

Longwood Public Library January/February 2024 Newsletter

Community Yarn Project

Be a part of the library's *Community Yarn Project*!

Patrons of all ages are invited to contribute knitted or crocheted 4"x4" squares, donate yarn, or attend the kickoff event and our *Community Yarn Project* programs. Join us on this yarn-filled journey, where every knot and loop tell a story of community spirit. Your participation will not only add to the beauty of our library but will also warm the hearts of those in need.

Let's knit together for a tapestry of unity.

See inside for details.

2024 Winter Reading Club

"CHILL OUT & READ!"

Embrace the winter reading extravaganza and join Penguini and Spaghetti the Yeti, our delightful reading club mascots, for a season of chilling out and reading! Patrons of all ages are welcome to immerse themselves in the joy of reading, listening to books, and participating in exciting programs to earn raffle tickets. Your tickets could be the key to winning fantastic prizes brought to you by the generous support of *Friends of the Library*!

Mark your calendars — registration opens on January 8!

Register online at longwoodlibrary.org.

The Great Backyard Bird Count

Friday, February 16 – Monday, February 19

Help scientists in understanding and protecting worldwide bird populations by grabbing a Bird Counting Packet and participating in the *Great Backyard Bird Count*!

All are welcome to enjoy their favorite spots, keeping a keen eye on feathered friends and noting their numbers. You don't even have to step outside – observe and tally birds at your feeder from the comfort of your window!

Bird Counting Packets will be available starting February 1.

Ensure your tally sheets from the Bird Counting Packet reach the library by February 26 to contribute to our library bird count.

In the previous year, Longwood patrons dedicated a collective 531 hours and 22 minutes to birdwatching, documenting a remarkable 1,853 birds.

Of the 51 distinct bird species spotted, the top five included:

- Dark-Eyed Junco
- House Sparrow
- Song Sparrow

- Northern Cardinal
- Mourning Dove

These recorded observations played a crucial role in enhancing scientists' comprehension of global bird populations before their annual winter migration.

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Trustee Election Information

District residents who are interested in running for the Board of Trustees of Longwood Public Library are invited to submit petitions to the Director's office no later than **5:00 pm on Monday, March 11, 2024**. Petitions may be picked up in the Director's office, beginning **Monday, February 12**. 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 9, 2024**. The newly-elected trustee will serve a five-year term, beginning July 2024. Residents interested in the trustee position are encouraged to contact Lisa Jacobs, Library Director, at **(631) 924-6400 x275 or lisa@longwoodlibrary.org** for more information about the duties and responsibilities of library trustees.

1000 Books Before Kindergarten

This national project was created to encourage parent and child bonding through reading with infants, toddlers, and preschoolers. The goal is to read 1,000 books to your child before they enter Kindergarten. Stop by the Children's Department to sign up, get your starter bag, and begin your journey!

Learn more online at: **longwoodlibrary.org/1KBK**

Most recent winners are: Antonio, Sean, Ellianna and Justin.

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Library Board Meetings

Wednesday, January 17 at 7:00 pm

Wednesday, February 28 at 7:00 pm

The book drop is open 24 hours

Library Closed

Sunday, December 31 – New Year's Eve

Monday, January 1 – New Year's Day

Library Open

Monday, January 15 – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday, February 19 – Presidents' Day

Hours

Monday–Friday: 9:30 am-9:00 pm

Saturday: 9:30 am-5:00 pm

Sunday: 1:00-5:00 pm

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Bayles Local History Room

Thomas R. Bayles Local History Room holds many documents and items relating to the Longwood community. You may speak with a Local History Librarian by calling **(631)**

924-6400 x246 or email your questions to baylesroom@longwoodlibrary.org.

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

- Postcards
 - Town records
 - War histories
 - Wills
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Ask an Archivist

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.

Local History Lectures

The Walls Still Talk: A Photographic Journey Through Kings Park Psychiatric Center
Thursday, January 11 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Award-winning photographer and author John Lazzaro will present a slideshow on the history of Kings Park Psychiatric Center. Combining rare archival images, as well as his own photography, Lazzaro will discuss his work and the approach to his creative process behind his 2019 book, *The Walls Still Talk: A Photographic Journey Through Kings Park Psychiatric Center*.

A World Within a World: Bay Houses of Long Island

Monday, January 22 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Registration ongoing

Join Nancy Solomon, author and director of Long Island Traditions, for a discussion of the bay houses built in the marshland of Long Island. Learn about their construction and maintenance, plus their history of use including rum running, duck hunting, foodways, and other traditions that are part of their unique architecture.

A Taste of Longwood: The History of Our Community Through Food

Wednesday, February 14 from 6:30-8:00 pm

Registration begins January 5

Diane Schwindt from *Stirring Up History* will join our local history librarian for the first in a series of lectures where they will take you on a culinary journey through our community's history. Find out how early residents of Longwood prepared for the winter

and what they ate during these cold months. A sampling of food from the time will be offered.

Ingenuity and Resistance:

The History of African American Foods in Early New York

Tuesday, February 20 6:30-8:00 pm

Registration begins January 15

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 were eating and drinking, the recipes and ingredients of the time, and the legacies they left behind.

Genealogy

Ask a Genealogist

Tuesday, January 23 from 6:00-9:00 pm

Registration begins January 2 OR

Tuesday, February 27 from 6:00-9:00 pm

Registration begins February 1

Call the Adult Reference Desk at (631) 924-6400 x250

or register in-person for an appointment. No walk-ins.

Need help researching your family tree? Reserve time with Genealogy Librarian Jessica Brown for free one-on-one genealogy research help. Appointments are 50 minutes long.

Genealogy Drop In

Saturday, February 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 under way, 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.

RCA/Rocky Point Pine Barrens Forest

Stretching from 25A in Rocky Point to south of Middle Country Road in Ridge, the Rocky Point Pine Barrens State Forest covers nearly 6,000 acres. The Radio

Corporation of America (RCA) once operated the majority of the area as a global communications center known as "Radio Central." It was designed to transmit messages to all points of the world from a single location. The original plans for the site called for twelve antenna systems to radiate from the main building to transmit radio communications worldwide. Each system had twelve towers that stood 410 ft. tall and were spaced out over two and a half miles. Although only one of the tower systems was finished, Radio Central opened on November 5, 1921, when President Warren G. Harding sent a message in Morse code to nations across the world. A total of 17 countries sent acknowledgments, including Japan and Australia. Radio Central was soon recognized as the world's largest and most powerful wireless transmitting station. However, within a few decades, technological advances, including the development of short-wave radio, made Radio Central obsolete. While the site remained in use as a research facility, RCA reduced its operation of Radio Central over time. Eleven of the towers were demolished in the 1950s and 60s; the last remaining tower was brought down on December 13, 1977. RCA sold 6,000 acres of the site to NYS for \$1, and today, it is used for hiking, mountain biking, and horseback riding.

Adult Classes & Events

2024 Adult Winter Reading Club

"CHILL OUT & READ"

Read for a chance to win raffle prizes!

Registration begins January 8

Spend time reading, listening to books, and attending programs to receive raffle tickets good towards a chance to win one of ten fabulous prizes!

Winners will be drawn on February 26.

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Register online at longwoodlibrary.org

Beginner Guitar

Tuesdays, January 9, 16, 23 and 30 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins January 2

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Learn the basics of playing the guitar with music teacher Adam King. During this four-week workshop, you'll learn about tuning, scales, and chords and even learn to play a few songs. You must supply your own guitar.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service: Letter Writing and Coloring

Monday, January 15 from 11:00 am-12:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Send letters, notes, and drawings to seniors to brighten their day! We will donate them to Letters Against Isolation and Color-A-Smile which will send them to seniors living in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and memory care facilities.

5 Basic Principles for Getting (and Staying!)

Organized

Zoom

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

Registration ongoing

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Professional organizers and co-authors of Beyond Tidy, Marie Limpert and Annmarie Brogan will discuss their top five basic organizing principles, answer questions, and provide solutions to common challenges that get people stuck.

Diversity in Film and Entertainment

Zoom

Friday, February 9 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Registration ongoing

In honor of the Black History Month and Smithsonian's celebration of African Americans and the Arts, we'll discuss the important history, role, and influence of diverse filmmakers, storytellers, and performers in film including Spike Lee, Jordan Peel, Richard Roundtree, Sidney Poitier, Ava Duvernay, and more. Learn how they used their unique backgrounds, styles, and voices to make groundbreaking contributions to the film or entertainment industry. We'll also look at how they continue to inspire and generate inclusive opportunities for other filmmakers.

Arts & Crafts

Upcycle Your Jewelry

Monday, January 22 from 11:00 am-1:00 pm

Registration begins January 4

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Bring your old, broken costume jewelry to disassemble and make into a new jewelry piece! Tools and other finishing items such as earwires, jump rings, etc. will be provided.

A Knitting and Crochet Circle of Friends

Thursdays, January 25 and February 29 from 10:30 am-12:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Calling all fiber friends! Join us for Longwood's knitting and crochet group. Bring any project you are working on or work on our library's Community Yarn Project with 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.

Color Your Cares Away

Fridays, January 26 and February 23 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Join us for a relaxing hour of coloring, music, and conversation.

All materials will be provided.

Rolled Felt Heart Hanging

Saturday, February 3 from 11:00 am-1:00 pm

Registration begins January 8

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

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Join Bonnie Swartz to create a colorful and unique heart hanging made from rolled felt.

All supplies are included.

Community Yarn Project

Kickoff Event

Saturday, February 17 from 10:30 am-12:00 pm

Registration begins January 2

We invite you to participate in our Community Yarn Project! All ages and skill levels are welcome to join us in this fun project that is also known as yarn storming or yarn bombing. Use your imagination to crochet, knit, or work with yarn to create unique colorful pieces of art that we'll display throughout the library starting in June. In the fall, we will come together again to stitch the pieces together to create scarves and blankets to donate to those in need.

Don't know how to knit or crochet? No problem! We'll have resources to teach you and other yarn related projects that you can do. Join us to learn more; to get a schedule of classes, patterns, projects, and ideas; and to get started.

Donations of acrylic worsted weight (size 4) yarn, crochet hooks, and knitting needles will be accepted from January 2-February 9 at the Adult Services Desks. Yarn donations do not need to be full skeins or matching dye lots. Leftover yarn from your past projects are welcome!

See inside this newsletter for more details.

Books & Writing

Daytime Book Discussions

The Violin Conspiracy

by Brendan Slocumb

In-person/Zoom

Thursday, January 18 from 3:00-4:00 pm

Registration ongoing

When, right before the cutthroat Tchaikovsky Competition, his priceless Stradivarius is stolen with a ransom note for five million dollars in its place, Ray McMillian must piece together the clues to reclaim the violin before it's too late.

This title is available in eBook and audiobook formats on Libby. You may also pick up a hard copy at the library beginning December 21.

Romantic Comedy

by Curtis Sittenfeld

In-person/Zoom

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

Registration ongoing

A sketch writer for a late-night comedy show, Sally Milz pokes fun at the phenomenon of talented but average men who've gotten romantically involved with beautiful women and how the reverse never happens until she meets a pop music sensation who flips the script on all her assumptions.

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

Winter Creative Writing Series

Zoom

Thursdays, January 18, 25, February 1 and 8 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Registration begins January 4

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Playwright Johnny Culver brings together writers of all genres to share their work and receive feedback to improve their craft. Writers are encouraged to bring their five minute or less length scripts, stories, poems, recipes, and more to share.

Titles and Treats

Tuesdays, January 23 and February 27 from 2:30-3:30 pm

Registration ongoing

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

Community Outreach

Health Insurance Enrollment Assistance for NY State of Health

Tuesdays, January 9 and February 13 from 12:00-4:00 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.

AARP Tax Prep

Thursdays, February 8, 15, 22, 29, March 14, 21, 28, April 4, and 11, from 10:00 am-2:00 pm

In-person and phone registration

(631) 924-6400 x250 begins Thursday, January 11 for LPL cardholders only (you **MUST** have an unexpired library card in good standing to register).

Out of District residents may begin registering on February 1

Free personal income tax assistance and preparation for senior citizens is available by appointment only, under the auspices of the AARP. 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 (2022) tax return, a photo ID (NYS driver's license if you have one), all of your 2023 tax documents (such as W-2's, 1099 and/or 1098 forms, etc.) and proof of

your Social Security number. **No business filing. If filing a joint return, BOTH parties must be present.**

Supportive Services for Veteran Families EOC of Suffolk

Wednesday, February 14 from 10:00 am-1:00 pm

No registration

Drop by the library's gallery and meet representatives from the Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Program at EOC of Suffolk, Inc. who work with veterans and their families who are either homeless or on the verge of homelessness. Find out about SSVF resources to successfully transition to, or maintain, permanent housing.

Concerts

Bringing in the New Year with Perfect Combination

Sunday, January 14 from 2:00-3:30 pm

Registration ongoing

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Join us as Perfect Combination takes us on a trip through the "Decades of Dance."

This exciting interactive show will keep you moving, dancing, and singing while enjoying music such as cha cha, merengue, bossa nova, disco, rock, and more. See you there and Happy New Year!

Celebrating Black History Month with Ladies of Motown

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

Registration begins February 1

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Songs from the 60s and 70s — Celebrate the Ladies of Motown with a collection of hits by the female singing groups, solo artists, and songwriters who helped to introduce the world to the Motown sound. Listen to classics by The Supremes, The Marvelettes, Martha & The Vandellas, Mary Wells, Kim Weston, Tammi Terrell, and more.

Celebrating St. Patrick's with Ed Ryan: One Man, One Guitar, and One Powerful Voice!

Sunday, March 10 from 2:00-3:30 pm

Registration begins February 21

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Join us as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day with Ed Ryan who will perform Irish songs and stories. He is a respected entertainer in the Irish-American community, and you will love his searing rendition of "Danny Boy."

Cooking

Mediterranean Cooking with Chef Naela

Friday, January 12 from 6:30-8:00 pm

Registration begins January 3

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Chef Naela returns to show you how to prepare savory Mediterranean dishes including organic beef and veggie pies, baba ghanoush roasted eggplant dip, Middle Eastern salad, and a Lebanese Nights semolina dessert. A tasting will follow. *This program may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

Chocolate Banana Snickerdoodle Bread

Monday, February 26 from 4:00-5:00 pm OR 6:30-7:30 pm

Registration begins January 10

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Chef Rob brings back his popular Chocolate Banana Snickerdoodle Bread! **Bring a 9x5 loaf pan, 2 large bowls, a rubber spatula, and a small bowl** to make and take this large loaf home to bake. *This program may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

Defensive Driving

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

General Defensive Driving

Saturday, January 13 from 10:00 am-4:30 pm OR

Wednesday and Thursday, January 24 and 25 from 5:30-8:30 pm OR

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

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

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

Registration ongoing

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

AARP Smart Driver Course

Saturday, January 20 from 10:00 am-4:15 pm OR

Saturday, February 17 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.

Games

Hey! Let's Play!

Fridays from 10:00 am-12:00 pm

No registration

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

Dungeons & Dragons: Fall Campaign

Mondays, January 8, 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12, 19, and 26 from 6:00-8:30 pm

Registration begins January 3

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

Your Turn! Classic Board Game Night

Tuesdays, January 30 and February 27 from 6:30-8:00 pm

Registration begins January 5

Limit 2 registrations per LPL cardholder

Join us for an evening of fun playing classic board games or learn some new ones.

Games will be provided, however you are welcome to bring your own to share.

Please register for each date you plan to attend.

Puzzle Swap

Thursday, February 1 from 3:00-4:15 pm

No registration

Have you completed the same puzzles more than once? Want some new ones? 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 25-31. All puzzles must contain at least 100 pieces, be complete with no missing pieces, be in the original box, and be in good condition.

Trivia Time

Friday, February 16 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Registration begins January 2

Join us for some trivia fun! Form your own team of four (or join one that day) and test your trivia knowledge in categories such as Geography, History, Arts and Literature, Pop Culture, and more! Winning teams will be recognized with full bragging rights and a trophy. Light snacks will be served. All participants must register individually.

Health & Fitness

Stress and Anxiety: Building Resiliency and Coping Strategies

Zoom

Tuesday, January 9 from 6:30-7:30 pm

Registration ongoing

Explore self-care and wellness from a strengths-based perspective including understanding stressors, building resiliency and self-compassion, and managing change with Jasmine Lucas of the Association for Mental Health and Wellness.

New Year, New You: Nutrition

Zoom

Tuesday, January 16 from 2:00-3:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Learn the best healthy practices to help you start the year off right. Registered dietitian Katherine Ancona will discuss general nutrition tips, how to stay hydrated, and ways to increase your physical activities.

Staying Independent for Life: Falls Prevention

Friday, January 19 from 1:00-2:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Falls, a leading cause of injury for older adults, are often caused by gradual health changes due to aging. Learn how to build confidence and reduce the probability of falls from a professional from the Suffolk County Department of Health Services. Topics will include ways to keep the home environment safe, proper footwear, vision, medication review, and strength and balance exercises.

New Year Fresh Start Through Meditation

Zoom

Wednesday, January 24 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Join Umesh Bhatia for this powerful workshop to learn a simple meditation technique to bring joy, peace, positivity, and relaxation in your daily life and to start the New Year with a clean slate. This virtual workshop will also include a short meditation session.

Stretch and Relax with Yoga

Fridays, January 26, February 2, 9, and 16 from 10:00-11:00 am

Registration begins January 5

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Learn about and perform basic yoga postures. Classes include discussion on yoga philosophy, specific benefits of poses, and end with a deep relaxation. Bring a yoga mat and wear comfortable clothes.

Blood Pressure Screening

Fridays, January 26 and February 23 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm

No registration

Free blood pressure screenings and health education are provided by Northwell Health.

Unraveling the Mystery of Dementia: Causes, Symptoms, and Treatment Options

Wednesday, January 31 from 7:00-8:15 pm

Registration ongoing

Symptoms of Dementia can vary and may include memory loss, confusion, and difficulty with daily tasks. Learn about possible treatment options to manage symptoms and improve the quality of life for those living with Dementia. This lecture is presented by Family & Children's Association Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Program.

Go Red: Tips to Keep Your Heart Healthy

Zoom

Tuesday, February 6 from 2:00-3:00 pm

Registration ongoing

February is *Go Red Month*, which focuses on the importance of heart health. Join registered dietician Katherine Ancona for a review of the Mediterranean Diet and the best physical activity for a healthy heart. We will also discuss some heart-healthy cooking tips and recipes, as well as appropriate ways to manage stress.

7 Scientific Reasons to Meditate

Zoom

Tuesday, February 13 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Learn how data from recent neuroscientific studies show regular meditation improves physical, mental, and emotional health. By focusing attention during meditation, we can gain happiness and harmony in this workshop presented by Manish Saggar, PhD, Assistant Professor in Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Stanford University. This virtual workshop will also include a short meditation session.

Caring for the Caregiver

Wednesday, February 28 from 7:00-8:15 pm

Registration ongoing

Are you caring for a person with Alzheimer's or another form of Dementia? Learn about the importance of building a support network, using respite care, and other resources for coping and how to care for your own physical, mental, and spiritual health. This class is presented by Family & Children's Association Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Program.

Language Classes

Beginner English Classes with Long Island EOC

Tuesdays and Thursdays, January 23–May 16 from 6:00-8:30 pm

Registration ongoing

Unlock the power of language with our ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) course. Tailored for beginners, this program is designed to enhance speaking, listening, reading, and writing abilities. Join us on a journey which will open doors to new opportunities and change the way you connect with the world.

Clases de inglés para principiantes con Long Island EOC

Martes y jueves, 23 de enero – 16 de mayo de 6:00-8:30 pm

Registro en curso

Desbloquee el poder del idioma con nuestro curso ESOL (inglés para hablantes de otros idiomas). Diseñado para principiantes, este programa está diseñado para mejorar las habilidades de hablar, escuchar, leer y escribir. Únase a nosotros en un viaje que le abrirá puertas a nuevas oportunidades y cambiará su forma de conectarse con el mundo.

English Conversation Online

Zoom

Tuesdays, January 16–June 11 from 5:00-6:00 pm

Registration begins January 2

This ESOL conversation class is open to adult English learners who would like to improve their spoken English. Must be able to speak English and willing to participate in discussion and reading. **No class on April 2 and May 28.**

Movies

Saturday Afternoon Movie

Barbie

Saturday, January 6 at 2:15 pm

No registration

Starring Margot Robbie, Ryan Gosling, & America Ferrera

In this modern take on the widely popular doll phenomenon, Hollywood brings us to Barbie Land, where being perfect in a perfect place is the norm, unless you have a full-on existential crisis or – you're a Ken.

(Comedy, PG-13, 114 mins.)

Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny

Saturday, February 3 at 2:15 pm

No registration

Starring Harrison Ford, Phoebe Waller-Bridge, & Antonio Banderas

Daredevil archaeologist, Indiana Jones, races against time to retrieve a legendary dial that can change the course of history. Accompanied by his goddaughter, Jones soon finds himself squaring off against Jurgen Voller, a former Nazi who now works for NASA.

(Action/Adventure, PG-13, 154 mins.)

Watch-a-Movie Wednesday!

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

Wednesdays at 2:15 pm • No registration

JANUARY 3

Paint

(Comedy, PG-13 95 mins.)

Starring Owen Wilson & Michaela Watkins

JANUARY 10

Haunted Mansion

(Comedy, PG-13, 123 mins.)

Starring Rosario Dawson & Lakeith Stanfield

JANUARY 17

Past Lives

(Drama, PG-13, 105 mins.)

Starring Greta Lee & Teo Yoo

JANUARY 24

The Hill

(Drama, PG, 127 mins.)

Starring Dennis Quaid & Joelle Carter

JANUARY 31

The Mummy

(Action/Adventure, PG-13, 125 mins.)

Starring Brendan Fraser & Rachel Weisz

FEBRUARY 7

My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3

(Drama, PG-13, 92 mins.)

Starring Nia Vardalos & John Corbett

FEBRUARY 14

Love Again

(Comedy, PG-13, 104 mins.)

Starring Priyanka Chopra Jonas & Sam Heughan

FEBRUARY 21

Golda

(Drama, PG-13, 100 mins)

Starring Helen Mirren & Liev Schreiber

FEBRUARY 28

Mr. Mom

(Comedy, PG, 91 mins)

Starring Michael Keaton & Teri Garr

Nature & Environment

How To Be a Birder Anywhere!

Zoom

Wednesday, February 14 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Learn about the hobby of birdwatching, not only in your backyard but anywhere else you may go. Dianne Taggart, long-time birder, will discuss how to bird in the field, how to enjoy the birds in your own backyard, and what birds you may see.

Great Backyard Bird Count

Friday, February 16–Monday, February 19

Bird Counting Packets available starting February 1

Pick up your Bird Counting Packet and join us in the Great Backyard Bird Count!

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 them. You don't even have to go outside – you can count the birds you see on your feeder while looking out the window!

Tally sheets from the Bird Counting Packet should be returned to the library by February 26 to be included in our library bird count.

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One-on-One Appointments

Ask-A-Librarian

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

askus@longwoodlibrary.org for appointment and drop-in dates and times.

Limited to LPL cardholders

Need help downloading apps, accessing library services, or navigating a website? Sign up for a 30-minute Ask-A-Librarian appointment, or contact us for the monthly drop-in schedule, 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.

HIICAP Medicare Assistance

Tuesdays, January 2 and February 6 from 10:00 am-2:30 pm

Call **(631) 924-6400 x250** for an appointment. No walk-ins.

This free, confidential counseling service is available to assist you with your entitlement benefits and answer your questions.

Medicaid Enrollment Assistance for the Aged, Blind, and Disabled

Tuesdays, January 2, 23, February 6, and 27 from 12:00-4:00 pm

First come, first served. No registration.

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

Career Coaching

Tuesdays, January 16 OR February 20 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.

SCORE Business Mentoring

Wednesdays, January 24 and February 21 from 5:30-8:30 pm.

Call (631) 924-6400 x250 or register in-person for an appointment.

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

Office for the Aging Advocate

Thursday, February 1 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm

First come, first served. No registration.

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

Smile-A-while

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

SmileAwhile with Soup Jars

Friday, January 12 from 10:30-11:30 am

Registration begins January 3

Join us to make a ready-to-go soup jar that will help you warm up on a cold winter night.

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

SmileAwhile with Decorating Heart Cakes

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

Registration begins February 1

Decorate a heart-shaped cake with your choice of a variety of icings and decorations to create a yummy masterpiece to share with friends and loved ones. *This program may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

SmileAwhile with a Movie

Happy Feet

Thursday, January 18 from 10:30 am-12:30 pm

No registration

Starring Elijah Wood, Brittany Murphy, Hugh Jackman, and Nicole Kidman

Emperor penguins are born to sing. All except young Mumble, who was born to dance...tap dance. Mumble gets kicked out of Emperor Land and embarks on a journey that proves that, by being true to yourself, you can make all the difference in the world!

(Action-adventure/Animated, PG, 1 hour 48 minutes)

Night at the Museum:

Battle of the Smithsonian

Friday, February 16 from 10:30 am-12:30 pm

No registration

Starring Robin Williams, Amy Adams, Hank Azaria, Ben Stiller, and Owen Wilson

Larry Daley is a former night watchman at the Museum of Natural History, where the exhibits come to life after dark. Now Larry's nocturnal friends are being retired to the archives of the Smithsonian Institution, luring him back for a hilarious, all-out battle against museum misfits who plan to take over the Smithsonian, and the world.

(Action-adventure/Comedy, PG, 1 hour 45 minutes)

Smartphone & Tablet Basics

Registration begins January 5 • Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

iPhone/iPad: Getting Started & Navigation

Wednesday, January 17 at 10:00 am

No experience with iPhones and iPads? This class is for you! Join technology librarian Alison and learn what iOS is, how to navigate your device, and more. Bring your own phone or tablet!

iPhone/iPad: Understanding Settings

Wednesday, January 24 at 10:00 am

Overwhelmed by all the settings on your iPhone or iPad? Librarian Alison will teach you how to connect to Wi-Fi, manage storage, adjust the display, install iOS updates, and much more! Bring your own phone or tablet!

iPhone/iPad: Downloading Apps

Wednesday, February 14 at 10:00 am

Learn about what apps are, which apps are worth using, and how to download new apps from the Apple App Store!

Android: Getting Started and Navigation

Wednesday, February 21 at 10:00 am

No experience with Android? This class is for you! Join technology librarian Alison and learn what Android is, how to navigate your device, and more.

Bring your own phone or tablet!

Android:

Understanding Settings

Wednesday, February 28 at 10:00 am

Overwhelmed by all the settings on your Android? Librarian Alison will teach you how to connect to Wi-Fi, manage storage, adjust the display, install updates, and much more!

Bring your own phone or tablet!

Android: Downloading Apps

Wednesday, March 6 at 10:00 am

Learn about what apps are, which apps are worth using, and how to download new apps from the Google Play store!

Art Exhibit

Throughout January and February, the library is pleased to display in the gallery the creative works of local resident Clyde Norman. Mr. Norman's unique, tree-inspired artwork are wonderful examples of a free-flowing style of painting that's sure to make you want to create something yourself!

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

makerLAB

open makerLAB

Appointments are limited to LPL cardholders

Make one of our makerLAB Kits or work on your own project. Open makerLAB is DIY self-guided experience. A staff member is here to assist with your questions but for more in-depth training take one of our makerLAB classes.

View our makerLAB Kits, check our openLAB schedule, and make an appointment online at longwoodlibrary.org/makerLAB.

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

Meet the makerLAB!

Tuesday, January 23 at 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Tuesday, February 6 at 2:30 to 4:30 pm

No registration

Drop in to “Meet the makerLAB,” the library’s makerspace! Get a tour of the room, learn about the equipment, see examples of projects you can make, and earn the makerLAB badge to receive a virtual raffle ticket for the Winter Reading Club.

CRAFTS

Registration begins January 8

Limited to LPL cardholders

Sublimation Hot Chocolate Mugs

Thursday, January 18 at 6:30 pm OR

Friday, January 19 at 2:30 pm

Non-refundable materials fee: \$5 cash

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

The weather outside is frightful, so why not make a cup of hot chocolate in your own personalized mug? Join librarian Alison and learn how to infuse sublimation ink designs into a ceramic mug using the Cricut Mug Press!

Winter Votives

Thursday, January 25 at 6:30 pm OR

Friday, January 26 at 2:30 pm

Non-refundable materials fee: \$5 cash
(exact change) or major credit card (can pay online) due at registration.
Decorate three votive holders with adhesive vinyl and get
a 3D printed snowflake tray to hold all of them.

3D Printed Bookmarks

Wednesday, February 7 at 2:30 pm OR 6:30 pm

Registration begins January 8

There's nothing better than curling up with a good book when the weather gets cold - why not save your place with your own personal bookmark? Join librarian Alison and learn about 3D printing while we design bookmarks in Tinkercad!

Community Cricut Crafts

Cricut Felt Cat Toys

Thursday, February 8 at 6:30 pm OR

Friday, February 9 at 2:30 pm

Make cat toys to give to Brookhaven Animal Shelter! Join librarian Alison and learn how to use a Cricut to cut felt and then use the makerLAB's sewing machines to sew them together.

Cricut Valentine Cards

Friday, February 9 at 6:30 pm

Gifting something handmade can be a heartwarming and thoughtful way to spread love and happiness to those in need. Join Vicky to create Valentine cards to donate to residents of local nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

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

Online LECTURES

Registration ongoing

Open to all

Cricut Fundamentals I: Everything Cricut

Zoom

Thursday, January 11 at 5:30 pm

Want to design your own tee shirts, mugs, decals, and more? Cricut is for you! Join librarian Alison and learn about the different Cricut devices and accessories, get some project ideas, and take a tour of Cricut Design Space.

Cricut Fundamentals II: Cricut Design Space

Zoom

Thursday, January 11 at 7:00 pm

Learn how to create designs with Cricut Design Space! Librarian Alison will talk about tools, settings, and best cutting practices.

Making Buttons, Magnets, and Stickers

Zoom

Thursday, February 15 at 5:30 pm

Looking to prototype your own merch for conventions, fairs, and more? Or are you just interested in making your own designs to decorate with? Join librarian Alison and learn how to make buttons, magnets, and stickers.

Embroidery Machine Fundamentals

Zoom

Thursday, February 15 at 7:00 pm

Join us for this instructional class to learn how to use our embroidery machine and to find designs or make your own.

3D Printing Fundamentals

Zoom

Thursday, February 22 at 5:30 pm

Join librarian Alison for a lesson on the history of 3D printing, how it works, and future applications.

Sublimation: Print Color Photos on Everything!

Zoom

Thursday, February 22 at 7:00 pm

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 new sublimation printing service!

makerlab Kits

Birthday OR Thinking of You Card Kit Bundle

Supplies to make 3 cards

Non-refundable fee: \$7

Cricut Faux Leather Earring Kit

Supplies to make 2 pairs of earrings

Non-refundable fee: \$6

Embroidered Tea Towel Kit

Supplies to make 1 tea towel

Non-refundable fee: \$5

Make Your Own Mug

Supplies to make 1, 12 oz. mug

Non-refundable fee: \$5

Supplies to make 1, 15 oz. mug

Non-refundable fee: \$6

Make Your Own Tote

Supplies to make 1 tote

Non-refundable fee: \$5

Sticker Printing Kit

Avery Sticker Paper OR Holographic Sticker Paper (1 sheet)

Non-refundable fee: \$1.50

Cricut Printable Vinyl Sticker Paper (1 sheet)

Non-refundable fee: \$2

3D Print Requests

Looking to 3D print an object?

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

We will take custom and premade designs from Thingiverse, Yeggi, STLFinder, and more.

Printing fees are \$1.00 per hour or \$0.50 per 30 minutes.

Print jobs are printed with Ultimaker PLA filament, a plant-based, biodegradable material.

Submit a request on our website at longwoodlibrary.org/3Dprint

CHILDREN'S CLASSES & EVENTS

Unless otherwise noted, all classes for children from birth through Pre-K are intended for parents and children together. Classes for children in grades K-6 are intended for

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

Baby, Toddler, and Preschool Classes & Events

Storytime

Be part of our storytimes where early literacy and fun come together! Each week, come and listen to some of our favorite stories as well as new ones, along with songs and movement activities. This experience is beneficial to your child's development of early literacy skills. At the end of each session, you will be given a fun take-home activity to share with your child. These interactive sessions support Every Child Ready to Read @ Your Library initiative.

Please choose one session.

Toddler Tales

Wednesdays, January 10, 17 and 24 at 10:00 am

Children (2-3 years)

Registration begins on December 18.

OR

Little Listeners

Tuesdays, January 16, 23 and 30 at 3:00 pm

Children (3 years–Pre-K)

Registration begins on December 18.

Tot's Night Out

Thursday, January 4

Children (18 months–Pre-K) at 6:00 pm

Registration begins December 18

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

Bouncing Babies

Friday, January 5 at 10:30 am OR Saturday, January 6 at 10:30 am

Children (birth–23 months)

Registration begins December 18

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

Get Up & Go

Wednesday, January 10 at 6:30 pm

Children (12 months–3 years)

Registration begins December 18

This program incorporates music, movement, and tons of fun. Each child will get their own basket of instruments to use throughout the program as we sing songs and dance to the tunes!

Hoot, Hoot, Hooray!

Friday, January 12

Children (18 months–35 months) at 10:30 am

Children (3 years–Pre-K) at 3:00 pm

Registration begins January 2

Whooo's ready to listen to owl stories and make crafts? Have a hoot with us at our snowy owl storytime!

Parent Toddler Workshop

Tuesdays, January 16, 23, 30 and February 6 and 13 at 9:45 am OR 11:00 am

Children (12 months–35 months)

Registration begins January 2

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

Preschool Playtime

Thursdays, January 18, 25, February 1, 8 and 15 at 10:00 am

Children (3 years–Pre-K)

Registration begins January 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 in which stories and songs are shared, followed by a related craft and free play.

Babies & Books

Friday, January 19 at 10:00 am

Children (infant–17 months)

Registration begins January 2

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

Tots & Books

Friday, January 19 at 11:00 am

Children (18 months–35 months)

Registration begins January 2

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

Mostly Mother Goose

Friday, January 26 at 10:30 am

Children (infant–3 years)

Registration begins on January 16

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

Tot's Night Out

Thursday, February 1 at 6:00 pm

Children (18 months–Pre-K)

Registration begins January 22

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

Baby Games

Friday, February 9 at 10:00 am

Children (Infant–17 months)

Registration begins January 22

Babies and young children learn to speak by listening to you! We will sing songs and rhymes with props, and you will also have the opportunity to meet other parents.

Yeti Adventures

Monday, February 12

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

Children (3 years–Pre-K) at 3:00 pm

Registration begins February 1

Join us for a fun storytime all about the yeti. We will make some crafts and have many yeti activities. You might even spot a yeti at the library!

Baby Keepsake

Wednesday, February 14 at 10:30 am

Children (infant–23 months)

Registration begins February 1

Bring your child to the library to decorate a tote bag with their hand or footprints. Perfect as their first library bag or to gift to someone special.

1,2,3 Play with Me

Wednesdays, February 21, 28 and March 6 at 10:00 am

Children (infant–17 months)

Registration begins February 9

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.

Construction Zone

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

Children (18-35 months)

Registration begins February 14

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

Winter Sensory Fun

Monday, February 26 at 3:00 pm

Children (3 years–Pre-K)

Registration begins February 19

Children will listen to a book about winter and explore different winter-themed sensory activities like making playdough!

Tinker Tots

Thursday, February 29 at 10:00 am OR 3:00 pm

Children (31 months–Pre-K)

Registration begins February 19

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

2024 Children's Winter Reading Club:

"CHILL OUT & READ"

Chill out and read by joining the Children's Winter Reading Club starting on January 8.

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!

Monthly Family Storytime Kits

Each month, we release a new themed kit that includes a craft, activity sheets, and a QR code that will take you to our digital story time guide with links to eBooks and more extension activities for you to do at home.

These kits are most appropriate for children 18 months to Pre-K and will be available for the first two weeks of each month.

January: Penguins

Penguins are everyone’s favorite winter animal!

February: Valentine’s Day

Valentine’s Day, which is this month’s theme!

School-Aged Classes & Events

Winter Battle of the Books

For grades 5-8

Practices: Fridays, March 1 and 8 from 6:30-8:00 pm

Final Battle of the Books Competition: Saturday, March 9 from 11:00 am-12:00 pm
(friends and family are welcome)

Register in-person at the Teen Services Desk beginning January 8

Love to read, eat snacks, and play games?

Longwood readers in grades 5 to 8 can join us at Longwood Public Library for Winter Battle of the Books! In advance of each practice session, participants will read two books: *Witchlings* by Claribel A. Ortega and *The Superteacher Project* by Gordon Korman. After playing trivia games about each book, participants will face off in our final battle pub-style trivia competition with an audience of family and friends!

Winter Beauty

Friday, January 5

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

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

Registration begins December 18

Children will enjoy relaxing activities like making winter bath bombs and bath confetti, getting their nails painted by teen volunteers, and playing winter Kahoot!

Dungeons & Dragons Tween Edition

Children (grades 4-6)

Tuesday, January 9 from 6:00-7:30 pm

Registration begins December 18

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

Registration begins January 16

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.

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

Minecraft Junior

Thursday, January 11

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

Registration begins January 2

Minecraft Club

Thursday, January 11

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

Registration begins January 2

Snowman Scenes

Friday, January 12

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

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

Registration begins January 2

Children will have fun painting a snowman scene with art teacher Kim!

Kindness Kids:

Little Free Library Bookmarks

Monday, January 15

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

Registration begins January 2

Earn one hour of community service while bringing joy to others and having fun!

Children will use the Cricut to design and cut bookmarks that will be placed in our Little Free Libraries throughout the community.

License to Chill

Tuesday, January 16 at 6:30 pm

Children (grades K-2)

Registration begins January 2

Children will enjoy listening to some of their favorite winter stories, making winter crafts, and doing some activities.

3D Printed Votives

Friday, January 19

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

Registration begins January 10

Miss Laura will show children how to design and customize a tealight votive that will be 3D printed for them to pick up after the program.

Paws for Reading

Monday, January 22 starting at 5:00 pm

Registration begins January 16

Monday, February 12 starting at 5:00 pm

Registration begins February 1

Children (Readers–grade 6)

Register for a 15-minute reading session to read to certified therapy dogs Anna, Pike, Chloe, 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.*

3D Mug Paintings

Thursday, January 25

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

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

Registration begins January 16

Join Miss Sarah as she teaches you how to make a 3D painting of a steamy mug of cocoa!

Book Chat:

Snow Treasure

Friday, January 26 at 6:30 pm

Children (grades 4-6)

Registration begins January 2

After discussing *Snow Treasure* by Marie McSwigan, children will enjoy “golden” treats, while playing winter games and creating a “cool” sled out of a pizza box, garbage bag, and duct tape. **Registration and book pick-up will begin January 2.**

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

Book Bunch & Munch

Monday, January 29 at 6:30 pm

Children (grades K-2)

Registration begins January 16

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.*

Diamond Painting

Wednesday, January 31 at 6:30 pm

Children (grades 4-6)

Registration begins January 16

Children will use diamond dot gemstones to create a piece of art.

Skyline Paintings

Friday, February 2

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

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

Registration begins January 22

Join art teacher Kim to learn how to create a beautiful city skyline painting

Crafty Cupid

Wednesday, February 7

Children (grades K-2) at 6:30 pm

Registration begins January 22

Children will get crafty for a Valentine's Day project that they can keep for themselves or give as a gift to their special someone.

Games & Goodies

Friday, February 9

Children (grades K-2) 6:00 pm

Children (grades 3-6) 7:00 pm

Registration begins January 22

Come down to the library, have some snacks, and play fun games with your friends! We will have board games for you to explore and cool games on our Nintendo Switch like Mario Kart and Mario Party. *The snacks provided may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

Cricut Valentine's Card

Tuesday, February 13

Children (grades 3-6) at 5:30 OR 7:00 pm

Registration begins February 1

Children will use the Cricut to design, cut, and draw on a custom Valentine's Day card.

Sculpey Clay Pandas

Thursday, February 15

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

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

Registration begins February 1

Children will sculpt an adorable panda out of Sculpey clay with Art Teacher Amy.

Sketch & Stretch

Tuesday, February 20

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

Children (grades 3-6) at 2:30 pm

Registration begins February 9

Sketch & Stretch is an exciting program that combines art and yoga for children.

Children will stretch their bodies with some yoga and then create an art project.

Community Yarn Project

Yarn Birds

Wednesday, February 21 at 2:00 pm

Children (grades K-2)

Registration begins February 9

Children will create beautiful birds out of yarn, craft sticks, and other materials to donate to our *Community Yarn Project*. They will also make one to keep for themselves.

Yarn Squares

Wednesday, February 21 at 3:30 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins February 9

Children will learn to make yarn squares that will become community patchwork blankets to showcase in our *Community Yarn Project*. An hour of community service will be earned.

Strawberry & Chocolate Pretzel Cupcakes with Chef Rob

Thursday, February 22

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

Children (grades 3-6) at 12:00 pm

Registration begins February 14

Join Chef Rob to learn how to decorate cupcakes with chocolate-covered pretzels and strawberries! *This program may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

Library Mini Golf

Thursday, February 22 starting at 4:00 pm

Children (4 years–grade 6)

Registration begins February 14

Come and play at our unique indoor mini golf course with your friends! Designed and staffed by our teen volunteers, this program will surely be one you don't want to miss! There will be three children per time slot who will play through the course together, with times beginning at 4:00 pm and running every 15 minutes. Please register each child for their own spot. Make new friends and have some fun!

Comics and Candy: *The Mighty Bite*

Friday, February 23 at 6:30 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins February 1

After discussing *The Mighty Bite* by Nathan Hale, children will sew insect pillows, enjoy delectable crawly candies, and play buggy games. **Registration and book pickup begin February 1.** *The snack provided may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

Chillin' With My Gnomies

Monday, February 26

Children (grades K-2) at 6:30 pm

Registration begins February 19

Come chill with your “gnomies” as we read stories about gnomes, make a gnome craft, and play gnome games. *The snacks provided may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

Amazing Animation

Tuesday, February 27 at 6:30 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins February 19

Explore the fascinating world of animation with Miss Danielle as we create a paper zoetrope and a sticky note flip book!

Chess Knights

Thursday, February 29 at 6:30 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins February 19

Join us for a night of chess games, puzzles, tips, and tricks! Whether you are new to chess and looking for help getting started or have experience and want to level up your game, this is the place for you. Join Teen Services Librarian Mr. Fox and teen volunteers to see why this classic game of wits and strategy is more popular than ever.

Family Classes & Events

Interactive Family Movie: Encanto

Saturday, January 27 at 11:00 am

Families with children

Registration begins January 16

Join us for an interactive sing-along movie! Participants will receive Mirabel's glasses, Isabella's flowers, and more props to interact with this wonderful family movie.

Take Your Child to the Library Day

Jester Jim Family Show

Saturday, February 3 at 11:00 am

Families with children

Registration begins January 22

Join Longwood Public Library as we celebrate Take Your Child to the Library Day on Saturday, February 3.

There will be a Jester Jim Family Show 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!

Bluey Bash

Saturday, February 3 at 2:00 pm

Families with children

Registration begins January 22

It's Take Your Child to the Library Day and Bluey's stopping in to say hello! Meet and take pictures with Bluey, dance, and make a Bluey craft.

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon!

Be Inspired: Black History Month

Saturday, February 10 at 10:00-11:30 am and 2:00-3:30 pm

Families with children

Drop-in. No registration.

Drop in to get inspired at these different stations about important figures in black history.

Backyard Birdhouses

Friday, February 16 at 6:00 pm OR 7:30 pm

Families with children (grades 4-6)

Registration begins February 1

Prepare for our Great Backyard Bird Count by painting a wooden birdhouse with your family! Dress for a mess!

Messy Monday

Monday, February 19 from 6:30-7:30 pm

Families with children

Drop-in. No registration.

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

Winter Reading Club Show: Petra Puppets Presents the Winter Talent Show

Saturday, February 24 at 11:00 am

Families with children

Registration begins February 14

Families are invited to celebrate the end of the Winter Reading Club with a spectacular performance from Petra Puppets! How much guacamole can a penguin eat? Do you

have to be a turkey to sing Turkey Opera? How many magic tricks can a sheep perform? Steve invites his friends over for the holidays to find out the answers in Steve Petra's Winter Talent Show.

TEEN CLASSES & EVENTS

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

2024 Teen Winter Reading Club: "Chill Out & Read"

Sign up and begin logging and earning raffle tickets on January 8!

Chill out and read a great book this winter! Join the Teen Winter Reading Club to earn digital raffle tickets for your minutes spent reading and participation in teen library programs. Then, enter to win one of five awesome raffle baskets, including gift cards for TopGolf, Urban Air, Crunchyroll, Fandango, and Barnes & Noble! Winners will be drawn at the end of February. Happy reading!

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Register online at **longwoodlibrary.org**.

Please note registration is limited to either Dungeons & Dragons with the Quest Masters Guild OR Saturday Dungeons & Dragons.

Dungeons & Dragons with the Quest Masters Guild

Friday, January 5 from 5:30-8:30 pm

Registration begins December 22

Friday, February 2 from 5:30-8:30 pm

Registration begins January 19

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

Saturday Dungeons & Dragons

Saturday, January 13 from 10:00 am-1:00 pm

Registration begins December 30

Saturday, February 10 from 10:00 am-1:00 pm

Registration begins January 27

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

Teen Podcast:

Episode 1

Thursday, January 11 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins December 28

Thanks to your hard work during “Episode 0” the Longwood Teen Podcast is proud to announce its first full-length episode! Get to know the Longwood Podcasters with rapid-fire debate prompts, icebreaker games, and maybe a ghost story or two! The snacks provided may not be suitable for those with food allergies.

Pencil Pals

Zoom

Friday, January 12 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins December 29

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

Beginner Sign Language

Thursdays, January 18, 25 and February 1 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins January 4

Have you ever wanted to learn Sign Language? Now's your chance! Join Jennie Sardone to learn the basics in this three-session class perfect for beginners. You must be able to attend all three sessions to participate.

Clay Creations!

Friday, January 19 from 6:30-8:00 pm

Registration begins January 5

Join Teen Services Librarian Mr. McCoy for a night of sculpting! We will use plastic-coated wire to create armatures, then use air-dry clay to bring your creations to life.

5-Hour Pre-Licensing Class

Saturday, January 20 from 10:00 am-2:30 pm

Cost: \$55 payment in cash (exact change) to be made on day of class

Registration begins December 1

Phone and in-person registration only, no online registration

The five-hour pre-licensing class is required by the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles for 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 picture NY State Learner Permit to class. Please also bring your lunch with you – you will not have time to leave for

lunch. Call the Teen Services Department at (631) 924-6400 x249 to register. For more information about New York State driver's license requirements, please visit dmv.ny.gov.

Dragon Wreath

Friday, January 26 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins January 12

Keep your lair warm this winter with your very own fire-breathing Dragon Wreath! Join Teen Services Librarian Mrs. Karaptis to construct your wreath using paint, ribbon, and tulle.

Teen Writing Workshop: Mysteries

Wednesday, January 31 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins January 17

Join Teen Services Librarian Ms. Broderick to practice writing mysteries! Enjoy creative writing games and exercises, learn, and share writing tips, and eat snacks. Sharing work in a fun and non-judgmental space is welcome for those who are comfortable with doing so. The snacks provided may not be suitable for those with food allergies.

Retro Video Game Challenge

Friday, February 9 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins January 26

Turn back the clock with these classic video games from the 80s and 90s. Compete in trials to earn high scores, quick level clears, and show off your skills in one-life challenges. Earn points at each station and become the Retro Video Game Champion! Featuring your favorites like Sonic, Mario, Donkey Kong, and everyone's favorite station—the snack table. The snacks provided may not be suitable for those with food allergies.

Zodiac Wall Art

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

Registration begins February 6

Use the Cricut machines in our makerLAB to design your very own zodiac wall hanging with Teen Services Librarian Ms. Herrmann!

Winter Battle of the Books

For grades 5-8

Practices: Fridays, March 1 and 8 from 6:30-8:00 pm

Final Battle of the Books Competition: Saturday, March 9 from 11:00 am-12:00 pm

(friends and family are welcome)

Register in-person at the Teen Services Desk beginning January 8

Love to read, eat snacks, and play games?

Longwood readers in grades 5 to 8 can join us at Longwood Public Library for Winter Battle of the Books! In advance of each practice session, participants will read two books: *Witchlings* by Claribel A. Ortega and *The Superteacher Project* by Gordon Korman. After playing trivia games about each book, participants will face off in our final battle pub-style trivia competition with an audience of family and friends!

TEEN COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

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

Community Service by Appointment

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

TikTok Time

Wednesday, January 3 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins December 20

Help the Teen Services Librarians promote upcoming library programs on TikTok!

Certificate for 1 hour of community service

Winter Beauty Buddies

Friday, January 5 from 5:45-7:00 pm

Registration begins December 22

Help the Children's Department with their Winter Beauty program by helping younger kids make winter bath bombs, bath confetti, and paint their nails!

Certificate for 1.5 hours of community service

Dog Toys for Donation

Tuesday, January 9 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins December 26

Design rope toys that will be donated to our local animal shelter!

Certificate for 1 hour of community service

Community Service Stations

Monday, January 15 from 2:30-4:30 pm

Registration begins December 27

Join the Teen Services Librarians for an afternoon of community service projects.

Certificate for 2 hours of community service

Cards for Hospitalized Kids

Zoom

Wednesday, January 17 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins January 3

Brighten up someone's day with a handmade card and a friendly message! Registrants must pick up the required materials from the library prior to the program.

A certificate for 1 hour of community service will be emailed after completed projects are returned to the library.

Craft Kits for Donation

Tuesday, January 23 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins January 9

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

Registration begins February 14

Join the Teen Services Librarians to help prepare some simple crafts that will be donated to service agencies in our community!

Certificate for 1 hour of community service

Seed Spree

Monday, January 29 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins January 15

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

Stenciled Tote Bags

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

Registration begins January 22

Paint a reusable canvas tote bag that will be given to families in our community.
Certificate for 1 hour of community service

Bookmarkers: Online Book Club for 10th-12th Graders
Quincredible Vol. 1: Quest to Be the Best By Rodney Barnes
Zoom

Tuesday, February 6 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins December 19

Quinton West may consider invulnerability a pretty useless superpower to have, but there's more to this unknown, teenage superhero than meets the eye.

Attendees who read the book and participate in the discussion will receive 3 hours of community service.

Talking Newsletter

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

Registration begins January 25

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

Certificate for 1.5 hours of community service

Trivia Time Assistance

Friday, February 16 from 6:30-8:30 pm

Registration begins February 1

Help the Adult Department run their Trivia Time program by serving refreshments, scorekeeping, and using your knowledge to help adult patrons during rounds of trivia.

Certificate for 2 hours of community service

Feathered Fun: Toy Edition

Saturday, February 17 from 2:30-3:30 pm

Registration begins February 3

Take part in the Great Backyard Bird Count with the library! Design and build a bird feeder out of upcycled toys with the Teen Services Librarians and learn about local bird species. Then, count and identify the birds you see in your backyard between Saturday, February 17 and Monday, February 19 over two 15-minute bird watching sessions. The data you collect will be recorded and used to track bird species around the world. This program may not be suitable for those with nut allergies, as we will be using peanuts and bird seed.

Certificates for 1.5 hours of community service will only be awarded to those who attend the program and return a completed bird count tally sheet to the library by Friday, February 23.

Library Mini Golf Assistance

Monday, February 19 from 2:30-4:30 & Thursday, February 22 from 3:30-6:00 pm

You must be available to attend both sessions to participate.

Registration begins February 1

Earn five hours of community service for creating and running our very own Library Mini Golf course for Longwood children! After designing a Night at the Zoo-themed mini golf course out of cardboard boxes and craft supplies, we'll assist younger children through the course.

Certificate for 5 hours of community service

Community Yarn Project Yarn Buddies

Wednesday, February 21 from 2:00-3:00 pm OR 3:30-4:40 pm

Registration begins February 7

Help younger kids participate in the library's Community Yarn Project!

Certificate for 1 hour of community service

Very Hungry Caterpillar

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

Registration begins February 12

Help the Teen Services Department participate in the library's Community Yarn Project!

We will be creating yarn-wrapped squares that will be attached together to create a Very Hungry Caterpillar display to be exhibited on the Terrace this spring!

Certificate for 1 hour of community service

Chess Knights Assistance

Thursday, February 29 from 6:00-7:30 pm

Registration begins February 15

Help younger kids in the Children's Department learn to play chess!

Certificate for 1.5 hours of community service

Bookstormers: Book Club for 7th, 8th & 9th Graders

Join the Teen Services Librarians for a monthly book club where we play games, eat snacks, and talk about awesome books!

JANUARY

A Rover's Story by Jasmine Warga

Thursday, January 4 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins December 7

Can robots think and feel like humans? Join the sentient Mars rover, Resilience, on his journey from being built and programmed by NASA scientists, to the perilous journey to the Red Planet and overcoming the obstacles that await there. All the while, Res ponders his purpose, the meaning of life, and questions whether he will ever return home to Earth. The snacks provided may not be suitable for those with food allergies.

FEBRUARY

Tumble by Celia C. Pérez

Thursday, February 15 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins January 4

Twelve-year-old Adela Ramirez has a great life in her small New Mexico town. She loves her mom and stepdad, she'll soon have a baby sibling, and she has an awesome best friend. But when her stepdad asks to legally adopt her, Adela decides it's finally time to get some answers about her biological dad, whom her mom refuses to talk about. It turns out Adela's father is Manny "The Mountain" Bravo, a famous professional wrestler. As Adela gets to know her father and the extended family of luchadores she's never met, she is pulled into a world of celebrity, theatrics, and lucha libre masks, all while piecing together her family's history. The snacks provided may not be suitable for those with food allergies.

Attendees who read the book and participate in the group book review at the program will receive 3 hours of community service.

Community Yarn Project

Kickoff Event

Saturday, February 17 from 10:30 am-12:00 pm

Registration begins January 2

We invite you to participate in our Community Yarn Project! All ages and skill levels are welcome to join us in this fun project that is also known as yarn storming or yarn bombing. Use your imagination to crochet, knit, or work with yarn to create unique, colorful pieces of art that we'll display throughout the library starting in June. In the fall, we will come together again to stitch the pieces into scarves and blankets to donate to those in need.

Don't know how to knit or crochet?

No problem! We'll have resources to teach you and other yarn-related projects that you can do. Join us for the kickoff event on February 17 to learn more, to get a schedule of classes, patterns, projects, and ideas, and to get started.

Join Our Community Yarn Project!

We are thrilled to unveil an exciting new project that promises to unite our community in creativity and compassion. Pick up your knitting and crocheting needles and join us on a Community Yarn Project that will warm hearts and bodies alike.

Picture a beautifully adorned Mezzanine, filled with colorful squares of yarn, each crafted with love and skill by members of our community. These squares will be assembled to create stunning tapestries that will hang proudly in our communal space. But that's just the beginning. Our vision extends beyond the aesthetic.

What is Community Yarn Project All About?

This initiative is more than just art; it's an opportunity to make a tangible difference in the lives of those in need. The tapestries we create together will be transformed into blankets for individuals facing challenging circumstances. Every stitch we create will bring warmth and comfort to someone in our community who could use a little extra love.

Why Get Involved?

- **All Ages Are Welcome:**
This project is open to everyone, from seasoned knitting and crocheting pros to those who've never picked up a pair of needles. It's a fantastic chance to learn a new skill, share your expertise, or simply enjoy the therapeutic art of knitting and crocheting with neighbors of all ages.
- **Foster Community Connections:**
As we gather to knit, purl, stitch and chat, we'll strengthen the bonds that make our community special. This project offers a space for conversations, laughter, and shared stories, fostering connections that transcend generations.
- **A Legacy of Caring:**
By participating in this Community Yarn Project, you're leaving behind a legacy of compassion. Your efforts will wrap others in warmth and kindness for years to come.

How Can You Get Involved?

- **Knit and Crochet at Home:**
You can contribute by knitting or crocheting 4"x4" squares at home and dropping them off at the library. We will accept squares from January 2–April 22.
- **Donate Materials:**
Donations of acrylic worsted weight (size 4) yarn, crochet hooks, and knitting needles will be accepted from January 2–February 9 at the Adult Services Desks. Yarn donations do not need to be full skeins or matching dye lots. Leftover yarn from your past projects is welcome!
- **Attend Our Kickoff Event:**
Join us for our kickoff event on February 17 from 10:30 am-12:00 pm at the library. We'll provide materials, patterns, and guidance for both beginners and experienced knitters and crocheters.
- **Spread the Word:**
Encourage your friends and neighbors to join us. The more hands we have on deck, the more blankets we can create. Let's

Craft a Brighter Future Together!

Our excitement for this Community Yarn Project is contagious, and we can't wait to see our library transform into a tapestry of colors, stitches, and stories. Join us as we embark on this journey of creativity and compassion, and together, we'll weave a tale of unity and warmth for our community. Stay tuned for more updates, and let's make the world a little cozier, one stitch at a time.

With yarn and heart,
Longwood Public Library

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Adults

A Knitting and Crochet Circle of Friends

Thursdays, January 25, and February 29 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 or work on our library's Community Yarn Project with

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.

Teens

Yarn Buddies

Wednesday, February 21

from 2:00-3:00 pm OR 3:30-4:30 pm

Registration begins February 7

Help younger kids participate in the library's Community Yarn Project.

Certificate for 1 hour of community service

Very Hungry Caterpillar

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

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Very Hungry Caterpillar display that will be exhibited on the Terrace.

Certificate for 1 hour of community service

Children

Yarn Birds

Wednesday, February 21 at 2:00 pm

Children (grades K-2)

Registration begins February 9

Children will create beautiful birds out of yarn, craft sticks and other materials to donate to our Community Yarn Project. They will also make one to keep for themselves.

Yarn Squares

Wednesday February 21 at 3:30 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins February 9

Children will learn to make yarn squares that will become community patchwork blankets to showcase in our Community Yarn Project.

Certificate for 1 hour of community service