

Longwood Public Library September/October Newsletter 2024

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

Annual Kovarik Author Talk

An Afternoon with Bestselling Author Diane Chamberlain

Saturday, October 5 at 2:00 pm

Registration begins Friday, August 30

Limit 3 registrations per adult LPL cardholder

Diane Chamberlain is the *New York Times*, *USA Today* and *Sunday Times* bestselling author of 27 novels published in more than 20 languages. Influenced by her former career as a social worker and psychotherapist, she writes suspenseful stories that touch both heart and mind.

She will discuss her works ending with a Q&A session and book signing.

Books will be sold at the event.

Hurry before registration opens to all on Monday, September 9!

Congratulations to this year's Summer Battle of the Books Team, the Mystical Mewing Moths!

Over the summer, our team read six books and attended weekly practices. We played games, talked about the books, and answered lots of trivia questions! Our team went on to compete in this year's Suffolk County Battle of the Books competition, where 29 libraries answered trivia questions about all six books. The Mystical Mewing Moths placed second in the county. Way to go, Longwood!

We thank the smart, talented readers who made up this year's team: Lydia Pendzick, Ava Lavery, Eve Lavery, Sara Skogen, Maria Skogen, and Polina Sholom.

Brookhaven Country Fair at Longwood Estate

Visit the library at our tent and in the historic Ridge Schoolhouse!

Saturday and Sunday, September 21 and 22

- Crafts
 - Lawn Games
 - Prizes/Raffles
 - Local History
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The Great Give Back: Food Drive October 1–October 31

The library is hosting a food drive to support Long Island Cares during the Great Give Back 2024. We are collecting shelf-stable foods, paper goods, personal hygiene products, pet food, birthday party supplies, and baby care products. The ten most needed items are milk (non-refrigerated and boxed), rice, canned vegetables, cooking oil, cereals, oatmeal, peanut butter, jelly, canned meats, and tomato sauce. No glass jars.

1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Learn more online at: longwoodlibrary.org/1KBK. Supported by Friends of the Library

This month's winners; Alejandra, Jaleigha, Lorenzo, Camden, Veronica

Bayles Local History Room

Thomas R. Bayles Local History Room holds many documents and items relating to the Longwood community.

You may speak with a Local History Librarian by calling (631) 924-6400 x246 or email your questions to

baylesroom@longwoodlibrary.org.

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

Ask an Archivist

Call the Adult Reference Desk at (631) 924-6400 x250 or register in person for an appointment.

No walk-ins.

Registration ongoing

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.

Genealogy Drop In

Saturday, September 14 from 2:00-3:00 pm

No registration

Are you getting started with your family tree? Explore the branches of your family tree with our Local History Librarian, Georgie! Whether you're a novice or an experienced genealogist, join us for a casual and informative gathering where you can share discoveries, seek guidance, and connect with others on the journey to uncovering your roots.

Brookhaven Country Fair at Longwood Estate

Saturday and Sunday, September 21 and 22 from 10:00 am-5:00 pm

Learn about the history of the Longwood community with Local History Librarian and Archivist Melanie Cardone-Leathers and Georgie O'Neill in the Ridge Schoolhouse with pamphlets, postcards, and photographs from the archives of the Bayles Local History Collection.

The Homan/Gerard House: A Long History Still Standing

Thursday, September 19 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Registration ongoing

Join historian and naturalist MaryLaura Lamont for a presentation on the history of the Homan-Gerard house, the mill complex, the families who owned it, and how the Yaphank Historical Society and Suffolk County saved this important piece of history.

Ghost Ships

Zoom

Tuesday, October 22 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Explore the stories behind history's spookiest ghost ships and abandoned vessels with the Cold Spring Harbor Whaling Museum. Learn about mysterious legends of the *Flying Dutchman* and the *Mary Celeste* to tales of ghosts aboard real-life whaleships that exist today, like the *Charles W. Morgan* and more.

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

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

Registration begins September 20

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 Ridge, from the early Smith and Randall families through today. A sampling of the foods discussed will be offered.

Spotlight on History: Longwood Central School District

Before the Longwood Central School District was established, schooling in the area was handled by the individual towns. The earliest mention of education in the area was in the 1770s, when William Yarrington, the son of a Connecticut school teacher, taught the children of Coram. More formal education would not come to the community until 1813, when the Town of Brookhaven was divided into school districts. The original school districts in the community were Coram, Coram Hills (later known as West Yaphank), Middle Island, Yaphank, and Ridge. The boundaries were determined by the distance a boy could walk to school. Soon after their creation, each district had a one-room schoolhouse built to serve the children of the area. These small buildings were typically 10x24 feet and were heated by a wood-burning stove. It was customary for children ages 5 to 15 to attend school. School was operated in split sessions, with the older students traditionally attending during the winter months and the younger students attending in the spring and fall months when the weather was better. Teachers taught all grades, and in addition to receiving a salary, they were often boarded by local families throughout the school year.

The communities continued to grow over the years. In 1835, the Middle Island district split into two, East and West, with the East Middle Island schoolhouse built near the intersection of Middle Country Road and Rocky Point-Yaphank Road. New schoolhouses were built to accommodate the increasing number of students, but the districts remained independent of each other. Students wishing to continue their education through high school went to Port Jefferson, with the districts raising money for tuition and transportation for those attending 7th through 12th grade.

In the 1950s, the individual districts were instructed to consolidate into a centralized school district and build a local high school. At first, West Middle Island, East Middle Island, Coram, Ridge, West Yaphank, and Yaphank were slated to consolidate with Shoreham, Miller Place, Rocky Point, and Wading River, but the final consolidation plan removed the more northern districts. In June 1959, the residents of the six districts approved the consolidation plan, and the Middle Island Central School District was created. A part of the Smith Estate in Ridge, also known as Longwood, was donated by Elbert C. Smith as the district's high school site. The building, called Longwood High School, opened to grades 7 through 12 in 1963. In the late 1980s, the district changed its name to the Longwood Central School District, and today serves approximately 9,000 students.

Adult Classes & Events

Arts & Crafts

Color Your Cares Away

Fridays, September 20 and October 25 from 7:00-8:30 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. Please register for each date you plan to attend.

A Knitting and Crochet Circle of Friends

Thursdays, September 26 and October 24 from 10:30 am-12:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Calling all fiber friends! Bring any project you are working on and take this opportunity to meet other knitters and crocheters in our area. The group is 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.

Introduction to Printmaking

Saturday, September 28 from 11:00 am-12:15 pm

Registration begins September 4

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 artist Andrea Cote for this playful workshop and experiment with relief prints, creating positive and negative forms and compositions on old book pages.

No previous art experience is needed. All materials are provided.

Fall Faux Pumpkin Painting

Wednesday, October 2 from 6:30-8:00 pm

Registration begins September 9

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

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

In this step-by-step class with artist Teresa Grant, you will learn to paint acrylic fall florals on a faux pumpkin (approximately six inches tall). All materials are provided.

The Great Give Back: No-Sew Fleece Blankets

Saturday, October 19 from 11:00 am-12:30 pm

Registration begins September 10

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Team up with our teen volunteers to help create no-sew fleece blankets to be donated to our neighbors in need through The Great Give Back. It's an easy and fun project to do while helping others! **Please bring fabric scissors if you have them.**

Books & Writing

Titles and Treats

Tuesdays, September 24 and October 29 from 2:30-3:30 pm

Registration ongoing

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

Fall Writing Workshop

Mondays, October 7, 14, 21 and 28 from 2:00-4:00 pm

Registration begins September 9

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

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

Jane Austen 101

Tuesday, October 15 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Have you always wanted to learn more about Jane Austen, but didn't know where to start? Join English professor and podcaster Stephanie Reese to learn about the life of the author of *Pride and Prejudice* and see the legacy her writing has had on modern society.

Daytime Book Discussions

The Last House on the Street

by Diane Chamberlain

In-person/Zoom

Thursday, September 12 from 3:00-4:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Recently widowed, architect Kayla Carter moves into her new home in Round Hill where she is faced with threatening notes and a neighbor who is harboring long-buried secrets about the dark history of the land on which her house was built.

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

Rebecca

by Daphne du Maurier

In-person/Zoom

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

Registration ongoing

A classic novel of romantic suspense finds the second Mrs. Maxim de Winter entering the home of her mysterious, enigmatic new husband and learning the story of the house's first mistress, to whom the sinister housekeeper is unnaturally devoted.

This title is available in eBook and audiobook formats on Libby. You may also pick up a hard copy at the library beginning September 12.

Evening Book Discussion

Babel by R.F. Kuang

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

Registration ongoing

1828. Robin Swift trains for years in Latin, Ancient Greek, and Chinese, all in preparation for the day he'll enroll in Oxford University's prestigious Royal Institute of Translation—also known as Babel (the world's center for translation and, more importantly, magic). When Britain pursues an unjust war with China over silver and opium, Robin must decide ... Can powerful institutions be changed from within, or does revolution always require violence?

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

Concerts & Performances

Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month with José Trombone & Conjunto Rumbon

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

Registration begins August 30

Celebrate the contributions and influence of Hispanic Americans to the history, culture, and achievements of the United States with José Trombone & Conjunto Rumbon, keepers of the iconic salsa gorda sound that emerged in New York City during the golden era of salsa. ¡A celebrar se dice!

Flamenco Dance Performance with Sol y Sombra

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

Registration ongoing

In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, enjoy the rhythms and energy of a Flamenco live dance performance by Sol Y Sombra Spanish Dance Company while learning about the history and culture of this beautiful, emotional, and exciting dance. *This event is co-sponsored by Suffolk County and Legislator Nick Caracappa.*

Celebrating Italian American Heritage Month with The Paul Effman Band

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

Registration begins September 27

The Paul Effman Band will perform beautiful Italian songs with style, passion, and romance. Enjoy melodies such as: "Bella Notte," "Ce La Luna," "Tarantella," "Arrivederci Roma," "Mala Femmina," "Maria Elena," "O Mio Babbino Caro," and more.

Sinatra and Friends

Sunday, October 20 from 2:00-3:30 pm

Registration begins October 7

Vincent Roccaro performs iconic songs made famous by Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Bobby Darin, and others. Vincent takes the audience back to an era that introduced music that never goes out of style. Sing along to such great hits as "Mack the Knife," "Fly Me to the Moon," "The Way you Look Tonight," and many more.

Sweet Ride

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

Registration begins October 28

Sweet Ride is a group of five experienced musicians specializing in rock and blues classics who have played in venues all over Long Island. Their playlist covers popular songs from artists such as The Rolling Stones, Tom Petty, The Beatles, The Beach Boys, and more!

Friday Night Jam

Friday, October 11 from 6:30-8:00 pm

Registration begins September 20

Friday, November 15 from 6:30-8:00 pm

Registration begins October 25

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

Open to All

Registration begins November 22

Love music? Got an instrument? Then let's jam! Friday Night Jam is back at the Longwood Public Library! Join our community acoustic jam session, where local musicians bring their instruments to the LPL and jam. Led by musician Adam King of Reprise Music, this community jam session incorporates a mix of jam and open mic.

Computer Classes

Introduction to Computers Series

Registration begins September 3

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Got a new computer? Need to brush up on the basics?

Join Sharper Training for this six-week computer basics course!

Computer Basics

Monday, September 9 at 2:00 pm

Learn the basics right from the beginning: turning the computer on, using the desktop, working with the mouse, opening and closing programs, understanding windows elements, getting out of trouble, and turning the computer off.

Word Processing

Monday, September 23 at 2:00 pm

In the second session, learn how to work with text, files, and basic word processing skills.

Graphics

Monday, September 30 at 2:00 pm

This hands-on class covers multitasking, working with graphics, using Windows drawing and painting tools, using copy, cut, and paste.

File Management

Monday, October 7 at 2:00 pm

Organize your computer! This class provides an understanding of the Windows file management structure including drives, folders, and files. Create folders, copy and move files, and delete folders and files.

Internet

Monday, October 28 at 2:00 pm

Learn how to get online, find information, understand the jargon of the Internet, and much more.

Email

Monday, November 4 at 2:00 pm

In this hands-on lecture and demo class, learn how to send, receive, forward, and reply to e-mail. After you have mastered the basics, learn how to attach files and download them.

AI Adventures

Registration begins September 5

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has been all over the news! These classes will help you learn the basics of what it is, how it works, and the potential pros and cons for humanity.

What is ChatGPT?

Zoom

Thursday, October 3 at 7:00 pm

Are you curious about the technology behind conversational Artificial Intelligence? Join Librarian Alison for an informative lecture on ChatGPT, a large language model developed by OpenAI. Discover how ChatGPT works, its potential applications, and what ethical considerations surround its use.

AI Art Tote Bags

Wednesday, October 16 at 2:30 pm OR 6:30 pm

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

Limit 1 registration and 1 session per LPL cardholder

There has been a lot of news about AI 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, you will press it into a sublimation tote bag!

Community Outreach

Health Insurance Enrollment Assistance for NY State of Health

Tuesdays, September 10, 17, October 8, and 15 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 an enrollment assistor for help choosing the right plan for you.

How to Prepare for Emergencies and the Unexpected

Zoom

Tuesday, September 17 from 2:00-3:00 pm

Registration ongoing

In this online workshop, Janice Imbrogno, teacher and home economist, will discuss dealing with a loss of power, safety, health, and security needs; financial, communication, food, and water requirements; and the food and supplies to have on hand to handle different types of emergencies.

National Voter Registration Day

Tuesday, September 17 from 4:30-6:30 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, early voting dates and locations, applications to register to vote, and the current Directory of Elected Officials provided by the League of Women Voters.

Shed the Meds

Friday, September 20 from 10:00 am-1:00 pm

No registration

Get rid of unwanted or expired medications in a safe way. 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 will be here to accept your unwanted medications. Please have your medications in their original containers. No sharps or liquids are collected. *This event is supported by Senator Dean Murray.*

Senior Scam Prevention

Monday, September 23 from 11:00 am-12:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Protect yourself and your loved ones from financial exploitation. Learn how to recognize and protect yourself from con artists claiming to represent known institutions, identity theft, insurance fraud, health care fraud, and more in this presentation from the Office of the Suffolk County District Attorney in association with the Suffolk County Police Department Financial Crimes Unit and Assemblyman Edward A. Flood.

Long Island Cares Mobile Food Pantry

Wednesday, September 25 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 Services Desk at (631) 924-6400 x250 before coming.

Resources for Dementia Caregivers

Wednesday, September 25 and

Thursday, October 17 from 2:00-4:00 pm

No registration

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.

Town Clerk Mobile Office

Thursday, September 26 from 4:00-7:00 pm

No registration

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

The Apple of My Eye

Tuesday, October 1 from 6:30-7:30 pm

Registration ongoing

Learn skills to protect children from sexual abuse and services available to crime victims in this presentation by Parents for Megan's Law and the Crime Victims Center. They will discuss prevention tips, red flags, tricks abusers use to access children, the grooming process, the types of child predators, Megan's Law, and more. Adult rape prevention will also be discussed.

Supportive Services for Veteran Families EOC of Suffolk

Wednesday, October 9 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.

Emergency Preparedness Workshop: What You Need to Know!

Saturday, November 2

from 10:00 am-1:00 pm

To register contact the Suffolk County Department of Health Services' Office of Minority Health at (631) 854-0378 or email OMH@suffolkcountyny.gov

Join experts in Emergency Response and Preparedness for a community-based training that builds knowledge of how to prepare for natural or man-made disasters. You will learn what tools and resources are helpful in certain scenarios because knowing what to do before, during and after an emergency, could be the difference between saving your life and that of a loved one. Presented by Suffolk County Department of Health Services, Suffolk County Office of Emergency Management (OEM), and emergency response units. Refreshments provided.

Cooking

Enchiladas Rojas with Maria's Mexican Cooking

Friday, September 20 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Registration begins on September 6

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Join the chefs of Maria's Mexican Cooking to learn how to make this delicious dish of tortillas, meat, and cheese topped with enchilada sauce. *This program may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

Chef Rob's Favorite Pumpkin Bread and Chopped Fall Salad

Wednesday, October 16 from 4:00-5:00 pm OR 6:30-7:30 pm

Registration begins September 12

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Learn how to make this super moist pumpkin bread loaded with fall spices and perfect for fall baking. Also, get a taste of Chef Rob's Chopped Fall Salad full of apples, cranberries, and feta cheese tossed with a cider dressing. Please bring a large bowl, whisk, rubber spatula, and a 9x5 loaf pan to bring your bread dough home to bake. *This program may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

Games

Hey! Let's Play!

Fridays from 10:00 am-12:00 pm

No registration

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

Dungeons & Dragons: Fall Campaign

Mondays, September 16, 23, 30, October 7, 14, 21, 28, and November 4 from 6:00-8:30 pm

Registration begins September 4

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

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

Your Turn! Classic Board Game Night

Tuesdays, September 17 and October 29 from 6:30-8:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Limit 2 registrations per LPL cardholder

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

Intermediate Mah Jongg

Thursdays, October 17, 24, and 31

from 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Registration begins September 5

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Join instructor Jacqui Palatnik to learn next level mah jongg strategies and techniques to improve your skills and make you a more advanced player. This is not a beginner's class. Players must have some knowledge of the game.

Government & Politics

Election Integrity in NY: The Ballot Process

Thursday, September 5 from 6:30-7:30 pm

Registration ongoing

It is our civic duty to vote, yet many are unsure of the process. Learn about the process in New York, including how to vote and the path your ballot takes once you cast your vote in this nonpartisan presentation by the League of Women Voters.

Headline News

Wednesdays, September 18 and October 30 from 2:00-3:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

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

America's Six Most Peculiar Presidential Elections

Zoom

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

Registration ongoing

Join historian Martin H. Levinson to discuss America's six most peculiar presidential elections. These elections, held between 1800 and 1948, helped set the stage for the quirks in our modern-day presidential campaigns. They show, to paraphrase Pearl S. Buck, that if you want to understand the present, you have to search the past.

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, September 14 from 10:00 am-4:30 pm OR

Wednesday and Thursday, September 25 and 26 from 5:30-8:30 pm OR

Saturday, October 19 from 10:00 am-4:30 pm OR

Wednesday and Thursday, October 23 and 24 from 5:30-8:30 pm

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

Registration ongoing

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

AARP Smart Driver Course

Thursday and Friday, September 26 and 27 from 10:00 am-1:15 pm OR

Tuesday and Wednesday, October 15 and 16 from 10:00 am-1:15 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.

Health & Fitness

Meditation for Everyday Living

Zoom

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

Registration ongoing

Explore the power of meditation to decompress, recharge, and experience peacefulness in this fast-paced, stressful world with Dr. Matthew Raider. Learn a simple yet powerful method of meditation that can be used daily to enhance your life and find peace within. This online workshop will also include a short meditation session.

Catholic Health Services Mobile Clinic

Friday, September 20 from 10:00 am-2:00 pm

No registration

The Catholic Health Community Outreach Mobile Clinic will be in the library parking lot to offer flu shots and free health screenings. These screenings include a brief cardiac history, blood pressure, simple blood tests for cholesterol, and diabetes screenings with the appropriate patient education and referrals needed for patrons aged 18 and above. This service is provided free of charge, and you do not need to have health insurance to participate.

Cardio Sculpt

Fridays, September 20, 27, October 4, and 11 from 10:00-10:45 am

Registration begins September 5

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Join Debbie from Fitness Figures for this full-body workout that mixes strengthening moves with cardio exercises. Chairs will be provided, but participants must be able to stand during portions of the class. Wear clothing that you can comfortably move in and bring water.

Tuning Fork Therapy

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

Registration ongoing

Tuning forks use sound vibrational energy to non-invasively balance the nervous system, shift you into relaxation, and create a physically and emotionally calming effect. Join licensed acupuncturist Donna Nesteruk to learn how tuning forks are used along acupuncture meridians and chakras, what makes it such a powerful modality, and discuss the archetypal qualities of the forks to achieve the desired results.

Memory on the Road: Navigating Dementia and Driving

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

Registration ongoing

Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia can lead to memory loss, disorientation, and confusion, which can make driving challenging and potentially dangerous. Learn to identify the signs of dementia early on and which measures to take to ensure that those with dementia can safely navigate the road. Presented by the Family & Children's Association Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Program in association with Willing Heart, Helpful Hands.

Blood Pressure Screening

Fridays, September 27 and October 25 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm

No registration

Monthly free blood pressure screenings are provided by Northwell Health.

Flu Shot Clinic

Wednesday, October 2 from 10:00 am-2:00 pm

First come, first served. No registration.

Pharmacists from Walgreens will be here to administer the flu shot. Bring your insurance card. Those without insurance will be eligible to receive a free flu shot. Flu shots are available to anyone ages four years and older; children under age 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

Dementia and Respite Care

Zoom

Tuesday, October 8 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Respite care is an option to help caregivers take care of a loved one who has Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia. Respite care is flexible and can be tailored to meet the unique needs of each individual and family whether it's for a few hours of support each week or a weekend away. Learn more about your options and the variety of services

available. Presented by the Family & Children's Association Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Program in association with Willing Heart, Helpful Hands.

Finding Lasting Happiness through Meditation

Zoom

Wednesday, October 16 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Join long-time meditator Arvind Naik to learn a simple yet highly effective method to help still our restless mind, achieve a state of lasting happiness, and reconnect with our source. Experience for yourself how meditation can change your life significantly. This online workshop will also include a short meditation session.

Learn to be Tobacco Free

Thursdays, October 17, 24, 31,

November 7, 14, 21 and December 5 from 6:00-7:15 pm

To register, email Debora at debora.rippel@suffolkcountyny.gov or call (631) 853-2928.

This free, multi-session program is offered by the Suffolk County Department of Health Services and is based on the CDC's Clinical Practice Guidelines for treating nicotine dependence; focusing on the physical, behavioral, and psychological aspects of nicotine dependence. Nicotine replacement therapies are available for a nominal fee. Those who use all forms of tobacco including cigarettes, chew, cigars, and electronic cigarettes are welcome.

Yoga Nidra

Friday, October 18 from 7:00-8:15 pm

Registration begins September 13

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Yoga Nidra is a deep relaxation technique that allows you to turn your awareness inward while relaxing your body.

Regular practitioners report better sleep, reduced negative thinking, and feeling more at ease and less stressed.

Participants will choose a comfortable arrangement to recline (on the floor, in a chair or sitting against a wall). We will do some very light stretching to facilitate relaxation. Bring a mat, blanket, and a small head pillow if preferred. Expect to be in relaxation for 30-40 minutes.

Language Classes

English Conversation Online

Zoom

Tuesdays, September 10–October 22

from 5:00-6:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Tuesdays, November 5–December 17

Registration begins October 22

This ESOL conversation class is open to adult English learners who would like to improve their spoken English.

Participants must be able to speak English and willing to participate in discussion and reading. *Please note, there is no class on November 12.*

Movies

Dolores Del Rio Story: Latina Women Who Conquered Hollywood

Tuesday, September 10 from 2:00-3:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Learn of the iconic motion picture stars who paved the way for so many other Latina actresses throughout the years. Beautiful and talented Dolores Del Rio was the first Latina to cross over into mainstream Old Hollywood and opened the door for Lupe Velez, Katy Jurado, and Carmen Miranda. Sal St. George will discuss how they defied racial barriers and persevered, creating a bridge for today's Latina women to follow.

Saturday Afternoon Movie

Godzilla X Kong: The New Empire

Saturday, September 7 at 2:15 pm

No registration

Starring Rebecca Hall, Dan Stevens, and Rachel House.

The epic battle continues in the explosive showdown of Godzilla vs. Kong, with an all-new adventure that pits the mighty Kong and the fearsome Godzilla against a colossal, undiscovered threat hidden within our world.

(Action/Adventure, 2024, PG-13, 115 mins.)

Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes

Saturday, October 12 at 2:15 pm

No registration

Starring Owen Teague, Fraya Allan, and Kevin Durand

Set several generations after Caesar's reign, apes are the dominant species and humans have been reduced to living in the shadows. As a new tyrannical ape leader builds his empire, one young ape undertakes a harrowing journey that will cause him to question all that he has known about the past, forcing him to make choices that will define a future for apes and humans alike.

(Action/Adventure, 2024, PG-13, 146 mins.)

Watch-A-Movie Wednesday!

Wednesdays at 2:15 pm • No registration

Too busy to watch a movie this weekend? If so, why not... Watch-A-Movie Wednesday?! Every Wednesday of the month at 2:15 pm, the library shows a film for all to enjoy! So, come on in, sit back, and relax to a great film...without filling up your weekends!

September/October Selections...

September 4

Fletch

(Comedy, 1985, PG, 98 mins.)

Oldie but Goodie!

Starring Chevy Chase & Geena Davis

September 11

The Long Game

(Drama, 2023, PG, 113 mins.)

Starring Dennis Quaid & Jay Hernandez

September 18

The Perfect Storm

(Action/Adventure, 2007,

PG-13, 130 mins.)

Oldie but Goodie!

Starring George Clooney & Mark Wahlberg

September 25

Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire

(Action/Adventure, 2024, PG-13, 115 mins.)

Starring Paul Rudd & McKenna Grace

October 2

Three Men and a Baby

(Comedy, 1987, PG, 102 mins.)

Oldie but Goodie!

Starring Tom Selleck & Ted Danson

October 9

Unsung Hero

(Drama, 2024, PG, 114 mins)

Starring Daisy Betts & Kirrilee Berger

October 16

Dead Poets Society

(Drama, 1989, PG, 107 mins.)

Oldie but Goodie!

Starring Robin Williams & Robert S. Leonard

October 23

The Fall Guy

(Action/Adventure, 2024, PG-13, 127 mins.)

Starring Ryan Gosling & Emily Blunt

October 30

Young Frankenstein

(Comedy, 1974, PG, 106 mins.)

Oldie but Goodie!

Starring Gene Wilder & Peter Boyle

Nature & Environment

Leave the Leaves

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

Registration ongoing

Why are leaves vital to our ecosystem? What can they do for your garden? What about ticks and mosquitoes and staying safe? There are many opinions and perspectives on best practices for fallen leaves. Join ReWild Long Island to get expert answers to these questions and more for a pollinator and family-friendly yard.

Fall is for Planting Bulbs

Zoom

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

Registration ongoing

Bring spring color to your garden when you plant bulbs, tubers, rhizomes, and corms in the fall. Learn how to extend blooms from early spring to early summer with snowdrops, daffodils, crocus, tulips, allium, and iris. Discover proper planting techniques for an array of flowers from March to June next season.

Owl Prowl

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

Registration begins October 1

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Join us for a magical opportunity to hear our native owls calling in the woods at night! We will begin with a presentation by biologist Ranger Eric Powers about how to identify owls by sight and sound and how to attract these beneficial birds to your own backyard. Then, we will head out to the woods for a very quiet guided night walk in our library's backyard in search of owls and other nighttime wildlife using a fun, safe, and easy method. You will learn how to develop your own night vision, so flashlights are not needed!

One-on-One Appointments

Appointments are required unless stated otherwise. To schedule an appointment, call (631) 924-6400 x250 or email askus@longwoodlibrary.org.

Ask-A-Librarian

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

Citizenship One-On-One

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

Family Service League Social Worker

Mondays from 4:30-8:30 pm

Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins are 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. *Please note, there are no appointments on September 2.*

Medicaid Enrollment Assistance for the Aged, Blind, and Disabled

Tuesdays, September 3, 24, October 1, and 22 from 12:00-4:00 pm

First come, first served. No registration.

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

Career Coaching

Tuesdays, September 17 OR October 15 from 4:00-7:00 pm

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.

HIICAP Medicare Assistance

Wednesdays, September 18 and October 9 from 10:00 am-2:30 pm

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

SCORE Business Mentoring

Wednesdays, September 18 and October 16 from 5:30-8:30 pm

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

Office for the Aging Advocate

10:00 am-12:00 pm

Call to confirm the date (631) 924-6400 x250.

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.

SmileAwhile

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

SmileAwhile with an Applesauce Cake Demonstration

Friday, September 13 from 10:30-11:30 am

Registration begins September 3

Come learn how to make a delicious applesauce cake. Samples and recipes will be given out. We will also have an apple tasting with different kinds of apples and some local honey.

SmileAwhile with a Candy Corn Wreath

Friday, October 18 from 10:30-11:30 am

Registration begins September 12

Design a pretty wreath for your home that looks like candy corn.

SmileAwhile with a Movie

Secret Headquarters

Thursday, September 19 from 10:30 am-12:15 pm

No registration

Starring: Owen Wilson, Michael Peña, Jesse Williams, Walker Scobell

While hanging out after school, Charlie and his friends discover the headquarters of the world's most powerful superhero hidden beneath his home. When villains attack, they must team up to defend the headquarters and save the world. (2022 Action-Adventure Comedy, PG, 1 hour 43 minutes)

Hotel Transylvania 2

Thursday, October 24 from 10:30 am-12:00 pm

No registration

Starring: Adam Sandler, Andy Samberg, Selena Gomez, Kevin James, Steve Buscemi

When Dracula's daughter and her husband go away for a vacation, Dracula tries to bring out the monster side of his grandson. (2015 Animated Family/Comedy, PG, 1 hour 19 minutes)

Train Trip

Train Trip to NYC

Saturday, October 12, 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, September 16 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 October 12 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.****

Art Exhibit

Art Exhibit Throughout September and October

Make sure to stop by the library to take in the wonderfully imaginative creations by local resident and artist Joy-Ellen DiGiorgio. Using acrylics, pastel chalk, and oil paint as her medium, Ms. DiGiorgio brings to life vivid works of what she describes as animal cartoonology. You're sure to crack a smile and maybe even get a chuckle or two!

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Library Board Meetings

Wednesday, September 18 at 7:00 pm

Wednesday, October 16 at 7:00 pm

The book drop is open 24 hours

Library Closed

Sunday, September 1–Labor Day Weekend

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Library Open

Monday, October 14–Columbus Day

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Monday–Friday: 9:30 am–9:00 pm

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Starting September 8

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

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

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.

September is Library Card

Sign-Up Month and the Longwood Children's Department wants to ensure that your child is among the two-thirds of Americans who carry the smartest card of all – a library card. Studies show that children who are read to in the home and who use the library perform better in school and are more likely to continue to use the library as a source of lifetime learning. So, sign up for a library card! Every child who signs up for their first library card will receive a "Welcome to the Library" bag filled with a special treat. For those children who already have library cards – show us your card and enter into a raffle.

Monthly Family Storytime Kits

In addition to our in-person programs for little ones, we offer these kits once a month. 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 storytime guide, with links to eBooks and more extension activities for you to do at home. These kits are most appropriate for children 18 months to Pre-K and are available for the first two weeks each month.

In September, Learning is Fun as school begins again.

October brings us Silly Scarecrows!

Baby, Toddler, and Preschool Classes & Events

Nuts About Squirrels

Friday, September 6

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

Children (3 years–Pre-K) at 11:00 am

Registration begins August 16

Scurry into the library to listen to a squirrel story, complete a squirrel craft, and more! Dress for a mess!

My Grandparent & Me Storytime

Saturday, September 7 at 11:00 am

Children (3 years–Pre-K)

Registration begins August 16

Celebrate the grandparents in your life by listening to a story and making a fun craft with them!

Playtown

Monday, September 9 at 10:30 am

Children (2 years–Pre-K)

Registration begins August 16

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

Babies & Books

Friday, September 13 at 10:00 am

Children (Infant–17 months)

Registration begins August 21

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

Tots & Books

Friday, September 13 at 11:00 am

Children (18-35 months)

Registration begins August 21

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

Parent Toddler Workshop

Tuesdays, September 17, 24,

October 1, 8 and 15 at 9:45 am OR 11:00 am

Children (12-35 months)

Registration begins August 27

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

Mostly Mother Goose

Wednesday, September 18 at 10:30 am

Children (infant–3 years)

Registration begins August 21

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

Preschool Playtime

Thursdays, September 19, 26, October 3, 10 and 17 at 10:00 am

Children (3 years–Pre-K)

Registration begins August 27

Calling all preschoolers! Join us for our weekly program where your child can enjoy an hour of playtime and learning with friends. Each session will begin with an extended circle time featuring stories and songs, followed by a related craft activity and free play.

Tots Night Out

Children (18 months–Pre-K)

Wednesday, September 25 at 6:00 pm

Registration begins September 6

Thursday, October 24 at 6:00 pm

Registration begins October 11

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

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 will create an experience beneficial to your child's development of early literacy skills. These are the building blocks necessary for your child's success in learning to read. 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, October 11, 18 and 25 at 10:00 am

Children (24-35 months) OR

Registration begins September 17

Little Listeners

Wednesdays, October 2, 9 and 16 at 10:00 am

Children (3 years–Pre-K)

Registration begins September 17

Arachnid Adventures

Tuesday, October 22

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

Children (3 years–Pre-K) at 11:00 am

Registration begins October 11

Join us for a web-tastic adventure! We will spin tales, create crafts, and discover the amazing world of spiders together!

Let's Move with Play Hooray

Wednesday, October 23 at 10:00 am OR 11:00 am

Children (infant–4 years)

Registration begins October 11

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

Baby Picasso

Monday, October 28 at 10:00 am

Children (12-30 months)

Registration begins October 11

Art Starts

Monday, October 28 at 11:00 am

Children (31 months–Pre-K)

Registration begins October 11

Children will develop fine motor skills as they maneuver items and learn to hold 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!

Peek-a-Boo with You!

Wednesday, October 30 at 10:00 am

Children (infant–11 months)

Registration begins October 16

Join us for this Halloween celebration! We will sing silly songs, have some rhyming fun, and make a BOO-tiful craft!

Afterwards we will have a costume parade around the library. Dressing up is encouraged!

Trick or Treat, Crafts & Sweets

Thursday, October 31 at 10:00 am OR 11:00 am OR 3:00 pm

Children (12 months–Pre-K)

Registration begins October 16

Have a frightfully fun time as we celebrate Halloween with stories, games, prizes, snacks, and fun galore! Then trick or treat around the library! Don't forget to wear your costume! *The snack provided may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

School-Aged Classes & Events

Yummy Apples

Thursday, September 5 at 6:00 pm

Children (grades K-2)

Registration begins August 16

Learn some facts about apples while listening to some stories. See if you can taste the difference between the colors.

Please note this program may not be suitable for those with food allergies.

Fall Door Decor

Friday, September 6 at 6:30 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins August 16

Join Miss Laura to make some delightful fall door decor.

Nature Walk at Prosser Pines

Saturday, September 7 at 9:30 am

Families with children (grades K-6)

Registration begins August 16

Join us for a family walk through nature hosted by Lee McAllister, naturalist, photographer, and author of *Hiking Long Island*. He'll educate us about the different plants and animals that live in Prosser Pines. The trail is .7 miles, so please wear weather-appropriate clothing and walking shoes. Please note this program takes place offsite at Prosser Pines: 73 Yaphank Middle Island Road, Middle Island, NY 11953.

Dungeons & Dragons Tween Edition

Children (grades 4-6)

Thursday, September 12 from 6:00-7:30 pm

Registration begins August 21

Thursday, October 17 from 6:00-7:30 pm

Registration begins September 25

Join the Quest Master's Guild for a "Tween Edition" 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.

Perfectly Patterned Leaves

Friday, September 13

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

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

Registration begins August 21

Join art teacher Kim as she shows you how to make a mesmerizing fall art project full of patterned leaves.

Embroidered Pillows

Tuesday, September 17 at 5:30 pm OR 7:00 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins August 27

Join Miss Danielle and Miss Laura in the makerLAB to use the sewing and embroidery machines. Kids will make a pillow with a book pocket and embroider their initials on the pocket.

Sculpey Clay Squirrels

Thursday, September 19

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

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

Registration begins August 27

Art Teacher Amy is back and ready to show us how to make adorable little squirrels out of Sculpey clay.

Book Chat: *Swindle*

Friday, September 20 at 6:30 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration and book pickup

begins August 27

Join Miss Laura to discuss *Swindle* by Gordon Korman. Students will discuss the book, enjoy popcorn and soft pretzels, decorate a baseball cap, and play a game of baseball with inflatable bats. *Please note the snacks provided may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

Paws for Reading

Monday, September 23 Starting at 5:00 pm

Registration begins September 6

Monday, October 21 Starting at 5:00 pm

Registration begins October 11

Children (readers–grade 6)

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

Minecraft Junior

Thursday, September 26 at 6:00 pm

Children (completed grades K-2)

Registration begins September 6

Minecraft Club

Thursday, September 26 at 7:00 pm

Children (completed grades 3–6)

Registration begins September 6

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.

Book Bunch & Munch

Monday, September 30 at 6:30 pm

Children (grades K-2)

Registration begins September 6

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.*

3D Printed Photo Frames

Tuesday, October 1 at 6:30 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins September 17

Miss Danielle will show children how to design their own personalized photo frames using Tinkercad, a free 3D modeling software. We will then 3D print the frames, and they will be ready for pickup within a week after the program. Please note that children are NOT required to have their own Tinkercad account.

Guatemalan Worry Dolls

Thursday, October 3 at 6:00 pm

Children (grades K-2)

Registration begins September 17

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month and let your blues fade away by creating your own Guatemalan Worry Doll to bring home. Start with a silly story, learn about worry dolls, and then make your craft.

Spooky Scenes

Friday, October 4

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

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

Registration begins September 17

Get ready for spooky season by creating a spooky Halloween scene with art teacher Kim using different art mediums.

DIY Trick or Treat Bags

Wednesday, October 9 at 5:30 pm

OR 7:00 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins September 17

Join Miss Chrissy in the makerLAB to create your very own trick or treat bag, just in time for

Halloween! Scarecrow Fun!

Thursday, October 10 at 6:00 pm

Children (grades K-2)

Registration begins September 17

It's time to welcome fall! Get creative this fall season with a scarecrow story and craft.

Comics & Candy: *Mary Anne's Bad Luck Mystery*

Friday, October 18 at 6:30 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration and book pickup

begins September 25

Join Miss Laura to discuss *Mary Anne's Bad Luck Mystery*, a graphic novel by Cynthia Yuan Cheng. Then, we will enjoy a snack, craft and games related to the story. *Please note the snack provided may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

The Great Give Back

Saturday, October 19 at 11:00 am

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins September 25

Earn one hour of community service while bringing joy to others and having fun! This month we will celebrate *The Great Give Back*, a community service initiative, by decorating canvas grocery bags which will then be donated to Long Island Cares' food pantry to use to distribute groceries.

Zombie Special FX

Friday, October 25 at 5:30 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins October 11

Join art teacher Chris for a hands-on workshop where tweens will learn step-by-step how to transform themselves into zombies using latex, face paint, and tissue paper. *There will be an alternative for children allergic to latex.*

Pumpkin Pie Muffins

Saturday, October 26 at 2:00 pm OR 3:00 pm

Families with children (grades K-6)

Registration begins October 11

Join Chef Rob as he shows your family how to make Pumpkin Pie Muffins, perfect for the fall season!

Here Comes Halloween

Wednesday, October 30 at 4:30 pm

Children (grades K-6)

Registration begins October 16

Children will have a screamin' good time listening to some spooky stories and creating creepy crafts! Then trick or treat around the library! Don't forget to wear your costume! *The snacks provided may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

Family Programs

Family Art Fun

Tuesday, September 10 from 6:30-7:30 pm

Families with children

No registration

Drop in anytime between 6:30-7:30 pm to visit our messy stations and create different art projects.

There will be paint, playdough, collage, and more art mediums for all ages during this family program.

Be Inspired: Hispanic Heritage Month

Saturday, September 21 at 10:30 am OR 2:00 pm

Families with children

No registration

Be inspired by our craft room, which will be transformed into a museum-like experience for you to explore. Stations will have interactive and display exhibits and informative facts for all of our young visitors. This month, you are invited to explore our stations designed to celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month and all the influential people who inspire us.

Petra Puppets Presents: Zany Adventure Team

Monday, October 14 at 11:00 am

Families with children

Registration begins September 25

Ready for adventure? Ask yourself this: Who has the biggest feet in the forest? Can Mr. Frownypants ever get back to his home planet? How many kids does it take to defeat an evil cheese? Can a duck really get superpowers from a potato? Kids discover the answers with the Zany Adventure Team.

Zany Adventure Team is a ventriloquist show for the whole family, featuring comedy illusions, music, audience participation and a cast of zany characters. Starring: Adventure Duck, Mighty Mouth Toucan, Big Feet, Baby Gouda, and Mr. Frownypants.

Messy Monday

Monday, October 28 at 6:30 pm

Families with children

No registration

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

Dress for a mess!

TEEN CLASSES & EVENTS

Teen Services programs are open to teens in grades 7 through 12. You must have a valid LPL young adult card to register.

5-hour Pre-Licensing Class

Saturday, October 26 from 10:00 am-2:30 pm

Non-refundable fee: \$55 cash (exact change) due at first class.

Registration ongoing

Register in-person or call the Teen Services Department at (631) 924-6400 x249.

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. The cost for this class is \$55 which is payable to the instructor on the day of class. Payment must be made in cash with exact change. 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. For more information about New York State driver's license requirements, please visit dmv.ny.gov.

Dungeons & Dragons with the Quest Masters Guild

Friday, September 6 from 5:30-8:30 pm

Registration begins August 23

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

Registration begins October 4

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

3D Animation for Beginners

Friday, September 13 from 6:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins August 30

Join Mr. McCoy for a tutorial on how to animate using Blender. No prior experience is necessary – we will cover all the basics, step-by-step. By the end of the program, you will have created your very first animation!

DIY Spa Night

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

Registration begins September 13

Create your very own spa night using essential oils and common household ingredients. We'll make bath bombs, body scrubs, and more! This program may not be suitable for those with food allergies.

Pencil Pals

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

Registration begins September 16

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

Teen Writing Workshop: Scary Storytelling

Thursday, October 24 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins October 10

Join librarian Ms. Broderick to practice writing scary stories! Play writing games and learn storytelling tips while enjoying snacks. This program may not be suitable for those with food allergies.

Zombie Special FX

Friday, October 25 from 7:15-8:30 pm

Registration begins October 11

Learn how to transform yourself into a zombie, using special effects techniques used in movies, with artist Chris Vivas!

Teen Community Service Opportunities

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

Community Service by Appointment

Looking for some extra community service outside of our regular programming? You can make an appointment to spend some time in True North working on a variety of projects to help make a difference in our community!

Call the Teen Services Desk at (631) 924-6400 x249 to schedule a one-hour time slot. Please schedule your appointment at least 24 hours in advance and be advised that we are unable to accommodate walk-ins. Time slots may be limited.

Teens in grades 7-12 may schedule one time slot per week. You will receive a paper community service certificate immediately upon meeting and completing our guidelines for service. Please retain this certificate for your records if you need to show proof of participation in the future.

Community Service 101

Tuesday, September 10 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Registration begins August 27

Do you need Community Service? Join the Teen Services Librarians to learn all about the community service opportunities available at the library. Then, we'll work on some simple community service projects.

Certificate for 1.5 hours of community service

Felt Napkin Rings

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

Registration begins August 29

Monday, October 28 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins October 14

Help our community residents dine in style! Create festive napkin rings that we'll wrap around utensils and donate to our local nursing homes and service agencies.

Certificate for 1 hour of community service

Craft Kits for Donation

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

Registration begins September 2

Tuesday, October 1 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins September 24

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

Certificate for 1 hour of community service

Stenciled Tote Bags

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

Registration begins September 4

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

Certificate for 1 hour of community service

Paracord Lanyards

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

Registration begins September 10

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

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Placemats for Meal Services

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

Registration begins September 12

Wednesday, October 30 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins October 16

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

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Bookstormers:

Book Club for 7th, 8th, and 9th Graders

Join the Teen Services Librarians for a monthly book club where we play games, eat snacks, and talk about awesome books! This month, we'll discuss:

The Horrible Bag of Terrible Things by Rob Renzetti

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

Registration begins September 9

Zenith finds a strange, unsettling bag at his front door and is not sure who sent it or where it came from. When a creature emerges and drags his older sister, Apogee, inside, it's up to Zenith to save her from the spooky terrors lurking within.

Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus by Dusti Bowling

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

Registration begins October 7

Although thirteen-year-old Aven was born without arms due to a rare genetic disorder, she has never let her "lack of armage" slow her down. When her adoptive parents get the opportunity of a lifetime, to run an Old West theme park in Arizona, Aven must adjust to life in a new home and a new school. In the midst of navigating her new surroundings, Aven and her new friends, Connor and Zion, get pulled into a mystery involving the theme park's mysterious owner. Attendees who read the book and participate in the group book review at the program will receive 3 hours of community service.

Talking Newsletter

Thursday, October 10 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Registration begins September 26

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.

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Cards for Hospitalized Kids

Monday, October 14 from 3:00-4:00 pm

Registration begins September 30

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

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The Great Giveback:

No-Sew Fleece Blankets

Saturday, October 19 from 11:00 am-12:30 pm

Registration begins October 5

Team up with our adult volunteers to help create no-sew fleece blankets to be donated to our neighbors in need.

It's an easy and fun project to do while helping others!

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Dog Toys for Donation

Tuesday, October 22 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins October 8

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

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makerLAB

DIY@makerLAB APPOINTMENTS

Space is limited to Longwood Public Library cardholders; appointments are required and can be made up to 14 days in advance.

Make one of our makerLAB Kits or work on your own project. Appointments are DIY self-guided experiences.

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

View our makerLAB Kits, check our DIY@makerLAB schedule, and make an appointment online at

longwoodlibrary.org/makerLAB.

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

Cricut Fundamentals

Registration begins September 5

Cricut Fundamentals I

Zoom

Thursday, September 26 at 7:00 pm

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.

Cricut Fundamentals Craft: Glow in the Dark Tote Bags

Wednesday, October 2 at 2:30 pm OR 6:30 pm

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

Limit 1 registration and 1 session per LPL cardholder

Want to learn Cricut with a hands-on craft? Join Librarian Alison and learn how to use glow-in-the-dark Heat Transfer Vinyl to decorate a tote bag!

3D Printing Pioneers

Thursday, October 10 at 7:00 pm

Limited to LPL cardholders

Join us for the first meeting of our new club for 3D printing enthusiasts! This group will meet every other month to discuss 3D design software, filament brands, printer models, 3D printing-related news, and much more.

makerLAB Crafts

Registration begins September 3

Limit 1 registration and 1 session per LPL cardholder

Soothing September Sleep Crafts

Sublimated Pillows

Thursday, September 12 at 6:30 pm OR Friday, September 13 at 2:30 pm

Non-refundable materials fee: \$5 cash

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

Join Librarian Alison and learn how to design a sublimation pattern for your own customizable pillow.

Cricut Sleep Masks

Thursday, September 19 at 6:30 pm OR Friday, September 20 at 2:30 pm

Non-refundable materials fee: \$5 cash

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

Join Librarian Alison and create an adorable sleep mask with Heat Transfer Vinyl!

Sewing Scent Sachets

Wednesday, September 25 at 2:30 pm OR 6:30 pm

Non-refundable materials fee: \$5 cash

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

Learning how to sew? This is the perfect craft to start with! Join Librarian Alison and learn how to make these charming lavender scented sachets.

DIY Fall Leaves Wreath

Tuesday, September 17 at 2:30 pm OR Friday, September 20 at 6:30 pm

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

Join Librarian Trainee Tova in using Cricut to design all sorts of colorful leaves to create a picture-perfect fall wreath for any front door.

Sublimation Spooky Magnets

Friday, October 11 at 6:30 pm OR Tuesday, October 15 at 2:30 pm

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

Join Librarian Trainee Tova in creating fantastically unique sublimation magnets for you to decorate your refrigerator just in time for Halloween!

Boo-tiful Bookmarks

Wednesday, October 23 at 2:30 pm OR 6:30 pm

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

Catching up on your horror TBR? Join Librarian Alison to learn how to decorate acrylic bookmarks with Cricut's adhesive vinyl. Each patron can make three!

Ghostly Glow Tumblers

Thursday, October 24 at 6:30 pm OR Friday, October 25 at 2:30 pm

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

Celebrate spooky season with these glowing sublimation tumblers. Join Librarian Alison and learn how to make a sublimation template and transfer your design.

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

MAKERLAB KITS

Birthday OR Thinking of You Card Kit Bundle

Supplies to make 3 cards

Non-refundable fee: \$7

Cricut Faux Leather Earring Kit

Supplies to make 2 pairs of earrings

Non-refundable fee: \$6

Embroidered Tea Towel Kit

Supplies to make 1 tea towel

Non-refundable fee: \$5

Make Your Own Mug

Supplies to make 1, 12 oz. mug

Non-refundable fee: \$5

Supplies to make 1, 15 oz. mug

Non-refundable fee: \$6

Make Your Own Tote

Supplies to make 1 tote

Non-refundable fee: \$5

Sticker Printing Kit

Avery Sticker Paper OR Holographic Sticker Paper (1 sheet)

Non-refundable fee: \$1.50

Cricut Printable Vinyl Sticker Paper (1 sheet)

Non-refundable fee: \$2

3D Print Requests

Looking to 3D print an object?

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

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

Summer 2024 Adventures at the Library: A Season of Fun & Learning!

- **Color changing beach totes**
- **Community yarn project**
- **Library llamas**
- **Nailed it!**
- **Once upon a melody A Fairytale Musical**
- **Sand & seashell mandala wall art**
- **Sublimation garden flags**
- **Summer tour**
- **Summer kick off at the farm**
- **Summer reading club raffle winners**

Catch more of our library adventures on Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok—join the fun online!