

Longwood Public Library March/April 2021 Newsletter

Annual Budget Vote & Trustee Election is Tuesday, April 6 See back page for details

Annual Message to the Community

2020: A Year Like No Other!

At all times our talented and dedicated staff strives to provide the best service to the Longwood community. This past year started out like so many others: we had goals and plans for expanding and improving services, and we jumped right in.

Starting in January 2020, the Board of Trustees decided to eliminate overdue fines from most library items. Many libraries across the country had made this change and found that it brought back lots of patrons who had stopped using the library because of fines owed or the fear of incurring fines. Two months later, we rolled out our new Canteen Micromarket, a coffee/snack area near the library entrance, meant for patrons to enjoy while they used the library. We joined the Sustainable Libraries Initiative. We continued to expand our popular Equipment & Gadgets collection and started planning more STEAM/Maker programs to make use of our brand-new 3D printer. What a great start we had for our year's goals.

And then in mid-March, everything changed. On March 16, in order to flatten the curve, the library building was closed and library staff was sent home to work remotely. In the weeks following, our staff re-conceptualized as many services as possible. We took programs online, created digital library cards, answered questions online and via chat, expanded online services including homework help, added to electronic collections (eBooks, streaming video and more), and worked hard to promote our content and connect with patrons online. We even sent our 3D printer to a "print farm" to help make PPE for local frontline workers!

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2021 LONG ISLAND READS SELECTION (ZOOM)

The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett

Thursday, April 15 from 3:00-4:00 pm OR Tuesday, April 27 from 6:00-7:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Join our librarians online with Zoom for this Long Island Reads book discussion. Separated by their embrace of different racial identities, two mixed-race identical twins reevaluate their choices as one raises a black daughter in their southern hometown while the other passes for white with a husband who is unaware of her heritage.

This title is available in limited quantities to download for free in eBook and audio format on Overdrive. You may also pick up a copy at the library beginning March 23.

Separate Even in Death: Black Funerals and Cemeteries (Zoom)

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

Registration ongoing

Genealogist Dr. Janice Lovelace will discuss on Zoom the development of separate funeral homes and burial grounds as well as burial practices for African Americans from the 16th to the 20th century.

Creole Cooking (Zoom)

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

Registration ongoing

Join Chef Cheryl Grigg of Chara's Catering on Zoom as she demonstrates how to make jambalaya with andouille sausage, chicken, and shrimp along with her classic and savory beignets.

Friends Scholarship

The Friends of the Library are pleased to announce that they will be awarding scholarships to two college bound seniors who reside in the Longwood School District and who have contributed to the Longwood Public Library during their high school careers. The scholarships are in the amount of \$500 each and will be awarded to June 2021 graduates.

Applicants will be rated on their GPA, library participation, and a required student essay. Applications are available in the Teen Department and online at longwoodlibrary.org/friends.

1000k Books before Kindergarten winner Esther

Library Board Meetings

Budget Information Meeting
Wednesday, March 24 at 7:00 pm
Wednesday, April 21 at 7:00 pm

Library Closed

Sunday, April 4 – Easter

Hours

Monday–Friday: 9:30 am-9:00 pm

Saturday: 9:30 am-5:00 pm

Sunday: 1:00 pm-5:00 pm

The book drop is open 24 hours

2021-2022 Annual Budget Vote & Trustee Election

Remember to Vote! Tuesday, April 6 8:00 am-9:00 pm

CHILDREN'S VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

Subscribe to the library's YouTube channel [youtube.com/c/longwoodpubliclibrary](https://www.youtube.com/c/longwoodpubliclibrary)

PLATFORM KEY
Some programs are live on Facebook and YouTube.
Some programs premier on Facebook and can also be viewed any time after the date of the program on our YouTube channel.
Some programs will be hosted on YouTube. The link to the YouTube video will be posted on the library's Facebook page. The link will also be emailed the day of the program to patrons who register.
For Zoom programs register on our website longwoodlibrary.org to receive an email with the Zoom information.
Must have a valid LPL card to register for children's programs.

BABY, TODDLER AND PRESCHOOL CLASSES

Virtual Storytime

Meet Our Pets Storytime Children (2 years–Pre K)

Join us for a new twist on storytime! Meet a librarian's pet(s) and then listen to stories themed around that special kind of animal. Email us @ childrensdept@longwoodlibrary.org with a picture of you reading to one of your pets, and we will post it on the library's Facebook page!

Monday, March 8 at 10:30 am
"Nebula the Cat"

Monday, March 15 at 10:30 am
"Maya and Jack the French Bulldogs"

Monday, April 5 at 10:30 am
"S'mores the Dwarf Hamster"

Monday, April 12 at 10:30 am
"Pip and Meeko the Ferrets"

Perfect Pandas(Facebook/YouTube)
Tuesday, March 16 at 11:00 am
Children (3 years–grade 1)

Registration and craft pickup begins March 5

Celebrate National Panda Day with Michelle from Skoblicki's Scientists in this video that teaches children all about adorable pandas and shows them how to create their own adorable panda craft using simple materials. *Children can craft along with Michelle by picking up the craft materials from March 5 – March 15, or you can create this panda craft with materials you have at home.*

Art Starts @ Home

Children (12 months–Pre K)

**March registration and supply pickup
begins March 26**

**April registration and supply pickup
begins April 23**

Once a month little ones can experience all the messy fun of our Art Starts program at home with the art activities included in our new take-home kit! *This program is limited to the first 40 registrants.*

Ballet with the Snow Queen (Zoom)

Wednesday, March 31 at 11:00 am

Children (3 years–grade 2)

Registration begins March 19

Children will delight in learning simple ballet techniques with their favorite Snow Queen from Royal Princess Prep. Children should be dressed for movement and have a chair near them to use as their ballet barre. *Zoom information will be emailed to patrons after registration.*

Family Storytime Kits

We have various family-friendly themes for our new Family Storytime Kits that you can take home using our curbside service! On Friday of each week, we release a new themed kit that includes a craft, activity sheets, and a QR code that will take you to our digital storytime 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 but can be enjoyed by the whole family. Call the Children's Department to reserve your Family Storytime Kit today and set up a pickup time!

Themes for March and April include Flowers, Leprechaun Fun, Bunnies, and more!

Books, Balls & Blocks (Zoom)

Tuesday, April 13 at 6:30 pm

Parents & Children (12 months–4 years)

**Registration and supply pickup
begins April 1**

Do you have a child under age 5? Want to check in on how they are growing and learning? Complete a free developmental screening with Help Me Grow – Long Island and then join them on Zoom to learn how to use the results to help your child reach their milestones. You will also receive a developmental kit with information and activities for your young child provided by Help Me Grow Long Island. Then, join the Zoom session on April 13 at 6:30 pm to ask questions and connect with other parents. *Zoom information will be emailed to registrants, and kits will be available on the day of registration.*

Get Up & Go @ Home (Facebook/YouTube)

Children (infant-4 years)

**Registration and supply pickup
begins April 27**

Children can dance and move to one of our favorite programs in this virtual version with Miss Tiffany! Pick up an LPL Music and Movement kit before the program to follow along with the video, or you can use instruments and supplies you have at home. *Supply kits will be available for pickup beginning April 27 and are limited to the first 24 registrants.*

Parent Toddler & Preschool Playtime Kits

Pick up a kit with crafts and activities similar to the fun we usually have together at the library's Parent Toddler Workshop and Preschool Playtime! Kits will also come with links to online stories that you can enjoy with your child through some of our digital resources and extension activity ideas that you can enjoy at home.

Parent Toddler Time at Home
Children (12-35 months)
March registration and supply pickup begins March 12
April registration and supply pickup begins April 9

Preschool Playtime at Home
Children (3 years–Pre K)
March registration and supply pickup begins March 12
April registration and supply pickup begins April 9

Featured **Online Services** For Kids

Kanopy Kids

A diverse selection of educational and entertaining movies, TV series, animated storybooks, live action, and animated favorites.

BookFLIX

Classic video storybooks for children.

National Geographic Kids

Explore National Geographic videos, pictures, books, and magazines especially for kids.

OverDrive Kids

Download eBooks and audiobooks especially for children.

Sesame Street eBooks

Readalongs, audiobooks, animated books, and interactive tools.

TumbleBook Library

TumbleBook Library for grades K-6 includes animated talking picture books, read-along chapter books, graphic novels, non-fiction books, songs to sing-a-long to puzzle and games as well as books in Spanish and French.

Muzzy

Children can learn over seven different languages using video stories that feature animated characters.

SCHOOL-AGED CLASSES

Kindness Kids

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

“Pop-Up Spring Cards” (Zoom)

March 1 at 7:00 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration and Pickup begins February 22

This month pick up supplies to make a cheerful pop-up card and then join artist Chris on Zoom to learn how to create it. We will send the cards to residents of the local nursing home. *Children must return the pop-up cards by March 15 to receive their community service certificate.*

Earth Day“Tote Bags” (Facebook/YouTube)

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration and supply pickup begins April 14

Earn one hour of community service while bringing joy to others and having fun! Earth Day is celebrated on April 22 but should be observed every day. Children will create a tote bag that they can use for books, groceries, or school items. *Children will get their community service certificates after emailing a picture of their completed tote bag to the library at childrensdept@longwoodlibrary.org.*

Painted Parrot (Zoom)**Tuesday, March 9 at 6:00 OR 7:00 pm****Children (grades K-6)****Registration and supply pickup begins March 2**

Children will zoom in with art teacher Kim and learn how to draw and paint a colorful parrot. *Zoom information will be emailed to patrons after registration.*

Mosaic Butterfly (Zoom)**Friday, March 19 at 6:00 OR 7:00 pm****Children (grades K-6)****Registration and supply pickup begins March 12**

Join art teacher Doris on Zoom to create a beautiful butterfly using colorful mosaic pieces on canvas. *Zoom information will be emailed to patrons after registration.*

Brush Bots (Zoom)**Friday, March 26 at 7:00 pm****Children (grades 3-6)****Registration and supply pickup begins March 19**

Join Miss Danielle on Zoom and learn how to create a Brush Bot using a toothbrush motor and a marker. Then, watch as your little creation makes a unique art design! *Zoom information will be emailed to patrons after registration.*

Cartooning for Tweens (Zoom)**Monday, March 29 at 7:00 pm****Children (grades 3-6)****Registration begins March 19**

This workshop on Zoom with cartoonist Rick Stromoski focuses on drawing human expressions and animals. *Children must have several pieces of white paper and a drawing tool (pencil, markers, colored pencils) at home to participate in this program.*

Sculpey Clay Animals (Zoom)**Wednesday, March 31 at 7:00 pm****Children (grades 3-6)****Registration and supply pickup begins March 24**

Join artist Chris on Zoom and learn some techniques for creating 2-3 colorful animals with Sculpey Clay. *Zoom information will be emailed to patrons after registration.*

Discovery Pack "Aerospace"**Children (grades K-6)****Registration and pickup begins March 22**

This month discover how flight takes place in this kit all about airplanes and aerospace. Test the design and flight success of your paper airplanes by using the materials and activity challenge given in your Discovery Pack. *Please note that this kit is only for children in grades K-6; younger siblings can pick up a Family Storytime Kit.*

Watercolor Bunny Collage (Zoom)**Friday, April 9 at 6:00 OR 7:00 pm****Children (grades K-6)****Registration and pickup begins April 1**

Art teacher Kim will show children how to create a pretty watercolor background and then draw, cut, and collage an adorable bunny onto their painted flower garden. *Zoom information will be emailed to patrons after registration.*

Splat Ice Cream Sculpture (Zoom)**Friday, April 23 at 6:00 OR 7:00 pm****Children (grades K-6)****Registration and pickup begins April 16**

Children will join art teacher Doris on Zoom to create a funny clay sculpture that looks like spilled ice cream. *Zoom information will be emailed to patrons after registration.*

3D Printing @ Home (Facebook/YouTube)

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins Thursday, April 8

Children who register for this techy program will be emailed a video tutorial created by librarian Miss Danielle on how to use and create a simple 3D printed design using the Tinkercad software. Once completed, children can email their design by April 22 to Miss Danielle, who will print it and have it ready for pickup at the library. *Please note that using Tinkercad requires a grown-up to create an account for their child before they are able to use the website/software.*

All About the Author Donaldson (Facebook/YouTube)

Julia

Children (grades K- 2)

Registration and craft pickup begins March 2

Miss Kelli will tell children some fun facts about the author Julia Donaldson and read two of her books *The Gruffalo* and *What the Ladybug Heard Next*. Then, Miss Kelli will show children how to make two fun crafts based on the books. *Craft kits are limited to the first 24 registrants.*

Leo Lionni

Children (grades K- 2)

Registration and craft pickup begins April 1

Miss Kelli will share some fun facts about the author Leo Lionni and read two of his books *Frederick* and *Cornelius*. - Then, Miss Kelli will show children how to make two fun crafts based on the books. *Craft kits are limited to the first 24 registrants.*

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Curbside Crafts

Enjoy the fun of our library programs at home with our Curbside Crafts!

Children (grades k-6)

Each week we feature a new Curbside Craft that includes 1-3 themed crafts and a prerecorded video with one of your favorite librarians.

Registration is required to pick up a kit since supplies are limited. Drop by the Children’s Department after registering online or by phone to pick up a kit. You can also call the Children’s Department to schedule a Curbside Pickup appointment at (631) 924-6400 x236.

Awesome Owls

Week 31: Registration Wednesday, March 3 – Monday, March 8

Whoooo’s reading this week? It’s Miss Stacey! Listen as she reads an owl story and then shows you all the cool ceramic owls you can paint at home with supplies in your kit.

Spring Cleaning

Week 32: Registration Wednesday, March 10 – Monday, March 15

Have you ever had too many toys in your room that you had to do some spring cleaning? Pick up a surprise kit this week and help us to clean up some of our crafts from previous Curbside Craft Kits.

Lucky Charms

Week 33: Registration Wednesday, March 17 – Monday, March 22

Celebrate the fun of St. Patrick’s Day with our kit filled with rainbows, clovers, and a lucky charm!

Spring is Here

Week 34: Registration Wednesday, March 24 – Monday, March 29

Spring is finally here, and there are a lot of things blooming in this week’s kit filled with sand art pictures and a pretty spring wind chime for you to hang up and enjoy.

Backyard Birds

Week 35: Registration Wednesday, March 31 – Monday, April 5

Learn about some of the birds you can find in your backyard. Miss Rosemary will share a story and then show you a few of her favorite nests that she has collected. Then, create your own birdfeeder to put outside for the birds to enjoy.

Bunnies, Bunnies, Bunnies

Week 36: Registration Wednesday, April 7 – Monday, April 12

Hop around the house with Miss Christine as she reads *Everybunny Counts* by Ellie Sandall! Then you can create your own cute bunny ceramic bank and ornament to hang.

April Showers

Week 37: Registration Wednesday, April 14 – Monday, April 19

April showers bring May flowers and lots of crafts in your Curbside Craft Kit! Get ready for spring while getting creative and colorful.

Flower Fun

Week 38: Registration Wednesday, April 21 – Monday, April 26

Spring is blooming at the library and all around us! Make a colorful flower recipe holder and a flower suncatcher wind chime to cheer up your room or kitchen.

Earthday Everyday

Week 39: Registration Wednesday, April 28 – Monday, May 3

Earth Day is celebrated on April 22 but should be celebrated every day! Make a planter and start a vegetable plant with the materials provided in this week's kit.

April is National Poetry Month!

This month the children's librarians will share some of their favorite poems and poets with you through booklists and photos on the library's Facebook page and Instagram.

Celebrate National Library Week – April 4-10

“Welcome to Your Library”

National Library Week is a great time to celebrate the contributions of our libraries and librarians! This year the American Library Association's theme reflects the idea that libraries extend far beyond the four walls of a building. Here in the Children's Department we hope all of our families have had the chance to participate in our virtual programs, enjoy our take home craft kits for all ages, and explore all of our digital resources.

Kids Can Vote from 9 am–9 pm

It's Library Budget Vote Day!

On **Tuesday, April 6** 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 to win tickets to the Long Island Aquarium.

FAMILY PROGRAMS

Spring Fling Virtual Party (Zoom)

Tuesday, March 30 at 11:00 am

Families with children (2 years–grade 3)

Registration and supply pickup begins March 24

Let's get up and dance! Pick up a family kit filled with some fun dance props, and then join Miss Tiffany and Miss Lorraine on Zoom for some dancing, a scavenger hunt, games, and fun spring activities. *Zoom information will be emailed to patrons after registration.*

Happy Birds Live Parrot Presentation (Zoom)

Friday, April 16 at 7:00 pm

Families with children

Registration begins April 1

Families are invited to join Ed Cardoza of Happy Birds on Zoom for an engaging and educational show. Learn about parrots while being amazed as his live parrot performers do over 25 tricks! *Zoom information will be emailed to patrons after registration.*

Beautiful Bunnies (Facebook/YouTube)

Monday, April 19 at 11:00 am

Families with children (3 years–grade 1)

Registration begins April 1

Children will learn all about bunnies in this interactive science video with Michelle from Skoblicki's Scientists. Michelle will share with viewers some live bunny friends and how children can create a beautiful bunny craft with materials you have at home.

Stories with the Wonder Warrior (Zoom)

Wednesday, April 21 at 11:00 am

Families with children (3 years–grade 2)

Registration begins April 1

Children will love listening to a story and learning some superhero tips from the Wonder Warrior from Royal Princess Prep. *Zoom information will be emailed to patrons after registration.*

Crazy Milkshakes with Chef Rob (YouTube)

Thursday, March 18 at 6:30 pm

Families with children

Registration begins March 2

Watch this cooking tutorial by Chef Rob and learn how to make some *crazy* delicious milkshakes, including Mint White Chocolate, Salted Caramel Pretzel, Peanut Butter Brownie, Banana Cream Pie. *This video will be hosted on YouTube. Registrants will be emailed a link to view this video.*

Swirled Blueberry Crumb Cake Ice Cream with Chef Rob (YouTube)

Tuesday, April 20 at 6:30 pm

Families with children

Registration begins March 2

Has your family ever wanted to make ice cream? Watch this cooking tutorial by Chef Rob and learn how to make homemade ice cream with berries and crumb cake crumbles. *This video will be hosted on YouTube. Registrants will be emailed instructions on how to view this video upon registration.*

Take and Bake Family Kit (Facebook/YouTube)

Rainbow Surprise Cupcakes

Families with children

(2 years–grade 6)

Register and pickup beginning Monday, March 8

Take your family kit home and bake some cupcakes together! Miss Stacey will show you how to add a lucky rainbow surprise inside your cupcakes in her fun baking video. We will supply the cake mix, sprinkles, and cupcake liners. All you will need are the wet ingredients and an oven to bake your cupcakes in. *Please note each family will get one kit to do together, and it must be picked up by March 16, or it may be given to a patron on the waitlist. This program may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

Spring Bunny Hole Cake

Families with children (2 years–grade 6)

Register and pickup beginning Monday, April 26

Take your family kit home and learn with the Baking Coach how to create an adorable and silly spring cake with a bunny trying to escape into his burrow! Create this with a single layer 7-inch round cake with ingredients provided in the kit; all you need at home is butter, a cake mixer, and a sweet tooth! *Please note each family will get one kit to do together and it must be picked up by April 30 or it may be given to a patron on the waitlist. This program may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

TEEN PROGRAMS

Teen Services programs are open to teens entering grades 7-12 only.

You must have a valid LPL Young Adult card to register.

Gale Courses

SAT/ACT Prep Courses

Sessions beginning March 17 or April 14

Register online through Gale Courses

The library offers free online SAT/ACT Prep Courses through Gale Courses. SAT/ACT Prep Course Part 1 and Part 2 are six-week courses that will prepare you for specific question types on both exams and give you pointers in time management, anxiety relief, scoring, and general standardized test-taking. Go to longwoodlibrary.org/onlineclasses to access Gale Courses on the library website. In Gale Courses, search SAT/ACT Prep to enroll. Please check the course requirements before it begins, as you will need to purchase books and register in advance. Still have questions? Call the Teen Services Desk at **(631) 924-6400 x249** for assistance.

Dungeons & Dragons (Discord)

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

Dungeons & Dragons with the Quest Masters Guild

Friday, March 5 from 5:00-8:30 pm

Registration begins February 19

Friday, April 16 from 5:00-8:30 pm

Registration begins April 2

Friday, May 14 from 5:00-8:30 pm

Registration begins May 1

Join the Quest Masters Guild for a virtual round of Dungeons & Dragons on Discord.

Advanced Dungeons & Dragons with Ms. Sukhu

Saturday, March 13

from 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Registration begins March 1

Saturday, March 27

from 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Registration begins March 13

Saturday, April 10

from 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Registration begins March 27

Join Teen Services Librarian and Dungeon Master Ms. Sukhu for Dungeons & Dragons on **Discord**. These sessions are designed for players with prior playing experience. They will move at a faster pace as players should understand the basic rules.

Baking Coach Programs (YouTube)

Learn how to make a special treat with the Baking Coach at home!

Rainbow Donuts

Registration begins March 20

Brighten up your spring break by decorating some delicious rainbow donuts using ingredients provided by Baking Coach!

Pick up a kit from the library between Monday, March 29 and Tuesday, March 30. You must be registered to pick up a kit.

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

Buggy Cupcakes

Registration begins April 21

Decorate some springtime buggy cupcakes using ingredients provided by Baking Coach! *Pick up a kit from the library*

between Thursday, April 29 and Friday, April 30. You must be registered to pick up a kit. This program may not be

suitable for those with food allergies.

Build It, Eat It (Zoom)

Friday, March 19 from 5:45-6:45 pm

Registration begins March 5

Join Teen Services Librarian Mr. Tanski on Zoom for a series of edible architecture challenges using prepackaged snacks to recreate famous monuments. *Registrants can pick up the required materials from the library prior to the program.*

Magic & Mayhem (Zoom)

Friday, March 26 from 5:45-6:45 pm

Registration begins March 12

Are you eager to learn a few magic tricks to fool your friends and family just in time for April Fools' Day? Join teen librarians for an hour of card tricks, shenanigans, and fun. *Registrants can pick up the required materials from the library prior to the program.*

Virtual Games & Goodies (Zoom)

Friday, April 2 from 5:45-6:45 pm OR

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

Registration begins March 19

Join the Teen Services Librarians for a night of fun playing Jackbox games on Zoom! *Registrants can pick up a goodie bag filled with snacks prior to the program. The snacks provided may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

Teen Take & Make crafts (YouTube)

Grow-gu Planter

Register and make an appointment to pick up the materials any time between April 1 and April 8 while supplies last.

Get all the supplies you need to make a Star Wars inspired planter. Then, watch an instructional video made by our Teen Services Librarians and make the craft on your own time!

Bookstormers (Google Meet)

Book Club for 7th & 8th Graders

READ UP A STORM!

Join librarians from both the LPL and LJH as we discuss:

MARCH – *Framed!*

by James Ponti

Thursday, March 25 from 2:45-4:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Seventh-grader Florian Bates uses a technique he calls T.O.A.S.T. (Theory of all Small Things) to notice details most people don't. After moving to Washington D.C., Florian starts to teach his neighbor and new best friend, Margaret, T.O.A.S.T. What starts off as a game quickly turns serious, as the FBI recruits Florian and Margaret to help them solve a mystery involving a dangerous crime syndicate and one of the greatest art heists in history.

April – *The Crossover*

by Kwame Alexander

Thursday, April 29 from 2:45-4:00 pm

Registration begins March 25

Twins Jordan and Josh Bell are stars on the junior high basketball court, and inseparable off the court – until Jordan starts dating the new girl at school. Now, for the first time, the brothers are drifting apart, just as Josh discovers a devastating secret about their father and his own basketball career. Jordan and Josh slam-dunk their way through this novel in verse as they explore family, hip-hop, growing up, and brotherhood.

Register and pick up a copy of the book in the Teen Services Department of the Longwood Public Library. This program will take place in the library at the Longwood Junior High School and on Google Meet. A late bus will be provided at 4 pm for participants who attend in person, but you must be registered to attend.

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

Teen Title Talk Book Club for 9-12 Graders (Zoom)

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

Registration ongoing

Join the Teen Services Librarians for a brand new book discussion on Zoom especially for teens in grades 9-12! Every two months, we'll discuss a new title and work together to write a letter to the author. This month, we will read:

Truly Devious

by Maureen Johnson

True-crime aficionado Stevie Bell is set to begin her first year at Ellingham Academy with an ambitious plan: to solve one of the greatest cold cases in American history, the kidnapping of Albert Ellingham's wife and daughter. The only real clue was a mocking riddle signed with the frightening pseudonym "Truly, Devious." Sharp and funny Stevie finds herself unraveling two mysteries – one from the past and one from the present – when death revisits the academy and Truly Devious makes a chilling return.

Attendees who read the book and participate in writing a letter to the author at the program will receive 3 hours of community service.

Authors Unlimited Online (Zoom)

Saturday, April 17 from 10:00 am-1:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Authors Unlimited 2021 will take place on Saturday, April 17 online through Zoom! It's a free program that celebrates reading by connecting teens and authors. Attendees will get the chance to meet dynamic authors of young adult literature first at an author panel and then in smaller breakout sessions afterward. Earn three hours of community service credit for attending and filling out a survey at the end of the day.

For registration information and a schedule of the day please visit authorsunlimited.org.

FREE ONLINE TUTORING

HOURS: 10 AM-11 PM Every Day!

- Get help with homework
- Submit a question
- Interact with a live tutor
- Form online study groups
- Practice standardized tests online
- Send your paper to the Writing Lab
- Access free lessons and resources
- Create your own flashcards

Go to longwoodlibrary.org and click Homework Help to get started!

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.

*In order to receive community service credit when attending a program on Zoom, your camera must be turned on and facing you for the entire length of the program. The librarian must be able to see you working independently on the project.

Book Review

We are looking for teens to read a newly published teen novel and write a brief review! To become a teen reviewer, stop by True North to pick up a community service book review packet and a book from our "New Fiction" section that has been published in the current or immediately preceding year. Then, draft a review based on our teen reviewer guidelines. You can select books at any time throughout the year!

Certificates for 3 hours of community service for each submitted review that meets our Teen Book Review Requirements

*Operation Gratitude Bracelets (Zoom)

Wednesday, March 3 from 5:45-6:45 pm OR

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

Registration ongoing

Wednesday, May 5 from 5:45-6:45 pm OR

Wednesday, May 5 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins April 21

Limited to 1 session per person per month

Design paracord bracelets that will be sent to soldiers through Operation Gratitude! Registrants can pick up the required materials from the library prior to the program.

A certificate for 1 hour of community service will only be awarded after the completed project is returned to the library.

*Craft Kits for Donation (Zoom)

Tuesday, March 9 from 7:00-8:00 pm OR

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

Registration is ongoing

Tuesday, April 13 from 7:00-8:00 pm OR

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

Registration begins March 30

Tuesday, May 11 from 7:00-8:00 pm OR

Thursday, May 13 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins April 27

Limited to 1 session per person per month

Prepare simple crafts that will be donated to service agencies in our community! Registrants can pick up the required materials from the library prior to the program.

A certificate for 1 hour of community service will only be awarded after the completed project is returned to the library.

*Placemats for Meal Services (Zoom)

Monday, March 15 from 7:00-8:00 pm OR

Tuesday, March 16 from 7:00-8:00

Registration begins March 1

Monday, April 19 from 7:00-8:00 pm OR

Wednesday, April 21 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins April 5

Limited to 1 session per person per month

Weave paper placemats that will be donated to meal services organizations to distribute with their meals! Registrants can pick up the required materials from the library prior to the program.

A certificate for 1 hour of community service will only be awarded after the completed project is returned to the library.

Curbside Community Service

Earn community service by working on some of our popular projects for donation such as, Craft Kits, Thank You Notes for Essential Workers, and Cat Toys. Pick up a kit with all the supplies you need from the library. You will have one week to complete 1 hour of service and return the kit. Certificates for community service will be emailed after completed projects that meet our guidelines are returned to the library. You can complete a maximum of 2 kits per month. You must wait until you have received your community service certificate for the returned kit before reserving another one.

*Gift Bags for Our Troops (Zoom)

Monday, March 22 from 7:00-8:00 pm OR

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

Registration begins March 8

Monday, April 26 from 7:00-8:00 pm OR

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

Registration begins April 12

Limited to 1 session per person per month

Decorate a drawstring sack with appliques and fabric paint that will be stuffed with goodies and mailed to troops serving overseas. Registrants can pick up the required materials from the library prior to the program.

A certificate for 1 hour of community service will only be awarded after the completed project is returned to the library.

*Dog Toys for Donation (Zoom)

Wednesday, April 7 from 5:45-6:45 pm OR

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

Registration begins March 24

Limit 1 session per LPL cardholder

Design rope toys that will be donated to our local animal shelter. Registrants can pick up the required materials from the library prior to the program.

A certificate for 1 hour of community service will only be awarded after the completed project is returned to the library.

ADULT CLASSES

Programs with these icons will be presented as a Zoom meeting. You can attend this program online or via telephone. The URL and phone number for the "meeting" will be emailed to all registrants before the program. This program will be shown on the library's Facebook page. Be sure to refresh the Facebook page to see the program. If you don't have Facebook, you can watch this program and more on our YouTube channel.

Celebrate Women's History

New-York Historical Society Presents:

A New Light on Tiffany (Zoom)

Monday, March 8 from 2:00-3:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Explore the New-York Historical Society's collection of Tiffany lamps – one of the world's largest and most encyclopedic during this interactive virtual presentation. View masterpieces of this elegant American art form, and hear the personal stories of head designer Clara Driscoll and her team of self-titled "Tiffany Girls," women working in the arts whose contributions were nearly forgotten by history.

Women March (Zoom)

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

Registration ongoing

Discover 200 years of women's activism and celebrate women's suffrage and the 19th Amendment with exhibition highlights from *Women March*. Curators from the Center for Women's History will use photographs, campaign posters, and historic footage to share the stories of women who organized and marched to end slavery, win the vote, and protect reproductive rights, among other crucial causes.

The History of Ireland Through Song (Zoom)

Monday, March 15 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Join Kevin Westley for an evening of Irish music and its history. Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Schitt's Creek Trivia Night (Zoom)

Monday, March 22 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Think you know everything about the Rose family? Join us for a fun-filled night celebrating and testing your knowledge of the hit show, *Schitt's Creek*!

Virtual Coffee with a Cop (Zoom)

Tuesday, March 23 from 11:00-12:00 pm and

Monday, April 19 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Join our neighboring communities of Middle Country, Port Jefferson, and Comsewogue Libraries as we come together for a virtual session of Coffee with a Cop. Feel free to bring your questions, concerns, or just have a conversation with a local law enforcement officer.

Walk Safe LI (Facebook/YouTube)

Monday, March 29 from 2:00-3:00 pm

No registration required

Join the executive director of the New York Coalition for Transportation Safety for an eye-opening prerecorded workshop about NYS traffic and pedestrian safety laws meant to protect you on LI's roadways. This program is brought to you by the New York Coalition for Transportation Safety in partnership with the Long Island Health Collaborative and Walk Safe LI education campaign.

The Art of Photographing People (Zoom)

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

Registration ongoing

Photographer Frank T. Smith will discuss how he has successfully photographed people throughout his career. He is an artist, educator, and mentor who has traveled the globe capturing people, cultures, landscapes, and architecture.

Making of the Dick Van Dyke Show (Zoom)

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

Registration ongoing

Learn the backstory of the award-winning Dick Van Dyke Show and its Long Island connections.

Writing Workshop: Spring Edition (Zoom)

Mondays, April 19, 26, May 3 and May 10 from 2:00-4:00 pm

Registration begins March 1

Limit 1 registration per LPL Cardholder

Join Anne Kelly-Edmunds for this supportive writing workshop. All levels and genres are welcome!

Out of Rushmore's Shadow The Luigi Del Bianco Story (Zoom)

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

Registration ongoing

In this special theatrical performance, storyteller Lou Del Bianco portrays his grandfather, Luigi Del Bianco, and talks about his unsung contribution as chief carver on our nation's greatest memorial, Mount Rushmore. Mr. Del Bianco's book will be raffled off to attendees.

The RMS Titanic: Her Final Days (Zoom)

Wednesday, April 28 from 7:30-8:30 pm

Registration ongoing

Join Eco-Photo Explorers as they discuss the tragic history of the RMS Titanic and the exciting search for her remains. Learn about the technology used to find the wreck and the current controversy over the recovery of artifacts from this site.

All the Presidents Gardens (Zoom)

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

Registration ongoing

Join garden coach Jessica Damiano for a fascinating and inspiring historical tour of the White House gardens from the founding of our nation to the present day.

The Monkees (Zoom)

Monday, May 3 from 6:30-8:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Join us for a multimedia presentation as we learn how the Monkees went from an imaginary band on a television series to one of the most successful acts of the sixties.

Video Vacations with the Savvy Sightseer (Facebook/YouTube)

Ireland

Wednesday, March 17 from 2:00-2:30 pm

No registration required

Visit a site that even frequent visitors to Ireland are not familiar with. Then, take a tour through Dublin before branching out for the midlands, and stop off at the Savvy Sightseer's absolute favorite tiny town before finishing with the incredible views along the Atlantic seaboard.

Iceland

Wednesday, March 24 from 2:00-2:30 pm

No registration required

See majestic falls, geothermal pools, black sand beaches, spectacular volcanoes, and impressive geological features – including the fissure where the European and North American tectonic plates meet! Game of Thrones and Star Wars fans may see some familiar scenes too!

Austria

Wednesday, March 31 from 2:00-2:30 pm

No registration required

Journey through Austria's hidden gems such as Innsbruck and inside Swarovski Crystal's Chambers of Wonder.

London

Wednesday, April 7 from 2:00-2:30 pm

No registration required

Discover the beauty of the venerable Westminster Abbey and Big Ben. Journey through Winston Churchill's secret bunker and the newly opened Galleries of Westminster.

Everyone Loves a Story (Zoom)

Registration ongoing

Nine Stories by J.D. Salinger

Wednesday March 24 from 6:00-7:30 pm

Registration ongoing

Join librarians Denise Wolf and Carl Welch for a live short story reading selected from J.D. Salinger's collection *Nine Stories*.

Better Than Fiction: True Travel Tales From Great Fiction Writers

Wednesday, April 28 from 6:00-7:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Join librarians Denise Wolf and Carlton Welch for a selection of readings from *Better than Fiction: True Travel Tales from Great Fiction Writers*.

Talkin' Movies & Film Discussion (Zoom)

Registration ongoing

Join Adult Reference librarian Carlton Welch on Zoom for a discussion of some of the entertainment available from the library. Patrons are encouraged to watch the films before attending the discussion sessions and will have an opportunity to share what they have been watching and hopefully learn about other media they can watch in the future.

Ondine

Wednesday, March 17 from 6:00-7:00 pm

Available on Kanopy, Hoopla, and DVD

Set amidst the lush beauty of Ireland, *Ondine* tells the story of Syracuse, a simple fisherman who catches a mysterious woman (*Ondine*) in one of his nets. With the help of his daughter, Syracuse comes to believe that the fantastical might be possible and that *Ondine* might actually be a myth come true.

Trashed

Wednesday, April 21 from 6:00-7:00 pm

Available on Kanopy, Hoopla, and DVD

Award-winning actor, Jeremy Irons, sets out to discover the extent and effects of the global waste problem as he travels around the world to beautiful destinations tainted by pollution. Iron's showcases the individuals, activists, and advocacy groups that are working to change and reform the current model.

Online Book Discussions

Daytime Book Discussion (Zoom)

Camino Island by John Grisham

Thursday, March 18 at 3:00 pm

Registration ongoing

After being laid off from her teaching position, Mercer Mann is approached by a mysterious woman with a generous offer to go undercover and infiltrate bookstore owner Bruce Cable's life to learn his secrets.

This title is available in both eBook and Audiobook formats on Overdrive. You may also pick up a hard copy at the library beginning February 1.

Nighttime Book Discussion (Zoom)

Lincoln in the Bardo

by George Saunders

Tuesday March 23

from 6:00-7:00 pm

Registration ongoing

This book traces a night of solitary mourning and reflection as experienced by the sixteenth president after the death of his eleven-year-old son at the dawn of the Civil War.

This title is available to download for free in eBook and audio format on Overdrive. You may also pick up a copy at the library beginning February 23.

Titles & Treats (Zoom)

Tuesdays, March 23 and April 20 from 2:30-3:30 pm

Registration is 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.

Book Talk (Zoom)

The Summer House by James Patterson and Brendan DuBois

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

Registration ongoing

Investigating four Army Rangers who have been implicated in the destruction of a luxurious summer lake resort, Army Major and former NYPD cop Jeremiah Cook is stonewalled by local law enforcement and dangerous secrets.

This title is available to download for free in both audio and eBook format from Overdrive. You can pick up a physical copy from the library starting February 4.

Walk the Wire by David Baldacci

Wednesday, April 12 from 2:00-3:00 pm

Registration ongoing

The best-selling author of *The Fix* presents a highly charged thriller in which fan-favorite character Amos Decker embarks on an action-packed investigation that is complicated by Baldacci's signature twists and turns.

This title is available to download for free in both audio and eBook format from Overdrive. You can pick up a physical copy from the library beginning March 10.

Local History (Zoom)

Hey, Long Island, What's Up with That?

Friday, March 19 at 7:00 pm

Registration ongoing

The Savvy Sightseer will provide a closer look at some Long Island roadside attractions from the Nassau-Queens border to Montauk Point.

Espionage and Enslavement in the Revolution

Thursday, April 8 at 7:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Join author Claire Bellerjeau for a talk about her new book, *Espionage and Enslavement in the Revolution: The True Story of Robert Townsend and Elizabeth*. In January 1785, a young African American woman named Elizabeth was put on board the *Lucretia* in New York Harbor, bound for Charleston, where she would be sold to her fifth master in just twenty-two years. Leaving behind a small child she had little hope of ever seeing again, Elizabeth was faced with the stark reality of being sold south to a life quite different from any she had known before. She had no idea that Robert Townsend, a son of the family she was enslaved by, would locate her, safeguard her child, and return her to New York—nor how her story would help turn one of America's first spies into an abolitionist

Arts & Crafts

A Knitting Circle of Friends (Zoom)

Thursday, March 25 from 11:00 am-12:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Calling all fiber friends! Join us for a virtual knitters' group facilitated by fiber artist Aimee Saccio, who will help with questions you may have and offer unique patterns for you to try. Bring any project you are working on and take this opportunity to meet other knitters in our area. Attend one or both sessions; all levels are welcome.

Mason Jar Wood Box Centerpiece (Zoom)

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

Nonrefundable material fee \$10

Cash (exact change) or credit card (can pay online)

Registration begins March 1**1 registration per LPL Household**

Paint and create a custom wood box with mason jars. Your kit will include everything you need to complete this project.

We will supply the wood box, paint, brushes, jars, custom stencils, fairy lights, and instruction!

Can't attend the Zoom meeting on April 1?

No worries! A prerecorded video will be available to all registrants.

Kits will be available for pickup at the library beginning on Saturday, March 27 and no later than Wednesday, March 31. A librarian will call each registrant on Friday, March 26 to set up a Curbside Pickup.

Dried Flower Wall Hanging Bouquets (Zoom)

Thursday, May 6 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Nonrefundable material fee \$10

Cash (exact change) or credit card (can pay online)

Registration begins March 29**1 registration per LPL Cardholder**

Join artist Diana Conklin and create this adorable wall hanging using home grown and hand colored dried flowers from Diana's garden. Make eight small bunches and wrap them in natural craft paper tied off with raffia and attached to a natural hemp cord. It can be made to hang horizontally or vertically. For indoor use only.

Kits will be available for pickup at the library beginning on Saturday, May 1 and no later than Wednesday, May 5. A librarian will call each registrant on Friday, April 30 to schedule a Curbside Pickup.

Virtual Coloring Experience (Zoom)

Friday, March 26 and April 23 from 6:00-7:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Let's gather virtually for an evening of relaxing music and coloring on Zoom.

Crafty Wednesdays (Facebook/YouTube)

Wednesdays from 10:00-10:30 am

Join Adult Services librarians Denise or Elma as they show you step-by-step how to create some wonderful crafts. Crafty Wednesdays will premiere on the library's Facebook page on Wednesdays at 10 am. If you don't have Facebook or miss the premiere don't worry, you can watch Crafty Wednesdays on our YouTube channel.

DIY Polymer Clay Stud Earrings

Wednesday, March 10

Spring Vase Using Gloss Enamel Paint

Wednesday, March 24

DIY Terracotta Pot Paint Pour

Wednesday, April 28

Crafty Wednesday Take & Make:**Needle Felting Kit "Woodland Owl"**

Wednesday, April 14

Nonrefundable material fee \$10

Cash (exact change) or credit card (can pay online) due upon registration

Registration begins February 26

Denise will demonstrate the art of needle felting by showing you how to create a felted Woodland Owl. Registrants will receive a kit, link and, QR code for the how-to video.

A staff member will call all registrants on Tuesday, April 13 to schedule a Curbside Pickup appointment.

Please do not cancel your registration as this program is non-refundable. Contact the Adult Reference Desk with any questions at (631) 924-6400 x250. If you are not able to register for a kit you can still watch the video on our Facebook page.

Cooking with Chef Rob (Facebook)

No registration required

These cooking classes will premiere on the library's Facebook page.

Be sure to refresh the Facebook page to see the program.

Chicken Schnitzel

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

Traditional Irish Soda Bread

Tuesday, March 9 from 2:00-2:30 pm

Irish Lamb Stew

Tuesday, March 16 from 2:00-2:30 pm

Cajun Chicken Penne Pasta

Tuesday, March 23 from 2:00-2:30 pm

Spring Asparagus Tart

Tuesday, April 6 from 2:00-2:30 pm

Stuffed Salmon

Tuesday, April 13 from 2:00-2:30 pm

Restaurant Style Tuscan Chicken

Tuesday, April 20 from 2:00-2:30 pm

Spring Lemon Blueberry Scones

Tuesday, April 27 from 2:00-2:30 pm

Baking Coach Grab & Go Kits (YouTube)

Irish Soda Bread Kit

Monday, March 15

Registration begins March 1

1 registration per LPL household

Make a large loaf of Irish Soda Bread from scratch! Each kit will contain the non-perishable ingredients for the Irish Soda Bread, (also emergency chocolate chips if you don't like caraway seeds and raisins!), a recipe card and a YouTube link so you can make this recipe along with the Baking Coach.

A staff member will call all registrants beginning March 12 to make a Curbside Pickup appointment. Kits must be picked up by Wednesday, March 17 or your kit may be given to those on the waitlist. Due to anticipated high demand, only one kit per household. Additional ingredients are necessary to make this item; please contact the Adult Reference Desk for details at (631) 924-6400 x252.

Tea Time Kit

Monday, April 19

Registration begins March 9

1 registration per LPL household

Let's talk Tea Time! Learn how to make three different kinds of tea sandwiches: avocado, cucumber dill and cranberry chicken salad. The Baking Coach will demonstrate how to make scones and clotted cream. Each kit will contain the non-perishable ingredients for the scones only, a recipe card and a YouTube link so you can make this recipe along with the Baking Coach.

A staff member will call all registrants on Wednesday, April 14 to schedule Curbside Pickup appointments. Kits must be picked up by Monday, April 19 or your kit may be given to those on the waitlist. Due to anticipated high demand, only one

kit per household. Additional ingredients are necessary to make this item; please contact the Adult Reference Desk for details at (631) 924-6400 x252.

Genealogy (Zoom)

Where Can I Find My Family Records?

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

Registration ongoing

This presentation will show you where and how to access family records. Discussion includes example of records found in archives and on various genealogy websites. Suggestions on how to organize your findings and ways to link with other researchers will also be discussed.

Making Your Ancestors Come Alive

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

Registration ongoing

This presentation will show you how to add spice to your ancestor's story by researching court records. We will reexamine questions asked on ship's manifests and also analyze information gathered in the U.S. census. You will see how comparison tables can help you decipher the correct ancestor and how creating timelines can make ancestors come alive.

Health & Fitness

The Life Changing Power of Meditation

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

Registration ongoing

Meditation can have physical, psychological, and spiritual benefits. Join long-time meditator John Bednarik, to learn a simple meditation technique.

Tai Chi

Wednesdays, March 24, 31, April 7 and 14

from 11:00 am-12:00 pm

Registration begins March 1

1 registration per LPL Cardholder

Hiroko and Gerard Senese invite you to learn Tai Chi in this four-week series to reduce stress and energize your mind, body, and spirit.

Aromatherapy in the Garden

Wednesday, April 21 from 7:30-8:30 pm

Registration begins on March 20

1 registration per LPL Cardholder

Tara Penske, Certified Aromatherapist, will demonstrate how to make a Gardner's Hand Scrub with Basil and Rosemary and a lotion with essential oils to use after gardening. There will be time to share tips and stories about gardening, plants, and the healing benefits of both.

Nature & Environment (Zoom)

Pollinator Gardening 101

Saturday, March 13 from 11:00 am-12:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Join Group for the East End's outreach and education manager, Taralynn Reynolds, to learn the basics of a wildlife-friendly garden design.

Songbirds of Long Island

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

Registration ongoing

Springtime is songbird time! Join us as Dianne Taggart, a long-time birder, as she shares photos and interesting facts about which songbirds are found here on Long Island.

Quogue Wildlife Refuge Presents

“A Virtual Guided Woodland Hike”

Thursday, April 15 from 6:30-7:30 pm

Registration begins March 1

Join Quogue Wildlife Refuge on a virtual hike through habitats including the Pine Barrens, a field, a pond, and a bog. Topics include local flora and fauna, fire ecology, forest layers, decomposition, succession, and habitat protection.

The Magic of Compost

Thursday, April 22 from 2:00-3:00 pm

Registration ongoing

This workshop will discuss four different composting methods. They include outside and indoor composting, aerobic and anaerobic techniques, worm, and lasagna approaches.

Long Island Cares Mobile Food Pantry

Wednesday, April 21 from 12:30-1:30 pm

No registration required

Long Island Cares Mobile Food Pantry will be in our parking lot to distribute FREE bags with a three-day supply of food for you and your family while supplies last. In the case of inclement weather, please call the Adult Reference Desk at **(631) 924-6400 x250** before coming.

Stony Brook Medicine Healthy Libraries (Zoom)

Healthy One-on-One Appointments

Tuesdays, March 9 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm and 1:00-4:00 pm

Tuesdays, March 2, 16, 23 and 30 from

10:00 am-12:00 pm, 1:00-2:00 pm, 3:00-4:00 pm

Please contact Stony Brook Medicine at

healthy_libraries_program stonybrookmedicine.edu

or call (631) 216-8220 to schedule a virtual appointment.

Students in public health, nursing, or social work will assist you to find helpful community resources, locate reliable health and housing information, listen to what concerns you have, and fill out paperwork for social services.

Healthy Hour

Tuesdays in March from 12:00-1:00 pm

Meet virtually with representatives from Stony Brook Medicine's Healthy Libraries Program to ask your COVID-19 related questions. The program will include a 15-minute update on COVID-19 followed by 45 minutes of questions and answers.

Grieving During a Pandemic

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

Meet virtually with representatives from Stony Brook Medicine's Healthy Libraries Program to discuss grieving during COVID-19.

Working from Home and the Importance of Sleep

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

Meet virtually with representatives from Stony Brook Medicine's Healthy Libraries Program to discuss tips to maintain good health while working from home and the importance of sleep.

Mental Health and Resources in Suffolk County

Tuesday, March 23 from 2:00-3:00 pm

Meet virtually with representatives from Stony Brook Medicine's Healthy Libraries Program to discuss mental health and local resources in Suffolk County.

What to Do When Diagnosed with COVID-19

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

Meet virtually with representatives from Stony Brook Medicine's Healthy Libraries Program to discuss what to do if you are diagnosed with COVID-19.

How Sustainable Eating Can Be Fun and Healthy

Wednesday, April 28 from 1:00-2:00 pm

Meet virtually with representatives from Stony Brook Medicine's Healthy Libraries to learn how eating locally benefits the community, environment, and your health.

Dietetic Interns

Sugars: Latest Findings on Artificial Sweeteners

Wednesday, March 24 from 1:00-2:00 pm

Meet virtually with representatives from Stony Brook Medicine's Healthy Libraries Program to learn the difference between sugar and artificial sweeteners, the effects of each one on our health, and how we can substitute for healthier alternatives.

Noticias con Elma Lugo (Zoom)

LITERACY & MULTICULTURAL SERVICES LIBRARIAN

ESOL Conversation

Tuesdays, March 9-April 20 from 6:30-7:30 pm

Registration ongoing

This ESOL conversation class is open to adult English learners who would like to improve their spoken English. Students must speak English and be willing to participate in conversations and reading. *No class on March 23 or 30.*

Beginner English

Fridays, March 12-April 23 from 4:00-5:00 pm

Registration ongoing

This class is designed for beginners just learning how to speak English. *No class on April 2.*

Inglés para principiantes

Viernes, 12 de marzo-23 de abril de 4:00 a 5:00 pm

el registro está en curso

Esta clase está diseñada para hablantes no nativos del idioma inglés; es para principiantes que recién están aprendiendo a hablar inglés. *No habrá clase el 2 de abril.*

Free Technology Classes

Registration is ongoing. Out-of-district patrons can register a week before the program date unless otherwise noted.

You can attend programs presented as a **Zoom** meeting online or via telephone. The URL and phone number for the "meeting" will be emailed to all registrants before the program.

You can attend programs presented on the library's **Facebook page**. Be sure to refresh the Facebook page to see the program. If you don't have Facebook, you can watch this program and more on our **YouTube channel**.

**Apple Mail Organization (Facebook/YouTube)
(iPhone/iPad Basics)**

Wednesday, March 10 from 2:00 pm-2:15 pm

No registration required

In this prerecorded class, learn how to organize your email with the Apple Mail app for iOS devices.

Craigslist 101 (Zoom)

Tuesday, March 16 from 2:30-3:30 pm

Looking for a job, an apartment, or someone to buy your old sofa? Craigslist can help! Learn how to use this free online classifieds tool to buy and sell goods, apply for jobs, and much more.

Streaming 101: Cable TV Alternatives (Zoom)

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

Roku, Amazon Firestick, Chromecast, Apple TV: there are more options than ever for watching television! In this lecture, we'll guide you through different streaming programs and services so you can make the best choice.

Downloading eBooks (Zoom)

Tuesday, April 6 from 2:30-3:30 pm

Learn how to download eBooks and digital audiobooks from our eBook libraries, OverDrive and Hoopla !

Gmail Organization for Android (Facebook/YouTube)

Wednesday, April 14 from 2:00 pm-2:15 pm

No registration required

In this prerecorded video you will learn how to organize your email with the Gmail app for Android devices.

Intro to Google Apps for Your Computer (Zoom)

Saturday, March 6 from 2:30-4:00 pm

Prerequisite: Basic computer knowledge

Students will learn how to create a Google account in this virtual class and learn how to use Google applications; Calendar, Maps, and Google Drive. Bring your questions.

Introduction to Google Docs and Sheets (Zoom)

Saturday, April 3 from 2:30-4:00 pm

Prerequisite: Basic computer knowledge

In this virtual class, learn the basics of using Google's free online programs Docs and Sheets. You'll learn how to create new files, save and rename your files, learn the basics of entering data, and how to share and collaborate on files.

One-on-One Appointments

Ask a Librarian

Registration ongoing for LPL Cardholders

Email askus@longwoodlibrary.org to schedule a 30-minute appointment

Need one-on-one personal reference assistance? A librarian can help you download an eBook, navigate technology basics, help you set up an email account, begin an online job search, coach you on how to start searching for an ancestor, and provide an in-depth demonstration of how to use the library's databases. Sessions will be tailored to meet your needs, so let us know if you need help with something else!

Ask a Librarian will be held via Zoom. The URL for the "meeting" will be emailed to you once an appointment is scheduled.

Ask an Archivist

Registration ongoing

Call (631) 924-6400 x246 to schedule an appointment

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.

Career Coaching

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays from 10:00 am-2:00 pm

Registration ongoing for LPL Cardholders

Email askus@longwoodlibrary.org to schedule an appointment

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. If you are not available during the scheduled times, but still wish to have an appointment, please let us know. This appointment will be facilitated through Zoom either online or via telephone if you prefer.

Citizenship Classes

Registration ongoing

Email askus@longwoodlibrary.org to schedule an appointment

These virtual, one-on-one, by appointment session(s) designed to prepare you with the skills you need to pass the citizenship test. An ability to read, write and communicate in Basic English is required unless you qualify for the Language Waiver. You will also learn what to expect at each step of the naturalization process.

HICAP Medicare/Medicaid Assistance

Registration ongoing

Email askus@longwoodlibrary.org to schedule an appointment

This free, confidential counseling service is available to assist you with your entitlement benefits. This appointment will be facilitated through email or telephone.

SCORE

Business Mentoring

Email askus@longwoodlibrary.org to schedule an appointment for Mondays, Wednesdays or Thursdays

SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives) has partnered with the Longwood Public Library to provide our patrons with free business mentoring.

Social Work Intern

Thursdays 1:00-8:00 pm

Contact the Adult Reference Desk at (631) 924-6400 x250 or email askus@longwoodlibrary.org to schedule a virtual or phone appointment

LPL is hosting a social work intern from Stony Brook University. Christine is available to help patrons access available resources and to provide other needed assistance.

Social Work Intern Support Group (Zoom)

Thursdays, March 11-April 29 from 2:00-3:00 pm

Registration ongoing

These have been challenging times. Join the social work intern to socialize with new friends and discuss what is on your mind. Learn new techniques to keep you engaged and looking forward to a pleasant future. Attend as many sessions as you wish.

Remember to Vote, Tuesday, April 6, 2021 – 8:00 am-9:00 pm

2021-2022 Annual Budget Vote & Trustee Election

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In June we returned to the building and rolled out Curbside Service. This again required rethinking our service model, from figuring out how to quarantine returned library items to creating new ways for staff to safely work in the building. In July, our plans evolved again as we reopened the building in the current Limited Services model: we offer Browse & Borrow, one-hour computer use, faxing, scanning, photocopying, and of course we are here to answer your questions. We continue to offer Curbside Service for those who prefer it, expanding to include Curbside Crafts and Curbside Community Service for teens and children. As the situation changes, we continue to monitor local and state health department guidance as we make plans for a "post-COVID" LPL. What will it look like? We are not exactly sure, but we know that expanded virtual services are definitely a part of our future, even as we eagerly look forward to re-introducing traditional in-person services.

Last year, the Library Board of Trustees announced that there would be no budget increase in the current year. As a result, 2020-2021 library taxes for residents were not only level, but in fact actually decreased due to the overall valuation of the district.

This year, the Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that the small proposed increase is well below the state tax cap. The anticipated increase to the average household is \$6.06 per year (approximately 50 cents per month). 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 24 at 7:00 pm. Due to COVID-19, this meeting may be held virtually; details will be posted on the library website and the library bulletin board in advance. Completed petitions for library trustee are due by 5:00 pm on Monday, March 8, and information about trustee candidates will be available in the library and on our website shortly thereafter. There is one seat on the Board of Trustees that is up for election.

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.

A Few Statistics from 2020

- Despite the pandemic, almost 263,000 physical items were checked out or renewed; almost 170,000 eBooks, movies, music and audiobooks were streamed or downloaded (a 29% increase!)
- Librarians answered more than 29,000 reference questions, in person, over the phone, via email or through chat
- Library staff filled 2,658 curbside orders
- Enhancements to our accessible and mobile-friendly website include the new Children's Kit gallery. Borrow flashcards, Leapfrogs, Hot Dot sets and many other educational kits for children!
- Library staff planned and produced 806 virtual programs with a whopping 57,971 attendees or viewers! Check out our YouTube channel to see many of these programs on demand.

What are we planning for the coming year?

- Completing the necessary steps to achieve Sustainable Library Certification
- Continuing to expand our useful and popular Equipment & Gadgets collection
- Partnering with the Longwood Central School District to be sure every student in the district has a library card
- Adding new backyard features for children and families, thanks to a 2020 grant from Assemblyman DeStefano
- Transforming our computer lab into a Makerspace
- Developing a strategic plan for 2021-2025

Please Vote

We will hold our Annual Budget Vote and Trustee Election on Tuesday, April 6, from 8:00 am to 9:00 pm at the library. The Library Board of Trustees is committed to continuing to offer excellent library service while keeping the budget below the state-mandated tax cap. We thank you for your support throughout the year, and ask you to come in and vote on April 6.

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
- You have voted in any general, school or other election in the last four years

VOTER REGISTRATION

Registration is available every school day through March 25 at the Longwood Central Office, 21 Everett Drive, Yaphank

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Mailed applications must be completed and received by the District Clerk on or before Tuesday, March 30, 2021. (Applications are available at the library.)

Longwood Public Library Proposed Budget 2021-2022

	Current Budget 2020-2021	Proposed Budget 2021-2022
Materials & Supplies	\$879,500	\$902,000
Items for library collections		
Library programs		
Office & custodial supplies		
Professional & Consulting Services	\$113,500	\$115,000
Legal, treasurer, auditor		
Library Operations	\$285,000	\$286,000
Software		
Printing & postage		
Service contracts		
Training		
Building Operations	\$345,950	\$350,950
Utilities		
Insurance		
Building & property maintenance		
Equipment	\$75,000	\$75,000
Furniture		
Computer hardware		
Fixed Employee Benefits	\$1,407,249	\$1,471,919
NYS Retirement		
Health insurance		
Workers compensation		
Unemployment & disability		
Salaries	\$3,778,450	\$3,854,249
Bond Payment	\$1,159,906	\$1,162,244
Subtotal	\$8,044,555	\$8,217,362
LESS ANTICIPATED REVENUES	\$287,500	\$332,000
Amount to be raised by taxation	\$7,757,055	\$7,885,362

The proposed operating budget for 2021-2022 is below the NYS tax cap. It is estimated that the adoption of this budget will raise the library's tax rate to \$15.14 per \$100 of assessed valuation. This would increase the average homeowner's tax payment by \$6.06 per year.

Budget information meeting on **Wednesday, March 24 at 7:00 pm**

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