

Longwood Public Library March/April 2022 Newsletter

Annual Budget Vote & Trustee Election is **Tuesday, April 5** at the library
See below for details

Remember to Vote, Tuesday, April 5, 2022 – 8:00 am-9:00 pm
2022-2023 Annual Budget Vote & Trustee Election

Annual Message to the Community

2021 was a rollercoaster ride! Throughout this pandemic year, our staff worked hard to make the library as accessible as possible while keeping safety protocols in place. As conditions changed, library employees demonstrated their adaptability by adjusting to new practices and protocols (sometimes on a weekly or even daily basis), changing programs from online to in-person (and sometimes back again), and so much more.

We made significant progress on a number of projects this year. We achieved Sustainable Library Certification, only the sixth public library in the country to receive this recognition! The certification program guided library staff through the process of infusing sustainable decision-making into the library's policies and services, which benefits our patrons, the library staff and the wider community around us. We also undertook a community survey and created a Board-approved library service plan for the next few years (available on our website). In addition, we began a partnership with the school district that we anticipate will result in getting a library card in the hands of every student in the district. This project was kicked off with digital teacher cards that allow teachers in the district to use and promote the library's digital resources to their students, including online homework tutoring, downloadable books, and high-quality research materials. We expanded resources on our website, including the Readers Corner, the Children's Kit Gallery, and separate pages focused on services for children and teens. Finally, we began working on plans to convert our computer lab into the makerLAB, a dedicated space for collaboration and learning, which will be stocked with 3D printers, a banner printer, sewing machines, Cricuts and much more.

The Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that the small proposed increase is again within the state tax cap. The anticipated increase to the average household is \$10.41 per year (approximately 87 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 23 at 7:00 pm.

Completed petitions for library trustee are due by 5:00 pm on Monday, March 7, and information about trustee candidates will be available in the library and on our website shortly thereafter. There is one five-year term 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 2021

- Despite the ongoing pandemic, more than 400,000 physical items were checked out or renewed, an increase of 52% over the previous year. More than 146,000 eBooks, movies, music and audiobooks were streamed or downloaded.
- Librarians answered almost 45,000 reference questions, in person, over the phone, via email or through chat.
- Computers were used more than 19,500 times, and the library's wireless network was accessed almost 65,000 times.
- Library staff planned and produced 1,313 in-person or virtual programs with 37,723 attendees or viewers!

What are we planning for the coming year?

- Launching a mobile app that will provide our patrons with quick and easy access to library services
- Opening the makerLAB for programs and drop-in use
- Introducing a new collection of Citizen Science Kits for patrons of all ages
- Expanding our local history programs and services

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 31 at the Longwood Central Office, 35 Yaphank-Middle Island Road, Middle Island.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Mailed applications must be completed and received by the District Clerk on or before **Tuesday, March 29, 2022**. (*Applications are available at the library.*)

Longwood Public Library Proposed Budget 2022-2023

	Current Budget 2021-2022	Proposed Budget 2022-2023
Materials & Supplies	\$902,000	\$902,000
Items for library collections		
Library programs		
Office & custodial supplies		

Professional & Consulting Services Legal, treasurer, auditor	\$115,000	\$117,500
Library Operations Software Printing & postage Service contracts Training	\$286,000	\$281,000
Building Operations Utilities Insurance Building & property maintenance	\$350,950	\$390,950
Equipment Furniture Computer hardware	\$75,000	\$75,000
Fixed Employee Benefits NYS Retirement Health insurance Workers compensation Unemployment & disability	\$1,471,919	\$1,483,174
Salaries	\$3,854,249	\$4,023,555
Bond Payment	\$1,162,244	\$1,168,125
Subtotal	\$8,217,362	\$8,441,304
LESS ANTICIPATED REVENUES	\$332,000	\$333,000
Amount to be raised by taxation	\$7,885,362	\$8,108,304

The proposed operating budget for **2022-2023** is below the NYS tax cap. It is estimated that the adoption of this budget will raise the library's tax rate to \$15.53 per \$100 of assessed valuation. This would increase the average homeowner's tax payment by \$10.41 per year.

**Budget information meeting on
Wednesday, March 23 at 7:00 pm**

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

Please Vote

We will hold our Annual Budget Vote and Trustee Election on Tuesday, April 5, 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 5.

Submit a 3D Print Request

Fix broken items around the house with 3D printed replacement parts or get creative and make a design on TinkerCAD or Thingiverse! Adult Longwood Public Library cardholders in good standing

can submit a request online, and a staff member will get back to you with an estimate of the cost for your approval. Printing fees are \$1.00 per hour or \$0.50 per 30 minutes. Learn more and submit a 3D Print Request Form online at longwoodlibrary.org/3Dprint.

Earth Day Every Day

Saturday, April 30 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm

All ages are welcome to celebrate Earth Day at the library!

- Visit our interactive displays, get information about nature activities, including those conducted by the Town of Brookhaven Environmental Educator Nicole Pocchiare, and learn about local marine wildlife in a touch tank provided by Cornell Cooperative Extension.
- Check out our seed library, new Citizen Science Kits, and meet a few animal guests who have been rehabilitated and cared for by Sweetbriar Nature Center.
- Learn about various topics that can positively shape Earth's future, like home gardening, beekeeping, backyard chickens, and composting.
- Also, meet some chicks hatched at the Suffolk County Farm! We will also have recycled crafts suitable for all ages to create.

The first 30 families or patrons to arrive will receive a special earth-friendly gift!

Citizen Science at your library

Beginning in April, the library will offer Citizen Science Kits for checkout, with all the tools you will need to participate in various Citizen Science projects. Citizen Science is ordinary people of any age gathering scientific information locally and sharing it with the global scientific community. Whether you are participating in star finding, bird watching, sharing pictures from your backyard to help track plant and species populations, or taking a walk in your neighborhood with a personal air monitor, you can contribute! Citizen Science is perfect for all ages and great for family activities .

Stop by the Children's Department or call (631) 924-6400 x236 for more info.

Long Island Aquarium Discounted Tickets

Total Experience Ticket \$23 (no expiration)

Cash only, exact change required, no refunds.

Limit 6 tickets per Adult LPL cardholder.

Stop by the Circulation Desk to purchase tickets.

Library Board Meetings

Wednesday, March 23 at 7:00 pm

Wednesday, April 20 at 7:00 pm

Library Closed

Sunday, April 17 – 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

1000 Books Before Kindergarten Winners Sara, Blake, Alianna

Supported by the Friends of the Library

Children's Programs

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

Monthly Family Storytime Kits

Families with children

(18 months–Pre K)

Each month we release a new themed Family Storytime Kit that includes a craft, activity sheets, and a QR code to our digital storytime guide with links to eBooks and more extension activities for you to do at home. Call the Children's Department to reserve your Family Storytime Kit today and set up a pickup time, or stop in and ask for a kit for your little one! **Kits are available the first two weeks of the month.**

No registration is necessary.

Over the Rainbow

In March we will learn about rainbows with an "Over the Rainbow" theme.

April Showers

April will be themed around the upcoming spring weather as we explore "April Showers."

Storytime

Start or end your child's day with a story and a smile! Come and listen to some favorite childhood tales as well as new ones, along with songs and movement activities. Be part of our storytimes where early literacy and fun come together! At the end of each session, you will be given a fun take-home activity to share with your child. These interactive sessions support the Every Child Ready to Read @ Your Library initiative. Choose from one of the sessions below!

Registration begins March 3

Little Listeners

Mondays, March 14, 21, and 28 at 10:00 am

Children (2 years–Pre K)

Pajama Jam

Mondays, March 14, 21, and 28 at 6:30 pm
Children (2 years–Pre K)

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Let's Move with Play Hooray

Monday, March 7
Children (infant–23 months) at 10:00 am
Children (2 years–Pre K) at 11:00 am
Registration begins February 18

Play Hooray will be here with music, dancing, rhythms, rhymes, scarves, games, and more!

Shape Up!

Saturday, March 12 at 11:00 am
Children (2-4 years)
Registration begins February 18

Shape up and learn all about shapes! Children will make their own special shape book while discovering basic shapes through activities, sensory stations, and art!

Leprechaun Fun

Thursday, March 17 at 10:30 am OR 3:00 pm
Children (2 years–Pre K)
Registration begins March 3

Come and have a shamrockin' good time as we learn about St. Patrick's Day through arts, crafts, and fun! Then help us catch the leprechauns and bring some good luck home!

On the Farm Sing-A-Long

Friday, March 18 at 10:30 am
Children (infant-23 months)
Registration begins March 3

Bring your babies for a morning of moos, baas, and la la las! We will sing and listen to stories all about our favorite farm animals.

Bunnies, Bunnies, Bunnies

Tuesday, March 22

Children (3 years–Pre K) at 11:30 am OR 12:30 pm

Registration begins March 3

Judy Wilson will be here with her basket of baby bunnies and all the facts you need to know about baby rabbits and how they grow up!

Mostly Mother Goose

Tuesday, March 30 at 10:00 am OR 11:00 am

Children (infant–3 years)

Registration begins March 15

Parents and children can join in on nursery rhymes and songs led by a children's librarian!

Just Ducky

Monday, April 4

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

Children (3 years-Pre K) at 3:00 pm OR 6:30 pm

Registration begins March 24

Waddle to the library and get quackin'

on a duck-related craft and art activity with your library friends!

Baby Games

Friday, April 8 at 10:30 am

Children (infant–17 months)

Registration begins March 24

Babies and young children learn to speak by listening to you, so together we will sing songs and rhymes perfect to share with your little ones! There will also be props, an opportunity to meet other parents and most of all – fun!

Baby Picasso

Tuesday, April 12 at 10:00 am

Children (12-30 months)

Registration begins April 1

Art Starts

Tuesday, April 12 at 11:30 am

Children (31 months–Pre K)

Registration begins April 1

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

Blooming Babies

Wednesday, April 20 at 10:00 am

Children (infant–17 months)

Registration begins April 7

Watch your baby bloom with delight while listening to the songs and rhymes in this early literacy program!

Babies Boogie

Monday, April 25 at 2:00 pm

Children (infant–23 months)

Registration begins April 11

Toddlers Tango

Monday, April 25 at 3:00 pm

Children (2-4 years)

Registration begins April 11

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

Tots Night Out

Thursday, April 28 at 6:00 OR 6:45 pm

Children (18 months–Pre K)

Registration begins April 11

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

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.

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

Sunny Days Art

Friday, March 4 at 6:00 pm

Children (grades K-2)

Registration begins February 18

Children will love creating this collage sun art project with art teacher Kim.

Artist Study

“Georgia O’Keefe”

Friday, March 4 at 7:00 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins February 18

Celebrate Women’s History Month by learning to paint like Georgia O’Keefe. Children will use watercolors to replicate one of this artist’s signature flower paintings.

Dungeons & Dragons Tween Edition with Quest Masters Guild

Friday, March 11 from 6:00-7:30 pm

Children (grades 4-6)

Registration begins February 18

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.

Shamrock Art

Wednesday, March 16 at 7:00 pm

Children (grades K-2)

Registration begins March 3

Children will create the cutest clover in the patch with their own tissue paper shamrock art project on canvas that they can hang up as a festive decoration!

Stop Motion Animation Lab

Friday, March 18 at 7:00 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins March 3

Want to dabble in filmmaking? Children will create their videos using our Stikbots kits, which include posable robot figures and a mini green screen. Then, they will learn how to use the Stikbot Studio app to edit their video.

Bunnies, Bunnies, Bunnies

Friday, March 22 at 6:00 OR 7:00 pm

Children (grades K-3)

Registration begins March 15

Judy Wilson will be here with her basket of baby bunnies and all the facts you need to know about baby rabbits and how they grow up!

Moveable Toy Vehicle

Thursday, March 24 at 7:00-8:15 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins March 15

Artist Chris Vivas will go over step-by-step creating a movable vehicle with participants using various materials such as cardboard, Elmer's glue, magnets, rubber bands, balloons, tape, scissors, hot glue, paint, sticks, bottle caps, and straws.

Pikachu Clay Creation

Thursday, March 31

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

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

Registration begins March 15

Children will have a great time with Art Teacher Amy learning to sculpt the adorable Pokémon Pikachu with Sculpey clay!

All About Turtles

Thursday, April 7 at 4:45 pm

Children (grades K-2)

Registration begins March 24

An educator from Quogue Wildlife Refuge will teach children all about turtles, terrapins, and tortoises using various artifacts such as shells, eggs, posters, and a variety of live turtles and tortoises that are cared for at the Refuge.

3D Printed Photo Frame

Friday, April 8 at 7:00 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins March 24

Miss Danielle will teach participants how to design their own personalized photo frame using Tinkercad, a free 3D modeling software. We will then 3D print your projects, and they will be ready within a week after the program. *Children are not required to create their own Tinkercad account.*

Tweet Collage

Tuesday, April 12 at 6:00 pm

Children (grades K-2)

Registration begins April 1

Children will have a *tweet* time collaging and creating a silly bird with art teacher Kim.

Still Life Painting

Tuesday, April 12 at 7:00 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins April 1

Art teacher Kim will teach children how to paint a still life scene using various art techniques.

Sketch and Stretch Yoga "Animal Antics"

Tuesday, April 19

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

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

Registration begins April 7

Sketch-n-Stretch Yoga combines art and yoga. Children will begin with the yoga lesson to relax and focus and then they will paint an animal on a canvas for their art lesson. Dress for a mess and for stretching!

Fairytale Mini Golf

Thursday, April 21 starting at 6:30 pm

Children (grades K-6)

Registration begins April 7

Come and play at our unique indoor mini golf course with your friends! Designed and staffed by our teen volunteers; this program is sure to 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 6:30 pm and running every 15 minutes. Please register each child for their own spot. Make new friends and have some fun!

Penguin Exploration

Friday, April 22 at 2:00 pm

Children (grades K-2)

Registration begins April 7

Dive into the world of penguins! Children will join an educator from The Whaling Museum and explore some unique penguin habitats and adaptations, check out real penguin feathers and create a cute penguin craft of their own.

Earth Scientists

Friday, April 22 at 3:30 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins April 7

Children will join an educator from The Whaling Museum and explore the dangerous effects of oil spills and water run-off through an educator-led watershed model demonstration. Then they will decorate their own fabric tote bag to reuse again and again.

Color Me a Rhyme

Tuesday, April 26 at 6:30 pm

Children (grades K-2)

Registration begins April 11

April is National Poetry Month! Children will explore poems and rhymes through colors, crafts, and activities.

Poetry Party!

Friday, April 29 at 7:00 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins April 11

April is National Poetry Month! Children will listen to famous poems and then create their own magnetic poetry and other creative crafts based on silly poems.

Make-It Kits

Make-It Kits have everything you need to do super fun STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) activities! Kids grades K–6 can check out a kit with their library card and use it in our school-age area of the Children's Department.

Browse Make-It Kits in our Children's Kit Gallery on the library's website.

Family Programs

All are welcome to celebrate Earth Day at the library!

Earth Day Every Day

Saturday, April 30 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Visit our interactive displays, get information about nature activities, including those conducted by the Town of Brookhaven Environmental Educator Nicole Pocchiare, and learn about local marine wildlife in a touch tank provided by Cornell Cooperative Extension.

Check out our seed library, new Citizen Science Kits, and meet a few animal guests who have been rehabilitated and cared for by Sweetbriar Nature Center.

Learn about various topics that can positively shape Earth's future, like home gardening, beekeeping, backyard chickens, and composting.

Also, meet some chicks hatched at the Suffolk County Farm!

We will also have recycled crafts suitable for all ages to create.

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Quail Hatching Project

Along with help from C.E.E.D. (Center for Education and Environmental Discovery), the Children's Department will be hatching quail eggs this April! According to Eric Powers of C.E.E.D. "The Northern Bobwhite Quail Project is an educational opportunity to teach community members about this important bird species in our local ecology, predator-prey relationships, animal life cycles, egg incubation, chick brooding, habitat restoration, and doing something good for the environment... through hands-on inquiry learning." We are so excited to have our special guests and share their journey through our "quail cam" which will be live streamed and then we will have the quail chicks for two weeks after they are hatched for patrons to come and visit. The eggs should arrive the week of April 11 and are expected to hatch around May 2.

It's Library Budget Vote Day! Kids Can Vote

Tuesday, April 5 from 9:00 am–9:00 pm

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!

Museum Passes

Your ticket to discovery, learning, and fun!

Visit museums for free with museum passes provided by the Longwood Public Library. There are over 30 museums to choose from! Reserve passes online at longwoodlibrary.org with your Longwood Public Library adult card in good standing, and either print the pass or pick it up at the Children's Reference Desk before your visit. If you have questions, call the Children's Department at **(631) 924-6400 x236** for more information.

Be Inspired

"Women's History Month"

Friday, March 25 from 10:30 am-12:00 pm OR 6:30-8:00 pm

Saturday, March 26 from 10:00-11:30 am

Families with children

No registration necessary

Be inspired by our craft room which will be transformed into a museum-like experience open for exploration for you to drop in and discover. Stations will have interactive and display exhibits and informative facts for all of our young visitors. This month you are invited to explore our stations designed to celebrate influential women throughout history through activities and crafts!

Baking Memories with Chef Rob

"Strawberry Chocolate Chip Muffins"

Saturday, April 23 at 11:00 am OR 12:00 pm

Families with children

(4 years-completed grade 6)

Registration begins April 7

Each family will work together, measure, mix and create delicious strawberry chocolate chip muffins to take home and bake. *This program may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

Messy Monday

Monday, April 11 from 6:30-8:00 pm

Families with children

No registration necessary

Can't make it to any of our daytime art programs? Drop in anytime between 6:30-8:00 pm to explore our art stations and create some open-ended masterpieces with your children! Dress for a mess!

Spring Craft Cleanup

Monday, April 18 from 10:00-11:30 am OR 6:30-8:00 pm

Families with children

No registration necessary

It's spring cleaning time! Children are welcome to drop in and help us clean out our craft closet by visiting different tables and making crafts that we have leftover from previous programs.

Explore It!

"Flower Power"

Wednesday, April 20 from 2:00-3:30 pm

Families with Children

No registration necessary

Drop-in and explore STEAM activities all based around flowers and plants.

Upcoming in May

Parent Toddler Workshop

Tuesdays, May 3, 10, 17, and 24 at 10:30 am

Children (12–35 months)

Registration begins April 19

Parents and children will have a chance to spend time together filled with crafts, toys, songs, and games. 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, May 5, 12, 19, and 26 at 10:30 am

Children (3 years–Pre K)

Registration begins April 19

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.

Teen Programs

Teen Services programs are open to teens entering grades 7 through completed grade 12 (2021 graduates). You must have a valid LPL Young Adult card to register.

Teen Title Talk

Book Club for 9th-12th Graders

Tuesday, April 26 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Registration ongoing

Join the Teen Services Librarians for book discussion especially for teens in grades 9-12! This month, we will be reading:

Warcross

by Marie Lu

For the millions who log in every day, Warcross isn't just a game – it's a way of life. Teenage hacker Emika Chen enters the competitive world of bounty-hunting to make ends meet, tracking down Warcross players making illegal bets. Survival isn't easy without taking risks — but Emika's plan backfires when, after hacking into the International Warcross Championships, she glitches herself into the action and becomes an overnight sensation. When Emika receives a shocking offer from the game's elusive billionaire creator, she's whisked off to Tokyo as a spy, where she uncovers a sinister plot that leaves the entire Warcross empire hanging in the balance.

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

5-Hour Pre-Licensing Class

Saturday, April 23 from 10:00 am-2:30 pm

Cost \$55 Cash (**exact change**)

to be made on day of class)

Phone and in-person registration only

Registration ongoing

The five-hour pre-licensing class is required by the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles for all applicants who would like to schedule a road test. The class will be taught by an instructor from a local driving school and is open to both district and non-district residents ages 16 and up. You must bring your picture NY State Learner's Permit to class (temporary paper permits will not be accepted). 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.

Name That Tune

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

Registration ongoing

Can you guess a song title just by listening to a 10-second clip? Can you fill the lyric to a song without hearing the music? Come put your musical knowledge to the test in this tuneful tournament!

Dungeons & Dragons

with the Quest Masters Guild

Friday, March 18 from 5:30-8:30 pm

Registration begins March 4

Friday, April 15 from 5:30-8:30 pm

Registration begins April 1

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

Teen Yoga Night

Friday, March 25 from 7:00-8:15 pm

Registration begins March 11

Join us for a relaxing night of yoga and meditation basics! Teen Services Librarians and certified yoga instructors Ms. Broderick and Ms. Neil will introduce beginner yoga poses and breathing exercises to help you de-stress both on and off the yoga mat. Remember to wear clothes that are comfortable to move in. A yoga mat will be provided if you need one.

Spring Craft Craze

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

Registration begins March 18

Join the Teen Services Librarians for a night of springtime crafting!

Minute to Win It Games

Wednesday, April 20 from 2:00-3:00 pm

Registration begins April 6

How far can you carry a potato using your knees? How long can you keep two balloons in the air using only one hand? Can you get an Oreo from your forehead to your mouth without using your hands? Find out what you can do when you have a minute to win it!

Home Tweet Home

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

Registration begins April 8

Create a "nest starter" and a recycled bird feeder that will have all the birds in your backyard living the good life!

Jewelry with Juliana

Friday, April 29 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Registration begins April 15

Learn two ways to make bracelets with stretch cord and with fine nylon thread and clasps. Choose from a large variety of bead shapes, sizes, and colors.

Painted Jewelry Box

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

Registration begins April 22

Join Linda O'Connell to paint a beautiful design on a wooden jewelry box just in time to give as a gift for Mother's Day! All supplies will be provided, but everyone should wear old clothes or bring a smock.

Bookstormers

After-School Book Club for 7th & 8th Graders

COME READ UP A STORM!

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

MARCH –

***The Gauntlet* by Karuna Riazi**

Thursday, March 17 from 2:45-4:00pm

Registration ongoing

If you like *Jumanji*, you'll love this story! At Farah's 12th birthday party, she mistakenly receives an odd board game called The Gauntlet of Blood and Sand from her aunt. Despite Aunt Zohra's warnings, Farah and her friends are sucked into the game and must battle the evil Lord Amari and win in order to save themselves and retrieve Farah's younger brother.

APRIL –

***Ghost* by Jason Reynolds**

Thursday, April 7 from 2:45-4:00 pm

Registration begins March 17

Running is something that Ghost knows well, and he proves it by challenging the best sprinter on the elite Defenders track team to a race. When he wins, he's chosen to run on the team. Ghost could be the best sprinter in the city, if he manages to get along with his new teammates and outrun his past.

Register and pick up a copy of the book in the Teen Services Department of the Longwood Public Library. Our book discussion will take place after school in the library at the Longwood Junior High School.

Attendees who read the book and participate in the group book review at the program will receive 3 hours of community service. This program will take place in the library at the Longwood Junior High School. A late bus will be provided at 4 pm, but you must be registered to attend.

FREE ONLINE TUTORING

2:00 PM-11:00 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.

Authors Unlimited Online

Saturday, April 30 from 10:00 am-1:00 pm

Authors Unlimited 2022 will be taking place on Saturday, April 30 online through Zoom! It's a free program that celebrates reading by connecting teens and authors. Attendees will get the chance to hear from dynamic authors of young adult literature first at a panel and then in solo sessions.

Attendees can earn three hours of community service credit for attending and then filling out a survey at the end of the day. Look for updates on our **Twitter @AuthorsUnlim!**

Book Review

We are looking for teens willing 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

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 day and up to two time slots per month. 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.

Placemats for Meal Services

Tuesday, March 1 from 7:00-8:00 pm OR

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

Registration ongoing

Limited to 1 session per person per month

Weave paper placemats that will be donated to meal services organizations to distribute with their meals!

Certificate for 1 hour of community service

Gift Bags for Our Troops

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

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

Registration begins February 22

Limited to 1 session per person

Decorate a drawstring sack, sewn by adult volunteers in our community, with appliques and fabric paint that will be stuffed with goodies and mailed to troops serving overseas.

Certificate for 1 hour of community service

Craft Kits for Donation

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

Thursday, March 10 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins February 21

Monday, April 11 from 7:00-8:00 pm OR

Tuesday, April 12 from 7:00-8:00 pm
Registration begins March 28

Monday, May 9 from 7:00-8:00 pm OR
Thursday, May 12 from 7:00-8:00 pm
Registration begins April 25

Limited to 1 session per person per month

Prepare simple crafts that will be donated to service agencies in our community!
Certificate for 1 hour of community service

TikTok Time

Friday, March 11 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Registration begins February 25

Help the Teen Services Librarians promote upcoming library programs on TikTok! You will be given details about an upcoming program, supplies and parameters. Then, you'll collaborate with a group to create a TikTok that will be uploaded to the library's account.

Certificate for 1.5 hours of community service

Cat's Meow

Monday, March 14 from 7:00-8:00 pm OR
Saturday, March 19 from 11:00 am-12:00 pm
Registration begins February 28

Limited to 1 session per person

Make some cat toys for the furry friends of our community to be donated to a local animal shelter!
Certificate for 1 hour of community service

Seed Spree

Monday, March 21 from 7:00-8:00 pm
Registration begins March 7

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

Decorating to Donate

Wednesday, March 23 from 7:00-8:00 pm OR
Thursday, March 24 from 7:00-8:00 pm
Registration begins March 9

Limited to 1 session per person

Join us to make some spring-themed decorations to donate to our local nursing home.
Certificate for 1 hour of community service

Felt Napkin Rings

Monday, March 28 from 7:00-8:00 pm OR
Tuesday, March 29 from 7:00-8:00 pm
Registration begins March 14

Limited to 1 session per person

Create festive napkin rings that we'll donate to local nursing homes and service agencies.
Certificate for 1 hour of community service

Cards for Hospitalized Kids

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

Registration begins March 19

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

Certificate for 1 hour of community service

Dog Toys for Donation

Tuesday, April 5 from 7:00-8:00 pm OR

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

Registration begins March 22

Limited to 1 session per person

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

Certificate for 1 hour of community service

Talking Newsletter

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

Registration begins March 31

We have a link on our homepage so that visually impaired patrons can click n' listen to our newsletter being read to them. We need teens that are willing to read the Children's and Teen sections of our newsletter out loud while we record you.

Certificate for 1.5 hours of community service

Teddy Bears for Donation

Monday, April 18 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Registration begins April 4

Learn how to sew small teddy bears that will be donated to children in need.

Certificate for 1.5 hours of community service

Library Mini Golf Assistance

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

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

Registration begins April 1

Using cardboard, duct tape, and our imaginations, on Tuesday night we'll be designing a fairytale-themed miniature golf course that will run through our Children's and Teen Services Departments. Then on Thursday, we'll assist younger children as they play through our course. You must be available to attend both sessions to participate.

Certificate for 5 hours of community service

Stenciled Tote Bags

Monday, April 25 from 7:00-8:00 pm OR

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

Registration begins April 11

Limited to 1 session per person

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

Operation Gratitude Bracelets

Tuesday, May 3 from 7:00-8:00 pm OR

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

Registration begins April 19

Limited to 1 session per person

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

Certificate for 1 hour of community service

ADULT CLASSES

Women's History Month: Unsung Heroes

Zoom

Monday, March 14 at 7:00 pm

Registration ongoing

We will explore the accomplishments of women who never made it into the history books with historian and educator Howard Rosenberg. Learn about such historical figures as Anna Coleman Ladd who created prosthetic masks for disfigured WWI soldiers, the Radium Girls who painted watch dials for use by soldiers in the trenches and more!

DSLR Camera Photography 102

Zoom

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

Registration ongoing

This is a follow-up class to Intro to Digital Camera Photography 101 for owners of DSLR with detachable lens and mirrorless with detachable lens cameras. Instruction will be in much greater depth than topics from Intro 101, plus additional topics such as exposure compensation, image stabilization, lens types, focus modes, shooting drives, metering, built-in flash, and more. This class will give you a wealth of digital photo shooting knowledge.

Montauk Highway: From Urban Streets to Atlantic Dunes

Zoom

Thursday, March 31 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Registration ongoing

Historically Montauk Highway extends from Jamaica, Queens to the Montauk Lighthouse. Along the way, it has assumed several names and identities (Merrick Road, Main Street, Montauk Hwy, etc.). Regardless of its name, the highway is a microcosm of life on Long Island. In this program, Eco-Photo Explorers examine the rich history of the route, from colonial times to present-day pop culture.

The 70s Music: From Pop Rock to Punk

Zoom

Monday, April 25 from 6:30-8:30 pm

Registration ongoing

We will survey five artists who pioneered different musical styles that originated in the seventies. Performers include Fleetwood Mac (blues/pop rock), Rod Stewart (glam rock), The Eagles (country rock), Bruce Springsteen (heartland rock), and Patti Smith (punk/art rock). We will explore a brief history of each of the artists and discuss their landmark albums found within their 70s catalogs. Each artist has been inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

A Multimedia History of the 1950s and 1960s through Popular Song

In-person

Sunday, May 1 from 2:00-3:30 pm

Registration begins March 1

New York Blues Hall of Fame inductee Marc Black, will be your guide through two historically defining decades during this afternoon of song, storytelling, and laughter. We'll celebrate wonderful songs as diverse as "Itsy, Bitsy, Teeny, Weeny, Yellow Polka Dot Bikini" and "Blowin' in the Wind." Tunes will range from Dean Martin to George Harrison. In addition to the music and conversation, you'll see a slide show that is sure to bring you right back in time! Marc will also perform his own group's top forty hit from 1967 when he toured with The Doors, Neil Diamond, The Dave Clark Five, and Van Morrison.

What Stays and What Goes?

Zoom

Monday, May 2 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Registration ongoing

As professional organizers and co-authors of the self-help book *Beyond Tidy*, Marie Limpert and Annmarie Brogan will teach techniques to make well-thought-out decisions on what to keep and what to let go of when organizing your home or office space. After the presentation, they will answer your questions and provide solutions to common challenges that may prevent us from moving forward.

Local History & Genealogy

The Devil in NY: The Witchcraft Trial of Goody Garlick

In-person

Wednesday, March 9 at 7:00 pm

Registration ongoing

The most famous American witch-hunt began in 1692 in Salem, Massachusetts. Yet, more than three decades before that notorious event, Long Island had its very own witchcraft trial – the trial of Goody Garlick! Accusations of flying on poles and cavorting with the devil ran rampant in the colonies during the 17th century and led to hundreds of accusations of witchcraft. Scholar Tara Rider explains the stresses of ordinary 17th-century life in New York and why the fear of witches existed. The trial of Goody Garlick will act as a lens to understand the hysteria associated with these accusations.

Pass it On: Preserving Family Recipes

In-person

Monday, April 25 at 7:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Some of the most treasured items that are passed along in a family are recipes: Grandma's sweet potato pie or Dad's Sunday gravy. They evoke wonderful memories and keep traditions alive. Join us for a hands-on class to learn simple tips to help you preserve your family recipes for the next generation.

Ask a Genealogist

In-person

Wednesday, March 23 OR April 20 from 6:00-9:00 pm

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 Certified Genealogist Jessica Brown for free one-on-one genealogy research help. Appointments are 50 minutes long.

Ask an Archivist

In-person or Zoom

Registration ongoing

Call (631) 924-6400 x246 for 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.

Cooking

Chef Rob: Chicken Fajita Penne Pasta

In-person

Tuesday, May 3 at 4:00 pm OR 6:30 pm

Registration begins March 29

Chef Rob will be here to show you how to make a delicious chicken fajita penne pasta. He will make it spicy or mild- your choice. Bring a container so you can enjoy it at home.

Cooking with Chef Rob

Facebook

Cooking with Chef Rob premieres on Facebook at 2:00 pm on the dates listed.

Be sure to refresh the Facebook page at 2:00 pm to see the program.

Slow Cooker Corned Beef and Cabbage Soup

March 1

Blueberry Crumble Pancake Bread

March 8

Almost Famous Buttermilk Fried Chicken

March 15

Bakery Snickerdoodle Scones
March 22

Spring Frittata
April 5

Churro Chocolate Chip Bread
April 12

Bang Bang Chicken Wrap
April 19

Spring Lemon Brownies
April 26

Swordfish with a Citrus Basil Topping
May 3

General Defensive Driving

In-person

Fee: \$40

Seniors ages 62+ & veterans pay \$30

Cash (**exact change**) or credit card required at first class

Registration ongoing

Limited to LPL cardholders

Completing this course taught by USA Training helps those who attend become better, safer drivers.

In addition, it may reduce violation points on your license and discount your automobile insurance.

For driving courses that have two sessions, you **MUST** attend both to obtain your certificate.

Saturday, March 12 OR April 9 from 10:00 am-4:30 pm

Tuesday AND Thursday, March 8 AND 10 from 2:00-5:00 pm OR

April 19 AND 21 from 2:00-5:00 pm

Wednesday AND Thursday,

March 30 AND 31 from 5:30-8:30 pm OR

April 27 AND 28 from 5:30-8:30 pm

Book Discussions:

LONG ISLAND READS

2022 LONG ISLAND READS SELECTION

Author Event

The Living and the Lost

by Ellen Feldman

Sunday, May 1 at 2:00 pm

Author Ellen Feldman, will appear in a virtual event via Crowdcast hosted by the Plainview-Old Bethpage Library. Attendees will receive a direct link to the event after registering through Crowdcast at <https://crowdcast.io/e/LIReads2022>.

For updates about possible in-person seating and ticket availability, please check the Long Island Reads website at <https://longislandreads.wordpress.com> after April 1.

Book Discussion

The Living and the Lost

by Ellen Feldman

In-person/Zoom

Thursday, April 21 from 3:00-4:00 pm OR

Friday, April 29 7:30-8:30 pm

Registration ongoing

Join our librarian's in-person or online with Zoom for this Long Island Reads book discussion.

Living and working in bombed-out Berlin, Millie Mosbach must come to terms with a past decision made in a moment of crisis with the help of a mysterious man who is surprisingly understanding of her demons.

This title is available in both eBook and audiobook formats on Overdrive. You may also pick up a hard copy at the library beginning March 17.

Voices of Jewish American Airmen during WWII

Zoom

Monday, March 28 from 6:30-8:00 pm

Registration ongoing

For young Jewish men in the American military, World War II had particularly high stakes. They served both as Americans and as Jews in this greatest of human conflicts, determined to defeat Nazi Germany at all costs. Filmmaker Alan Feinberg, who produced the award-winning documentary *Bagels over Berlin*, will discuss their experiences and heroism with a focus on the US Army Air Corps, which suffered the highest mortality rates among the branches of the armed forces. After a brief introduction, we will watch his 70-minute documentary. There will be a Q&A with the producer after the screening.

Your Life in a Shoebox: A Czech Jewish Family's Escape Story

Zoom

Tuesday, April 5 from 2:00-3:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Through letters and official documents found in a shoebox in his mother's closet after her death in 2009, Road Scholar instructor Yonatan Kohn shares the twists and turns of his family's attempts to flee Czechoslovakia. His engaging account of events that unfolded 80 years ago is both an intimate portrait of personal crisis and a sweeping, timeless story of what it means to be a refugee.

Daytime Book Discussion

The Ninth Hour

by Alice McDermott

In-person

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

Registration ongoing

A portrait of the Irish-American experience is presented through the story of an Irish immigrant's suicide and how it reverberates through innumerable lives in early twentieth-century Catholic Brooklyn.

This title is available in eBook and audiobook formats on Overdrive.

You may also pick up a hard copy at the library beginning February 17.

Book Talk

Shuggie Bain

by Douglas Stuart

In-person

Friday, March 25 from 7:30-8:30 pm

Registration ongoing

A young boy growing up in a rundown 1980s Glasgow public housing facility pursues some semblance of a normal life as his older siblings move on and his mother increasingly succumbs to alcoholism.

This title is available in eBook and audiobook formats on Libby and Hoopla. You may also pick up a hard copy at the library beginning February 25.

Titles and Treats

Writing Workshops

Write Like the Wind: Virtual Writing Sprints

Zoom

Thursday, March 10 at 7:00 pm

Thursday, April 28 at 7:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Are you struggling to motivate yourself to write? Try a writing sprint! We'll set the timer for twenty minutes – you write as fast as you can! In between sprints, we'll chat about writing and root each other on. Bring your current writing project or write stream of consciousness and see what happens – the choice is up to you!

Spring Writing Workshop

Zoom

Mondays, April 4, 11, 18 and 25 from 2:00-4:00 pm

Registration begins March 7

Join Anne Kelly Edmunds as she leads this supportive writing group. Let the fresh air of springtime inspire you with budding ideas!

Everyone Loves a Story

Zoom

Registration ongoing

Join librarians Denise Wolf and Carl Welch for a live one-hour reading of the following stories.

The Lady with the Dog

by Anton Chekhov

Wednesday, March 23 from 3:00-4:00 pm

Cat Crimes Through Time

by Edward Gorman, Martin Harry Greenberg, Larry Segriff

Wednesday, April 27 from 3:00-4:00 pm

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.

Trust Me

(NR, 91 mins.)

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

Filmmaker Roco Belic's award winning documentary explores human nature, information technology, and the need for media literacy to help people trust one another, bring them together, and create a more resilient population.

Fastball

(NR, 87 mins.)

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

Hank Aaron and Derek Jeter lead a cast of baseball legends and scientists who explore the magic within the 396 milliseconds it takes a fastball to reach home plate, and decipher who threw the fastest pitch ever. Narrated by Kevin Costner.

Arts & Crafts

Programs with material fees are nonrefundable. Payment, cash (*exact change*) or credit card (can pay online), is due at registration. Please do not cancel your registration. Contact the Adult Reference Desk with any questions at (631) 924-6400 x250.

Faux Stained Glass with Flower

In-person

Material Fee \$10

Saturday, March 19 from 2:00-3:30 pm

Registration begins March 3

Paint along step-by-step with Melissa of Paint Party LI to create this beautiful springtime flower painted on glass. All supplies included. No experience is required.

Fun with Bracelets

In-person

Material Fee \$10

Tuesday, April 26 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Registration begins March 4

Learn two ways to make bracelets – with stretch cord and fine nylon thread and clasps. Choose from a large variety of bead shapes, sizes, and colors.

Paintbrush Melodies

In-person

Material Fee \$12

Friday, May 13 from 6:30-8:00 pm

Registration begins April 2

Join artist Nicole Galante and guitarist Adam King for a paint night with an acoustic twist! They will discuss the ways that music and visual art intersect as you paint a sunset masterpiece step-by-step. Relax to live guitar music during this program. Canvas (16 X 20), paint, and brushes included.

Crochet a Shawl Series

In-person

Tuesdays, March 15, 22, 29 and April 5 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Registration ongoing

Fiber Artist Aimee Saccio will show you how to elevate your crochet skills while making a lightweight shawl perfect for spring. Please bring a J crochet hook, along with two balls of Lion brand Mandala Baby Yarn. Basic knowledge of crochet is required.

Knitting Circle of Friends

In-person

Thursdays, March 24 and April 28 from 11:00 am-12:30 pm

Registration ongoing

Calling all fiber friends! Join us for Longwood's knitter's group. Bring any project you are working on and take this opportunity to meet other knitters 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.

Coloring Experience

In-person

Fridays, March 25 and April 22 from 6:00-7:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Join us in person for an evening of relaxing music and coloring.

Crafty Wednesdays

Facebook

Wednesdays at 10:00 am

Join Adult Services librarian Denise to learn 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 Textured Wall Art

Wednesday, March 9

Pom Pom Bunnies

Wednesday, April 13

Music Concerts

Celebrating St. Patrick's Day with The North Folk

In-person

Sunday, March 13 from 2:00-3:30 pm

Registration begins February 24

The North Folk is a trio specializing in music from cold climates, including traditional Irish fiddling, Nordic folk music, sung ballads, and even some original compositions that will all make for an eclectic musical journey.

The New Students

In-person

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

Registration begins March 14

The New Students blend classic with modern, evoking the pioneering spirit of the 1960s. This five-piece band performs original songs and beloved standards that blend folk, bluegrass, and Americana traditions. They have recorded four albums over the last ten years, and members have collaborated with Peter Yarrow, Noel Paul Stookey, George Grove, and Elvis Costello.

Fuerza Flamenca

In-person

Sunday, May 15 from 2:00-3:30 pm

Registration begins April 25

Flamenco dance (baile) is a highly-expressive, Spanish dance form. With roots in Indian, Arabic and Spanish culture, flamenco dance is known for its sweeping arm movements and rhythmic foot stomping. Join guitarist Vito Genna and dancers Ms. Nazli and Ms. Irizzary as they perform this beautiful form of both music and dance.

SmileAwhile

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

SmileAwhile with a “Hoppy Hour”

In-person

Tuesday, March 22 from 10:30-11:15 am

Registration begins March 1

Join us for our morning “Hoppy Hour!” This workshop is for adults who would like to hold, cuddle and learn about all aspects of a rabbit’s life from pet ownership to rabbits in the wild. There will be stories told, plenty of lap time, bunnies on the floor time and of course, question and answer time.

SmileAwhile with a Fairy Garden

In-person

Friday, April 22 from 10:30-11:30 am

Registration begins March 14

Join us to create your very own fairy garden for springtime with Doreen McIlwaine. Let’s bring a bit of whimsy into our lives!

Games

Hey! Let’s Play!

In-person

Fridays from 10:00 am-12:00 pm

No registration required

Our weekly “Hey! Let’s Play!” is back! Want to play? Bring along your friends or find others to share a game on Friday mornings. Bring your playing cards, your Mah Jongg sets, and your other favorites. We provide the tables and the room; you provide the fun!

Advanced Beginner Mah Jongg

In-person

Thursdays, April 7, 14, 21 and 28 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Registration begins March 4

Join instructor Jacqui Palatnik for this four-session class for beginner to intermediate players.

Intro to Canasta

In-person

Thursdays, May 5, 12 and 19 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Registration begins March 7

Learn to play the modern game of Canasta. This class is for beginners who have never played or those who have just learned and want to sharpen their game. Learn the basics of Canasta and strategies to win! This class is fun, rewarding, and great for your memory.

Dungeons & Dragons

In-person

Thursday, April 7 at 6:00 pm

Registration begins March 1

Join Adult Services Librarian Alison for a session of Dungeons & Dragons! This one-shot will use premade character sheets and is very beginner-friendly, although more advanced players are welcome to join us.

Game Guild

In-person

Settlers of Catan

Friday, March 11 at 6:30 pm

Party Game Night

Friday, April 8 at 6:30 pm

Registration ongoing

Join Adult Service Librarians Denise and Alison for this monthly board game group! Every month we'll pick a new game to play.

Health & Fitness

Healthy Libraries/ Free Blood Pressure Screening

In-person

Tuesdays, March 1 and 22 from 10:30 am-1:00 pm

No registration required

The Healthy Libraries Program (HeLP) consists of Stony Brook University students training in the fields of nursing, social work, and public health. They are here to offer these services and more to our community including free blood pressure screening, information on heart disease, diabetes, nutrition, and also connect you to the appropriate local agency for referrals on such issues as SNAP, housing, and social services.

Mindfulness

In-person

Fridays, March 18, 25, April 1 and 8 from 2:30-3:30 pm

Registration begins on February 28

Limited to LPL cardholders

This class will discuss the benefits of being mindful and teach techniques to help the body and mind relax and reduce stress. Through mindfulness, you can focus on being aware of your surroundings, feelings, and senses. Taking the time to slow down and connect with what is around you may help

you enjoy life a little more. This class is facilitated by a social work intern from Stony Brook University. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a yoga mat if you would like.

Zumba Toning

Zoom

Wednesdays, March 23, 30, April 6 and 13 from 10:00-11:00 am

Registration ongoing

Zumba Toning combines body-sculpting exercises and high-energy cardio work infused with Zumba moves to create a calorie-torching, strength-training fitness party. Students learn how to use lightweight toning sticks to enhance rhythm and tone all their target zones, including arms, abs, and thighs.

Weight Management:

Surgical and Non-Surgical Options

Zoom

Monday, March 28 from 2:30-3:30 pm

Registration ongoing

Dr. David Pechman, Bariatric Surgeon with Northwell Health and Sameera Khan, registered dietitian/nutritionist, will discuss healthy weight loss strategies, including nutrition, lifestyle modifications, medical weight loss, and surgical weight loss options.

The Poetry of Aromatherapy

In-person

Monday, April 4 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begin March 4

As poetry is an expression of oneself, so too, is the art of aromatherapy. This first-of-its kind class will combine the beauty of poetry with the art of aromatherapy during National Poetry Month. We will explore poems and match them with aromatherapy through discussion and hands-on creation. Bring your own favorite poem to share if you would like. Each participant leaves with products they create, recipes, and resources.

Tai Chi

In-person

Thursdays, April 7, 14, 21, and 28 from 10:00-11:00 am

Registration begins March 4

Tai Chi involves a series of movements performed in a slow, focused manner and accompanied by deep breathing. Tai chi is a noncompetitive, self-paced system of gentle physical exercise and stretching. Each posture flows into the next without pause, ensuring that your body is in constant motion. Please dress comfortably and bring a water bottle to class.

Catholic Health Services Mobile Clinic

In-person

Friday, April 8 from 10:00 am-2:00 pm

No registration required

The Catholic Health Community Outreach Mobile Clinic will be in the library parking lot to offer free health screenings. These screenings include a brief cardiac history, blood pressure, simple blood test

for cholesterol, and diabetes screenings with the appropriate patient education and referrals needed for patrons age 18 and above. This service is provided free of charge and you do not need to have health insurance to participate.

Meditation and the Near-Death Experience

Zoom

Monday, April 18 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Since the 1980s, when near-death experiences became part of the public consciousness, they have held an endless attraction for people. Join Dr. Matthew Raider to learn more about these experiences and their connection to meditation. Learn a simple time-tested technique that can help you connect to the peace and light within that people who have had NDEs have experienced. There will be a short meditation sitting during this presentation.

Nature & Environment

Full Moon Hike at Quogue Wildlife Refuge

In-person

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

Registration begins February 28

Celebrate the beginning of the spring season and enjoy this full moon hike! We will walk through the forest to North Pond as we look and listen for nocturnal creatures and enjoy some night vision activities.

Woodland Hike at Quogue Wildlife Refuge

In-person

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

Registration begins March 7

Join a Quogue Wildlife Refuge Educator for a guided springtime woodland hike. Learn about various woodland habitats including the Pine Barrens, a field, a pond, and a bog. The animals in the outdoor wildlife complex are native New York animals that have permanent disabilities and are unable to survive in the wild.

Programs are rain or shine, meet at the entrance booth of the Refuge's main entrance - 3 Old Country Rd, Quogue, NY 11959 (please visit QWR website for directions as certain GPS systems will bring you to East Quogue).

The Gardens of Downton Abbey

Zoom

Monday, March 21 from 2:30-3:30 pm

Registration ongoing

Come to the grounds of Highclere Castle, the setting location of the BBC series. The Highclere gardens owe much of their inspiration to Capability Brown, the famous 18th century landscape designer. Learn how to recognize Brown's design features in the English landscape garden.

The Future of Garbage on Long Island

Zoom

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

Registration ongoing

Stony Brook University professor Richard Murdocco will discuss the future of garbage on Long Island. He will cover the region's coming garbage crisis, potential solutions, and what residents can do to get involved locally on the issue.

Organic Vegetable Gardening

In-person

Monday, May 2 from 2:30-3:30 pm

Registration ongoing

Learn how to grow food in your backyard. This session with a master gardener from Cornell Cooperative Extension covers the five keys to a successful vegetable garden: location, soil preparation, plan, planting choices, and good maintenance. No green thumb needed to get started.

Noticias Con Elma Lugo

Literacy & Multicultural Services Librarian

English Conversation

Zoom

Tuesdays, April 5–May 24 from 5:00-6:00 pm

Registration begins March 23

This ESOL conversation class is open to adult

English learners who would like to improve their spoken English. You must be able to speak English and willing to participate in discussion and reading.

Beginner English

Zoom

Tuesdays, April 5–May 24 from 6:30-7:30 pm

Registration begins March 23

This class is designed for non-native speakers of the English language; it is for beginners just learning how to speak English.

Esta clase está diseñada para hablantes no nativos del idioma inglés; es para principiantes que recién están aprendiendo a hablar inglés. Este programa se presentará como una reunión de Zoom. Puede asistir a este programa en línea o por teléfono. La URL y el número de teléfono de la "reunión" se enviarán por correo electrónico a los inscritos antes del programa.

Technology Classes

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

Mobile Basics

iPhone/iPad Basics: Calendar, Notes, and Reminders

In-person

Monday, March 14 at 2:30 pm

Learn how to organize your life with your iPhone! Join librarian Alison and learn how to schedule events in your calendar, organize notes, and create reminders.

Android Basics: Google Calendar
and Keep

In-person

Monday, April 11 at 2:30 pm

Google Calendar and Google Keep are two of the best Google apps for organizing your stuff! Join librarian Alison and learn all about these free apps from Google that allow you to organize your schedule, notes, and more.

Cloud Storage 101

Zoom

Thursday, March 10 at 5:30 pm

People talk about “the cloud” all of the time but how does it work? In this class, we’ll define what “the cloud” really is and explore popular cloud storage services such as iCloud, Google Drive, Dropbox and many others.

What is 3D Printing?

Zoom

Thursday, March 24 at 5:30 pm

Want to learn more about 3D printing?

Join librarian Alison for a lesson on the history of 3D printing, how it works, and future applications. After the program, attendees will be called to pick up a 3D-printed gift!

Everything Cricut

Zoom

Thursday, March 24 at 7:00 pm

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

Streaming 101:

Cable TV Alternatives

Zoom

Saturday, April 2 at 10:00 am

Roku, Amazon Firestick, Chromecast, Apple TV: there are more options than ever for watching television! Join librarian Alison for this lecture, in which we’ll discuss different streaming programs and services so you can make the best choice.

Grow with Google: Protect Yourself from Online Scams

Zoom

Thursday, April 28 at 5:30 pm

In an increasingly connected world, it’s more important than ever to keep your personal information safe! Join librarian Alison for a review of helpful online safety tips from Google!

Mac Basics

Introduction to the Mac

In-person

Saturday, April 16 at 2:00 pm

In this hands-on class from Sharper Training, learn all about Apple's Mac computer. Learn about the desktop, elements of your computer, tools and toolbars, how to get online, and much more.

Pages on Your Mac Computer

In-person

Saturday, April 23 at 2:00 pm

Join Sharper Training and learn the basics of Pages, the Mac word processing program, including creating a document, saving, editing, formatting, and much more.

Numbers on Your Mac Computer

In-person

Saturday, April 30 at 2:00 pm

Join Sharper Training and learn the basics of the Mac spreadsheet program, including creating, editing, and formatting worksheets, formulas, and much more.

One-on-One Appointments

HIICAP Medicare Assistance

In-person

Tuesdays, March 1, April 5, and May 3

from 10:00 am-2:30 pm

Call (631) 924-6400 x250 for 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

In-person

Tuesdays, March 1, 22, April 5, and 26 from 12:00-4:00 pm

First-come, first-served, no appointment necessary

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

Office of the Aging Advocate

In-person

Friday, April 1 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm

First-come, first-served, no appointment necessary

A representative from the Suffolk County Office of the Aging will assist seniors in filling out forms and learn about various county-wide programs and services. Based on your situation, she can also direct you to other appropriate agencies.

Ask a Librarian

In-person or Zoom

Email askus@longwoodlibrary.org to schedule a 30-minute appointment. Limited to LPL cardholders. Need one-on-one personal reference assistance? A librarian can help you download an eBook, navigate technology basics, 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!

Social Work Intern

In-person

Tuesdays 2:00-5:00 pm

Call the Adult Reference desk at x252 or email askus@longwoodlibrary.org to schedule an appointment.

Sherrilee, a social work intern from Stony Brook University, will be available to help patrons access available resources and to provide other needed assistance. Walk-ins are welcome.

Jobs & Career

Career Coaching

In-person

Tuesdays, March 15 OR April 19 from 4:00-7:00 pm

Call (631) 924-6400 x250 or register in-person for appointments. 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. No walk-ins

Suffolk County Department of Labor Job Fair

In-person

Thursday, March 24 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm

No registration required

Join us to learn about hundreds of job opportunities from Suffolk County companies looking for local talent. Dress in business attire and bring your resume.

Art Exhibit

In the library's gallery, throughout March and April, all are welcome to view the diverse works of Longwood High School's art students. Over the years, these talented, young artists have created and submitted a wide range of items ranging from jewelry and sculpture, to portraiture and abstract art. Everyone is sure to spot something that will catch their creative eye.

Taxpayer Advocate Service

In-person

Wednesday, March 16 and Thursday,
April 7 from 10:00 am-2:00 pm

The Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) is an independent organization within the IRS. TAS is here to protect your rights as a taxpayer and help you with tax problems you cannot resolve on your own. They will be set up in the library's gallery to offer information about their services.

IRS Taxpayer Advocate Services

Zoom

Thursday, March 24 from 2:30-3:30 pm

Registration ongoing

The Tax Advocate Service is an arm of the IRS created to educate taxpayers and assist with filing accurate tax returns to avoid filing and processing problems, provide refund timing information, and information about self-help tools, and resources to check on your refund status. They will discuss when it is appropriate to use this service, who they are, what they can do for you, and how to contact them.