

## Longwood Public Library March\_April Newsletter 2024

*Serving the communities of Coram, Gordon Heights, Lake Panamoka, Medford, Middle Island, Ridge, East Yaphank & Yaphank*

### Discover the Solar Eclipse Challenge

#### Register to receive a pair of eclipse glasses – *while supplies last!*

Get ready for the celestial event of the decade! Total Solar Eclipse 2024 is making its grand entrance to Long Island on April 8, 2024, between 3:15 pm and 3:30 pm. Long Island will see 88% coverage, and you won't want to miss it!

ALL AGES, mark your calendars for the library's Discover the Solar Eclipse Challenge on Beanstack, launching Monday, March 4!

Register on [longwoodlibrary.org](https://longwoodlibrary.org) or the Beanstack app, and show us your current Longwood Public Library card, to get a pair of eclipse glasses – *while supplies last!* Complete the challenge, and you might just be the lucky winner of Celestron 71008 SkyMaster 25x70 Astronomy Binoculars with Basic Smartphone Adapter 1.25", thanks to the amazing Friends of the Library!

But that's not all! Join us for the Total Solar Eclipse presentation at the library on Wednesday, April 3, from 6:30-7:30 pm. Registration kicks off March 6, so secure your spot (limit 1 per LPL cardholder). In this interactive program for all ages, Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum will teach you what causes eclipses, the prime spots for viewing, and how to safely witness every mesmerizing moment!

#### Register for Discover the Solar Eclipse Challenge!

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### Volunteer Repair Helpers Needed

Are you handy with tools? Can you fix things like lamps, jewelry, or small household items? Can you sew or fix fabrics?

Do you have a couple of hours to volunteer your time to help others? If so, then the library needs your help! We are hosting a **Repair Cafe** in June, and we need a few more volunteer "fixers." Please contact Tara at the Adult Services Desk by email at [askus@longwoodlibrary.org](mailto:askus@longwoodlibrary.org) or call (631) 924-6400 x250 for more information and to volunteer.

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### Earth Day Every Day

Saturday, April 6 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm

- All are welcome to celebrate Earth Day at the library! Learn about various topics that can positively shape Earth's future.
- Get information about nature activities, recycling, energy-saving opportunities and more!
- Visit our Longwood Grows! Seed Library
- Check out our Citizen Science Kits Make recycled crafts in the Children's Department

### Plant Swap

Bring plants to share with others and pick up some new ones to take home!

*More info inside.*

**The first 50 households attending will receive a free paper recycling bin courtesy of the Town of Brookhaven.**

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### 1000 Books Before Kindergarten

This national project was created to encourage parent and child bonding through reading with infants, toddlers, and preschoolers. The goal is to read 1,000 books to your child before they enter Kindergarten.

Stop by the Children's Department to sign up, get your starter bag, and begin your journey!

Learn more online at: [longwoodlibrary.org/1KBK](https://longwoodlibrary.org/1KBK)

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### Community Yarn Project

#### Last Call for Squares!

Help us wrap up our Community Yarn Project! We're still collecting 4"x4" squares for our vibrant tapestry. Every square contributes to our art installation on the mezzanine this summer which volunteers will stitch together in May. In the fall, these squares will be transformed into blankets and scarves for those in need. Join the final push to make a difference with your stitches! Drop off your squares at the library by April 22, join one of our yarn classes, or stop by the mezzanine to create crochet or knit squares to be a part of this heartwarming project.

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### 2024-2025 Annual Budget Vote & Trustee Election

**Remember to Vote!** Tuesday, April 9 from 8:00 am-9:00 pm for more details see last page.

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## 2023-2024 Board of Trustees

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## Library Board Meetings

Budget Information Meeting  
Wednesday, March 27 at 7:00 pm  
Wednesday, April 17 at 7:00 pm

## Library Closed

Sunday, March 31 – Easter Sunday

The book drop is open 24 hours

## Hours

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

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

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## Bayles Local History Room

### SPOTLIGHT ON HISTORY: Suffolk County Almshouse

On April 1, 1817, the trustees of the Town of Brookhaven voted to open a poorhouse in conjunction with the towns of Islip and Smithtown. Located just east of the Davis House on Middle Country Road in Coram, the Town Poorhouse served the impoverished and elderly residents of the three towns. The Poorhouse remained in use until 1871, when the residents of the home were transferred to the newly built Suffolk County Almshouse in Yaphank. Situated on a 170-acre farm, the Almshouse was a three-story building with two wings: the east wing for women and the west wing for men. There were on average 125 residents ranging in age from infants to centenarians. A separate orphanage was built near the Almshouse in 1896 for children aged 2-16. Called the Suffolk County Children's Home, it remained open until 1919 when it was replaced by the foster care system.

Although the county's towns contributed to the care of their residents, the Suffolk County Almshouse was designed to be self-supporting. All able-bodied residents worked either on the farm or in trades such as basketmaking, carpentry, or shoemaking. Due to state law, the Almshouse became known as the Suffolk County Home in 1929. It remained open until 1938, when the new Suffolk County Home was built. Today, the site of the Almshouse is occupied by Cornell Extensions Suffolk County Farm, the Suffolk County Board of Elections, and other county buildings. The Almshouse House Cemetery, used from 1872 to 1953, is south of the LIE at Exit 67.

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### Suffolk County Almshouse Cemetery Lecture and Tour

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

Registration begins March 1

Join our local history librarians for a visit to the Suffolk County Almshouse Cemetery in Yaphank. The history of the Almshouse, the lives of its residents, and the cemetery will be presented. Patrons will be able to explore the grounds after the presentation. Weather permitting.

Details to know before you go:

Do not follow Google or Apple Maps. The cemetery is along the south side of the Long Island Expressway and is accessible from the eastbound Exit 67 entrance. From Main Street in Yaphank, go south on Yaphank Ave and follow the signs to the eastbound direction of the LIE. Park along the side of the ramp; a staff member will direct you to the site. There will be a brief walk along a path in the woods to get to the cemetery. Please be prepared for the weather and ticks, as this is an outdoor event in an open grassy field.

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### **A Vanishing New York: Ruins Across the Empire State**

Wednesday, March 13 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration ongoing

New York is filled with forsaken buildings, each ravaged by the exploits of modernization, each having a fascinating history. This photographic essay, presented by John Lazzaro, photographer and author of *A Vanishing New York: Ruins Across the Empire State*, explores 40 of the most evocative abandoned sites and puts their individual stories in the larger context of New York's historical legacy.

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

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

Registration begins March 5

Diane Schwindt from *Stirring Up History* will join our local history librarian for a culinary journey through our community's history. Find out about the history of Coram from the early taverns and farms to the modern shopping centers. A sampling of the foods discussed will be offered.

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### **Preserving Your Past: Scanning Family Photos and Documents**

Wednesday, May 1 from 6:30-8:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Creating digital copies of family photographs and documents allows your family history to be easily accessible and sharable. Join us for an introduction on how to select, scan, and organize family history materials and learn the best practices and guidelines for the digitization process.

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### **Preserving Your Past: Care and Keeping of Family Collections**

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

Registration ongoing

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

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### **Ask a Genealogist**

Tuesday, March 26 from 6:00-9:00 pm

Registration begins March 1 OR

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

Registration begins April 1

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

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

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

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### **Genealogy Drop In**

Saturday, April 13 from 2:00-3:00 pm

No registration

Thinking about tracing your roots but don't know where to start?

Or maybe your search is underway, and you've hit a dead end. Local History Librarian Georgie O'Neill will be on hand to show you how to access free genealogical resources, including Ancestry, through the library and offer search tips and advice.

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### **Ask an Archivist**

Registration ongoing

Call the Adult Reference Desk at (631) 924-6400 x250 or register in-person for an appointment. No walk-ins. Local History Librarian and Certified Archivist Melanie Cardone-Leathers can help you sort through your family's documents, photos, and other personal items and create a plan to preserve them. Reserve a one-hour time slot to start preserving your family's history.

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Thomas R. Bayles Local History Room holds many documents and items relating to the Longwood community. You may speak with a Local History Librarian by calling (631) 924-6400 x246 or email your questions to [baylesroom@longwoodlibrary.org](mailto:baylesroom@longwoodlibrary.org).

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

### **Job Readiness Workshop**

Tuesday, March 5 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Get ready for your job search and our Job Fair on March 12 with this workshop presented by the Suffolk County Department of Labor, Licensing and Consumer Affairs. Topics will include updating your resume, interview skills, best practices for workplace communication, and more!

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### **Job Fair**

Tuesday, March 12 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm

No registration

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

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### **Sign Language for You**

Saturdays March 9, 16, and 23 from 2:00-3:30 pm

Registration begins March 1

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Sign language classes for beginners and beyond. If you have taken sign language before or are a first-timer, this class is for you.

Jennie Sardone will help you advance your skills no matter your level.

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### **Women Air Force Service Pilots of WWII (WASP)**

Zoom

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

Registration ongoing

Historian Rick Feingold discusses the female pilots of World War II (WASPs) who flew jets and sometimes new planes the men avoided. They endured discrimination, were paid less than men for the same job, had no military standing, and received no Veterans benefits. But they proved women could fly planes as well as men and in time received their due recognition.

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### **The Men Who Saved Traditional Irish Music in America**

Friday, March 15 from 3:00-4:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Irish performer Kevin Westley, TMRF, tells the story of how Chief Francis O'Neill, Thomas Edison, and others saved traditional Irish music in America at the turn of the 20th century. Listen to the tunes and see videos of the artists who recorded them via "metallic and wax cylinders."

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### **What Stays and What Goes? An Organizer's Guide to Making Decisions**

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

Registration ongoing

Learn why people have a hard time letting go and the action steps to use to make decisions about what to keep in your space and what to let go. Presented by professional organizers and co-authors of Beyond Tidy, Marie Limpert and Annmarie Brogan of Organize Me! of NY, LLC.

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### **Where's My Stuff? The Ins and Outs of Managing Space**

Zoom

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

Registration ongoing

Marie and Annmarie from Organize Me! of NY, LLC are back to teach you strategies for maximizing your space, staying in control of your belongings, and to provide organizing solutions to common challenges that get us all stuck.

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### **Headline News**

Wednesday, April 24 from 2:00-3:00 pm

Registration begins March 1

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

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

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### **Arts & Crafts**

#### **Community Yarn Project: Yarn Squared**

Tuesdays, March 5 and April 23 from 6:30-8:00 pm

Thursdays, March 14 and April 4 from 2:30-4:00 pm

Registration begins March 2

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Join Tara to crochet and knit squares for our Community Yarn Project. Register for each date you are attending.

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#### **Fresh Springtime Flower Arrangement**

Thursday, March 14 from 6:30-8:30 pm

Registration begins March 1

Non-refundable materials fee: \$15 cash (exact change) or major credit card (can pay online) due at registration.

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Spring is in the air! Join floral designer Cindy Gerard to make your own fresh flower arrangement just in time for spring. Bring a pair of scissors or clippers.

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#### **Color Your Cares Away**

Fridays, March 15 and April 26 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Join us for a relaxing hour of coloring, music, and conversation. All materials will be provided. Register for each date you are attending.

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### **Canvas Paint Pouring**

Friday, March 22 from 2:30-4:00 pm

Registration begins March 8

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

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Join Elma to create a one-of-a-kind abstract art piece with paint pouring! This fun and easy painting class is something that anyone can do. Bring a smock to protect your clothes.

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### **A Knitting and Crochet Circle of Friends**

Fridays, March 22 and April 12 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Thursdays, March 28 and April 25 from 10:30 am-12:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Calling all fiber friends! Join us for Longwood's own knitting and crochet group. Bring any project you are working on or work on our library's Community Yarn Project with other knitters and crocheters in our area. The group will be facilitated by experienced fiber artist, Aimee Saccio. She can help you with questions you may have and offer unique patterns for you to try. All levels are welcome to join us. Register for each date attending.

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### **Tangled Out Poetry**

Friday, April 19 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Registration begins March 8

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

April is National Poetry Month. Combine the meditative art of Zentangle with the art of book page poetry, and you get Tangled Out Poetry! Aimee Saccio will show you how to make a poem from an old book page then draw tangles around it for a unique art piece. All supplies are included.

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### **Community Outreach**

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

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

No registration

NY State of Health is the official health plan marketplace for New Yorkers to shop for, compare, and enroll in health insurance coverage. Some plans are free, and most New Yorkers are eligible for financial support to lower their costs. Those with higher incomes may be eligible for reduced premiums. Speak with a NY State of Health Insurance Enrollment Assistor about choosing the right plan for you.

#### **Voter Registration Information**

Tuesday, March 12 from 5:00-6:30 pm

No registration

Not sure how to vote or when to register? Stop by the library for information about voter registration, absentee ballots, deadlines to register to vote in this year's election, applications to register to vote, and the current *Directory of Elected Officials* provided by the League of Women Voters. Materials offered in both English and Español.

#### **Long Island Cares Mobile Food Pantry**

Wednesday, March 27 from 10:00-11:00 am

No registration

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.

#### **Supportive Services for Veteran Families EOC of Suffolk**

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

No registration

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

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## **Computer & Technology Classes**

### **Using a Password Manager**

Zoom  
Wednesday, March 20 from 7:00-8:30 pm  
Registration ongoing  
So many passwords, how do we keep track of them all? Sharper Training will teach you how to best manage your passwords using a password manager, as well as learn the best practices for keeping all your accounts secure from identity theft. Please bring your questions.

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### **What is your Digital Footprint?**

Zoom  
Wednesday, March 27 from 7:00-8:30 pm  
Registration ongoing  
Join Sharper Training for this important lesson on tracking your internet activity or "your footprint." What trail of information are you leaving on the World Wide Web about yourself and your activity, and how easy is it for someone to access your footprint? You will learn how to control your information and, if necessary, remove it from the internet.

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## **Concerts**

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

Sunday, March 10 from 2:00-3:30 pm  
Registration ongoing  
Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder  
Join us as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day with Ed Ryan, who will perform Irish songs and stories. He is a respected entertainer in the Irish American community, and you will love his searing rendition of "Danny Boy."

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### **Dave Clive's Nawlins Funk Band**

Sunday, April 7 from 2:00-3:30 pm  
Registration begins March 26  
Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder  
Dave Clive's Nawlins Funk Band performs the best of New Orleans party music from the 1950s to the sounds of today! Their music is a mix of traditional New Orleans rhythms with modern blues, jazz, and funk.

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### **Copperline: James Taylor Experience**

Sunday, May 5 from 2:00-3:30 pm  
Registration begins April 26  
Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder  
Copperline brings to the stage performances from one of our time's most talented and well-known singer/songwriters. James Taylor's music and stories have left a long-lasting impression on the soul of America. In addition to James Taylor, Copperline will perform songs from some of the best artists he's shared a stage with, such as Carole King, Elton John, Paul Simon, and others.

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## **Cooking**

### **Chef Rob's Traditional Irish Soda Bread**

Thursday, March 7 from 4:00-5:00 pm OR 6:30-7:30 pm  
Registration begins March 1

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Join Chef Rob to make this traditional Irish Soda Bread for St. Patrick's Day. Bring a cookie tray, rubber spatula, and a large bowl to make and take this bread home to bake. *This program may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

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### **Chef Rob's Springtime Carrot Cake Muffins**

Thursday, April 11 from 4:00-5:00 pm OR 6:30-7:30 pm

Registration begins March 11

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

These sweet, cinnamon muffins are super soft and great for breakfast, snack time, or on the fly. Bring a box grater, peeler, muffin tin, large bowl, medium bowl, a whisk, and rubber spatula to make and take home to bake. This program may not be suitable for those with food allergies.

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### **Defensive Driving**

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

### **General Defensive Driving**

Saturday, March 16 from 10:00 am-4:30 pm OR

Wednesday and Thursday, March 27 and 28 from 5:30-8:30 pm OR

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

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

Fee: \$40. Seniors (ages 62+) and veterans pay \$30. Cash (exact change)

or major credit card required at first class. NO CHECKS.

Registration ongoing

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

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### **AARP Smart Driver Course**

Saturday, March 23 from 10:00 am-4:15 pm OR

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

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

Registration ongoing

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

The AARP Smart Driver Course covers defensive driving techniques and the normal changes in vision, hearing, and reaction time associated with aging. The course also provides practical techniques for adjusting to these changes to ensure the driver's own safety and that of others on the road. During the course, participants learn about current rules of the road and how to operate their vehicles more safely in today's increasingly challenging driving environment. Anyone with a NYS Driver's License may take this class regardless of age.

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### **Games**

#### **Hey! Let's Play!**

Fridays\* from 10:00 am-12:00 pm

No registration

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, Mah Jongg sets, and other favorites. We provide the tables and the room; you provide the fun! \*No Hey! Let's Play! On Friday, March 29.

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#### **Your Turn! Classic Board Game Night**

Tuesdays, March 19 and April 30 from 6:30-8:00 pm

Registration begins March 6

Limit 2 registrations per LPL cardholder



Join us for an evening of fun playing classic board games or learn some new ones. Games will be provided, however you are welcome to bring your own to share. Register for each date you are attending.

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### **Dungeons & Dragons: Spring Campaign**

Mondays, April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, May 6, 13, and 20 from 6:00-8:30 pm

Registration begins March 6

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

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

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### **Introduction to Canasta**

Tuesdays, April 2, 9, and 16 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Registration begins March 8

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Join instructor Jacqui Palatnik to learn the card game that has fascinated people for many years. Learn Canasta strategies, sequences, and combinations while socializing with friends. This class is for beginners and those who want to sharpen their skills.

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### **Bingo**

Tuesday, April 16 from 2:00-3:30 pm

Registration begins March 7

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Join us as we play our favorite game! We'll provide bingo cards and snacks for an afternoon of fun, games, and prizes galore!

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### **Health & Fitness**

#### **Tips for Successfully Aging in Place**

Wednesday, March 20 from 7:00-8:15 pm

Registration ongoing

Learn the proactive steps to take to stay safe, healthy, and happy in your own home as you age in this class presented by Family & Children's Association Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Program.

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#### **Blood Pressure Screening**

Fridays, March 22 and April 26 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm

No registration

Monthly free blood pressure screenings are provided by Northwell Health.

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#### **Meditation for Inner Peace**

Zoom

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

Registration ongoing

Join Bruce Faithwick to explore the aspects of going within, blocking out stressful triggers, and finding peace by living in the current moment with a simple, time-tested meditation technique. This virtual workshop will also include a short meditation session.

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#### **Setting Boundaries for Positive Mental Health**

Zoom

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

Registration ongoing

Join Jasmine Lucas of the Association for Mental Health and Wellness to explore the different types of boundaries and how to create them in your personal and professional life. Learn the benefits of setting boundaries and how the lack of boundaries contributes to burnout.

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### **Spring Into Good Health and Wellness**

Thursday, April 4 from 6:30-7:30 pm

Registration ongoing

Learn simple yet effective ways to positively influence your health. Join speakers from Stony Brook Eastern Long Island Hospital to learn how various aspects, from the impact of diet and exercise to managing alcohol consumption and incorporating supplements, can work together to prevent diseases and illness.

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### **Cardio Sculpt**

Fridays, April 5, 12, 19, and 26 from 2:30-3:15 pm

Registration begins March 6

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Join Debbie Kryzminski from Fitness Figures for a full-body workout that is tailored to your fitness level and includes balance training, low impact aerobics, strength training, core conditioning, and stretching. Wear clothing that you can comfortably move in, bring water, and be ready to have fun!

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### **Suicide Prevention Workshop**

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

Registration ongoing

Learn the warning signs and risk factors of suicide, how to intervene with someone considering suicide, and how to refer them to the appropriate form of help. Presented by Eric Van Deusen, a certified QPR Suicide Prevention Instructor and Outreach Specialist for Rise Life Services' Suicide Prevention Program. If you or someone you know is struggling with thoughts of suicide, call 988 to connect with a crisis counselor 24/7.

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### **Reduce Stress Through Meditation**

Zoom

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

Registration ongoing

Join long-time mediator John Bednarik as he discusses the extraordinary effect of meditation on reducing stress-related responses, improving concentration, and enhancing clarity of thought and mental equilibrium. He will also present a simple, time-tested, and effective meditation technique. This virtual workshop will include a short meditation session.

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### **Resources for Dementia Caregivers**

Thursday, April 18 from 2:00-4:00 pm

Attention caregivers and community enthusiasts! The Willing Hearts, Helpful Hands Caregiver Grant will be visiting to educate, engage, and offer free services, support, and funds to caregivers of someone with dementia. Looking to give back to your community? Learn about volunteer opportunities available with Willing Hearts, Helpful Hands.

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### **Shed the Meds**

Thursday, May 2 from 11:00 am-1:00 pm

No registration

Looking to get rid of unwanted or expired medications in a way that is safe and protects our environment? Safely disposing of medication prevents pollution of our groundwater and keeps them out of the hands of young children and others who might abuse them. The Suffolk County Sheriff's Department, in partnership with Assemblyman Joe DeStefano, will be here to accept your unwanted medications. Please have your medications in their original containers. No sharps or liquids are collected.

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### **Movies**

#### **Saturday Afternoon Movie**

*Gran Turismo*

Saturday, March 2 at 2:15 pm

No registration

**Starring David Harbour, Orlando Bloom, and Archie Madekwe**

Based on an unbelievable true story, a struggling working-class gamer, a failed former racecar driver, and an idealistic motorsports executive, risk it all to take on the most elite racing sport in the world.

(Action/Adventure, PG-13, 134 mins.)

***The Creator***

Saturday, April 6 at 2:15 pm

No registration

Starring John David Washington, Madeleine Yuna Voyles, and Gemma Chan

Amidst a future war between the human race and the forces of artificial intelligence, Joshua, a hardened ex-special forces agent grieving the disappearance of his wife, is recruited to hunt down and kill the Creator, the elusive architect of advanced AI. (Action/Sci-fi, PG-13, 133 mins.)

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**Watch-a-Movie Wednesday!**

Too busy to watch a movie this weekend? If so, why not...Watch-a-Movie Wednesday?!

Every Wednesday of the month at 2:15 pm, the library shows a film for all to enjoy! So, come on in, sit back, and relax to a great film...without filling up your weekends!

**March/April Selections**

Wednesdays at 2:15 pm • No registration

**MARCH 6**

The Miracle Club

(Comedy/Drama, PG-13, 91 mins.)

Starring Laura Linney & Kathy Bates

**MARCH 13**

National Treasure

(Action/Adventure, PG, 131 mins.)

Starring Nicolas Cage & John Voight

**MARCH 20**

Sound of Freedom

(Action/Crime, PG-13, 131 mins.)

Starring Jim Caviezel & Mira Sorvino

**MARCH 27**

Along Came Polly

(Comedy, PG-13, 91 mins.)

Starring Ben Stiller & Jennifer Aniston

**APRIL 3**

A Haunting in Venice

(Mystery, PG-13, 103 mins.)

Starring Kenneth Branagh & Jamie Dornan

**APRIL 10**

Click

(Comedy, PG-13, 107 mins.)

Starring Adam Sandler & Kate Beckinsale

**APRIL 17**

Corner Office

(Comedy, PG-13, 102 mins.)

Starring John Hamm & Danny Pudi

## **APRIL 24**

Sahara

(Action/Adventure, PG-13, 123 mins)

Starring Mathew McConaughey & Penelope Cruz

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### **Nature & Environment**

#### **Electrifying Your Home: The Time is Now**

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

Registration ongoing

Go green with electricity! Jim Bernabeo, a Rewiring America volunteer, will share his personal experiences with going solar and electrifying his Long Island home. Learn the various ways to electrify your own home while taking advantage of discounts, tax credits, and other financial incentives through the 2022 Inflation Reduction Act (IRA).

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#### **Seal Walk at Cupsogue Beach**

Saturday, March 16 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Registration begins March 4

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Biologist and Ranger Eric Powers will guide us on a walk at Cupsogue Beach County Park to see over-wintering seals and other wildlife. We'll do a beachcombing hike on the way back. Dress warmly and be prepared to walk about two miles. Bring your own water, cameras, and binoculars. You must provide your own transportation to the park. Weather permitting.

Register for the Discover the Solar Eclipse Challenge on Beanstack to receive a pair of eclipse glasses –while supplies last! See the front cover for details.

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#### **Total Solar Eclipse**

Wednesday, April 3 from 6:30-7:30 pm

Registration begins March 6

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Prepare for the upcoming total solar eclipse occurring on Monday, April 8! Learn what causes eclipses, where the best places to watch will be, and how to safely view all parts of the eclipse during this live, interactive program from the Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum.

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#### **Earth Day Every Day Plant Swap**

Saturday, April 6 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm

No registration

Bring your extra garden or house plants, cuttings, seedlings, or seeds and swap them for some new-to-you plants at our Earth Day Every Day Plant Swap. All plants and seeds must be healthy, pest-free, and labeled. Plants can be in soil or rooted cuttings in water (please only bring pots that you are willing to part with). Bring your own bags and/or containers to carry your new green friends home. All greenery and seeds can be dropped off and swapped starting at 10:00 am.

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### **One-on-One Appointments**

#### **Ask a Librarian**

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

Limited to LPL cardholders

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

#### **Citizenship One-On-One**

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

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

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### **Family Service League Social Worker**

Mondays from 4:30-8:30 pm

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

A social worker can help find resources for those seeking shelter, suffering from addiction, facing the challenges of mental illness, seniors seeking help, and more.

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

Tuesdays, March 5, 26, April 2, and 23 from 12:00-4:00 pm

First come, first served. No registration.

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

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### **HIICAP Medicare Assistance**

Wednesdays, March 13 and April 10 from 10:00 am-2:30 pm

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

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

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### **Career Coaching**

Tuesdays, March 19 OR April 16 from 4:00-7:00 pm

Call the Adult Reference Desk at (631) 924-6400 x250 or register in-person for appointments. No walk-ins.

Limited to LPL cardholders.

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

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### **SCORE Business Mentoring**

Wednesdays, March 20 and April 17 from 5:30-8:30 pm

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

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

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### **Office for the Aging Advocate**

Thursday, April 4 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm

First come, first served. No registration.

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

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### **Smile-A-while**

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

### **SmileAwhile with Music: Keys, Strings, and Drumming Things**

Thursday, March 14 from 10:30-11:30 am

Registration ongoing

Join Mr. Scott for some open-floor music fun! We'll jam together on a variety of drum and percussion items, as well as an acoustic guitar and ukulele, and try out an eight-foot floor piano mat.

**SmileAwhile with Decoupage Spring  
Vase with Silk Flowers**

Friday, April 26 from 10:30-11:30 am

Registration begins March 4

Let's create a beautiful spring vase using the art of decoupage. Everyone will pick some pretty silk flowers to place in the vase.

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**SmileAwhile with a Movie**

***Paws of Fury: The Legend of Hank***

Friday, March 15 from 10:30 am-12:30 pm

No registration

Starring Michael Cera, Ricky Gervais, George Takei, Gabriel Iglesias, Michelle Yeoh, Samuel L. Jackson

Hank, a hard-on-his-luck hound, ends up in a town full of cats who need a hero to defend them from a villain's evil plot to wipe their village off the map. With the help and training of his reluctant teacher, our underdog must assume the role of town samurai and team up with the villagers to save the day.

(Animated, action-adventure, PG, 1 hour 38 minutes)

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***National Treasure***

Friday, April 12 from 10:30 am-12:45 pm

No registration

Starring Nicolas Cage, Jon Voight, Harvey Keitel, Diane Kruger

All his life, Benjamin Franklin Gates has been searching for a hidden treasure no one believed in, until now. Racing against time, he must elude the authorities and his adversary to unlock the 2000-year-old mystery behind our greatest national treasure.

(Action-adventure, PG, 2 hours 11 minutes)

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**Train Trip to NYC**

Saturday, April 13, on the 9:20 am train from LIRR's Ronkonkoma Train Station.

Fee: \$10.75 per ticket round trip (cash only, exact change please, and no refunds)

LIRR ticket prices are subject to change without prior notice.

Children 4 years old and under ride free.

Ticket sales begin Monday, March 11 at 9:30 am at the Circulation Desk.

There is a 4-ticket limit per adult LPL cardholder (cardholders must be present). Tickets are valid for the April 13 trip only. Travel as a group at a reduced rate from the Ronkonkoma Railroad Station to Penn Station NYC. Please remember that you must sit in the first two cars of the train. This is because you'll be traveling under a library group ticket for the westbound leg of the trip only. For your return (eastbound) trip, you may use your individual ticket for any other train that day and may sit wherever you like.

\*\*Schedules are subject to change without notice, so please check the LIRR website for important updates and schedule changes prior to your trip.\*\*

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**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.

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**makerLAB**

**open makerLAB**

Appointments are limited to LPL cardholders

Make one of our makerLAB Kits or work on your own project. Open makerLAB is DIY self-guided experience.

A staff member is here to assist with your questions but for more in-depth training take one of our makerLAB classes.

View our makerLAB Kits, check our openLAB schedule, and make an appointment online at [longwoodlibrary.org/makerLAB](http://longwoodlibrary.org/makerLAB).

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

## **CRAFTS**

### **Apothecary Jars**

Thursday, April 4 at 6:30 pm OR Friday, April 5 at 2:30 pm

Registration begins March 8

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

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Keep organized with these adorable apothecary jars! Join librarian Alison and make two jars with labels designed on Canva and cut using Cricut's popular Print Then Cut feature.

### **AI Art Tote Bags**

Thursday, April 11 at 6:30 pm OR Friday, April 12 at 2:30 pm

Registration begins March 8

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

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

There has been a lot of news about AI (Artificial Intelligence) generated art but how does it work? Join librarian Alison for a lecture on the pros and cons of AI art and try it out with Canva's AI art generator. After generating your art, it will be pressed on a sublimation tote bag!

### **Upcycled Lighted Wine Bottles**

Thursday, April 18 at 6:30 pm OR Friday, April 19 at 2:30 pm

Registration begins March 8

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

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Learn how to make these beautiful lighted wine bottles! Join librarian Alison and decorate your bottle with Cricut's permanent vinyl, battery-operated cork fairy lights, and ribbon. Please bring your own clean wine bottle with the label removed.

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

## **makerLAB**

### **Knit & Click: Online Knitting and Crochet Resources**

Zoom

Thursday, March 14 at 7:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Looking for places to find knitting or crochet patterns, tutorials, and communities? Join librarian Alison and unravel the world of online fiber arts resources including some that you can access with your library card!

### **Cricut Fundamentals I: Everything Cricut**

Zoom

Thursday, March 21 at 5:30 pm

Registration ongoing

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

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### **Cricut Fundamentals II: Cricut Design Space**

Zoom

Thursday, March 21 at 7:00 pm

Registration ongoing

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

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### **Cricut Fundamentals: Eco-Friendly Shopping Totes**

Thursday, March 28 at 6:30 pm OR Friday, March 29 at 2:30 pm

Registration begins March 8

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

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Want to learn Cricut with a hands-on craft? Join librarian Alison and learn how to use Heat Transfer Vinyl (HTV) to design your go-to tote to bring along to grocery stores and farmers' markets.

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### **makerlab Kits**

#### **Birthday OR Thinking of You Card Kit Bundle**

Supplies to make 3 cards

Non-refundable fee: \$7

#### **Cricut Faux Leather Earring Kit**

Supplies to make 2 pairs of earrings

Non-refundable fee: \$6

#### **Embroidered Tea Towel Kit**

Supplies to make 1 tea towel

Non-refundable fee: \$5

#### **Make Your Own Mug**

Supplies to make 1, 12 oz. mug

Non-refundable fee: \$5

Supplies to make 1, 15 oz. mug

Non-refundable fee: \$6

#### **Make Your Own Tote**

Supplies to make 1 tote

Non-refundable fee: \$5

#### **Sticker Printing Kit**

Avery Sticker Paper OR Holographic Sticker Paper (1 sheet)

Non-refundable fee: \$1.50

Cricut Printable Vinyl Sticker Paper (1 sheet)

Non-refundable fee: \$2

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### **3D Print Requests**

Looking to 3D print an object?



- The library can help! Adult Longwood Public Library cardholders in good standing can submit files to be printed in the color of their choice on one of our 3D printers.
- We will take custom and premade designs from Thingiverse, Yeggi, STLFinder, and more.
- Printing fees are \$1.00 per hour or \$0.50 per 30 minutes.
- Print jobs are printed with Ultimaker PLA filament, a plant-based, biodegradable material.

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

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## **CHILDREN'S CLASSES & EVENTS**

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

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

### **Baby, Toddler, and Preschool Classes & Events**

#### **Storytime**

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

Please choose one session.

#### **Toddler Tales**

Fridays, March 1, 8, and 15 at 10:00 am

Children (2-3 years)

Registration ongoing

OR

#### **Little Listeners**

Mondays, March 11, 18, and 25 at 3:00 pm

Children (3 years–Pre-K)

Registration ongoing

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### **Monthly Family Storytime Kits**

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

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

#### **March: Rainbows**

Keep an eye out for Rainbows, you never know what you will find at the end!

#### **April: Get Down on the Farm!**

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### **Lucky Little Crafters**

Tuesday, March 5

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

Children (ages 3–Pre-K) at 3:00 pm

Registration begins February 27

Come on down and listen to some shamrock stories and make a lucky shamrock craft!

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### **What Color is the Sky Today?**

Thursday, March 7 at 3:00 pm

Children (ages 3–Pre-K)

Registration begins February 27

Look up! Do you need a raincoat? Sunglasses? A bathing suit? Join us as we learn all about the weather!

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### **Mostly Mother Goose**

Tuesday, March 12 at 10:30 am

Children (infant–3 years)

Registration begins February 27

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

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### **Tots Night Out**

Wednesday, March 13 at 6:00 pm

Children (18 months–Pre-K)

Registration begins February 27

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

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### **Playtown**

Thursday, March 14 at 10:30 am OR 3:00 pm

Children (2 years–Pre-K)

Registration begins March 4

Children will use their imaginations as they visit and play in Playtown's supermarket, animal hospital, library, and other community centers. By participating in dramatic play with costumes and acting out behaviors of community helpers, children develop essential social and emotional skills.

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### **Parent Toddler Workshop**

Tuesdays, March 19, 26, and April 2, 9 and 16 at 9:45 am OR 11:00 am

Children (12 months–35 months)

Registration begins March 4

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

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### **Preschool Playtime**

Thursdays, March 21, 28 and April 4, 11, 18 at 10:00 am

Children (3 years–Pre-K)

Registration begins March 4

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.

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### **Bouncing Babies**

Friday, March 22 at 10:30 am

Children (infant–23 months)

Registration begins March 13

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

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### **Get Up & Go**

Wednesday, March 27 at 6:30 pm

Children (12 months–3 years)

Registration begins March 13

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

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### **Babies & Books**

Wednesday, April 3 at 10:00 am

Children (infant–17 months)

Registration begins March 25

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

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### **Tots & Books**

Wednesday, April 3 at 11:00 am

Children (18 months–35 months)

Registration begins March 25

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

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Register for the Discover the Solar Eclipse Challenge on Beanstack to receive a pair of eclipse glasses – while supplies last! See the front cover for details.

### **Crafty Kids: Solar Eclipse**

Friday, April 5 at 3:00 pm

Children (ages 4–Pre-K)

Registration begins March 25

Children will listen to stories about the sun and the moon before making sun and moon crafts to prepare for the upcoming solar eclipse on April 8!

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### **Baby Picasso**

Monday, April 8 at 10:00 am

Children (12 months–30 months)

Registration begins March 25

### **Art Starts**

Monday, April 8 at 11:00 am

Children (31 months–Pre-K)

Registration begins March 25

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

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### **Fly into Fun**

Friday, April 12

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

Children (3 years–Pre-K) at 11:00 am

Registration begins April 1

Tweet all about it! Have a soaring good time listening to stories and creating crafts of our feathered friends!

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### **Showers to Flowers**

Wednesday, April 17 at 10:00 am

Children (2-4 years)

Registration begins April 1

April showers bring May flowers! Children will listen to some stories and welcome spring by making a sunny day craft and finger painting some flowers. Don't forget your smock!

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### **Tinker Tots**

Tuesday, April 23 at 11:00 am

Children (31 months–Pre-K)

Registration begins April 9

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

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### **Let's Move with PlayHooray**

Wednesday, April 24 at 10:00 am OR 11:00 am

Children (infant–4 years)

Registration begins April 9

PlayHooray on a beautiful spring day with balls, instruments, drums, and so much more. This lively music and movement class will have you rocking to the beat.

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### **Construction Zone**

Thursday, April 25 at 10:00 am

Children (18-35 months)

Registration begins April 12

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

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### **Lil' Athletes: Spring Training**

Monday, April 29

Children (23-35 months) at 10:00 am

Children (ages 3–Pre-K) at 11:00 am

Registration begins April 12

Children will learn the basics of baseball through activities and drills with instructors from Lil' Athletes. Please wear sneakers and dress for movement.

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### **Tots Night Out**

Tuesday, April 30 at 6:00 pm

Children (18 months–Pre-K)

Registration begins April 12

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

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### **School-Aged Classes & Events**

#### **Colorful Birds**

Friday, March 1

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

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

Registration begins February 19

Join art teacher Kim for some fun making gorgeous mixed-media birds!

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#### **Crochet 101**

Mondays, March 4, 11, 18, 25 at 6:30 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins February 27

Come and learn the basics of the art of crochet! With your new skills you can participate in our **Community Yarn Project** and make some squares to donate!

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### **Lucky Irish Cupcakes**

Friday, March 8

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

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

Registration begins February 27

Join Chef Rob and make some deliciously lucky cupcakes to celebrate St. Patrick's Day! *The snacks provided may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

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### **Dungeons & Dragons Tween Edition**

Tuesday, March 12 from 6:00-7:30 pm

Children (grades 4-6)

Registration begins February 27

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

Children (grades 4-6)

Registration begins March 25

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.

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### **Lucky Leprechaun Doors**

Thursday, March 14

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

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

Registration begins March 4

Have you ever wanted to catch a leprechaun? Come listen to some St. Patty's Day stories and make a leprechaun door to hopefully catch a leprechaun!

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### **Kindness Kids: Bunny Catnip Toys**

Friday, March 15 at 6:30 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins March 4

Join Miss Laura as she shows you how to make cute bunny-shaped cat nip toys to donate to a local animal shelter.

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### **Paws for Reading**

Monday, March 18 starting at 5:00 pm

Registration begins March 4

Monday, April 29 starting at 5:00 pm

Registration begins April 12

Children (readers-grade 6)

Register for a 15-minute reading session to read to certified therapy dogs and their owners. Research suggests that reading to dogs can help children practice their skills by providing a non-judgmental listener. *Please note that this program is intended for children who read independently.*

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### **Cricut Tic Tac Toe Window Clings**

Tuesday, March 19 at 5:30 pm OR 7:00 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins March 4

Children will use the Cricut Maker to create and customize their own tic-tac-toe game using a removable window cling material.

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

### **Minecraft Junior**

Thursday, March 21 at 6:00 pm

Children (grades K-2)

Registration begins March 13

### **Minecraft Club**

Thursday, March 21 at 7:00 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins March 13

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### **Ukulele Basics**

Thursdays, March 28, April 4, 11, 18 at 6:00 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins March 13

Children will learn the basics of playing the ukulele with music teacher Adam King! Children will meet for one hour per week for four weeks. Those registered will receive a ukulele to use for the duration of the program or they can bring their own.

*Space is limited, so attendees must be able to commit to all 4 classes. Ukuleles must be returned at the end of the final class.*

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### **Curious Clouds & Citizen Science**

Tuesday, April 2 at 6:00 pm

Children (grades K-2)

Registration begins March 25

In celebration of Citizen Science Month, learn about clouds and their important role in our climate. Make a water cycle craft, play with some "cloud dough," make a cloud identification viewer, and discover our Citizen Science kits that you can take home, featuring our GLOBE: Cloud Observer Kit!

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### **April Flowers**

Friday, April 5

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

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

Registration begins March 25

It is springtime and flowers are blooming! Join art teacher Kim to create a beautiful picture of a vase of spring flowers.

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### **Book Chat: *Swindle***

Friday, March 22 at 6:30 pm

Children (grades 4-6)

Registration begins February 27

After discussing *Swindle* by Gordan Korman, children will enjoy popcorn and soft pretzels, decorate a baseball cap, and play a game of baseball with inflatable bats.

**Registration and book pick-up will begin February 27.**

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

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### ***Swindle* Movie Chat**

**Families are welcome to join us for the movie.**

Friday, March 29 at 6:00 pm

Children (grades 4-6)

Registration begins March 13

After reading and discussing the book *Swindle* by Gordon Korman on March 22, children can join us for a screening of the movie version of the book. Afterward, we will briefly talk about the differences between the book and the movie.

*Swindle* is a 2013 television film based on Gordan Korman's novel of the same name. The movie tells the story of Griffin, a boy who retrieves his friend's valuable baseball card from an unscrupulous collectibles dealer with the help of his friends. (Rated G)

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### **Blooming Buddies with the Take a Look at Teaching Club**

Saturday, April 6 at 11:00 am

Children (grades K-2)

Registration begins March 25

Listen to stories as you build, create, and plant flowers with students from Longwood High School's Take a Look at Teaching Club this spring! Children in grades K-2 can participate in crafting flowers and planting their very own seeds to take home.

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### **Book Bunch & Munch**

Monday, April 8 at 6:30 pm

Children (grades K-2)

Registration begins March 25

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

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### **Sculpey Clay Baby Yoda**

Wednesday, April 10

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

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

Registration begins April 1

May the force be with you as you join Art Teacher Amy to sculpt a Baby Yoda out of clay!

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### **Springtime Treats**

Friday, April 12 at 6:30 pm

Children (grades K-2)

Registration begins April 1

Spring is here! Join Miss Laura to make springtime crispy treats and delicious cookie truffles. *This program may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

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### **Go Green Screen**

Tuesday, April 16 at 6:30 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins April 1

Try out the green screen in our makerLAB! Ever wonder what it would look like if you were getting eaten by a shark? Running away from a dinosaur? Surrounded by a field of Pokémon? In this program, children will get to green screen themselves into any scenario using simple editing software.

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### **Comics & Candy**

#### ***The Cat in Space and the Soup of Doom***

Friday, April 19 at 6:30 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins April 1

After discussing *The Cat in Space and the Soup of Doom* by Mac Barnett and Shawn Harris, kids will enjoy "chocolate soup" and Milky Ways, make a space bouncy ball, and play space games. **Registration and book pick-up begins April 1.** *The snack provided may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

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### **Spring Bunny Paintings**

Monday, April 22

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

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

Registration begins April 9

Miss Laura will show children how to make an adorable bunny painting, perfect for springtime decorating!

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### **Build It!**

Tuesday, April 23 at 2:00 pm

Children (grades K-6)

Drop-in. No registration.

Children are invited to drop in between 2:00 pm and 3:30 pm and let their imaginations run wild with Legos and other building materials like Marble Maze, Kinex, Magnatiles, and Playstix!

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### **In My Swiftie Era**

Thursday, April 25

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

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

Registration begins April 12

Be fearless and join our Taylor Swift-inspired dance party! We'll "dance like we're 22", make friendship bracelets, do trivia, and have snacks all inspired by pop queen Taylor Swift. Children are encouraged to dress in their favorite Taylor Swift Era. *The snacks provided may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

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### **Games & Goodies**

Friday, April 26

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

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

Registration begins April 12

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

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### **Family Classes & Events**

#### **April is Citizen Science Month!**

Celebrate by borrowing one of our Citizen Science Kits with all the tools you need to participate in various Citizen Science projects. Citizen Science is ordinary people of any age gathering scientific information locally and sharing it with the global scientific community. Whether 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! There are projects and resources to match all interests, and Citizen Science is perfect for all ages and great for family activities. No prior scientific knowledge is required, just a willingness to learn and participate.

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#### **Total Solar Eclipse**

Wednesday, April 3 at 6:30 pm

All ages

Registration begins March 6

Prepare for the upcoming total solar eclipse occurring on Monday, April 8! Learn what causes eclipses, where the best places to watch will be, and how to safely view all parts of the eclipse during this live interactive program from the Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum.

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#### **Kids Can Vote**

Tuesday, April 9 from 8:00 am-9:00 pm

Drop-in. No registration.

It's Library Budget Vote Day! On Tuesday, April 9, children of all ages are invited to vote for their favorite authors, books, characters, and movies. Each child who votes will be entered into a raffle.

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#### **Earth Day Every Day**

Saturday, April 6 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm

All are welcome to celebrate Earth Day at the library! Get information about nature activities, recycling, energy-saving opportunities, visit our seed library, and more. Check out our Citizen Science Kits and participate in a plant swap where you can bring plants to share with others and pick up some new ones to take home! Learn about various topics that can positively shape Earth's future. We will also have recycled crafts in the Children's Department.



**The first 50 households attending will receive a free paper recycling bin courtesy of the Town of Brookhaven.**

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**Be Inspired “Women’s History Month”**

Saturday, April 13 at 10:00-11:30 am and 2:00-3:30 pm

Families with children

Drop-in. No registration.

Drop in anytime between 10:00 am and 11:30 am or 2:00 pm and 3:30 pm to get inspired at these different stations about important figures in women’s history.

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**Fun Things to Do in the Summer Fair**

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

Families with children

Registration begins April 1

Are your children bored by the second day of summer vacation? Need some great ideas for family fun? Then come down to our “Fun Things to Do in the Summer Fair” to beat those summer blues! There will be representatives from local camps, organizations, and recreational facilities available to talk about the fun activities available throughout the summer. All families with children are welcome.

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**Messy Monday**

Monday, April 22 from 6:00-7:00 pm

Families with children

Drop-in. No registration.

Can’t make it to any of our daytime art programs? Drop in anytime between 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm to explore our art stations and create some open-ended artwork with your children! Dress for a mess!

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**Life-Sized Candyland**

Wednesday, April 24 starting at 4:00 pm

Families with children (birth–grade 6)

Registration begins April 9

Families are invited to experience the classic game Candyland as they never have before! Walk through a Disney-inspired life-sized game board featuring set pieces and characters from your favorite films. Step into a tale as old as time, visit a magical Colombian casita, chat with an ice princess and her talking snowman, and much more! Games will begin at 10-minute intervals starting at 4:00 pm, with the last session starting at 6:30 pm. Each group may have up to 3 players; each player may bring 1 non-playing guest. For example, parents with small children may play as one. Each game will take about 30 minutes. Please register each child who will play.

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**Mad Science: Spin, Pop, Boom!**

Friday, April 26 at 11:00 am

Families with children (ages 4–grade 6)

Registration begins April 12

Be amazed by chemistry when the Mad Scientist mixes up experiments with lots of volunteers. Children will be enthralled by melting cups, stretchy polymers, magic genies, and exploding foam. Fun for all, leaving everyone wanting more!

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**TEEN CLASSES & EVENTS**

Teen Services programs are open to teens entering grade 7 through completed grade 12

You must have a valid LPL young adult card to register.

**Save the Date!**

**Authors Unlimited**

Saturday, April 13 from 10:00 am-2:30 pm

Location: St. Joseph’s University,

155 West Roe Blvd., Patchogue

Earn community service credit for attending this event, which celebrates reading by connecting teens and authors. It’s a free program where teens and tweens get preferred seating! Attendees will get the chance to meet dynamic authors of young adult literature.

Visit [authorsunlimited.org](http://authorsunlimited.org) for registration and other information.

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Please note registration is limited to either Dungeons & Dragons with the Quest Master's Guild OR Saturday Dungeons & Dragons

### **Dungeons & Dragons with the Quest Master's Guild**

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

Registration begins March 1

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

Registration begins March 22

### **Saturday Dungeons & Dragons**

Saturday, March 9 from 10:00 am-1:00 pm

Registration begins February 24

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

Registration begins March 30

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

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### **Teen Podcast: Episode 2**

Thursday, March 21 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins March 7

The Longwood Teen Podcast is back in action for Episode 2! Get to know the Longwood Podcasters as we discuss a range of topics about life as a teen in 2024. *The snacks provided may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

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### **Design a Video Game!**

Friday, March 22 from 6:30-8:30 pm

Registration begins March 8

Come learn the basics of making a video game at the library! Join Mr. McCoy in coding a platforming game, where you get to create the levels. This program will be done using Scratch, a free, web-based coding platform for beginners.

Register for the **Discover the Solar Eclipse Challenge** on Beanstack to receive a pair of eclipse glasses – *while supplies last!*

*See the front cover for details.*

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### **Getting Ready to Babysit**

Saturday, April 6 from 10:30 am-1:30 pm

Registration begins March 1

This course is designed to help teens develop the skills necessary for the responsibility of being a sitter – child safety, developmental stages of children, and how to plan activities that are age appropriate. Hands-on activities and course certification are included.

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### **Boba & Candy Sushi**

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

Registration begins March 29

Turn your favorite cuisine into sugary sushi snacks using Rice Krispie Treats, Fruit Roll-Ups, and other sweet treats! Top off dessert with a Popping Boba taste test! *This program may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

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### **Teen Writing Workshop: Poetry**

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

Registration begins April 4

Calling all teen poets! Join Teen Services Librarian Ms. Broderick to celebrate National Poetry Month at the library. Learn about poem structures, practice your poetic free-writing, and play writing games while enjoying snacks. Sharing original work or work from a favorite poet is welcome. Please bring a notebook or one will be provided for you. *The snacks provided may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

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### **Pencil Pals**

Zoom

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

Registration begins April 5

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

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### **Cricut Garden Flags**

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

Registration begins April 11

Join Teen Services Librarian Ms. Goldstein to create a custom garden flag using the Cricut machines in the library's makerLAB!

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### **5-Hour Pre-Licensing Class**

Saturday, April 27 from 10:00 am-2:30 pm

Non-refundable fee: \$55 (payment in cash, exact change, to be made on day of class)

Registration begins March 1

Phone and in-person registration only.

The five-hour pre-licensing class is required by the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles for applicants who would like to schedule a road test. The class will be taught by an instructor from a local driving school and is open to both district and non-district residents ages 16 and up. You must bring your picture NY State Learner Permit to class. Please also bring your lunch with you. You will not have time to leave for lunch.

**Call the Teen Services Department at (631) 924-6400 x249 to register.**

*For more information about New York State driver's license requirements, please visit [dmv.ny.gov](http://dmv.ny.gov).*

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### **Friends of the Longwood Public Library**

#### **2024 Scholarship for Longwood School District's High School Seniors**

Friends of the Longwood Public Library will be awarding two \$1,000 scholarships for graduating high school seniors who will be attending college or a vocational/technical training program. Applicants must reside within the Longwood School District and have a valid Longwood Public Library Card. These scholarships will be awarded to students in recognition of their contributions to the library.

**Applications are due April 1, 2024 and are available in the Teen Services Department.**

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### **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.**

#### **Trex Recycling Assistance**

Help us participate in the Trex Recycling Film Challenge! The library is collecting plastic film that will be given new life as sustainable Trex decking. We need your help delivering the plastic film that we collect to local participating retailers. Call the Teen Services Desk at **(631) 924-6400 x249** to schedule an appointment to pick up a bundle of plastic film. Then, stop by the Teen Department at the library to pick up your bundle and instructions sheet. You will need to drop your bundle in the Trex receptacle at either Stop & Shop in Coram or Kohl's in Rocky Point and take a photo at the receptacle. After you complete the drop-off, you'll need to upload your photo and fill in the answers to the questions on our Google Form.

**You will receive a certificate for 1 hour of community service by email within one week of submitting the completed Google Form.**

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#### **Community Service by Appointment**

Looking for some extra community service outside of our regular programming? You can make an appointment to spend some time in True North working on a variety of projects to help make a difference in our community! Call the Teen Services Desk at **(631) 924-6400**

**x249** to schedule a one-hour time slot. Please schedule your appointment at least 24 hours in advance and be advised that we are unable to accommodate walk-ins. Time slots may be limited. Teens in grades 7-12 may schedule one time slot per week. You will receive a paper community service certificate immediately upon meeting and completing our guidelines for service. Please retain this certificate for your records if you need to show proof of participation in the future.

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### **TikTok Time**

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

Registration begins February 21

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 hour of community service**

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### **Craft Kits for Donation**

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

Registration begins February 27

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

Registration begins March 25

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

**Certificate for 1 hour of community service**

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### **Paracord Lanyards**

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

Registration begins March 4

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

**Certificate for 1 hour of community service**

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### **Community Yarn Project: The Very Hungry Caterpillar**

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

Registration begins March 13

Tuesday, April 16 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins April 2

Help the Teen Services Department participate in the library's Community Yarn Project! We will be creating yarn-wrapped squares that will be attached together to create a Very Hungry Caterpillar display that will be exhibited on the Terrace this spring!

Certificate for 1 hour of community service

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Bookmarkers:

### **Online Book Club for 10-12 Graders**

Join the Teen Services Librarians for an online book discussion just for teens in grades 10-12!

***Sheets*** by Brenna Thummler

Zoom

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

Registration begins February 6

Marjorie Glatt has more responsibilities than a typical teenager. Saving the family laundromat, managing school, helping her grieving father, and befriendng an actual ghost are only some of the things on Marjorie's plate. Join Bookmarker's for our April selection, *Sheets* by Brenna Thummler as we discuss this moving graphic novel about perseverance, forgiveness, and laundry.

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

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Talking Newsletter

Thursday, April 11 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Registration begins March 28

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

**Certificate for 1.5 hours of community service**

**Life-Sized Candyland Assistance**

Saturday, April 13 from 10:30 am-1:30 pm (prep)

Saturday, April 20 from 10:30 am-1:30 pm (prep)

Wednesday, April 24 from 3:00-7:30 pm (game)

Registration begins March 11

Please note that this program is only open to Longwood teens in grades 8-12 who can commit to all sessions (no partial service credit will be given).

Earn 12 hours of volunteer credit while developing your creative talents and helping to brighten a young person's day. Create a Disney-inspired life-sized game board featuring set pieces and characters from your favorite films. Then, help bring beloved characters and sets to life for the younger kids in our community during Longwood Public Library's Disney-themed Life-Sized Candyland program.

**Certificate for 12 hours of community service**

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**Stenciled Tote Bags**

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

Registration begins April 15

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

**Certificate for 1 hour of community service**

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**Bookstormers:**

**Book Club for 7th, 8th & 9th Graders**

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

**MARCH**

*The Wretched Waterpark*

by Kiersten White

Thursday, March 14 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration ongoing

When the Sinister-Winterbottom siblings are abruptly sent to spend the summer with their long-lost Aunt Saffronia, it quickly becomes clear that something is not right. Soon she drops them off at the creepy gothic Fathoms of Fun Waterpark with one task: "Find what was lost." With no choice but to solve the mystery, the siblings set off on an ominous adventure.

**APRIL**

*Booked*

by Kwame Alexander

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

Registration begins March 14

Twelve-year-old Nick hates to read. He'd much rather be playing soccer or hanging out with his best friend Coby. Little does he know; his life is about to be turned upside down. As Nick deals with his parents' impending divorce, bullies at school, and his first crush, he comes to appreciate the power of words with some help from an unusual librarian. *The snacks provided may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

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

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Remember to Vote, Tuesday, April 8, 2024 – 8:00 am-9:00 pm

**2024-2025 Annual Budget Vote & Trustee Election**

Annual Message to the Community

**2023 was another very busy year at the library!**

Our staff was excited to re-introduce some pre-pandemic programs, such as bus trips and the ever-popular Life-Sized Candyland. In conjunction with our status as a certified Sustainable Library, we launched the NexTrex Challenge, helping our community take soft plastic film out of the waste stream. We introduced the community to the Great Backyard Bird Count, a fantastic national citizen science program. New services were added to the makerLAB with a sublimation printer, which allows for more creative experiences for our

patrons. We upgraded our wireless network with a faster and more reliable system, improving internet access for mobile users in the building. Many great new programs were planned and presented by our staff, including our first-ever Plant Swap, a Craft Supply Swap, the Kovarik Author Talk with Ridley Pearson, and Magic Tree House: the Musical, just to name a few. We embarked on some new collaborations: partnering with LIEOC to present high-quality English language classes for our English language learners, and collaborating with other libraries in the county for the fun Summer Library Tour. As always, we continue to enhance our collections: new travel-related items were added to our Equipment & Gadgets collection, and in the Teen Department, a new set of tablets with full manga series were added. At the end of December, our Circulation Department introduced the convenient option for patrons to renew their library cards online.

Since the inception of the state tax cap, the library has annually operated within those limits, with the exception of two years during the building expansion. In the 2020-2021 fiscal year, the library Board of Trustees decided that the library would have no budget increase, which became challenging due to the price fluctuations from supply chain issues. Subsequently there have been several years of steep inflation. As a result, the Board of Trustees has determined that in order to maintain the library's current level of excellent service, the proposed 2024-2025 budget will need to exceed the state tax cap. The anticipated increase for the average household is \$1.75 per month (\$21.01 per year). Details of the proposed budget are shown here and will be available in the library and online in early March. The Board will hold a budget information meeting on Wednesday, March 27 at 7:00 pm.

Completed petitions for library trustee are due by 5:00 pm on Monday, March 11, 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](mailto:lisa@longwoodlibrary.org).

### **A Few Statistics from 2023**

- More than 489,000 physical items were checked out or renewed. In addition, eBooks, movies, music and audiobooks were streamed or downloaded more than 181,000 times, a 10% increase over the previous year.
- Computers were used more than 37,000 times, and the library's wireless network was accessed more than 117,000 times. These represent increases of 25% and 5% over the prior year.
- Library staff planned and produced 2,027 in-person or virtual programs with 38,351 attendees or viewers, a 12% increase over the previous year.
- The library's convenient mobile app was launched more than 33,000 times during the year.

### **2024 Plans**

The library provides incredible value for the community's modest investment. Your support in 2024-2025 will allow the library to continue our current excellent level of services and programs.

#### **Current services include:**

- The ability to stream and download free eBooks and eAudio from Libby, Hoopla, Freegal and Kanopy
- Free museum passes to dozens of museums on Long Island and in New York City
- Equipment & Gadgets, our Library of Things collection
- Classes and events for all ages, including concerts and performances in our theatre-style Community Room
- Access to classes and appointments in the makerLAB, our makerspace
- Thousands of books, movies, audiobooks and more, with access to millions of additional titles through our shared county catalog
- Access to public computers with librarians who can provide guidance, as well as one-on-one tech assistance
- A wonderful playspace for families with young children, plus the interactive Learn & Play Children's Garden

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

- The Community Yarn Project, a library-wide program for all ages, spanning most of 2024
  - Additional programs and services in the makerLAB
  - Programs focusing on April's near-total solar eclipse
  - A podcast produced by teens
  - A middle school reading challenge
  - The first Repair Café held in our community
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**Please Vote**

We will hold our **Annual Budget Vote and Trustee Election on Tuesday, April 9**, 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 as low as possible. We thank you for your support throughout the year, and ask you to come in and vote on April 9.

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**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 April 4 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, April 2, 2024**. (*Applications are available at the library.*)

## Longwood Public Library Proposed Budget 2024-2025

	Current Budget 2023-2024	Proposed Budget 2024-2025
<b>Materials &amp; Supplies</b>	<b>\$909,230</b>	<b>\$932,500</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Items for library collections</li> <li>• Library programs</li> <li>• Office &amp; custodial supplies</li> </ul>		
<b>Professional &amp; Consulting Services</b>	<b>\$118,700</b>	<b>\$118,100</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legal, treasurer, auditor</li> </ul>		
<b>Library Operations</b>	<b>\$282,130</b>	<b>\$278,500</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Software</li> <li>• Printing &amp; postage</li> <li>• Service contracts</li> <li>• Training</li> </ul>		
<b>Building Operations</b>	<b>\$399,250</b>	<b>\$353,350</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Utilities</li> <li>• Insurance</li> <li>• Building &amp; property maintenance</li> </ul>		
<b>Equipment</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>	<b>\$90,000</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Furniture</li> <li>• Computer hardware</li> </ul>		
<b>Fixed Employee Benefits</b>	<b>\$1,549,415</b>	<b>\$1,789,236</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NYS Retirement</li> <li>• Health insurance</li> <li>• Workers compensation</li> <li>• Unemployment &amp; disability</li> </ul>		
<b>Salaries</b>	<b>\$4,207,125</b>	<b>\$4,530,733</b>
<b>Bond Payment</b>	<b>\$1,172,375</b>	<b>\$1,176,000</b>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$8,713,225</b>	<b>\$9,268,419</b>
<b>LESS ANTICIPATED REVENUES</b>	<b>\$333,000</b>	<b>\$451,500</b>
<b>Amount to be raised by taxation</b>	<b>\$8,380,225</b>	<b>\$8,816,919</b>

The proposed operating budget for 2024-2025 exceeds the NYS tax cap. It is estimated that the adoption of this budget will raise the library's tax rate to \$16.66 per \$100 of assessed valuation. This would increase the average homeowner's tax payment by \$21.01 per year or \$1.75 per month.

Budget information meeting on  
**Wednesday, March 27 at 7:00 pm**

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