 20 from 10:00 am-2:00 pm  
No registration

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

### Meditation: Calm in the Chaos

Zoom  
Wednesday, February 25 from 7:00-8:00 pm  
Registration ongoing  
In the hustle and bustle of modern life, finding a moment of inner peace and mental rest can be challenging. Join Arlene Samsel to learn how the timeless practice of simple yet powerful meditations can be life-changing. This virtual workshop will also include a short meditation session.

## LANGUAGE CLASSES

### English with LIEOC (Beginner)

Tuesdays and Thursdays, February 9–May 14 from 6:00-8:30 pm  
Registration begins January 6

Take the next step in your language journey with LIEOC's *English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Course*. This program is designed to help you build a strong foundation in English through focused development of essential skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Whether you're looking to improve everyday communication or prepare for further education and job opportunities, this course will support your goals every step of the way.

### Inglés con LIEOC (principiante)

Martes y jueves de 6:00-8:30 pm  
Las clases se imparten del 9 de febrero al 14 de mayo  
La inscripción comienza el 6 de enero

Da el siguiente paso en tu aprendizaje del idioma con el curso de Inglés para Hablantes de Otros Idiomas (ESOL) con LIEOC. Este programa está diseñado para ayudarte a construir una base sólida en inglés mediante el desarrollo enfocado de habilidades esenciales: escuchar, hablar, leer y escribir. Ya sea que busques mejorar tu comunicación diaria o prepararte para estudios superiores y oportunidades laborales, este curso te apoyará en cada paso de tu camino hacia tus objetivos.

## NATURE & ENVIRONMENT



### Winter Seed Sowing with Native Plants

Saturday, January 31 from 2:00-3:00 pm  
Registration begins January 8

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Learn how to grow your own native plants from seed by letting Mother Nature do all the hard work. Join Kim from KMS Native Plants to set up your own seed sowing container complete with soil, seeds, and plant name stakes.

**Bring a one-gallon transparent milk container (opaque containers do not work) and a plastic bag that fits over the bottom of the container to prevent leakage on the way home.**



### Wacky, Weird, and Wonderful Things Birds Do

Zoom

Tuesday, February 3 from 7:00-8:00 pm  
Registration ongoing

Did you know birds can dance, fight, or blow bubbles during courtship? Or that they can stay in the air for months? Or protect themselves by vomiting? Using photos and fun/interesting facts, Dianne Taggart, a long-time birder, will tell you about our wonderful wild birds.



### The Great Backyard Bird Count

Friday, February 13-Monday, February 16  
Bird Counting Packets available starting February 2

No registration

Pick up your Bird Counting Packet and join us in The Great Backyard Bird Count, a global citizen science project! For four days in February, everyone is invited to spend time in their favorite places, watching and counting as many birds as they can find, and reporting their observations. You don't even need to go outside – you can count the birds you see on your feeder while looking out the window. These recorded observations help scientists better understand the global bird populations before one of their annual migrations.

**Return your tally sheets from the Bird Counting Packet by February 23 to be included in our library bird count.**

## ONE-ON-ONE APPOINTMENTS

### Ask a Librarian

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

Need help downloading apps, accessing library services, or navigating a website? Sign up for an Ask-A-Librarian 30-minute appointment, and a librarian will be available to assist you! *Please note, if you are 15 minutes late or more for your scheduled time, we cannot honor your appointment but will help you re-schedule. Call or email to cancel an appointment you are unable to keep before the starting time of your appointment. A "no-show" will be marked on your account. Two "no-shows" within 60 days will result in appointment privileges being revoked for the next 60 days.*

### Citizenship One-On-One

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

The library offers free one-on-one assistance to help you prepare for the United States Naturalization Test.

### Family Service League Social Worker

Mondays from 4:30-8:30 pm  
Call (631) 924-6400 x250 or email [askus@longwoodlibrary.org](mailto:askus@longwoodlibrary.org) to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins welcome. A social worker can help find resources for those seeking shelter, suffering addiction, facing the challenges of mental illness, seniors seeking help, and more.



### Office for the Aging Advocate

Please call the Adult Reference Desk at (631) 924-6400 x250 for the date and time. First come, first served. No registration.

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



### NEW! Sensory & Make-It Cart

The Sensory & Make-It Cart is designed for adults on all learning levels to explore creativity and relax through arts and crafts and sensory activities. All adult visitors may ask at the Reference Desk to use the materials while you are in the library.

### 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 Winter Painted Pinecone Wreath

Friday, January 23 from 10:30-11:30 am  
Registration begins January 9

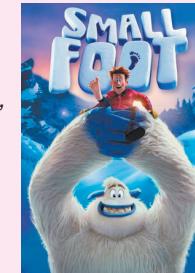
Join us to paint and decorate a wreath with pinecones, perfect for your door through the winter.

### SmileAwhile with a Movie

#### Smallfoot

Friday, January 16 from 10:30 am-12:15 pm  
No registration

Starring voices: Channing Tatum, James Corden, Zendaya, Common, Lebron James, Danny DeVito, Gina Rodriguez.



When a Yeti discovers a human and his fellow Yeti refuse to believe humans exist, he embarks on a journey to find the creature that can put him back in his community's good graces.

(2018, Animated Action/Adventure, PG, 1 hour 36 minutes)

### How to Train Your Dragon (2025)

Friday, February 20 from 10:30 am-12:45 pm

No registration

Starring: Mason Thames, Nico Parker, Gerard Butler



As an ancient threat endangers both Vikings and dragons alike on the isle of Berk, the friendship between Hiccup, an inventive Viking, and Toothless, a Night Fury dragon, becomes the key to both species forging a new future together.

(2025, Fantasy/Adventure, PG, 2 hours 5 minutes)

### HIICAP Medicare Counseling

Wednesdays, January 14 and February 11 from 10:00 am-2:30 pm  
Call (631) 924-6400 x250 for an appointment. No walk-ins.



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

Tuesdays, January 6, 27, February 3, and 24 from 12:00-3:30 pm

First come, first served. No registration.

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

### Career Coaching

Tuesday, February 17 from 4:00-7:00 pm  
Call the Adult Reference Desk at (631) 924-6400 x250 or register in-person for appointments. No walk-ins.  
Limited to LPL cardholders.

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



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>Art Exhibit</b> Throughout January and February, the library is pleased to display the creative works of local resident Clyde Norman in the gallery. Mr. Norman's unique, tree-inspired artwork is a wonderful example of a free-flowing style of painting that's sure to make you want to create something yourself!			1 10 AM (A) Hey! Let's Play! 2-4 PM (T) Crafternoon 7 PM (C) Friday Night Flick: <i>Freakier Friday</i> 7 PM (T) Sublimation Banner Decorations	2 11 AM (C) BenAnna Band 2:15 PM (C) Saturday Afternoon Movie: <i>The Fantastic Four: First Steps</i>
4	5 "Birds of a Feather Read Together" Winter Reading Challenge Begins! 11 AM (C) Arctic Animals 4:30-8:30 PM (C) Family Service League Social Worker 5:30 PM (C) Family Maker Night 7 PM (T) Bookstormers: Book Club 7 PM (C) Family Maker Night	6 9:45 AM (C) Parent Toddler Workshop 11 AM (C) Parent Toddler Workshop 12-3:30 PM (A) Medicaid Enrollment Assistance for the Aged, Blind and Disabled 5:30 PM (C) Sewing for Smiles 7 PM (T) Color and Chill 7 PM (C) Sewing for Smiles	7 11 AM-12:30 PM (A) Operation Medicine Cabinet 2:15 PM (A) Watch-A-Movie Wednesday! <i>EdTV</i> 6 PM (C) Tots Night Out 7 PM (T) Tie-Dye Blizzard Blankets	8 10 AM (C) Preschool Playtime 7 PM (T) Stenciled Tote Bags 7 PM (A) 3D Printing Pioneers	9 10 AM (A) Hey! Let's Play! 10 AM (C) Penguin Pals 11 AM (C) Penguin Pals 5:45 PM (T) Dungeons & Dragons with the Quest Masters Guild 6 PM (C) Winter Windows 7 PM (A) Board Game Club 7 PM (C) Winter Windows	10 10 AM (T) 5-hour Pre-licensing Class 10 AM (A) General Defensive Driving 10:30 AM (C) Nursery Rhyme Sing Along 2 PM (A) Genealogy Drop-In
11 2 PM (A) Hokis Pokis	12 9:45 AM (A) Gentle Yoga 10 AM (A) AARP Smart Driver Course 10 AM (C) Beary Special Storytime 10 AM-2 PM (A) Reduce Your Energy Bills with PSEG Long Island 4:30-8:30 PM (C) Family Service League Social Worker 5 PM (C) Paws For Reading 5:15 PM (C) Paws For Reading 5:30 PM (C) Paws For Reading 5:45 PM (C) Paws For Reading 6:30 PM (A) Heat-Activated Vinyl Winter Mugs 7 PM (T) Pencil Pals Art Club	13 9:45 AM (C) Parent Toddler Workshop 10 AM (A) AARP Smart Driver Course 10 AM-5 PM (A) Health Insurance Enrollment Assistance for NY State of Health 11 AM (C) Parent Toddler Workshop 4 PM (T) Sustainability Club: Seal Advocacy with the NY Marine Rescue Center 6:30 PM (A) How to Survive Rising Food Prices (Zoom) 7 PM (T) Advanced Division Battle of the Books	14 10 AM (A) Sublimation Hanging Photo Slates 10 AM-2:30 PM (A) HIICAP Medicare Counseling 10 AM (C) 1, 2, 3 Play With Me 2 PM (A) Alzheimer's and Dementia Caregivers Support Group 2:15 PM (A) Watch-A-Movie Wednesday! <i>F1</i> 6:30 PM (C) Book Bunch & Munch 7 PM (T) Thread Heads 7 PM (A) Sound Bath Meditation	15 10 AM (C) Preschool Playtime 3 PM (A) Daytime Book Discussion: <i>My Dear Hamilton: A Novel of Eliza Schuyler Hamilton</i> (In-person/Zoom) 6 PM (C) Dungeons & Dragons Tween Edition 6:30 PM (A) Sublimation Hanging Photo Slates	16 10 AM (A) Hey! Let's Play! 10:30 AM (A) SmileAwhile with a Movie: <i>Smallfoot</i> 2:30 PM (A) Sublimation Hanging Photo Slates 6 PM (C) Abominable Art Adventure 7 PM (A) Color Your Cares Away 7 PM (C) Snow Day Sips	17 1 PM (A) Hollywood vs History
18	19 9:45 AM (A) Gentle Yoga 11 AM (A) Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service: Paracord Lanyards and No-Sew Blankets 2 PM (C) Kindness Kids: Little Free Library Bookmarks 2:15 PM (A) <i>Martin Luther King, Jr.: An Amazing Grace</i> Screening and Discussion 3 PM (C) Kindness Kids: Little Free Library Bookmarks 4:30-8:30 PM (C) Family Service League Social Worker 7 PM (T) Caring Cards	20 9:45 AM (C) Parent Toddler Workshop 10 AM-5 PM (A) Health Insurance Enrollment Assistance for NY State of Health 11 AM (C) Parent Toddler Workshop 6:30 PM (C) 3D Printed Beads 7 PM (T) Winter Felt Landscape 7 PM (A) Start the New Year with Meditation (Zoom) 7 PM (T) Advanced Division Battle of the Books	21 10 AM (C) 1, 2, 3 Play With Me 2:15 PM (A) Watch-A-Movie Wednesday! <i>Never Cry Wolf</i> 7 PM (A) Library Board of Trustees Meeting	22 10 AM (C) Preschool Playtime 10:30 AM (A) A Knitting and Crochet Circle of Friends 6 PM (C) Minecraft Junior 6:30 PM (A) Cricut Fundamentals: Adhesive Vinyl Journal 6:30 PM (A) First Time Homebuyer Orientation 7 PM (T) Craft Kits For Donation 7 PM (C) Minecraft Club	23 10 AM (A) Hey! Let's Play! 10 AM (C) Playtown 10:30 AM (A) SmileAwhile with a Winter Painted Pine Cone Wreath 11 AM (C) Playtown 2:30 PM (A) Cricut Fundamentals: Adhesive Vinyl Journal 4 PM (A) Winter Comfort Foods with Chef Rob 6 PM (C) Colonial Stuffies 6 PM (T) Code a Videogame: Tower Defense 6:30 PM (A) Winter Comfort Foods with Chef Rob 7 PM (A) Evening Book Discussion: <i>Sharp Objects</i>	24 10 AM (T) Getting Ready To Babysit
25	26 9:45 AM (A) Gentle Yoga 10 AM (C) Baby Picasso 11 AM (C) Art Starts 4:30-8:30 PM (C) Family Service League Social Worker 6:30 PM (A) Heat-Activated Vinyl Winter Mugs 6:30 PM (C) Family Art Fun 7 PM (T) International Snack Taste Test	27 9:45 AM (C) Parent Toddler Workshop 11 AM (C) Parent Toddler Workshop 12-3:30 PM (A) Medicaid Enrollment Assistance for the Aged, Blind and Disabled 2 PM (A) Introduction to the iPhone and iPad 2:30 PM (A) Titles and Treats 6:30 PM (A) Stained Glass Heart Suncatcher 7 PM (T) Advanced Division Battle of the Books 7 PM (A) Quiet Company	28 10 AM (C) 1, 2, 3 Play With Me 2:15 PM (A) Watch-A-Movie Wednesday! <i>Amber Alert</i> 2:30 PM (A) Penguin Cross Stitch Bookmarks 5:30 PM (A) General Defensive Driving 6 PM (C) Zany Zendoodles 7 PM (T) Dog Toys For Donation	29 10 AM (C) Preschool Playtime 5:30 PM (A) General Defensive Driving 6 PM (C) Shadow or Shine: Groundhog's Day 6:30 PM (A) Sew Stylish: Worry Pets 7 PM (T) Knight Life Chess Club	30 10 AM (A) Hey! Let's Play! 10 AM (C) Mostly Mother Goose 2:30 PM (A) Sew Stylish: Worry Pets 6 PM (T) Frosty Figures Winter Clay Sculpture 6:30 PM (C) Book Chat: <i>I Survived the Children's Blizzard of 1888</i>	31 10 AM-12 PM (A) Puzzle Swap 2 PM (A) Winter Seed Sowing with Native Plants

## Trustee Election Information

District residents who are interested in running for the Board of Trustees of the Longwood Public Library are invited to submit petitions to the Director's office no later than **5:00 pm on Monday, March 16, 2026**. Petitions may be picked up in the Director's office, beginning **Monday, February 9**. They must be submitted with a minimum of 25 district resident signatures. The trustee election coincides with the library budget vote which will be conducted by paper ballot at the library on **Tuesday, April 14, 2026**. The newly-elected trustee will serve a five-year term, beginning July 2026. Residents interested in the trustee position should contact Lisa Jacobs, Library Director, at (631) 924-6400 x275 or [lisa@longwoodlibrary.org](mailto:lisa@longwoodlibrary.org) for more information about the duties and responsibilities of library trustees.



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# FEBRUARY 2026 PROGRAM CALENDAR

(C) Children's Program (T) Teen Program (A) Adult Program

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## 2025-2026 Board of Trustees

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## Library Board Meetings

Wednesday, January 21 at 7:00 pm  
Wednesday, February 25 at 7:00 pm

The book drop is open 24 hours

## Library Closed

Wednesday, December 31 – New Year's Eve  
Thursday, January 1 – New Year's Day

## Library Open

Monday, January 19 – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
Monday, February 16 – Presidents' Day

## Hours

Monday-Friday: 9:30 am-9:00 pm  
Saturday: 9:30 am-5:00 pm  
Sunday: 1:00 pm-5:00 pm

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# CHILDREN'S CLASSES & EVENTS

Unless otherwise noted, all classes for children from birth through Pre-K are intended for parents and children together. Classes for children in grades K-6 are designed for children to attend independently, but a parent or guardian must stay in the building.

Please adhere to all posted age/grade requirements for programs or registration will not be valid.



## Commemorating "America250 Babies"

In 1976, the library collected the names of babies born that year to families in our district. The "Bicentennial Babies" plaque listing the babies' names still hangs in the library today.

We'd like to replicate this project with the names of babies born in 2026. This is an interesting piece of community history to collect for the future. If you are willing to have your child's name displayed on a new plaque, please submit the form that is available on the library website or at any library service desk. Forms will be available from January 2, 2026 to January 15, 2027. Submissions are limited to babies born to families who currently live in the Longwood library district, and whose birthdays range from January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2026.



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# WINTER READING

JANUARY – FEBRUARY 2026



## 2025 Children's Winter Reading Challenge "Birds of a Feather Read Together" begins on January 5!

Earn virtual badges and digital raffle tickets to enter towards seven different raffle baskets by reading, coming to library programs, and participating in activities this winter. Children who read for three hours will receive a special "midway" prize, and those who complete the challenge by reading for seven hours will receive a Mystery Swag Bag packed with prizes!

Raffles supported by Friends of the Library.



SCAN ME &  
REGISTER

Register online at [longwoodlibrary.org](http://longwoodlibrary.org)

## BABY, TODDLER, AND PRESCHOOL CLASSES & EVENTS

### Preschool Playtime

Thursdays, January 8, 15, 22, 29 and February 5 and 12 at 10:00 am  
Children (3 years – Pre-K)  
Registration begins December 17  
Calling all preschoolers! Join us for this weekly program, featuring friends and fun, where your child will enjoy an hour of play and learning time. Each session will begin with an extended circle time, during which stories and songs are shared, followed by a related craft activity and free play.



### Penguin Pals

Friday, January 9  
Children (18-35 months) at 10:00 am  
Children (3 years – Pre-K) at 11:00 am  
Registration begins December 17  
Waddle into fun! Enjoy frosty stories and crafts about our favorite tuxedo-wearing birds!

### Nursery Rhyme Sing Along

Saturday, January 10 at 10:30 am  
Children (infant – Pre-K)  
Registration begins December 29  
Monday, February 2 at 10:00 am OR 11:00 am  
Children (infant – Pre-K)  
Registration begins January 23  
Join Meghan 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.

### Beary Special Storytime

Monday, January 12 at 10:00 am  
Children (18-35 months)  
Registration begins December 29  
Snuggle up for songs, stories, and cozy crafts perfect for little cubs.



### Tots Night Out

Wednesday, January 7 at 6:00 pm  
Children (18 months – Pre-K)  
Registration begins December 17  
Wednesday, February 4 at 6:00 pm  
Children (18 months – Pre-K)  
Registration begins January 23  
Come have some fun before bedtime with A Time for Kids! There will be songs to sing, time to move and dance, and a craft for families to do together!

### 1,2,3 Play with Me

Wednesdays, January 14, 21 and 28 at 10:00 am  
Children (infant – 17 months)  
Registration begins December 29  
This open-ended playtime facilitated by a children's librarian will provide a wonderful opportunity for you to bond with your child while making new friends with other caregivers and their little ones.

## BABY, TODDLER, AND PRESCHOOL CLASSES & EVENTS



### Playtown

Friday, January 23 at 10:00 am OR 11:00 am

Children (2 years – Pre-K)

Registration begins January 6

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



### Baby Picasso

Monday, January 26 at 10:00 am

Children (12 months – 30 months)

Registration begins January 15

### Art Starts

Monday, January 26 at 11:00 am

Children (31 months – Pre-K)

Registration begins January 15

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

### Mostly Mother Goose

Friday, January 30 at 10:00 am

Children (infant – 3 years)

Registration begins January 15

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

### Hedgehugs

Friday, February 6

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

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

Registration begins January 23

Scurry into our storytime den. There will be pricks and giggles while we enjoy hedgehog stories and crafts.

### Baby Love

Monday, February 9 at 10:00 am

Children (birth – 17 months)

Registration begins January 28

Celebrate Valentine's Day with your little sweetheart at the library. We'll share a heart-warming story perfect for babies. Then we will make an adorable keepsake craft using your baby's footprint. Dress for a mess!

### Valentine's Day Storytime

Friday, February 13 at 10:00 am

Children (18-35 months)

Registration begins January 28

Celebrate Valentine's Day with your little sweetheart at the library. We'll share heartwarming stories, sing songs, and make simple Valentine crafts perfect for little hands.



### Love is in the Air

Friday, February 13 at 11:00 am

Children (3 years – Pre-K)

Registration begins January 28

Love is in the air at the library! Join us for a heart-filled morning of giggles, stories, songs, and crafty fun. We'll make something special to share with someone you love.

### Bouncing Babies

Thursday, February 19 at 10:00 am

Children (birth–23 months)

Registration begins February 5

Bring your babies for a morning of songs, stories, and playtime with library friends!

### A Time for Kids:

#### Snow Babies

Friday, February 20 at 10:00 am

Children (infant – 17 months)

Registration begins February 5

Join A Time for Kids for a fun winter morning of songs and stories.

### A Time for Kids: Winter Wiggles

Friday, February 20 at 10:45 am

Children (18 – Pre-K)

Registration begins February 5

Join A Time for Kids for a fun winter morning of songs and stories.



### Polar Bear Pals

Monday, February 23 at 3:00 pm

Children (3 years – Pre-K)

Registration begins February 11

Bundle up for a polar bear adventure! We'll listen to some stories and make an adorable polar bear craft.



### Babies & Books

Tuesday, February 24

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

Registration begins February 11

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



### Construction Zone

Tuesday, February 24 at 6:00 pm OR

Wednesday, February 25 at 10:00 am OR

11:00 am

Children (18-35 months)

Registration begins February 11

Put on your hard hats and let's build with all types of blocks! *Please choose only one session.*

### Stretchy Storytime

Thursday, February 26 at 10:00 am

Children (3 years – Pre-K)

Registration begins February 11

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

## Monthly Family Storytime Kits



In addition to our in-person programs for little ones, we offer Family Storytime Kits every 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 starting the first of the month, while supplies last.

**January: Winter Mitten**

**February: Cupid's Craft Kit**

### Tots & Books

Friday, February 27 at 10:00 am

Children (18 months – 35 months)

Registration begins February 11

Children are invited to participate in an early literacy program featuring songs, rhymes, fingerplays, and books.

## SPORTS EQUIPMENT Swap



**Saturday, February 28 at 10:30 am**

Families with children - Registration begins January 2

**Ready to trade up your gear?  
Join us for our Sports Equipment Swap!**

Donate your gently used children's sports equipment between **January 2 and February 27**, then register for the swap to pick out some new-to-you items.

#### No pressure:

You can donate without swapping, and you can attend the swap even if you didn't donate.

#### Early bird perk:

Donors get early entry at 10:00 am. All others may enter at 10:30 am.

#### Condition matters:

Items that are broken, excessively dirty, or not in playable shape will not be accepted.

**Clear out your closets, save money, and keep the fun going—  
don't miss this chance to score big!**

## SCHOOL-AGED CLASSES & EVENTS



### Family Maker Night

Monday, January 5 at 5:30 OR 7:00 pm

Families with children (grades 2-6)

Registration begins December 17

Want to learn some new skills and try out makerLAB equipment? Join us for a family maker night to create something together.



### Sewing for Smiles

Tuesday, January 6 at 5:30 pm OR 7:00 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins December 17

Kids will learn basic sewing machine skills while making walker pouches to donate, earning one hour of community service. Children will also decorate a small pouch with pre-cut Cricut vinyl to take home.



### Winter Windows

Friday, January 9

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

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

Registration begins December 17

Join art teacher Kim to create a beautiful winter window scene.



### Paws for Reading

Monday, January 12 starting at 5:00 pm

Registration begins December 29

Monday, February 16 starting at 5:00 pm

Registration begins February 5

Children (readers – grade 6)

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.



### Book Bunch & Munch

Wednesday, January 14 at 6:30 pm

Children (grades K-2)

Registration begins December 29

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

### Dungeons & Dragons Tween Edition

Children (grades 4-6)

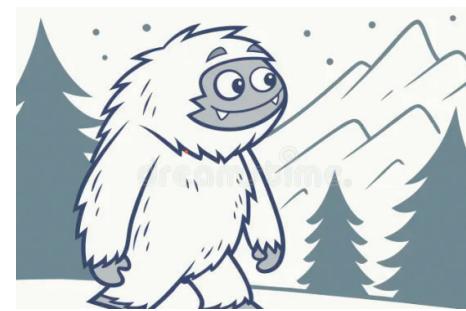
Thursday, January 15 from 6:00-7:30 pm

Registration begins December 29

Tuesday, February 19 from 6:00-7:30 pm

Registration begins February 5

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



### Abominable Art Adventure

Friday, January 16 at 6:00 pm

Children (grades K-2)

Registration begins December 29

Join us for a frosty fun adventure! Create your own abominable snowman art and whip up a sweet snowman treat. It's going to be monstrously cool! *The snack provided may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*



### Snow Day Sips

Friday, January 16 at 7:00 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins December 29

Get cozy and creative at the library!

Kids will paint their very own mugs and mix up a delicious hot cocoa blend to take home. *The snack provided may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

### Kindness Kids: Little Free Library Bookmarks

Monday, January 19

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

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

Registration begins January 6

Spread kindness across your community. Join us to decorate bookmarks to fill up our little free libraries.

### 3D Printed Beads

Tuesday, January 20 at 6:30 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins January 6

Children will explore shape, pattern, and color as they design beads for necklaces or keychains using TinkerCAD. We will print the projects, and they will be ready for pickup a week after the program. Children are not required to create their own TinkerCAD account.



### Minecraft Junior

Thursday, January 22

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

Registration begins January 6

### Minecraft Club

Thursday, January 22

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

Registration begins January 6

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

### Colonial Stuffies

Friday, January 23 at 6:00 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins January 6

Kick off the America250 celebrations by sewing some colonial stuffed animals!



### Zany Zendoodles

Wednesday, January 28 at 6:00 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins January 15

Calm your mind while getting creative! With step-by-step instructions, create a unique, colorful zendoodle design that will be fun to make and beautiful to display.



### Shadow or Shine: Groundhog's Day

Thursday, January 29 at 6:00 pm

Children (grades K-2)

Registration begins January 15

Pop out of your burrow and join us for Groundhog Day fun! We'll celebrate this shadowy holiday with stories, crafts, and activities all about our furry forecaster. Will the groundhog see its shadow? Come find out and make your own prediction!

### Book Chat:

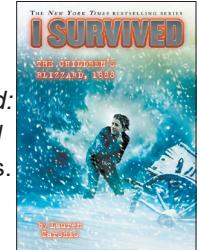
#### *I Survived: Children's Blizzard 1888*

Friday, January 30 at 7:00 pm

Children (grades 4-6)

Registration and book pickup begins January 6

Let's discuss *I Survived: The Children's Blizzard*



1888 by Lauren Tarshis.

We will make snowball slime, play mumball

and snow-themed

games, and enjoy ice cream. *The snack provided may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

### Cricut Crafts:

#### Owl You Need is Love

Tuesday, February 3 at 5:30 pm OR 7:00 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins January 23



Learn how to use the Cricut cutting machine while

assembling a paper owl treat basket!

### Sphero STEAM

#### Challenge

Thursday, February 5 at 6:30 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins January 23

Work together to design and build a bridge strong enough to carry our speedy Sphero BOLT robots to the other side. Build, test, and problem-solve your way through this hands-on STEAM challenge!

### Let it Snow

Friday, February 6

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

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

Registration begins January 23

Art teacher Kim will show you how to make a stunning snow globe perfect for capturing winter's beauty.

### Crafty Cupid

Tuesday, February 10

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

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

Registration begins January 28

It's the season of love! Come to the library to make a cute Valentine's craft to keep or give to someone special.

### Books & Bites

Wednesday, February 11 at 6:00 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins January 28

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

### Valentine's Sand Art Brownies

Friday, February 13 at 6:00 pm

Children (grades K-2)

Registration begins January 28

Mix up some love this Valentine's Day! Layer brownie mix and sweet treats in a jar to create your own "sand art" brownie mix. Take it home, bake it, and share a delicious treat made with love! *This program may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

## SCHOOL-AGED CLASSES & EVENTS



### Snackin' Around the World: Italy

Monday, February 16 at 2:00 pm  
Children (grades 3-6)  
Registration begins February 5  
Mangiamo! Grab your passports (and your appetite)! We're heading to Italy for tasty snacks, fun trivia, and a whole lot of yum. *The snack provided may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

### Games & Goodies

Tuesday, February 17  
Children (grades K-2) 6:00 pm  
Children (grades 3-6) 7:00 pm  
Registration begins February 5  
Come down to the library, have some snacks, and play fun games with your friends! We will have assorted board games for you to explore, as well as cool games on our Nintendo Switch, like Mario Kart and Mario Party. *Snacks provided may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*



### Butter My Biscuits!

Wednesday, February 18  
Children (grades K-2) at 2:00 pm  
Children (grades 3-6) at 3:15 pm  
Registration begins February 5  
Churn back the clock and taste history! We'll whip up fresh, creamy butter and bake golden, flaky biscuits from scratch—all in celebration of America's 250th anniversary. Come hungry for fun and flavor!



### Learn to Crochet

Wednesdays, February 18 & 25 at 6:00 pm  
Children (grades 3-6)  
Registration begins February 5  
Come to the library to learn how to crochet or practice your skills! Materials will be provided, and all skill levels are welcome!

### Kindness Kids: Catnip Toys & Food Mats

Thursday, February 19 at 3:00 pm  
Children (grades 3-6)  
Registration begins February 5  
Spread love by making catnip toys and food placemats for the cats and dogs at Save-A-Pet Animal Rescue Shelter. Participants will earn one hour of community service.

### Scooter Highway

Friday, February 20 at 2:00 pm  
Children (grades K-6)  
Registration begins February 5  
Get ready to zoom into fun with Scooter Highway! Get your license, then take a cruise through town to visit the carwash, drive-in movie, and more! End your road trip with a sweet stop at the ice cream shop! Sign up for one 20-minute slot. *This program may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*



### Cozy Winter Crafts with the Take a Look at Teaching Club

Saturday, February 21 at 11:00 am  
Children (grades K-2)  
Registration begins February 5  
Join Longwood High School's Take a Look at Teaching Club Students for some winter craft stations. The high school's aspiring educators will assist children as they create four fun projects to take home and give to family or friends as gifts or to decorate their own homes.

### Hangin' with My Gnomies

Thursday, February 26 at 6:00 pm  
Children (grades K-2)  
Registration begins February 11  
Grab your gnomies and head to the library for some fun activity stations and silly games.

### Snack Attack: Tween Taste Challenge

Thursday, January 26 at 7:00 pm  
Children (grades 3-6)  
Registration begins February 11  
Welcome to the ultimate flavor-filled showdown designed for adventurous tweens with bold taste buds and big opinions. This program invites kids to become snack critics, sampling a variety of treats and debating with their fellow tweens to decide which snack reigns supreme. *The snack provided may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

### Blizzard in a Bottle

Friday, February 27 at 6:00 pm  
Children (grades K-2)  
Registration begins February 11  
Shake up some winter magic by creating your very own blizzard in a bottle.

### Comics & Candy: Max Meow: Donuts & Danger

Friday, February 27 at 7:00 pm  
Children (grades 3-6)  
Registration begins February 11  
Let's chat about Max Meow: Donuts & Danger by John Gallagher. We'll make, decorate and eat donuts, and play games related to the story. *The snack provided may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

## FAMILY PROGRAMS

### Friday Night Flick:

#### Freakier Friday

Friday, January 2 at 7:00 pm  
Families with children  
No registration

*Freakier Friday*, a sequel to 2003's *Freaky Friday*, stars Jamie Lee Curtis and Lindsay Lohan as Tess and Anna Coleman. The story picks up years after Tess and Anna endured an identity crisis. Anna now has a daughter of her own and a soon-to-be stepdaughter. As they navigate the challenges that come when two families merge, Tess and Anna discover that lightning might indeed strike twice.

### BenAnna Band

Saturday, January 3 at 11:00 am  
Children (birth – grade 3)  
Registration begins December 17  
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.

### Family Art Fun

Monday, January 26 from 6:30-7:30 pm  
Families with children  
No registration  
Can't make it to any of our daytime art programs? Drop in anytime between 6:30 and 7:30 pm to explore our art stations and create some open-ended masterpieces with your children! Dress for a mess!



### Take Your Child to the Library Day Featuring the Jester Jim Family Show

Saturday, February 7 at 11:00 am  
Families with children  
Registration begins January 23  
Join the Longwood Public Library as we celebrate Take Your Child to the Library Day on Saturday, February 7, featuring Jester Jim at 11:00 am. Children who sign up for their first library card will get a "Welcome to the Library" bag, and children who show us their card can pick a prize from the treasure chest. This is sure to be a fun-filled day for the whole family!



### Backyard Birdhouses

Thursday, February 12 at 6:00 pm  
OR 7:30 pm  
Families with children (ages 4 – grade 6)  
Registration begins January 28  
Prepare for The Great Backyard Bird Count by painting a wooden birdhouse with your family! Dress for a mess!

### FEBRUARY BLACK HISTORY MONTH

### Be Inspired: Black History Month

Saturday, February 14 at 10:00-11:30 am and Sunday, February 15 at 1:30-3:00 pm  
Families with children  
No registration  
Drop in to get inspired at these various stations featuring influential figures in Black history.

### Morning at the Movies: Gabby's Dollhouse

Saturday, February 14 at 11:00 am  
Families with Children  
No registration

In the new film, Gabby heads out on a road trip with her Grandma Gigi to the urban wonderland of Cat Francisco. But when Gabby's dollhouse, her most prized possession, ends up in the hands of an eccentric cat lady named Vera, Gabby sets off on an adventure through the real world to get the Gabby Cats back together and save the dollhouse before it's too late.

### Birds of Prey With Quogue Wildlife

Tuesday, February 17 at 11:00 am  
Families with children  
Registration begins February 5  
Join Quogue Wildlife to learn about live birds of prey and meet their resident raptors. Families will learn the personal history of each native New York animal and why it lives at the Quogue Wildlife Refuge, as well as the adaptations that allow these animals to be such incredible hunters.



### Magic of Amore

Wednesday, February 18 at 7:00 pm  
Families with children  
(4 years – completed grade 6)  
Registration begins February 5  
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. From the moment the show begins until the grand finale, the audience will be mesmerized and mystified by Amore's unforgettable show!



# TEEN CLASSES & EVENTS

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



## Teen Winter Reading Challenge: Birds of a Feather Read Together

Monday, January 5–Sunday, February 22

“Flock” to the library and join our winter reading challenge! After registering online with Beanstack, build your signup goodie bag in Teen Services. Then, log your cozy reads and program attendance for a chance to win exciting prizes supported by the Friends of the Longwood Public Library!



Register online at  
[longwoodlibrary.org](http://longwoodlibrary.org)

## Crafternoon

Friday, January 2 from 2:00-4:00 pm  
No registration

Drop in any time between 2:00-4:00 pm for an afternoon of different craft stations in the Teen Department! Bring a friend or make some new friends as you create unique art pieces in a relaxed setting.

## Color and Chill

Tuesday, January 6 from 7:00-8:00 pm  
Registration begins December 23

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

## Tie-Dye Blizzard Blankets

Wednesday, January 7 from 7:00-8:00 pm  
Registration begins December 23  
Create a colorful, yet cozy blanket in this tie-dye program, sure to add some color to those cold winter nights.

## Dungeons & Dragons with the Quest Masters Guild

Friday, January 9 from 5:45-8:30 pm  
Registration begins December 26  
Friday, February 13 from 5:45-8:30 pm  
Registration begins January 30  
Join the Quest Masters Guild for a round of Dungeons & Dragons at the library.

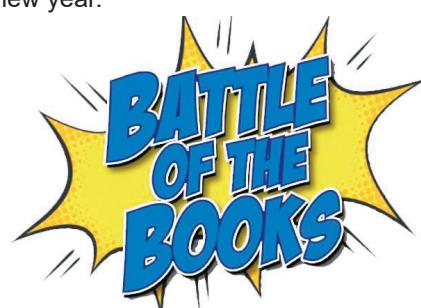


## 5-hour Pre-licensing Class

Saturday, January 10 from 10:00 am-2:30 pm  
Registration begins December 5 (phone and in-person only)  
Non-refundable fee: \$65 payable (cash, exact change) to instructor on the 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 ages 16 and up. **You must bring your NY State Learner's Permit to class.** Bring your lunch with you. You will not have time to leave for lunch.

## Pencil Pals Art Club

Monday, January 12 from 7:00-8:00 pm  
Registration begins December 29  
Join our drawing and doodling art club, where we try new sketching techniques and have fun exploring different styles while we draw. For January, we will focus on drawing our goals and wishes for 2026! Come prepared with ideas of what you'd like to see for yourself in the new year.



## Advanced Division Battle of the Books

Tuesdays, January 13, 20, 27, February 3, 10, 24, March 3, 10 from 7:00-8:30 pm  
Registration ongoing

Do you like reading and trivia? Then join us for Advanced Division Battle of the Books! This year, we'll be reading two different books: *The Sunbearer Trials* by Aiden Thomas and *Such Charming Liars* by Karen M. McManus. Pick up the books in the Teen Services Department and read them in preparation for our practice dates, where we'll practice trivia questions, play games, and eat snacks. On March 13, we'll compete against other libraries in the county-wide Advanced Division Battle of the Books competition at the Sachem Public Library. *The snacks provided may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*



## Teen Winter Surprise Boxes

Register online, in-person, or by phone between December 29 and January 9. You must fill out your online questionnaire by January 9. Pick up your surprise box beginning January 16 through January 23. 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 mystery goodies to your box, chosen just for YOU! Unbox at home to discover the fun surprises awaiting you. Return the books only when they are due, and the rest is yours to keep. *The snacks provided may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

## Winter Felt Landscapes

Tuesday, January 20 from 7:00-8:00 pm  
Registration begins January 6  
Bundle up your creativity and craft a cozy winter wonderland! In this program, teens will design their own snowy landscape scenes using layers of soft felt pieces, bringing frosty forests, starry skies, and chilly charm to life.



## Code a Video Game: Tower Defense

Friday, January 23 from 6:00-8:00 pm  
Registration begins January 9  
Create your own Tower Defense game using Scratch!



## Getting Ready to Babysit

Saturday, January 24 from 10:00 am-1:00 pm  
Registration begins January 9  
This course is designed to help teens develop the skills necessary for the responsibility of being a sitter, including child safety, understanding the developmental stages of children, and planning age-appropriate activities. Hands-on activities and course certification are included.

## International Snack Taste Test

Monday, January 26 from 7:00-8:00 pm  
Registration begins January 12

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*

## Knight Life Chess Club

Thursday, January 29 from 7:00-8:00 pm  
Registration begins January 15  
Join us for a fun and engaging chess meet-up just for teens! Try your hand at chess puzzles, play friendly games with other players, and sharpen your skills by learning openings and tactics. All skill levels welcome — from beginners to future grandmasters!

## Frosty Figures Winter Clay Sculpture

Friday, January 30 from 6:00-7:30 pm  
Registration begins January 16  
Join artist Chris Vivas and get creative this winter as you mold your own frosty masterpieces with Sculpey clay! Shape clay masterpieces that will brighten up your space.

## Teen Writing Workshop: Romantic Reads

Tuesday, February 3 from 6:00-7:00 pm  
Registration begins January 20  
Whether you love or love-to-hate romantic reads, this workshop is for teen writers ready to sharpen their skills! Discuss your favorite (and least favorite) teen romance tropes, enjoy ridiculous writing exercises, practice blending romance with other genres, and develop characters that were simply meant to be (or not!) just in time for Valentine's Day. *Snacks provided may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

## Candle Making Workshop

Wednesday, February 4 from 7:00-8:00 pm  
Registration begins January 21  
Learn how to make beautiful candles from a candle-making expert. Choose your winter theme, scent, and colors, and let your creativity light your way!



## Shimmer and Shine Valentine Diamond Art

Friday, February 6 from 7:00-8:00 pm  
Registration begins January 23  
Create sparkling valentines in this relaxing diamond art class for beginners!

# 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.

## Teen Sustainability Club

Tuesday, January 13  
from 4:00-5:00 pm  
Registration begins December 9



Tuesday, February 10  
from 4:00-5:00 pm  
Registration begins January 13

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

**January:** For this meeting, we'll be joined by the NY Marine Rescue Center to learn all about seal advocacy on Long Island!

**February:** In honor of The Great Backyard Bird Count, we welcome the Quogue Wildlife Refuge. Teens will get to meet a Screech Owl, Red Tailed Hawk, and American Kestrel in person!

Certificate for 1 hour of community service

## Stenciled Tote Bags

Wednesday, January 8 from 7:00-8:00 pm  
Registration begins December 26  
Paint a reusable canvas tote bag that will be given to families in our community.  
Certificate for 1 hour of community service

## Thread Heads

Wednesday, January 14 from 7:00-8:00 pm  
Registration begins December 30  
Teens use knitting looms to craft warm, handmade hats for people in need.  
Certificate for 1 hour of community service

## Caring Cards

Monday, January 19 from 7:00-8:00 pm  
Registration begins January 5  
Help make cards that will be sent to hospitalized kids and cards for our service members to brighten their day.  
Certificate for 1 hour of community service

## Craft Kits for Donation

Thursday, January 22 from 7:00-8:00 pm  
Registration begins January 8  
Help us prepare some simple crafts and activities to donate to service agencies in our community!  
Certificate for 1 hour of community service

## Beginning Sign Language

Mondays, February 9, 16, 23  
from 7:00-8:00 pm  
Registration begins January 26  
Join teacher Jennie Sardone to learn the basics in this beginner's class for American Sign Language.



## Sole Mates

Thursday, February 12 from 7:00-8:00 pm  
Registration begins January 29  
Design your own Valentine's socks with fun Cricut vinyl designs—it's the perfect way to put some love on your toes!

## Dog Toys for Donation

Wednesday, January 28 from 7:00-8:00 pm  
Registration begins January 14  
Design rope toys that will be donated to our local animal shelter.  
Certificate for 1 hour of community service



## Bookstormers: Book Club for Grades 7-9

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

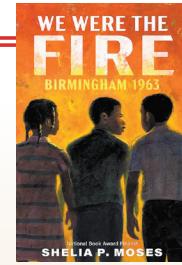
### FEBRUARY

#### We Were the Fire: Birmingham 1963

by Sheila P. Moses

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

Registration begins January 5



The powerful story of an eleven-year-old boy determined to stand up for his rights, who's pulled into the action of the 1963 civil rights demonstrations in Birmingham, Alabama.



Certificate for 3 hours of community service

### MARCH

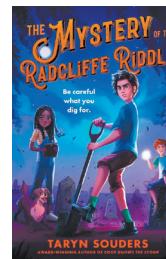
#### The Mystery of Radcliffe Riddle

by Taryn Souders

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

Registration begins February 2

Grady and his father inherit the town oddball's old tapestry and discover it is a highly coveted treasure map.



Certificate for 3 hours of community service

## Talking Newsletter

Thursday, February 5 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Registration begins January 22

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

Certificate for 1.5 hours of community service

## Hooked on Horses

Tuesdays, February 17, 24, March 3  
from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins February 3

To celebrate the Year of the Horse, create your own adorable crochet horse with teacher Aimee Saccio.

*To register, you must be able to attend all three sessions.*

## Paint By Number

Thursday, February 19  
from 11:00 am-12:00 pm

Registration begins February 5

Don't know how to paint? No problem! Join us for this super-simple paint program guaranteed to make all beginner painters true artists!

## PS5 Face-Off

Thursday, February 19 from 7:00-8:00 pm  
Registration begins February 5

Elevate your gaming skills in this laid-back, video game hangout in the Teen Department.

## Winter Herbal Workshop

Friday, February 20 from 7:00-8:00 pm  
Registration begins February 6

Teens will make and take home three herbal products for wintertime — an herbal skin oil, lavender sleep pillows, and their choice of an herbal tea blend or hot chocolate blend. Handouts will also be provided, and some fun herbal historical facts will be shared!

*This program may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

## Community Service by Appointment

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. Teens in grades 7-12 may schedule two time slots per week. You will receive a paper community service certificate immediately upon meeting and completing our guidelines for service.

## 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 924-6400 x249 for more information.

## Seed Spree

Wednesday, February 11

from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins January 28



Wednesday, February 25 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins February 11

Help us sort peas, beans, flowers, and other seeds that will be available to our community's gardeners as part of our seed library!

Certificate for 1 hour of community service



## Scooter Highway

Monday, February 16, Wednesday 18,

and Friday 20 from 2:00-4:00 pm

Registration begins February 2

This program is open to teen volunteers in grades 8-12 only.

You must be able to attend all 3 sessions to participate.

Build the set for our own version of Scooter Highway! During the first two sessions, teen volunteers will use art supplies to construct the road and immersive town for children to drive through. During the final session, teens will assist library staff in directing children and helping to demonstrate road safety through imaginative play.

Certificate for 6 hours of community service

## After-School Art: Minecraft String Art

Tuesday, February 24 from 4:00-5:00 pm

Registration begins February 10

Join us after school as we depict characters from Minecraft using string art!

## SAT Prep Course

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

Registration February 12

Practice for the SAT with tutor and aerospace engineer, Chris Mignano. Chris founded Mignano Tutoring and has experience teaching STEM at the college level. All materials will be provided.

## Tabletop Throwdown

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

Registration February 13

Play classic board games against your friends in the Teen Department.

# MAKERLAB CLASSES & EVENTS



## DIY@MAKERLAB APPOINTMENTS

Space is limited to Longwood Public Library 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](http://longwoodlibrary.org/makerLAB).

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



MAKE AN APPOINTMENT

## 3D PRINTING FUNDAMENTALS

### 3D Printing Pioneers

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

Registration ongoing

Limited to LPL cardholders

Join our 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.

### 3D Printing Fundamentals

**Zoom**

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

Registration ongoing

Want to learn more about 3D Printing? Join our librarians for a lesson on the history of 3D printing, how it works, what you need to get started, and future applications.

### Heroforge: Create Your Own 3D Printed Figure

**Zoom**

Thursday, February 19 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Registration ongoing

Discover the fun of digital character design with HeroForge! We'll explore how to create, customize, and even 3D print your own tabletop miniatures.

### Tinkercad Basics: Desk Signs

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

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

Registration begins February 9

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

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

## 3D PRINTING

### Looking to 3D print an object?

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

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



SUBMIT A REQUEST

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

## MAKERLAB CRAFTS

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

### Heat-Activated Vinyl Winter Mugs

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

Monday, January 26 from 6:30-8:30 pm

Registration begins January 2

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

Design some winter-themed heat-activated vinyl designs for a 12 oz. mug. Just add hot water and watch your design change color!



### Sew Stylish: Worry Pets

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

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

Registration begins January 7

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

Make your own Worry Pet! Stitch a soft, squishy companion to keep nearby for moments of stress or anxiety. These adorable plushies are simple to sew, relaxing to make, and a sweet reminder to practice self-care. Great for sewing machine beginners!

### Create a Valentine

Wednesday, February 4 from 6:30-8:30 pm

Registration begins January 14

Non-refundable materials fee: \$6 cash (exact change) or major credit card (can pay online) due at registration

Craft a heartfelt card for someone special using cardstock, vinyl, and charming embellishments. You'll design your project in Cricut Design Space and bring it to life with hands-on guidance—no prior experience required, but familiarity with the software is helpful. A fun and creative way to personalize your Valentine's Day



### Pieces of My Heart: Valentine's Day Sublimation Puzzles

Monday, February 9 from 6:30-8:30 pm OR

Monday, February 23 from 6:30-8:30 pm

Registration begins January 19

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

Design and place your favorite family or loved one's picture on a 20-piece sublimation puzzle (letter size). Customize your picture for the perfect Valentine's Day gift!

### Cricut Fundamentals: Adhesive Vinyl Journal

Thursday, January 22 from 6:30-8:30 pm OR

Friday, January 23 from 2:30-4:30 pm

Registration begins January 6

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

New to Cricut? This beginner-level Cricut craft will teach you how to use adhesive vinyl and transfer tape to decorate a journal cover!



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