

Longwood Public Library March_April 2026 Newsletter

Earth Month

Celebrate Earth Month at the library throughout April with programs for all ages that highlight sustainability, creativity, and caring for our planet. From hands-on crafts and upcycling workshops to films, nature programs, and community events, there are many ways to learn, explore, and take action together. Look for the Earth Month logo throughout the newsletter to discover programs that celebrate our planet and sustainability.

Adult Programs

E-Waste Recycling
Film Screening: 2040
Garden Swap
How to Make Non-Toxic Cleaning Products
Upcycle, Don't Trash (makerLAB)
Upcycled Fold Book Vase
Upcycle Workshop (makerLAB)

Children's Programs

Conscious Crafting
Cricut DIY Water Bottles
DIY Chia Pets
Earth Mosaic Art
Earth Suncatchers
Egg Carton Caterpillars
Little Hands, Big Earth
Upcycled Paper Beads

Teen Programs

After-School Art: Recycled Planters
Backyard Bird Feeders
Native Plant Workshop
Recycled Glass Ornament
Recycled Whale Tale Treasure
Teen Sustainability Club
Teen Writing Workshop: Eco-Fiction
Upcycled T-Shirt Bags

Longwood Grows Seed Library

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

Bookmark Celebration

In honor of National Library Week (April 19–25), we're inviting the community to take part in a Bookmark Celebration for all ages! This year's theme is "Find Your Joy." What brings you joy at the library? A favorite book, a welcoming space, friendly staff, or a program you love—share what makes the library special to you.

Pick up a bookmark sheet at the library and decorate it using the “Find Your Joy” theme. Completed bookmarks must be returned by April 1.

Submitted bookmarks will be printed and shared at the library during National Library Week, so everyone can enjoy the creativity of our community.

Celebrate what you love about the library—and help others find their joy too!

Bus Trip: New York Bateaux Lunch Cruise & Chelsea Market Experience

More details on Trips page

Craft Supply Swap

More details on Arts & Crafts page

Hygiene Products Drive | March 1-31

More details on Community Outreach page

Adult Battle of the Books

More details on Books & Writing page

Remember to Vote!

2026-2027 Annual Budget Vote & Trustee Election

Tuesday, April 14 from 8:00 am-8:00 pm

For more details on Budget Vote page

2025-2026 Board of Trustees

Victor Massian, Jr.	President
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Library Board Meetings

Budget Information Meeting

Wednesday, March 25 at 7:00 pm

Wednesday, April 15 at 7:00 pm

Budget Vote - April 14 from 8 am-8 pm

Library Closed

Sunday, April 5 – Easter Sunday

The book drop is open 24 hours

Hours

Monday–Friday: 9:30 am-9:00 pm

Saturday: 9:30 am-5:00 pm

Sunday: 1:00 pm-5:00 pm

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

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

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.

- 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, March 14 from 2:00-3:00 pm

No registration

Thinking about tracing your roots, but don't know where to start? Or maybe your search is underway, and you've hit a dead end. 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.

Preserving Your Past

Scanning Family Photos and Documents

Wednesday, April 29 from 6:30–8:00 pm

Registration ongoing

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

Care and Keeping of Family Collections

Saturday, May 2 from 2:00–3:30 pm

Registration ongoing

Nearly everyone has boxes of precious family heirlooms stashed in their homes. These items can deteriorate over time, but making small changes to their storage and handling can significantly extend their lifespan. Join us to learn about the most common types of materials found in family history collections and how best to care for them.

Convert family memories from vhs, cassettes, film and more with media converters from Equipment & Gadgets.

America 250

Preparing for Quarantine with Mrs. Adams

Monday, March 30 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Registration ongoing

Historical interpreter Sarah Walsh portrays Abigail Adams—wife, mother, farm manager, and trusted advisor—as if it were 1776, as she prepares to move her family to Boston for smallpox inoculation while John Adams is in Philadelphia for the second Continental Congress. Reflecting on a changed city and the risks of the procedure, Abigail faces a struggle at home nearly as daunting as the fight for Independence.

Women in U.S. Intelligence: From the Revolution to the CIA

Tuesday, March 31 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration ongoing

A former CIA officer will tell little-known stories of women intelligence operatives who contributed to our security from our nation's founding to the present.

Appomattox: Where Our Nation Reunited

Zoom

Tuesday, April 14 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration ongoing

April 9, 1865 is cemented into American history as the date of the surrender of General Robert E. Lee to Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Court House, Virginia. Historian Jim Ward will discuss the final throes of the Confederacy, beginning with the retreat from Petersburg, the Fall of Richmond, and then the Gentleman's Agreement between Lee and Grant to effectively end the American Civil War.

American Military Liberation of Nazi Concentration Camps

Saturday, April 25 from 1:00-2:30 pm

Registration ongoing

Explore the role of American forces in the liberation of Nazi concentration camps during the final months of World War II. Through historical accounts, photographs, and survivor testimonies, historian and educator Rick Acritelli will examine how American soldiers confronted the horrors of the Holocaust and had the ability to destroy Hitler's Third Reich in order to restore peace and stability to the people of Europe.

Longwood 250: Our Story Visual Time Capsule

A historic year at Longwood Public Library celebrating our nation — and our community

Share your view of Longwood!

Submit a photo from 2025–2026 to help capture life in Longwood today — the people, places, events, and everyday moments that define our community.

Selected photos will be:

- Featured in a library gallery exhibit
- Preserved in a commemorative book
- Shared in future digital and print displays

Be part of history.

Help us preserve Longwood's story for the next 250 years.

Supported by Friends of the Library

Submit a photo: longwoodlibrary.org/america250

Follow us on Facebook & Instagram for America250 updates & events

Adult Classes & Events

Go West! National Parks and Canyons

Friday, March 20 from 6:30-7:30 pm

Registration ongoing

Jeanne Schnupp, The Savvy Sightseer, will take you across Arizona and Utah on a travelogue tour of our largely untouched and majestic National parklands and canyons, including the Grand Canyon, Monument Valley, Bryce Canyon, and Zion National Park.

Seal Walk at Cupsogue Beach

Saturday, March 28 from 1:00-3:00 pm

Registration begins March 5

Limit 2 registrations per LPL cardholder

Learn about over-wintering seals and other wildlife on this guided nature walk at Cupsogue Beach County Park with AMSEAS and naturalist Karrthik Pitchayan from CEED. Bring your binoculars and cameras for a chance to see the seals. Dress warmly and be prepared to walk about two miles. You must provide your own transportation to the park. Weather permitting.

Earth month

Film Screening: **2040**

Friday, April 10 from 6:30-8:15 pm

Registration ongoing

Join us for a special screening of *2040*, the inspiring documentary from award-winning director Damon Gameau. Rather than focusing on what's going wrong, *2040* explores what the future could look like if we embraced the best solutions already available to improve our planet—and scaled them into the mainstream.

How to Make Non-Toxic Cleaning Products

Wednesday, April 15 from 6:30-8:00 pm

Registration begins March 25

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Home economist Janice Imbrogno will explain how to make safe, natural cleaning products at home. You'll learn how to make cleaners such as all-purpose sprays, fabric fresheners, glass and window cleaners, soft scrubs, powdered cleansers, and laundry soaps using biodegradable ingredients that are kinder to the environment and your health.

Garden Swap

Saturday, April 18 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm

No registration

Share your extra garden or house plants, cuttings, seeds, bulbs, and small gardening supplies, and meet new plant-loving friends at our garden swap! All plants and seeds must be healthy, pest-free, and labeled. Garden supplies must be in good condition and small enough to fit in a large storage bin or tote. All items can be dropped off and swapped starting at 10:00 am.

No need to bring anything to attend, but it is encouraged.

E-waste Recycling

Wednesday, April 22 from 10:00 am-1:00 pm

No registration

Drop off your old electronics at the Pupfish Sustainability Solutions e-waste recycling table in the library parking lot. They will destroy sensitive data on your devices to Department of Defense Standards and recycle your old electronics. Accepted items include: laptops, tablets, iPads, cell phones, desktop computers, flat screen monitors and televisions, DVD/VCR players, printers, mice, keyboards, speakers, webcams, external drives, microphones, gaming consoles, chargers, cords, and more! They do NOT accept CRT monitors.

If you have questions about which items are acceptable, please call Pupfish at (631) 403-1100.

Arts & Crafts

Color Your Cares Away

Fridays, March 6 and April 10 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.

Needle Felted Sheep

Wednesday, March 18 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Registration begins March 3

Non-refundable materials fee: \$10 cash (exact change) or major credit card (can pay online) due at registration

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Learn the art of needle felting and craft an adorable sheep in this class with Amanda Grams. All supplies are included. Beginners welcome.

Craft Supply Swap

Saturday, March 21 from 11:00 am-1:00 pm

No registration

Have craft supplies you no longer need? Looking for some creative inspiration? Join us for a Craft Supply Swap! Bring your new or gently used arts and craft materials to the swap and pick up some new-to-you materials. Can't make the swap, but have materials to share? Drop off donations to the Adult Services desks from March 14-20. All donated items must be in good, usable condition. No open containers of paint, glue, or similar items. No need to donate to attend.

Crystal Pendant Workshop

Tuesday, March 24 from 6:30-8:00 pm

Registration begins March 4

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 Susan Ferro of Glowing Energy to create your own unique, beautiful wire-wrapped crystal pendant. You'll choose your own crystal from a variety of colors and shapes, each with healing qualities that bring balance to your body, mind, and spirit. All supplies are included. Beginners welcome.

A Knitting and Crochet Circle of Friends

Thursdays, March 26 and April 23 from 10:30 am-12:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Bring any project you are working on and take this opportunity to meet other knitters and crocheters in our area, in this group 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.

Upcycled Folded Book Vase

Tuesday, April 7 from 6:30-8:00 pm

Registration begins March 17

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Upcycle old books and artificial flowers into unique home decor in this beginner-friendly class with Tara. All supplies included.

Frog in a Teacup Guided Painting

Friday, April 17 from 6:30-8:00 pm

Registration begins March 27

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Join us for a relaxing evening as we paint a whimsical frog sitting in a teacup! Attendees will receive an 8"x10" pre-printed canvas to bring to life with acrylic paints. No experience necessary—just come ready to create and have fun!

Paint Night with Pamela: Ladybugs in Spring

Tuesday, April 21 from 6:30-8:00 pm

Registration begins March 30

Non-refundable materials fee: \$10 cash (exact change) or major credit card (can pay online) due at registration.

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Paint this adorable picture of ladybugs resting under a daisy in this class led by Pamela. All supplies included. Beginners welcome.

Books & Writing

Adult Battle of the Books Info Session
Wednesday, March 11 from 6:30-7:30 pm
Registration ongoing

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Do you love reading? Do you love trivia? Then you're going to love Battle of the Books! Teams from various Suffolk County libraries will meet in the summer to compete in a pub-style trivia contest based on three books: *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig, *The Art Thief* by Michael Finkel, and *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury. Join us to learn more about this fun event, discuss practice strategies and coaching sessions, and to join the Longwood Team!

Daytime Book Discussion

Rules of Civility by Amor Towles

In-person or Zoom

Thursday, March 19 from 3:00-4:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Set in 1938 New York City, *Rules of Civility* follows Katey Kontent, a sharp and ambitious 25-year-old who rises from a Wall Street secretary to the heights of Manhattan society, navigating love, ambition, and self-discovery along the way.

This title is available in eBook and audiobook formats on Libby. You may also pick up a hard copy at the library beginning February 19.

2026 Long Island Reads

The Doorman by Chris Pavone

In-person or Zoom

Thursday, April 16 from 3:00-4:00 pm

Registration ongoing

In New York's elite Bohemia apartment building, doorman Chicky Diaz breaks a rule by carrying a gun on a night of citywide unrest. As protests rage outside, secrets and tensions explode inside, leading to betrayal, violence, and loss.

This title is available in eBook and audiobook formats on Libby. You may also pick up a hard copy at the library beginning March 19.

Evening Book Discussion

The Bandit Queens by Parini Shroff

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

Registration ongoing

Five years ago, Geeta lost her no-good husband. In her remote village in India, rumor has it that Geeta killed him. And it's a rumor that just won't die. Now other women are asking for her "expertise," making her an unwitting consultant for husband disposal. And not all of them are asking nicely.

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

The Compound by Aisling Rawle

Friday, April 24 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Lily, a bored, beautiful twenty-something, wakes up on a remote desert compound, alongside nineteen other contestants competing on a massively popular reality show. When the unseen

producers raise the stakes, forcing contestants into upsetting, even dangerous situations, the line between playing the game and surviving it begins to blur.

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

Quiet Company

Tuesdays, March 24 and April 21 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Registration ongoing

Picture a quiet room of readers: low lights, cozy clothes, warm tea, and the gentle sound of a crackling fire in the background as you get lost in a good book. If this sounds like your kind of evening, join us for a night of quiet reading and good company. Tea will be provided; bring your coziest outfit and favorite blanket. Please register for each date you plan to attend.

Titles and Treats

Tuesdays, March 31 and April 28 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! Please register for each date you plan to attend.

Spring Writing Workshop

Mondays, April 13, 20, 27, May 4 from 2:00-4:00 pm

Registration begins March 16

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

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

Computer Classes

Seller Spotlight

All About Selling Online

Zoom

Wednesday, April 1 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Registration ongoing

Learn how to sell your items locally using platforms like Facebook Marketplace, Craigslist, and more. You'll learn how to safely use these apps, create an account, price your items, and use safe practices for selling locally. Please bring your questions.

All About eBay Selling

Zoom

Wednesday, April 22 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Registration ongoing

Learn how to create an eBay account, search for comparable items, and check the reliability of sellers and buyers. You will learn how to create a listing to sell your items, how to best describe your items, what seller fees are involved, and how to post a listing. Please bring your questions.

Concerts

The New Students

Sunday, March 22 from 2:00-3:30 pm

Registration begins 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.

Stagecoach

Sunday, April 12 from 2:00-3:30 pm

Registration begins March 30

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Stagecoach is a Long Island-based band delivering pure country and Southern Rock, blending classic instruments, Telecaster guitars, fiddle, pedal steel with modern production techniques – a rich, immersive experience influenced by Grammy and CMA-style production.

Cooking

Traditional Irish Soda Bread

Wednesday, March 4 from 4:00-5:00 pm or 6:30-7:30 pm

Registration ongoing

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.

Judy's Cucina: Bakery-Style Italian Cookies

Wednesday, April 29 from 6:30-7:30 pm

Registration begins April 1

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Join Judy to learn how to make these classic buttery cookies dipped in chocolate and filled with jam. Bring a large mixing bowl, a rubber spatula, and a cookie sheet.

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, March 14 from 10:00 am-4:30 pm or

Wednesday and Thursday, March 25 and 26 from 5:30-8:30 pm or

Saturday, April 11 from 10:00 am-4:30 pm or

Wednesday and Thursday, April 29 and 30 from 5:30-8:30 pm

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

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

AARP Smart Driver Course

Monday, March 9 from 10:00 am-4:15 pm or Monday, April 20 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. Anyone with a NYS Driver's License may take this class regardless of age.

Games

Hey! Let's Play!

Fridays from 10:00 am-12:00 pm

No registration

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

Intermediate Bridge

Fridays, March 13, 20, 27 from 2:00-4:00 pm

Registration begins March 2

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Learn more advanced bidding and playing strategies of bridge in this class with Jerry. This series is for advanced beginners with a working knowledge of bridge.

Dungeons & Dragons

Mondays, March 16, 23, April 6, 13, 20, 27 from 6:00-8:30 pm

Registration begins March 2

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Join expert DM Jimmy for this D&D campaign involving mats, minifigs, and higher-level characters. Bring your character from a previous campaign or create a new one prior to the first session.

Board Game Club

Tuesday, March 17, Thursday, April 23 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! Please register for each date you plan to attend.

Introduction to Mah Jongg

Tuesdays, April 14, 21, 28 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Registration begins March 23

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

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

General

History of TV Game Shows

Tuesday, March 24 from 2:00-3:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Since the birth of television, game shows have been a popular form of entertainment enjoyed by the masses. Join Sal St. George to review the origins of several classic shows, such as *Password*, *The Price is Right*, *Jeopardy*, *Hollywood Squares*, and *The \$20,000 Pyramid*. Also explore the lives of Mark Goodson & Bill Todman, the leaders in the TV game show industry.

Inside the Suffolk County Crime Lab

Tuesday, April 28 from 6:30-8:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Chief Constance Dinkel will take you behind the scenes of the Suffolk County Crime Laboratory. Learn about the types of evidence received and analyzed at the Lab and dispel misconceptions offered by the "CSI-Effect." Because of the subject matter, some slides will contain graphic images.

Headline News Discussion

Wednesday, April 29 from 2:00-3:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

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

Health & Fitness

Alzheimer's and Dementia Caregivers Support Group

Wednesdays, March 11 and April 8 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.

Good Nutrition for Less

Tuesday, March 17 from 2:00-3:30 pm

Registration begins March 5

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Join nutritionist Melek Baba of SNAP-Ed New York to learn how to plan, purchase, and prepare healthy meals that cost less, and avoid fast foods that typically cost a lot more. Includes a healthy recipe demo and a small food tasting. *This program may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

Live Well, Age Well: Healthy Living

Monday, March 23 from 1:00-2:30 pm

Registration ongoing

A wellness presentation to help older adults embrace a vibrant, balanced lifestyle. Learn simple, practical ways to stay active, eat well, manage stress, and maintain independence and social connections — empowering you to live your best life at every age. Presented by the Alzheimer's Disease Resource Center.

Meditation for Health and Wellness

Zoom

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

Registration ongoing

Join Ajili Hodari, Esq. to learn how to use meditation to enhance your health, reduce stress, and increase your feeling of well-being. This virtual workshop will also include a short meditation session.

Spring Renewal Through Meditation

Zoom

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

Registration ongoing

Start the spring season with a reflection of new possibilities, growth, and renewal as John Bednarik, long-time meditator, shares a simple yet powerful meditation technique leading to the deepest levels of peace and joy. This virtual workshop includes a short meditation session.

Gentle Fitness

Fridays, April 10, 17, 24, May 1 from 10:00-10:45 am

Registration begins March 13

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

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

Understanding the Link Between Hearing Loss and Dementia

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

Registration ongoing

Join the doctors from Ear Works Audiology to learn about the causes of hearing loss, the possible health conditions that hearing loss is connected to, and ways to improve hearing as you age.

Movies

Saturday Afternoon Movie

Wicked: For Good

Saturday, March 7 at 2:15 pm

No registration

Starring Ariana Grande, Cynthia Erivo, and Jonathan Bailey.
(Fantasy/Musical, 2025, PG, 137 mins.)

Freakier Friday

Saturday, April 4 at 2:15 pm

No registration

Starring Jamie Lee Curtis, Lindsay Lohan, and Mark Harmon.
(Comedy, 2025, PG, 111 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!

March/April Selections...

MARCH 4 *Hoosiers*

Oldie But Goodie

(Drama/Sports, 1986, PG, 115 mins.)

Starring Gene Hackman & Barbara Hershey

MARCH 11 *The Naked Gun*

(Comedy, 2025, PG-13, 85 mins.)

Starring Liam Neeson & Pamela Anderson

MARCH 18 *Dirty Dancing*

Oldie But Goodie

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

Starring Patrick Swayze & Jennifer Grey

MARCH 25 *Soul on Fire*

(Drama, 2025, PG, 112 mins.)

Starring Joel Courtney & John Corbett

April 1 *Bowfinger*

(Comedy, 1999, PG-13, 97 mins.)

Starring Steve Martin & Eddie Murphy

APRIL 8 *Eleanor the Great*

(Comedy/Drama, 2025, PG-13, 98 mins)

Starring June Squibb & Chiwetel Ejiofor

APRIL 15 *Chances Are*

Oldie But Goodie

(Romantic Comedy, 1989, PG, 108 mins.)

Starring Cybill Shepherd & Robert Downey Jr.

APRIL 22 *The Senior*

(Drama/Sports, 2024, PG, 100 mins.)

Starring Michael Chicklis & Mary Stuart Masterson

APRIL 29 *Tender Mercies*

Oldie But Goodie

(Drama, 1982, PG, 92 mins.)

Starring Robert Duvall & Tess Harper

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 Claddagh Wall Hanging

Friday, March 20 from 10:30-11:30 am

Registration begins March 3

Join us as we create this beautiful wall hanging that symbolizes love, loyalty, and friendship. Please note: we will be painting our hands to create this project; gloves will be provided if you prefer.

SmileAwhile with Therapy Dogs

Thursday, April 2 from 10:30-11:30 am

Registration begins March 12

Meet Karen and her certified therapy dogs in this relaxing program. You'll get a chance to pet the dogs, ask questions, and see some dog tricks.

SmileAwhile with a Movie

Lilo & Stitch

Friday, March 13 from 10:30 am-12:30 pm

No registration

Starring: Maia Kealoha, Sydney Agudong, Chris Sanders, Zach Galifianakis
(2025, Comedy/Science Fiction, PG, 1 hour 48 minutes)

The Mitchells vs the Machines

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

No registration

Starring voices: Abbi Jacobson, Danny McBride, Maya Rudolph
(2021, Animated Family Comedy, PG, 1 hour 54 minutes)

Trips

New York Bateaux Lunch Cruise & Chelsea Market Experience

Monday, May 4 from 8:45 am-6:00 pm

Registration begins on March 27

Non-refundable fee: \$160 per person, cash (exact change) or major credit card

(can pay online) due at registration

Limit 2 registrations per LPL cardholder

Set sail in style aboard the elegant New York Bateaux for an unforgettable cruise experience. Indulge in a delicious lunch while taking in breathtaking views of the Manhattan skyline through the vessel's stunning all-glass design. After the cruise, continue the adventure with a visit to the iconic Chelsea Market, where the city's best food, shopping, and local flavor come together in one vibrant destination.

Trip Includes: Round-trip transportation to and from the New York Bateaux. Lunch aboard the New York Bateaux and a visit to Chelsea Market.

Please Note: Gratuities for the bus driver and New York Bateaux wait staff are not included. Dress code: Casual attire (no jeans or sneakers permitted).

Community Outreach

Hygiene Products Drive March 1-31

We're collecting hygiene products to stock our Little Free Pantry and create kits with the help of our teen volunteers. While we welcome all sizes, travel-sized items are especially appreciated for

assembling hygiene kits. All items must be unopened and unused. Drop off your donations at the Adult Reference or Info Desks. Thank you for supporting our community!

One-On-One Appointments

Ask a Librarian

Call (631) 924-6400 x250 or email

askus@longwoodlibrary.org for appointment dates and times

Limited to LPL cardholders

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

Citizenship One-On-One

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

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

Family Service League Social Worker

Mondays from 4:30-8:30 pm

Call (631) 924-6400 x250 or email

askus@longwoodlibrary.org to schedule an appointment; walk-ins welcome

A social worker can help find resources for those seeking shelter, suffering 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 date and time.

First come, first served; no registration

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

Medicaid Enrollment Assistance for the Aged, Blind, and Disabled

Tuesdays, March 3, 24, April 7, and 28 from 12:00-3:30 pm

First come, first served; no registration

Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council's facilitated enrollers will assist the aged, blind, and disabled populations in enrolling in the following programs: Medicaid, Medicaid Buy-In for Working People with Disabilities (MBI-WPD), Medicaid Spend-Down, Medicare Savings 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.

HIICAP Medicare Counseling

Wednesdays, March 11 and April 8 from 10:00 am-2:30 pm

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

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

Starting a Business on a Small Budget

Monday, March 16 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Registration ongoing

Learn the essentials of setting up a business, including choosing a legal entity structure, paying taxes, financing, insurance, and an introduction to business plans and marketing basics, in this practical, beginner-friendly workshop with SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives).

SCORE Business Mentoring

Wednesdays, March 18 and April 15 from 5:30-8:30 pm

Call (631) 924-6400 x250 or register

in person for an appointment;no walk-ins

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

Job Fair

Thursday, March 12 from 1:00-3:00 pm

No registration

Meet representatives from various area organizations and learn about job opportunities at this job fair arranged by the Suffolk County Department of Labor. Bring copies of your resume and dress for success.

Career Coaching

Tuesdays, March 17 or April 14

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.

FCA Alzheimer's and Dementia Caregiver Support Resources

Wednesday, March 4 from 11:00 am-1:00 pm

No registration

FCA Alzheimer's and Dementia Caregiver Support Program offers free services to caregivers who care for loved ones with memory loss. Meet their representatives and learn about workshops, support groups, joint enrichment programs, and more. FCA is available through the Willing Hearts Helpful Hands Program at Parker Jewish Institute.

Health Insurance Enrollment Assistance for NY State of Health

Tuesdays, March 10, 17, April 14, and 21 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

Wednesdays, March 11 and April 8 from 11:00 am-12:00 pm

No registration

Long Island Cares Farm Truck will be in our parking lot to distribute FREE fresh seasonal produce and dairy (while supplies last) to those in need. In the case of inclement weather, please call the Adult Reference Desk at (631) 924-6400 x250 before coming.

Meet the New Voting Booth

Thursday, March 19 from 10:00 am-7:00 pm

No registration

Stop by the library to talk with representatives from the Suffolk County Board of Elections and see the new voting booth. Learn how the new machines work, ask questions, and test the equipment in a relaxed, non-election setting.

Discover Unclaimed Funds You May Be Owed

Zoom

Wednesday, April 22 from 6:30-7:30 pm

Registration ongoing

Did you know New York State holds billions of dollars in unclaimed funds waiting to be returned to their rightful owners? Learn how to search for unclaimed funds, understand the claims process, and safely recover money that may belong to you, your family, or your business in this virtual workshop with the NYS Office of the State Comptroller.

Town Clerk Mobile Office

Wednesday, April 29 from 3:30-7:00 pm

No registration

Stop by the library to meet Brookhaven Town Clerk Kevin J. LaValle. Learn about the services available at the Town Clerk's office, including disabled parking passes, marriage licenses and officiants, birth certificates, death certificates, dog licenses, special event permits, and more. Please note: due to privacy laws, passes and certificates will NOT be issued at this event; however, they will assist you in getting the process started. For more information, call the Town Clerk's office at (631) 451-9101.

Art Exhibit

Throughout March and April, all are welcome to stop in and enjoy the wonderful works of local artist, Gary Fagerland. As a self-taught artist, Gary makes use of acrylic paints to bring to life some familiar landscapes around Long Island – some of which you might be familiar with! Although landscapes are a popular subject, you'll no doubt be treated to a variety of other subjects that have inspired this talented artist over the years.

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.

- Button Maker

- Cricut Autopress
 - Cricut Maker
 - Cricut Mug Press
 - Embroidery Machine
 - Sewing Machine
 - Sublimation Printer
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Sublimation Basics:

Print Color Photos on Everything!

Zoom

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

Registration ongoing

Sublimation is the new crafting trend! Learn how sublimation works and what tools you need to get started. We'll also discuss the makerLAB's sublimation printing service!

Upcycle, Don't Trash

Zoom

Thursday, April 2 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Curious about upcycling? Learn how makerLAB tools can be used to transform everyday items instead of throwing them away.

Upcycle Workshop

Thursday, April 9 from 6:30-8:30 pm or Friday, April 10 from 2:30-4:30 pm

Registration begins March 19

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

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Bring your own items and explore creative ways to upcycle them using makerLAB tools and materials. This session is open, self-directed DIY time, with staff available for general assistance.

Meet the makerLAB

Tuesday, April 14 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm, 2:00-4:00 pm, 6:00-8:30 pm

No registration

Stop by to explore the makerLAB, our hands-on creative makerspace! Take a brief tour, see the equipment in action,

and get inspired by project examples you can make yourself.

No need to register, just drop in during any of the sessions!

makerLAB Crafts

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

Cricut Maker

Felt Flower Designs

Monday, March 9 from 6:30-8:30 pm or

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

Registration begins March 3

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

Join our librarians for an introductory Cricut Maker workshop focused on designing and cutting felt flowers and leave with your own finished floral creations.

Sublimated Magnetic Posters

Thursday, March 19 from 6:30-8:30 pm or

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

Registration begins March 5

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

Create a custom sublimated poster with a magnetic backing for easy display and swapping.
This DIY project offers a flexible, damage-free way to show off your art.

From Prompt to Project: An Introduction to Generative AI for Crafting

Monday, March 30 from 6:30-8:30 pm or

Tuesday, March 31 from 2:30-4:30 pm

Registration begins March 9

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

Join our librarians for an introductory workshop on using generative AI for crafting and take home your own AI-generated design sublimated onto a mini art supply zipper pouch.

Sublimation on Wood: Creating Custom Door Signs

Monday, April 13 from 6:30-8:30 pm or

Monday, April 27 from 6:30-8:30 pm

Registration begins March 16

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

Join our librarians in learning the basics of spray sublimation on wood and create a personalized door sign to take home.

Cricut Fundamentals: Plant Pot Personalization

Thursday, April 16 from 6:30-8:30 pm or

Friday, April 17 from 2:30-4:30 pm

Registration begins March 26

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

Use Cricut vinyl to decorate a new plant pot and bring home a small plant friend. This class introduces simple vinyl techniques for everyday projects.

Moon and Stars Sublimation Wind Spinner

Wednesday, April 22 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm or

Thursday, April 23 from 6:30-8:30 pm or

Friday, April 24 from 2:30-4:30 pm

Registration begins April 1

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

Create a celestial moon-shaped sublimation wind spinner with hanging stars! This is a great beginner project to learn the basics of sublimation.

3D Printing

3D Printing Pioneers

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

Registration ongoing

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

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

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 on our website at longwoodlibrary.org/3Dprint

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

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

Baby, Toddler and Preschool Classes & Events

Tots Night Out

Monday, March 2 at 6:00 pm

Children (18 months – Pre-K)

Registration begins February 17

Wednesday, April 1 at 6:00 pm

Children (18 months – Pre-K)

Registration begins March 17

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!

Library Playdate

Mondays, March 2, 9, 16, 23 at 10:00 am or 11:00 am

Children (12 months – Pre-K)

Registration begins February 17

Come play, explore, and connect! This open play session is designed just for toddlers and their caregivers to enjoy a relaxed, welcoming space filled with age-appropriate toys, books, and activities. It's the perfect opportunity to meet new friends, build social skills, and discover the joy of the library together.

Storytime

Be part of our storytimes where early literacy and fun come together! Each week, listen to some of our favorite stories, as well as new ones, along with songs and movement activities. This will create an experience that supports your child's early literacy development. These are the building blocks necessary for your child's success in learning to read. These interactive sessions support *Every Child Ready to Read @ Your Library* initiative.

Toddler Tales

Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18 at 10:00 am

Children (24 months – 35 months)

Registration begins February 17

Little Listeners

Thursdays, March 5, 12, 19 at 10:00 am

Children (3 years – Pre-K)

Registration begins February 17

Mostly Mother Goose

Friday, March 6 at 10:00 am

Children (infant – 3 years)

Registration begins February 17

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

Lucky Little Leprechauns

Tuesday, March 17

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

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

Registration begins March 5

Join us for a fun and festive St. Patrick's Day program! Wear green, enjoy stories and activities, and keep an eye out for playful leprechauns at the library.

Baby Picasso

Thursday, March 26 at 10:00 am

Children (12 months – 30 months)

Registration begins March 11

Art Starts

Thursday, March 26 at 11:00 am

Children (31 months – Pre-K)

Registration begins March 11

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!

Playtown

Friday, March 27 at 10:00 am or 11:00 am

Children (2 years – Pre-K)

Registration begins March 17

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.

Lil' Athletes: Baseball

Tuesday, March 31

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

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

Registration begins March 17

Join Lil' Athletes for a fun morning learning baseball skills! This movement class is ideal for young children practicing their motor skills and learning to socialize.

April Fools! Silly Storytime

Wednesday, April 1 at 10:30 am

Children (3 years – Pre-K)

Registration begins March 17

Celebrate April Fools with silly stories, songs, and lots of giggles – no tricks, just fun!

Babies & Books

Thursday, April 2 at 10:00 am

Children (infant – 17 months)

Registration begins March 17

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

Tots & Books

Friday, April 3 at 10:00 am

Children (18-35 months)

Registration begins March 17

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

Nursery Rhyme Sing Along

Monday, April 6 at 10:00 am

Children (infant – Pre-K)

Registration begins March 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.

Bouncing Babies

Thursday, April 9 at 10:00 am

Children (birth–23 months)

Registration begins March 23

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

Parent Toddler Workshop

Tuesdays, April 14, 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19 at 9:45 am or 11:00 am

Children (12-35 months)

Registration begins April 2

Parents and children will spend time together at various centers, engaging in imaginative play, blocks, books, toys, and puzzles. Children can experience Play-Doh, dot paint, stampers, and more at our art table each week. We will conclude with a circle time featuring songs, rhymes, and parachute play.

This weekly program also includes a resource person who will discuss issues such as toilet learning, nutrition, child safety, and other parenting questions you may have.

Splish Splash Storytime

Wednesday, April 15 at 10:00 am

Children (3 years – Pre-K)

Registration begins April 2

Enjoy bathtime stories and songs, then participate in activities and make crafts related to the stories, like take-home bath paint!

Preschool Playtime

Thursdays, April 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14, 21

Children (3 years – Pre-K) at 10:00 am

Registration begins April 2

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

Construction Zone

Friday, April 17 at 10:00 am or 11:00 am

Children (18-35 months)

Registration begins April 2

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

Three Little Guinea Pigs

Monday, April 20 at 10:30 am

Children (3 years – Pre-K)

Registration begins April 2

Join Mr. James and his three little guinea pigs for a retelling of the classic tale

The Three Little Pigs!

Little Hands, Big Earth

Wednesday, April 22 at 10:30 am

Children (3 years – Pre-K)

Registration begins April 10

Join us for a fun and hands-on Earth Day program just for kids! Together we'll explore simple, kid-friendly ways to take care of our planet.

Up, Up & Away

Friday, April 24

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

Children (3 – Pre-K) at 11:00 am

Registration begins April 10

Float into the library for this fun-filled program about hot air balloons! We'll have a soaring good time sharing stories and crafts.

Monthly Family Storytime Kits

March: Pot o' Gold

April: Spring Birds

In addition to our in-person programs for little ones, we offer storytime kits once a month. Each themed kit includes a craft, activity sheets, and a QR code linking to our digital storytime guide, featuring eBooks and at-home extension activities. These kits are most appropriate for children 18 months to Pre-K and will be available for the first two weeks of each month.

School-Aged Classes & Events

Family Maker Night: Spring Felt Garland

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

Families with children (grades 2-6)

Registration begins February 17

Want to learn some new skills and try out makerLAB equipment? Join us for a family maker night to create a spring felt garland together. Please choose only one session. Due to the nature of this program, we are unable to accommodate younger siblings.

Oreo Wonderland

Friday, March 6

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

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

Registration begins February 17

Bundle up for a sweet celebration at the library for National Oreo Day! Create adorable Oreo snowmen pops and tasty snowball treats to snack on.

Paws for Reading

Monday, March 9, starting at 5:00 pm

Registration begins February 25

Monday, April 13, starting at 5:00 pm

Registration begins April 2

Children (Readers – grade 6)

Register for a 15-minute reading session with 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.

Mario Day Celebration!

Tuesday, March 10

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

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

Registration begins February 25

“Let's-a-go” to the library! Make crafts and play games while celebrating Mario, Luigi, Princess Peach, and all the other “Super Mario World” friends on Mario Day on March 10th!

Minecraft Junior
Thursday, March 12
Children (grades K-2) at 6:00 pm
Registration begins February 25

Minecraft Club
Thursday, March 12
Children (grades 3-6) at 7:00 pm
Registration begins February 25
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 using the Minecraft.edu version of the game, so you don't need a personal account to play.

Birds in Bloom
Friday, March 13
Children (grades K-2) at 6:00 pm
Children (grades 3-6) at 7:00 pm
Registration begins February 25
Join art teacher Kim for a fun night exploring your creative side and creating a Bird in Bloom masterpiece.

Friendship Bracelet Bash
Wednesday, March 18 at 6:30 pm
Children (grades 3-6)
Registration begins March 5
Come make some beaded bracelets for you and your besties while we listen to music and hang out.

Dungeons & Dragons Tween Edition
Thursday, March 19 from 6:00-7:30 pm
Children (grades 4-6)
Registration begins March 5
Tuesday, April 16 from 6:00-7:30 pm
Children (grades 4-6)
Registration begins April 2
Join the Quest Masters Guild for our "Tween Edition" round of Dungeons & Dragons at the library. All player levels are welcome; new players can learn to play this interactive role-playing game while having fun and gaining experience from more experienced players.

Little Gardeners
Friday, March 20 at 6:00 pm
Children (grades K-2)
Registration begins March 5
Dig in and get growing! Kids will become little gardeners by planting vegetable seeds in their own pots to learn about nature, growth and taking care of our planet.

Kindness Kids:
Bunny Catnip Toys
Friday, March 20 at 7:00 pm
Children (grades 3-6)
Registration begins March 5

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

Pinwheel Power

Tuesday, March 24 at 6:30 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins March 11

What makes things move? In this STEM program, children will design and build their own pinwheel using circuits, learning how electricity powers motion.

Battle Buddies:

Leonard (My Life as a Cat)

Friday, March 27 at 6:30 pm

Children (grades 4-6)

Registration begins March 11

Do you like reading? Are you good at trivia? Join us for Battle Buddies! Battle Buddies is a Battle of the Books-style program where kids will read Leonard (My Life as a Cat), then join teen buddies to answer trivia questions about the book! This is a great way to try battle before joining the Battle of the Books team! There will also be games and snacks.

Book Bunch & Munch

Monday, March 30 at 6:30 pm

Children (grades K-2)

Registration begins March 17

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!

Egg Carton Caterpillars

Thursday, April 2 at 6:00 pm

Children (grades K-2)

Registration begins March 17

Let creativity crawl! Kids will use recycled egg cartons and craft supplies to make cheerful caterpillars to take home.

Upcycled Paper Beads

Thursday, April 2 at 7:00 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins March 23

Reduce, reuse, and create! Kids will make colorful paper beads from recycled paper and turn them into wearable art.

Springtime Centerpieces

Friday, April 3 at 6:00 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins March 17

Paint an adorable teapot centerpiece, then make springtime pompom animals to decorate it.

Springtime Beauty

Monday, April 6

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

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

Registration begins March 23

Relax and recharge on your school break by making a sugar scrub, getting your nails painted, and playing spring Kahoot!

Spy School with Three Village Historical Society

Wednesday, April 8

Children (grades K-2) at 11:00 am

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

Registration begins March 23

Have you ever wanted to be a spy? Join Three Village Historical Society to learn about the Culper Spy Ring and Revolutionary War History with hands-on learning activities, including writing in invisible ink and decoding messages written in Benjamin Tallmadge's code. Celebrate America 250 by learning about our local history.

Swaggy Socks

Wednesday, April 8 at 6:00 pm or 7:00 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins March 23

Children will turn their ideas into awesome, one-of-a-kind socks using sublimation techniques in our makerLAB! Please choose only one session.

Games & Goodies

Thursday, April 9

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

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

Registration begins March 23

Come down to the library, have some snacks, and play fun games with your friends! We will have a selection of board games for you to explore, as well as popular games on our Nintendo Switch, like Mario Kart and Mario Party.

Royal Ball

Friday, April 10 at 3:00 pm

Children (grades K-2)

Registration begins March 23

Calling all princes and princesses for royal games, goodies, crafts, and fun!

Foxy Frames

Friday, April 10 at 6:00 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins March 23

Create your own adorable 3D fox picture frame in this hands-on crafting session! Children will learn basic paper-crafting techniques while assembling a fun, fox-themed frame.

Lucky Ladybugs

Friday, April 17

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

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

Registration begins April 2

Join art teacher Kim to create a pastel portrait of a lucky ladybug!

Books & Bites

Monday, April 20 at 6:00 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins April 2

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.

DIY Chia Pets

Wednesday, April 22

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

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

Registration begins April 2

Plant, craft, and watch it grow! Kids will make their own DIY Chia Pet and learn the basics of plant growth in this fun, hands-on program.

Comics & Candy:

The First Cat in Space and the

Baby Pirate's Revenge

Friday, April 24 at 6:00 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins April 2

Join us to discuss *The First Cat in Space and the Baby Pirate's Revenge* by Mac Barnett & Shawn Harris. Enjoy a snack fit for a pirate, play a game, and make a craft.

Cricut DIY Water Bottles

Tuesday, April 28 at 5:30 pm or 7:00 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins April 10

Learn how to use our Cricut to design and cut out a custom vinyl decal! Use this to create a personalized reusable water bottle, which we will provide. Please choose only one session.

Earth Suncatchers

Wednesday, April 29 at 6:00 pm

Children (grades K-2)

Registration begins April 10

Learn all about our extraordinary planet with fun facts and make a beautiful Earth suncatcher craft to take home.

Earth Mosaic Art

Wednesday, April 29 at 7:00 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins April 10

Learn all about our extraordinary planet with fun facts, trivia, and a beautiful Earth mosaic craft to take home.

Snackin' Around the World: Germany

Thursday, April 30 at 6:30 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins April 10

Guten Appetit! Grab your passports and your appetite! We're heading to Germany for tasty snacks, fun trivia, and a whole lot of yum.

Kids Can Vote from

8:00 am–8:00 pm

It's Library Budget Vote Day! On **Tuesday, April 14** children of all ages are invited to vote for their favorite authors, books, characters, and movies. Voting will be available all day at the library. Each child who votes will be entered into a raffle.

LOTE4Kids features thousands of audio-picture books and interactive learning materials in over 100 languages, making English and multilingual learning engaging.

April is Citizen Science Month!

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

Family Programs

Morning at the Movies:

Grand Prix of Europe

Saturday, March 7 at 11:00 am

Families with children

No registration

Edda, a young mouse with big dreams, seizes her chance to race in the Grand Prix disguised as her hero, Ed. She rises to the challenge of outwitting her rival's sabotage and proving that even the smallest racer can make the biggest impact.

Family Art Fun

Thursday, March 26 from 6:30-7:30 pm

Families with children through grade 6

No registration

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

Be Inspired: Women of America250

Saturday, March 28 at 10:30 am or 2:30 pm

Families with children through grade 6

No registration

Celebrate women's history at the library, with an America250 twist! Explore interactive stations, each dedicated to a different First Lady of the United States. Kids can learn fun facts, try hands-on activities, and discover how these remarkable women helped shape American history.

Morning at the Movies: *Zootopia 2*

Saturday, April 4 at 11:00 am

Families with children

No registration

Brave rabbit cop Judy Hopps and her friend, the fox Nick Wilde, team up again to crack a new case, the most perilous and intricate of their careers.

Family Nature Walk: Radio Central

Tuesday, April 7 at 9:30 am

Families with children through grade 6

Registration begins March 23

Join nature guide Lee McAllister on a walk through the Rocky Point Pine Barrens to visit Radio Central, where the first Trans-Atlantic telephone message was sent linking London and New York. Learn about America's history while taking in the wonders of our local surroundings. The walk is mostly flat and about 2 miles; it should take about 1.5 hours. We will meet on Rocky Point Yaphank Road (Route 21) about 1.5 miles north of Whiskey Road. Look for two signs: 1 small sign that says "Rocky Point Natural Resource Management Area" and a large sign next to it with a wooden border and photos on it that says "RCA Radio Communications Inc. 1921-1975."

Life-Sized Candyland

Tuesday, April 7 starting at 4:00 pm

Families with children (infant – grade 6)

Registration begins March 23

Families are invited to experience the classic game Candyland as they never have before! Walk through a Disney-inspired life-sized game board featuring set pieces and characters from your favorite films. Step into a tale as old as time, visit a magical Colombian casita, chat with an ice princess and her talking snowman, and much more! Games will begin at 10-minute intervals starting at 4:00 pm, with the last session starting at 6:30 pm. Parents with small children may play as one. Each game will take about 30 minutes. Please register each child who will play. Please choose only one session.

Conscious Crafting

Monday, April 27 at 6:00 pm

Families with children through grade 6

No registration

Join us for some conscious crafting by helping us clear out our craft closet. Come make some crafts you might have missed the first time around and enjoy an evening with the family.

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.

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

Friends of Longwood

Public Library 2026 Scholarship

Friends of the Longwood Public Library are offering a \$500 scholarship to recognize a graduating high school senior who has made meaningful contributions to the library.

To be eligible, applicants must:

Reside within the

Longwood School District

Hold a valid Longwood

Public Library card

Be planning to attend college or a vocational/technical training program

This scholarship celebrates students who have positively impacted the library community. Applications are due April 1, 2026 and are available in the Teen Services Department.

American History Amazing Race

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

Registration begins February 25

Travel through time and learn about American history as you race against the clock to see who will come out as champion!

Calligraphy for Teens

Friday, April 10 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins March 27

Learn the art of calligraphy from expert Christie Jones using nibs, ink and ink block – just like professionals.

Knight Life Chess Club

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

Registration begins February 18

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!

Drawstring Backpack

Thursday, March 5 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins February 19

Design a drawstring backpack using our Cricut machines in the makerLAB!

Spring Lamb-scape

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

Registration begins February 20

Join Artist Lisa Colon in celebration of spring's sweet side at this paint night where teens create cheerful lamb masterpieces.

Pencil Pals Art Club

Monday, March 9 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins February 23

Join our drawing and doodling art club, where we try new sketching techniques and explore different styles while we draw.

Minecraft Minigames

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

Registration begins February 26

Compete in team games, building challenges, and more with your friends at the library. Players will use the Minecraft.edu version of the game and do not need their own accounts.

Dungeons & Dragons

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

Registration begins February 27

Friday, April 17 from 5:45-8:30 pm

Registration begins April 3

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

Teen Makeup Tips and Tricks

Monday, March 16 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins March 2

Join professional make-up artist Toni Radicella to glow up your look and learn fun makeup tips to get you through spring and into prom season in this hands-on teen beauty workshop!

Shrinky Dink Lucky Charms

Tuesday, March 17 from 6:30-8:00 pm

Registration begins March 3

Create colorful charms that shrink to size in this St. Patrick's Day celebration with artist Chris Vivas.

PS5 Face-Off

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

Registration begins March 6

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

International Snack Taste Test

Tuesday, March 31 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins March 17

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!

5-hour Pre-licensing Class

Saturday, April 11 from 10:00 am-2:30 pm

Registration begins March 28

(phone and in-person only)

Non-refundable fee: \$65 (cash, exact change) payable to instructor on the day of class

This class is taught by an instructor from a local driving school and is open to both district and non-district residents aged 16 and up. You must bring your NY State Learner's Permit to class. Bring your lunch with you. You will not have time to leave for lunch.

Pokémon Dungeons & Dragons: The Legend of Lugia

Saturday, April 11 from 2:00-4:30 pm

Registration begins March 28

Come visit the library for a Dungeons & Dragons session inspired by Pokémon! The Millennium Festival approaches, and the people of Shamouti Island await their champion. Can you defeat Team Rocket, wrangle the squabbling Legendary Birds, and wake the Guardian of the Seas, Lugia? No experience with either game required!

Springtime Sweets and Sliders

Monday, April 20 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins April 6

Join Chef Cheryl to cook up sweet and savory springtime treats, including turkey meatball Parmesan sliders, brown butter Rice Krispies treats with chocolate chips, and pesto pepperoni flatbread with honey.

Teen Surprise Boxes

Friday, April 24

Register online, in-person, or by phone from April 3–April 17. You may pick up your surprise box beginning Friday, April 24.

Join our Teen Surprise Box Program – the ultimate thrill for book-loving teens! Each themed box contains not one, but TWO carefully curated books based on a questionnaire you answer for a blind-box style selection. From there, we'll add snacks and mystery goodies to your box, chosen just for YOU! Unbox at home to see what fun surprises await you! Only return the books when they are due. The rest is yours to keep!

Earth Month

This April, participate in programs highlighting environmental stewardship through hands-on activities, learning, and community action.

Upcycled T-Shirt Bags

Friday, April 3 from 6:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins March 20

Join us in the makerLAB as we upcycle shirts into tote bags using the library's sewing machines! Teens can bring in one of their old shirts or use one provided by the library. No prior experience necessary.

Recycled Whale Tail Treasure

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

Registration begins March 18

Shape colorful beads from recycled materials and turn them into an awesome necklace or keychain, complete with a whale tail charm. Each creation is a beautiful tribute to migrating whales that live off our coasts.

Recycled Glass Tree Ornament

Monday, April 13 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins March 30

Create a decorative tree ornament using recycled glass to celebrate nature in this sustainable, springtime craft program.

After-School Art: Recycled Planters

Tuesday, April 21 from 4:00-5:00 pm

Registration begins April 7

Join us for an after-school craft! This month, we will recycle old containers into planters, perfect for springtime!

Backyard Bird Feeders

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

Registration begins April 8

Celebrate Earth Day by constructing backyard bird feeders out of 100% recycled materials! Participants will also learn how to identify local birds and go home with their own bag of seed to get started.

Native Plant Workshop

Friday, April 24 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins April 10

Discover the magic of local wild herbs this spring! In this hands-on workshop with herbalist Alana Andresen, teens will learn to identify and connect with native plants like dandelion, chickweed, wild

garlic, and plantain. We'll explore the art of foraging and wildcrafting responsibly, and create a simple, nourishing dandelion syrup to take home.

Teen Writing Workshop: Eco-Fiction

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

Registration begins April 14

Join us to practice writing eco-fiction, which blends nature and environmentalism with genres like fantasy, science fiction, realistic fiction, and more! Enjoy writing exercises with the option to share your work with fellow teen writers.

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, March 10 from 4:00-5:00 pm

Registration begins February 10

Tuesday, April 14 from 4:00-5:00 pm

Registration begins March 10

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.

March: Spotted Lanterflies Entomology educator Jared Dyer joins our club this month to speak about the spotted lanternfly and how this planthopper affects Long Island's ecosystem.

April: Wind Energy

Marjaneh Issapour, Founder and CEO of National Wind Services Corp and Director of the Renewable Energy & Sustainability Center (RESC) at Farmingdale State College, joins our club this month to share her expertise in the importance of wind energy and how it contributes to a more sustainable future for us all.

Certificate for 1 hour of community service

Thread Heads

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

Registration begins March 4

Teens use knitting looms to craft warm, handmade hats for people in need.

Certificate for 1 hour of community service

Craft Kits for Donation

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

Registration begins March 5

Thursday, April 23 from 7:00-8:00 pm Registration begins April 9

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

Certificate for 1 hour of community service

Seed Spree

Monday, March 23 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins March 9

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

Dog Toys for Donation

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

Registration begins March 10

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

Registration begins April 16

Design rope toys for donation to our local animal shelter.

Certificate for 1 hour of community service

Cards for Hospitalized Kids

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

Registration begins March 12

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

Registration begins April 15

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

Certificate for 1 hour of community service

Battle Buddies

Friday, March 27 from 6:30-8:00 pm

Registration begins March 6

Earn community service by helping kids in grades 4-6 participate in this book trivia competition. After you register, pick up this year's book, Leonard (My Life as a Cat) by Carlie Sorosiak, along with study questions. The day of, you will go over as many questions as you can with your assigned "Buddies" and then work together to answer pub-style questions. There will also be snacks and games!

Certificate for 2 hours of community service

Life-sized Candyland Assistance

Saturdays, March 28 and April 4 from 10:00 am-1:00 pm

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

Registration begins February 21

Earn 11 hours of volunteer credit while developing your creative talents and helping to brighten a young person's day. Create a Disney-inspired life-sized game board featuring set pieces and characters from your favorite films. Then help bring beloved characters and sets to life for younger children in our community during Longwood Public Library's Disney-themed Life-Sized Candyland program. Please note that this program is open only to Longwood teens in grades 8-12 who can commit to all three sessions (no partial service credit will be awarded).

Certificate for 11 hours of community service

Stenciled Tote Bags

Thursday, April 2 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins March 19

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

Certificate for 1 hour of community service

Page to Screen: The Lightning Thief

Thursday, April 9 from 3:00-4:00 pm

Registration begins March 26

Join us to decide whether the book really is better than the show! We'll be discussing Rick Riordan's The Lightning Thief. After reading the book in advance of the program, we'll enjoy the TV show and snacks together, discussing similarities and differences. After registering for the program,

pick up your copy of the book in the Teen Services Department to read before the program. Earn community service by participating in the discussion and activities.

Certificate for 3 hours of community service

Royal Helpers

Friday, April 10 from 3:00-4:00 pm

Registration begins March 27

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

Certificate for 1 hour of community service

Transcribing American History

Wednesday, April 15 from 4:00-5:00 pm

Registration begins April 1

Become a part of history by helping the Library of Congress transcribe historic documents to make them searchable and accessible for all. Through the "By the People" initiative, teens will learn how to transcribe documents from famous figures in American history, such as Walt Whitman, Teddy Roosevelt, Clara Barton, and more!

Certificate for 1 hour of community service

Talking Newsletter

Thursday, April 16 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Registration begins April 2

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

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!

Certificate for 3 hours of community service

April: Untamed: The Wild Life of Jane Goodall

Monday, April 6 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins March 2

This National Geographic biography traces Goodall's life. Each chapter focuses on two or more of the chimpanzees that she observed, with informational sidebars and gorgeous photographs.

We will work on a special project for the chimps in this session of our book club.

MAY: Frieren: Beyond Journey's End by Kanehito Yamada

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

Registration begins April 6

This manga follows the elven mage, Frieren, on a new journey after the death of her hero companions, as she seeks to understand human mortality.

The Book Nook Book Club for Grades 10-12

Come join our book club for 10th, 11th, and 12th graders! We'll talk about what you did and didn't like, play games, and eat snacks. You'll earn community service by helping us create a review spotlighting the book at the end of the program. Pick up a copy of the book in the Teen Services Department when you register.

Certificate for 3 hours of community service

APRIL: *The Cruel Prince* by Holly Black

Friday, April 17 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins March 27

Jude was seven years old when she and her two sisters were stolen away to live in the treacherous High Court of Faerie. Ten years later, Jude wants to belong there, despite her mortality. But many of the fey despise humans. Especially Prince Cardan, the youngest and wickedest son of the High King.

MAY: *The Naturals* by Jennifer Lynn Barnes

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

Registration begins April 17

Seventeen-year-old Cassie, who has a natural ability to read people, joins an elite group of criminal profilers at the FBI in order to help solve cold cases.

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 (631) 924-6400 x249 for more information.

Remember to Vote, Tuesday, April 14, 2026 – 8:00 am-8:00 pm

2026-2027 Annual Budget Vote & Trustee Election Annual Message to the Community

2025 flew by, a whirlwind of library programs and services. As usual, our dedicated and creative staff worked hard to provide the tried-and-true services you rely on as well as new innovations. A highlight of the year was July's "month of gaming," culminating in a one-day full-building event called GamerCon. GamerCon attracted more than 1,500 visitors to the library in a single day! We also had other new program highlights throughout the year, including Scooter Highway and Coding Buddies, which also provide community service opportunities for teens. We launched a monthly Teen Sustainability Club, engaging teens in critical thinking about our environment. And swap-style events have been a hit – Puzzle Swap, Plant Swap, Décor Swap and more. Why buy new when you can swap with your neighbors?

Reading initiatives took center stage in 2025: our summer Battle of the Books team, for teens entering grades 6-9, won the county championship, and the children's department launched a new reading challenge, 500 Books Before Junior High, a milestone academic goal for school age children. During the year, we rearranged some areas of the building to allow for additional seating and to keep the library feeling up to date. We are lucky to have custodians who not only keep the building clean and running smoothly but also are able to move shelves, heavy chairs and more when needed.

A Few Statistics from 2025

- Almost 450,000 physical items were checked out or renewed. In addition, eBooks, movies, music and audiobooks were streamed or downloaded more than 205,000 times, a 10% increase in usage over the prior year.

- Computers were used almost 35,000 times, and the library's wireless network was accessed more than 116,000 times.
- Library staff planned and produced 2429 in-person, virtual or hybrid programs with 47,441 participants, a 20% increase over the prior year.
- Cardholders utilized our online learning courses more than 24,000 times.

2026 Plans

The library provides incredible value for the community's modest investment. Your support of the proposed 2026-2027 budget will allow the library to continue our current excellent level of services and programs, such as:

- The ability to stream and download free eBooks and eAudio from Libby, Hoopla, Freegal and Kanopy
- Free museum passes to more than 40 museums on Long Island and in New York City
- Equipment & Gadgets, our Library of Things collection
- Classes and events for all ages, including concerts in our theatre-style Community Room
- Access to classes and appointments in the makerLAB, our makerspace
- Thousands of books, movies, audiobooks and more, with access to millions of additional titles through our shared county catalog
- Free online homework help including live tutors every day, now available 24 hours per day
- Access to public computers with librarians who can provide guidance, as well as one-on-one tech assistance
- The interactive Learn & Play Children's Garden, plus a fun and educational play area for families with young children, which has a new Giant Lite Brite board

In addition, your support will enable the library to introduce:

- A wide range of America250 programs, with a focus on history, including a special batch of Hamilton-inspired programming this summer
- Two new reading initiatives: an adult version of our popular summer Battle of the Books program, and a new reading challenge for teens called 100 Books Before Graduation
- A faster, more reliable fiber connection, which provides high-speed internet across our building and outdoor spaces

Please Vote

The Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that the small proposed increase is again below the state tax cap. The anticipated increase for the average household is 87 cents per month (\$10.48 per year). Details of the proposed budget are shown here and will be available in the library and online in early March. The Board will hold a budget information meeting on Wednesday, March 25 at 7:00 pm. Completed petitions for library trustee are due by 5:00 pm on Monday, March 16, and information about trustee candidates will be available in the library and on our website shortly thereafter. There is one five-year seat on the Board of Trustees that is up for election.

We will hold our Annual Budget Vote and Trustee Election on Tuesday, April 14, from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm at the library. The Library Board of Trustees is committed to continuing to offer excellent library service while keeping the budget as low as possible. We thank you for your support throughout the year, and ask you to come in and vote on April 14.

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

Voter Registration Information

Requirements to Vote in This Election

You are at least 18 years of age; you are a citizen of the United States; you have been a resident of Longwood Central School District for at least 30 days

Voter Registration

Registration is available every school day through April 9 at the Longwood Central Office, 35 Yaphank-Middle Island Road, Middle Island. You do not need to register if you have voted in any general, school or other election in the last four years.

Absentee or Early Mail Ballots

Applications for absentee or early mail ballots are available at the library or on the library website at longwoodlibrary.org/budget.

Completed applications must be sent to the District Clerk and will be accepted between March 16 and April 13. If the ballot is to be mailed, the District Clerk must receive the application by 5:00 pm on April 7.

Completed absentee or early mail ballots must be received by the District Clerk by 5:00 pm on April 14 in order to be counted.

Proposed Budget 2026-2027

	Current Budget 2025-2026	Proposed Budget 2026-2027
Materials & Supplies	\$955,500	\$951,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Items for library collections• Library programs• Office & custodial supplies		
Professional & Consulting Services	\$122,000	\$124,231
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Legal, treasurer, auditor		
Library Operations	\$277,500	\$292,500
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Software• Printing & postage• Service contracts• Training		
Building Operations	\$361,350	\$372,850
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Utilities• Insurance• Building & property maintenance		
Equipment	\$90,000	\$90,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Furniture• Computer hardware		
Fixed Employee Benefits	\$1,969,075	\$2,022,700
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NYS Retirement• Health insurance		

- Workers compensation
- Unemployment & disability

Salaries	\$4,675,420	\$4,823,506
Bond Payment	\$1,179,000	\$1,181,375
Subtotal	\$9,629,845	\$9,858,162
LESS ANTICIPATED REVENUES	\$589,000	\$605,000
Amount to be raised by taxation	\$9,040,845	\$9,253,162

The proposed operating budget for 2026-2027 is below the NYS tax cap. It is estimated that the adoption of this budget will raise the library's tax rate to \$17.47 per \$100 of assessed valuation. This would increase the average homeowner's tax payment by \$10.48 per year or 87¢ per month.

Budget information meeting on Wednesday, March 25 at 7:00 pm

La información del presupuesto también estará disponible en español en la biblioteca y en línea