

## Longwood Public Library November/December Newsletter 2024

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

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### Get ready to be part of something big with My Public Library!

Libraries across Suffolk County are coming together to share powerful stories about how public libraries shape lives and communities. From exploring our books and collections, borrowing Equipment & Gadgets, attending music concerts, storytimes, family shows, cooking classes, and using the makerLAB, to job workshops, social services, literacy programs, and more—our library offers something for everyone!

We're looking for participants to join this exciting countywide campaign by sharing their experiences through video and photo testimonials for social media. Make your voice heard, inspire others, and show the world how your library enriches lives!

**Email [askus@longwoodlibrary.org](mailto:askus@longwoodlibrary.org) or call (631) 924-6400 x250 to let us know if you would like to participate.**

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### Please Help Us Give the Gift of Warmth & Grow Our Mitten Tree

#### November 25–January 3

The Adult Department and Children's Department are collecting NEW coats, hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, socks, and blankets for those in need within the Longwood community. Last year, we distributed many items to our neighbors, thanks to the generosity of our patrons! Thank you in advance for your kindness!

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### Community Yarn Project: Yarn Squared and Stitched

**Wednesday, November 20 from 2:30-4:00 pm**

**Tuesday, December 3 from 6:30-8:00 pm**

**Wednesday, December 4 from 2:30-4:00 pm**

**Registration ongoing**

**Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder**

Join us as we complete our Community Yarn Project! Help us add finishing touches to our displayed blankets and create new scarves with our remaining yarn squares. All will be donated through our Gift of Warmth drive at the end of December. Please register for each date you plan to attend.

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### 1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Learn more online at: [longwoodlibrary.org/1KBK](https://longwoodlibrary.org/1KBK). *Supported by Friends of the Library*

**This month's winners; Alita, Salvatore and Stella.**

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Friends General Meeting & Election Luncheon

**Saturday, December 14 at 11:30 am**

**Registration begins November 4**

Featuring Music by Toni Ann's Soul Sessions Followed by a Catered Italian Lunch.

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### Bayles Local History Room

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

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

[baylesroom@longwoodlibrary.org](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

#### **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, November 9 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.

#### **Preserving and Passing on Family Recipes**

**Thursday, November 14 at 6:30 pm**

**Monday, November 25 at 2:30 pm**

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

#### **Registration begins November 4**

Some of the most treasured items that are passed along in a family are recipes: Grandma's sweet potato pie or Dad's Sunday gravy. They evoke wonderful memories and keep traditions alive. Join us for a hands-on class to learn simple tips to help you preserve your family recipes for the next generation and receive a sublimated tea towel to commemorate your favorite recipe. **Please email your recipe to [makerlab@longwoodlibrary.org](mailto:makerlab@longwoodlibrary.org) by November 9.**

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

**Wednesday, December 18 from 6:30 pm-8:00 pm**

**Registration begins November 18**

Diane Schwindt from *Stirring Up History* will join our local history librarian for a culinary journey through our community's history. Learn about Yaphank's history, from the early mills that initially gave the hamlet its name to today. A sampling of the foods discussed will be offered.

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### **Spotlight on History:**

#### **Benjamin Tallmadge Historic Trail**

Have you ever wondered about the Benjamin Tallmadge Trail that runs through the Longwood District? Major Benjamin Tallmadge was a Revolutionary War officer who was born in Setauket in 1754. He graduated from Yale and served as a teacher in Connecticut before he was commissioned as a Lieutenant in the army in 1776. He quickly moved up the ranks and was promoted to captain and then major of the 1st Troop of the Second Dragoons. The following year, he was vital in forming the Culper Spy Ring that would relay information to General George Washington, with Tallmadge assuming the name "John Bolton" to use when supplying information to the network of spies.

In November 1780, Tallmadge received orders from General George Washington to raid the Manor of St. George in Mastic, which at the time was a garrison of British soldiers called Fort St. George. Tallmadge and his dragoons were also to burn a large supply of hay the British stockpiled for the winter. On November 21, 1780, Tallmadge and his men rowed across Long Island Sound from Fairfield, Connecticut, to Cedar Beach in Mount Sinai. After sheltering under their boats for the night due to a storm, they proceeded to the south shore, where they captured and burned down Fort St. George. On their march back to Mt. Sinai, Tallmadge stopped in Coram and ordered the burning of 300 tons of hay, which the British had been stockpiling for the winter.

During the raid, Tallmadge and his dragoons traveled 20 miles by water and 40 miles on land, suffering no casualties. The British lost seven men, and the remainder were taken prisoners and brought back to Fairfield. For these efforts, Tallmadge received the thanks of Congress and a personal congratulatory letter from George Washington.

Today, Tallmadge and his raid on Fort St. George are remembered through the historic trail that cuts through parts of the Longwood community. While the exact route is unknown, the trail passes through Middle Island, Yaphank, and Coram. It commemorates Tallmadge and his impact on local and national history.

#### **Benjamin Tallmadge: Unveiling Long Island's Revolutionary Hero**

**Tuesday, November 19 at 7:00 pm**

#### **Registration ongoing**

After the British won the battle of Brooklyn and occupied Long Island, Major Benjamin Tallmadge led a series of successful raids to harass the British troops. General George Washington also tapped Tallmadge to lead an espionage ring of Long Island Spies. Come hear local historian Robert von Bernewitz discuss how the Long Island Culper Spy Ring played a major role in winning the Revolutionary War, and take a photographic journey down the Tallmadge Trail that runs through our district.

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#### **Ancestry.com**

There are many paths to finding your family story. Whichever way you choose—tracing your family generations back with a family tree or uncovering your ethnicity with AncestryDNA—we'll be here to help you. Available for use in the library only.

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### **Adult Classes & Events**

#### **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](mailto: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. This workshop is presented by Suffolk County Department of Health Services, Suffolk County Office of Emergency Management (OEM), and emergency response units. Refreshments provided.

### **Headline News**

**Tuesday, November 12 from 2:00-3:00 pm**

**Wednesday, December 11 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.

### **Friday Night Jam**

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

**Registration begins October 25**

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

**Registration begins November 22**

Love music? Do you have an instrument? Let's jam! Friday Night Jam is back at the Longwood Public Library! Join our community acoustic jam session where local musicians come together, bring their instruments to the LPL, and jam. This community jam session is led by musician Adam King of Reprise Music and incorporates a mix of jam and open mic. Open to all.

### **Making of Miracle on 34th Street**

**Zoom**

**Friday, December 6 from 2:00-3:00 pm**

**Registration ongoing**

Winner of three Academy Awards, this film stars Maureen O'Hara, John Payne, Natalie Wood, and Oscar winner, Edmund Gwenn. Join Sal St. George to learn the backstory and the interesting Long Island connection of this beloved motion picture classic that has touched the hearts of generations of movie goers.

### **Scandals in the Art World**

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

**Registration ongoing**

From stolen masterpieces to artwork that shocked the world, join us as artist and professor Chris Vivas discusses major events in the art world that range from theft to murder to exploitation!

### **European Holiday Markets with the Savvy Sightseer**

**Tuesday, December 10 from 6:30-7:30 pm**

**Registration ongoing**

Enjoy a holiday trip to Europe in this travelogue with Jeanne Schnupp. See the sights and learn the traditions of some of the best holiday markets Europe has to offer found in dramatically different and surprising settings.

### **Blood Drive**

**Monday, December 23 from 1:00-7:00 pm**

**Appointments are suggested, but walk-ins are welcome. To make an appointment, please call the New York Blood Center at 1-800-933-2566 or visit [nybc.org/donate-blood/](https://nybc.org/donate-blood/)**

Help us reach our goal of 40 donors! There is a critical blood shortage in our area; nearly 2,000 donations are needed each day in New York and New Jersey alone. The entire donation process takes less than an hour and a single donation can save multiple lives. You may donate if you are at least 17 years old (16 years old with written consent from a parent or legal guardian), weigh at least 110 pounds, and are in good health. Donors with O-negative blood type are especially encouraged to donate as their blood can be used in emergencies.

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## **Arts & Crafts**

### **Color Your Cares Away**

**Fridays, November 8 and December 13 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.

### **Holiday Kissing Ball**

**Saturday, November 16 from 11:00 am-1:00 pm**

**Registration begins November 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**

Make a beautiful and fragrant outdoor evergreen kissing ball just in time for the holiday season. The completed size is approximately 10"-12" in diameter. **Bring a small pair of lightweight garden shears, garden gloves, and a wire hanger.**

### **Holiday Evergreen Wreath**

**Monday, November 18 from 6:30-8:30 pm**

**Registration begins November 4**

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

**Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder**

Create an outdoor balsam wreath accented with other seasonal greens and decorations. The completed project is approximately 14"-15" in diameter. **Bring a small pair of lightweight garden shears or heavy scissors and gardening gloves.**

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

**Thursdays, November 21 and**

**December 19 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 and take this opportunity to meet 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. Please register for each date you plan to attend.

### **Snowman Salt and Pepper Shakers**

**Thursday, December 5 from 2:00-3:30 pm**

**Registration begins November 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 Teresa to paint an adorable set of ceramic snowman salt and pepper shakers for your table this winter.

### **Winter Zentangle**

**Friday, December 20 from 7:00-8:30 pm**

**Registration begins November 7**

**Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder**

Learn the meditative art of Zentangle! Aimee will show you how to turn simple pen strokes into beautiful images with this easy-to-learn relaxing style of drawing. All supplies are included.

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### **Book Discussions**

#### **Titles and Treats**

**Tuesdays, November 26 and December 17 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! Register for each date you plan on attending.

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#### **Daytime Book Discussion**

##### ***The Frozen River***

**by Ariel Lawhon**

**In-person or Zoom**

**Thursday, November 21 from 3:00-4:00 pm**

**Registration ongoing**

In 1789 Maine, midwife and healer Martha Ballard, investigates a shocking murder that has shaken her small town, especially when her diary lands at the center of the scandal, threatening to tear both her family and her community apart.

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

#### **Year-End Review**

**In-person or Zoom**

**Thursday, December 19 from 3:00-4:00 pm**

**Registration ongoing**

This month the group will review books we have read during the past year and discuss titles we would like to read next year.

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#### **Evening Book Discussion**

##### ***Dead Silence* by S.A. Barnes**

**Friday, November 15 from 7:00-8:00 pm**

**Registration ongoing**

*Titanic* meets *The Shining* in S.A. Barnes' *Dead Silence*, a SciFi horror novel in which a woman and her crew board a decades-lost luxury cruiser and find the wreckage of a nightmare that hasn't yet ended.

**This title is available in eBook and audiobook formats on Libby.**

**You may also pick up a hard copy at the library.**

**Annie Bot by Sierria Greer**

**Friday, December 27 from 7:00-8:00 pm**

**Registration ongoing**

*Annie Bot* was created to be the perfect girlfriend for her human owner, Doug. Doug says he loves that Annie's AI makes her seem more like a real woman, so Annie explores human traits such as curiosity, secrecy, and longing. But becoming more human also means becoming less perfect, and as Annie's relationship with Doug grows more intricate and difficult, she starts to wonder: Does Doug really desire what he says he wants? And in such an impossible paradox, what does Annie owe herself?

**This title is available in eBook and audiobook formats on Libby.**

**You may also pick up a hard copy at the library beginning November 22.**

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**Community Outreach**

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

**Tuesdays, November 12, 19, December 10, and 17 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 a plan that is right for you.

**Little Flower Children and Family Services Resource Table**

**Tuesday, November 12 from 1:00-5:00 pm**

**No registration**

Little Flower Children and Family Services of New York Therapeutic Foster Boarding House is a non-profit and licensed foster care agency that aids in improving the well-being of children, families, and individuals with developmental disabilities across New York City and Long Island. Stop by the library resource table to learn more about their services and how individuals and families may foster a child or teen in need of a safe and loving home.

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

**Wednesday, December 11 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.

**Long Island Cares Mobile Food Pantry**

**Wednesday, December 18 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.

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**Concerts**

**Sweet Ride L.I.**

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

**Registration begins October 28**

Rock music from the '60s and '70s that gets you pumped! Five experienced musicians specializing in rock and blues classics who have played in venues all over Long Island, Sweet Ride L.I.'s playlist covers popular songs from artists such as The Rolling Stones, Tom Petty, The Beatles, The Beach Boys, and more!

## **Gathering Time**

**Sunday, December 15 from 2:00-3:30 pm**

**Registration begins November 29**

In this special performance, Gathering Time will pay tribute to the artists of Woodstock by performing the best-known songs by the best-loved performers at the famed 1969 upstate music festival. Their sound reflects the genre's pioneers such as The Byrds; Peter, Paul & Mary; Crosby, Stills & Nash; and Joni Mitchell, with an acoustic, electric alchemy all their own.

## **The Band Easy Street**

**Sunday, January 12 from 2:00-3:30 pm**

**Registration begins December 23**

Starting the new year with soulful vocals, tight arrangements, and an engaging performance, The Band Easy Street plays an eclectic variety of rock, blues, funk, soul, and country. So many songs, so little time. Let's rock the New Year in!

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## **Computer & Technology Classes**

### **Shopping, Safety, and Security Online**

**Zoom**

**Wednesday, December 4 at 7:00 pm**

**Registration ongoing**

In this lecture/demo class, students will learn how to safely surf, shop, and use the internet without fear of identity theft, hackers, viruses, spyware, and annoying pop-up advertising.

### **Amazon A to Z**

**Zoom**

**Friday, November 29 at 7:00 pm**

**Registration ongoing**

Make the most of everything Amazon has to offer this holiday season! In this class, discover how to maximize your Prime benefits with access to free music, eBooks, videos, photo storage, and exclusive discounts. We'll also explore Amazon services like Alexa, Echo, Kindle, and Fire devices, and share tips for holiday shopping, from same-day delivery to finding great deals.

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## **Cooking**

### **Holiday Afternoon Tea**

**Monday, November 18 from 1:00-2:00 pm**

**Registration begins November 4**

**Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder**

Join cookbook author Margaret M. Johnson for a holiday afternoon tea. A formal tea with sandwiches and savories, scones and fruitcakes, and traditional holiday sweets will be served, along with exciting new recipes to welcome the season. A sparkling beverage will also be served. Please bring your own teacup and saucer. *This program may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

### **Chef Rob Presents: Swedish Meatballs and Tuscan Garlic Shrimp**

**Monday, December 2 from 4:00-5:00 pm OR 6:30-7:30 pm**

**Registration begins November 7**

**Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder**

Wow a crowd this holiday season! Learn how to make Chef Rob's Amazing Swedish Meatballs as well as a Tuscan Garlic Shrimp with Sundried Tomatoes dish in this demonstration class.

Tasting to follow. *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, November 9 from 10:00 am-4:30 pm OR**

**Wednesday and Thursday, November 13 and 14 from 5:30-8:30 pm OR**

**Saturday, November 23 from 10:00 am-4:30 pm OR**

**Wednesday and Thursday, December 11 and 12 from 5:30-8:30pm OR**

**Saturday, December 21 from 10:00 am-4:30 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

**Monday and Tuesday, November 18 and 19 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.

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## 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, your mah jongg sets, and your other favorites. We provide the tables and the room; you provide the fun!

### Bingo

**Tuesday, November 19 from 2:00-3:30 pm**

**Registration begins November 6**

#### 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!

### Your Turn! Classic Board Game Night

**Tuesdays, November 26 and December 17 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 some new ones. Games will be provided however you are welcome to bring your own to share. Please register for each date you plan to attend.

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## **Health & Fitness**

### **Shoulder Pain Workshop**

**Thursday, November 7 from 6:30-7:30 pm**

**Registration ongoing**

Join physical therapist and chiropractor Dr. David Stern to learn the common causes of shoulder pain, basic shoulder anatomy, and the best conservative methods to treat shoulder pain.

### **CARES Dementia Care for Families**

**Zoom**

**Tuesday, November 12 from 6:30-8:00 pm**

**Registration ongoing**

This dementia care training program is designed to help caregivers understand how to better care for people with dementia. Learn evidence-based practices and specialized techniques to help you manage behavior and care for people with dementia at every stage of the disease. This program includes interactive training videos of real caregivers, families, and people with dementia. This training program is presented by the Family & Children's Association Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Program in association with Willing Heart, Helpful Hands.

### **Tap Dance 101**

**Thursdays, November 14 and 21 from 11:00 am-12:00 pm**

**Registration begins November 1**

**Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder**

Join Joyce to learn basic beginner tap dance steps. Wear soft leather shoes (no sneakers) and dress comfortably.

### **Ring in the Holidays with Aromatherapy**

**Friday, November 15 from 6:30-7:30 pm**

**Registration begins November 1**

**Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder**

Learn how to use aromatherapy and essential oils to make the holiday season bright! Join Tara from Amadeus Aromatherapy to create a holiday perfume lotion and a holiday immune-boosting spray to help you enjoy the season.

### **Meditation and Forgiveness: Healing the Heart**

**Zoom**

**Wednesday, November 20 from 7:00-8:00 pm**

**Registration ongoing**

Forgiveness means freeing yourself of the past. Often, the biggest challenges in life come from the mind's disturbances such as persistent thoughts, regrets, fears, worries, and long-held grudges. Join Ajili Hodari to learn how meditation deepens your understanding of yourself and others, awakens your consciousness, and connects you to your personal inner peace, which opens the door to forgiveness for both yourself and others. This virtual workshop will also include a short meditation session.

### **Blood Pressure Screening**

**Fridays, November 22 and December 20 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm**

**No registration**

Monthly free blood pressure screenings are provided by Northwell Health.

### **Chairobics and Strength**

**Fridays, December 6, 13, 20, and 27 from 10:00-10:45 am**

**Registration begins November 8**

**Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder**

Join Debbie from Fitness Figures for Chairbics, an exercise combining strength training, balance, aerobics, and flexibility. Most of the exercises are performed seated in a chair. Bring your own free weights if you are comfortable using them. Wear comfortable clothing and bring water.

### **Inner Peace this Holiday Season Through Meditation**

**Zoom**

**Wednesday, December 11 from 7:00-8:00 pm**

**Registration ongoing**

Join long-time meditator Bruce Faithwick as he discusses the extraordinary effect of meditation, how it can enrich one's life on many levels, and help with seasonal stress. He will also present a simple yet powerful meditation technique that will be explained and practiced during this virtual session.

### **Catholic Health Services Mobile Clinic**

**Friday, December 13 from 10:00 am-2:00 pm**

**No registration**

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

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## **Language Classes**

### **English Conversation Online**

**Zoom**

**Tuesdays, January 7 through March 25 from 5:00-6:00 pm**

**Registration begins December 13**

This ESOL conversation class is open to adult English learners who would like to improve their spoken English. Must be able to speak English and willing to participate in discussion and reading. This program will be presented as a Zoom meeting. The URL for the "meeting" will be emailed to all registrants before the program.

### **Beginner English**

**Tuesdays and Thursdays, January 28 through May 15 from 6:00-8:30 pm**

**Registration begins December 13**

Long Island Educational Opportunity Center (LIEOC) offers a Beginner English class at the library with certified teachers. LIEOC is a tuition-free Adult Education program sponsored by SUNY Farmingdale. The course introduces students to basic structures and vocabulary of the English language through reading, listening, and pronunciation skills at no cost to you. Make connections and learn English. This is your opportunity!

### **Inglés Para Principiantes**

**Martes y Jueves, 28 de enero al 15 de mayo de 6:00-8:30 pm**

**La inscripción comienza el 13 de diciembre.**

El Centro de Oportunidades Educativas de Long Island (LIEOC) ofrece una clase de inglés para principiantes en la biblioteca con maestros certificados. El LIEOC es un programa gratuito de educación para adultos patrocinado por SUNY Farmingdale. El curso introduce a los estudiantes a las estructuras básicas y el vocabulario del idioma inglés a través de las habilidades de lectura, comprensión auditiva y pronunciación sin costo alguno para usted. Haz conexiones, aprende inglés. Esta es tu oportunidad!

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## **Movies**

### **Saturday Afternoon Movie**

***IF (Imaginary Friends)***

**Saturday, November 2 at 2:15 pm**

**No registration**

*Starring Ryan Reynolds, Cailey Fleming, and Steve Carell*

A young girl who goes through a difficult experience begins to see everyone's imaginary friends who have been left behind as their real-life friends have grown up.

**(Family/Comedy, 2024, PG, 104 mins.)**

***A Quiet Place: Day One***

**Saturday, December 7 at 2:15 pm**

**No registration**

*Starring Lupita Nyong'o, Joseph Quinn, and Djimon Hounsou*

A prequel to the first two Quiet Place movies --- now, experience the day the world went quiet.

**(Sci-Fi/Thriller, 2024, PG-13, 99 mins.)**

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**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!

**November/December Selections...**

**November 6**

***You Gotta Believe***

**(Drama/Sports, 2024, PG, 104 mins.)**

*Starring Luke Wilson & Greg Kinnear*

**NOVEMBER 13**

***Heaven Can Wait***

**(Comedy, 1978, PG, 101 mins.)**

*Starring Warren Beatty & Julie Christie*

**NOVEMBER 20**

***Trap***

**(Suspense/Thriller, 2024, PG-13, 110 mins.)**

*Starring Josh Hartnett & Ariel Donoghue*

**NOVEMBER 27**

***All of Me***

**(Comedy, 1984, PG, 91 mins.)**

*Starring Steve Martin & Lily Tomlin*

**DECEMBER 4**

***The Old Oak***

**(Drama, 2024, NR, 113 mins.)**

*Starring Dave Turner & Ebla Mari*

**DECEMBER 11**

***Logan's Run***

**(Sci-Fi, 1976, PG, 118 mins)**

*Starring Michael York & Jenny Agutter*

## DECEMBER 18

### *Thelma*

(Comedy, 2024, PG-13, 97 mins.)

Starring June Squibb & Fred Hechinger

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## Nature & Environment

### Owl Prowl

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

**Registration ongoing**

**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!

### Twilight Walk at Downs Farm Preserve

**Thursday, November 14 from 5:00-6:00 pm**

**Registration begins November 4**

**Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder**

Join us for a guided twilight nature walk through Downs Farm Preserve with Taralynn and the Group for the East

### Community Climate Session: Sustainable and Resilient Communities

**Saturday, November 16 from 11:30 am–1:00 pm**

**Registration ongoing**

Join Community Science Facilitators from the New York Department of State for hands-on, virtual, and web-based activities related to climate change and community preparation and resilience. Adults and teens (grades 7-12) will learn about coastline support and preservation, renewable energy, and community resilience planning tools in this interactive program. Surprise giveaways available at the end of the program! Program partners include: Brookhaven NAACP, Suffolk County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., and the Greater Gordon Heights Chamber of Commerce.

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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 dates and times.**

**Limited to LPL cardholders**

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

**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.

### 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. Please note, there are no appointments on November 11.

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

**Tuesdays, November 5, 26, and December 3 from 12:00-3:30 pm**

**First come, first served. No registration.**

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

For more information, please call the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council at (631) 435-3000.

**HIICAP Medicare Assistance**

**Wednesdays, November 13 and**

**December 11 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.

**Career Coaching**

**Tuesdays, November 19 OR December 17 from 4:00-7:00 pm**

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

**Limited to LPL cardholders**

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

**SCORE Business Mentoring**

**Wednesdays, November 20 and December 18 from 5:30-8:30 pm**

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

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

**Office for the Aging Advocate**

**Friday, December 20 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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**SmileAwhile**

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

**SmileAwhile with a Holiday Sheet Music Wall Hanging**

**Friday, November 22 from 10:30-11:30 am**

**Registration begins November 6**

We will design a beautiful and unique wall hanging using old sheet music of holiday songs.

**SmileAwhile with a Holiday Sing-Along**

**Thursday, December 5 from 10:30-11:30 am**

## Registration begins November 8

Join us as we listen to and sing songs that celebrate the season with musician Adam King.

## SmileAwhile with a Movie

### **Annie (2015)**

**Thursday, November 14 from 10:30 am-12:30 pm**

#### **No registration**

*Starring: Jamie Foxx, Quvenzhané Wallis, Rose Byrne, Bobby Cannavale, Cameron Diaz*

A foster child who lives with her mean foster mom sees her life change when business tycoon and New York City mayoral candidate Will Stacks makes a thinly veiled campaign move and takes her in.

**(2015, Musical, rated G, 1 hour 58 minutes)**

### **Home Alone**

**Thursday, December 12 from 10:30 am-12:30 pm**

#### **No registration**

*Starring: Macaulay Culkin, Joe Pesci, Daniel Stern, John Heard, Catherine O'Hara*

Accidentally left behind when his parents rush off on their Christmas vacation, eight-year-old Kevin embarks on a hilarious, madcap mission to defend the family home when two bumbling burglars try to break in - and find themselves tangled in Kevin's bewildering battery of booby traps!

**(1990, Family Comedy, rated PG, 1 hour 43 minutes)**

## Train Trip to NYC

**Saturday, December 14, on the 9:32 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 Tuesday, November 12 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 this 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 travelling 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

Throughout November and December, make sure you stop in to see a wonderful collection of oil paintings created by local artist and resident, Rosemarie Lofrano. Ms. Lofrano's detailed works may even inspire you to grab a brush yourself!

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## 2024-2025 Board of Trustees

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### **Library Board Meetings**

Wednesday, November 20 at 7:00 pm  
Wednesday, December 18 at 7:00 pm  
The book drop is open 24 hours

### **Library Closed**

Monday, November 11 – Veterans Day  
Thursday, November 28 – Thanksgiving Day  
Tuesday, December 24 – Christmas Eve  
Wednesday, December 25 – Christmas Day  
Tuesday, December 31 – New Year's Eve  
Wednesday, January 1 – New Year's Day

### **Hours**

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

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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.

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#### **Please help us grow our Mitten Tree!**

#### **Warm up your heart by warming the hands of someone in need!**

Patrons may bring in new or handmade children's mittens, gloves, scarves, and hats to the Children's Department to be hung on the mitten tree. Items will be accepted from November 25 to January 3 and then donated to local agencies to distribute to children in need in our community.

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

Mostly Mother Goose

**Monday, November 4 at 10:00 am**

**Children (infant–3 years)**

**Registration begins October 23**

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

Pumpkin Patch Babies

**Thursday, November 7 at 10:00 am**



**Children (birth–23 months)**

**Registration begins October 23**

Join A Time for Kids for a fall-themed program to learn through play, with songs, dancing, and fingerplays!

Full STEAM Ahead

**Thursday, November 7 at 10:45 am**

**Children (2-5 years)**

**Registration begins October 23**

Join A Time for Kids for an introduction to science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics. These activities will help your child with critical thinking and problem-solving skills!

Tinker Tots

**Tuesday, November 12 at 10:00 am**

**Children (31 months–Pre-K)**

**Registration begins October 29**

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

Babies & Books

**Friday, November 15 at 10:00 am**

**Children (infant–17 months)**

**Registration begins October 29**

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.

Tots & Books

**Friday, November 15 at 11:00 am**

**Children (18–35 months)**

**Registration begins October 29**

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

Happy Birthday Mickey Mouse!

**Tuesday, November 19**

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

**Children (3 years–Pre-K) at 11:00 am**

**Registration begins November 8**

Join Miss Laura in celebrating Mickey Mouse's birthday by listening to a story, singing birthday songs, playing birthday party games, and making a cool craft. *This program may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

Playtown

**Wednesday, November 20 at 10:00 am**

**Children (2 years–Pre-K)**

**Registration begins November 8**

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 important social and emotional skills.

Tots Night Out

**Thursday, November 21 at 6:00 pm**

**Children (18 months–Pre-K)**

**Registration begins November 8**

**Wednesday, December 11 at 6:00 pm**

**Registration begins November 21**

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!

Bouncing Babies

**Tuesday, December 3 at 10:00 am**

**Children (infant–23 months)**

**Registration begins November 13**

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

Rock & Read

**Wednesday, December 4 at 10:30 am**

**Children (ages 1-5)**

**Registration begins November 13**

Who's ready to rock? Join A Time for Kids for a rockin' good time with books, songs, and more!

Bilingual Storytime

**Wednesday, December 4 at 6:30 pm**

**Children (2-5 years)**

**Registration begins November 13**

Enjoy stories, songs and activities in English and Spanish! Disfruta cuentos, canciones y actividades en inglés y español!

Merry Everything

**Saturday, December 7 at 11:00 am**

**Children (2 years–Pre-K)**

**Registration begins November 21**

Children will create some seasonal crafts that celebrate many different holidays!

Polar Express

**Monday, December 9 at 7:00 pm**

**Children (4 years–grade 3)**

**Registration begins November 21**

Jump aboard the Polar Express! Listen to this classic tale in your pjs, create some Polar Express themed crafts, take a photo at the green screen, and then enjoy a sweet treat at our hot chocolate bar. Wear your pajamas! *The snack provided may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

Birds of a Feather

**Tuesday, December 10**

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

**Children (3 years–Pre-K) at 11:00 am**

**Registration begins November 21**

Join us for a frosty and fun program where we will listen to stories and create colorful cardinal crafts.

Construction Zone

**Thursday, December 19 at 10:00 am**

**Children (18 months–Pre-K)**

**Registration begins November 21**

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

Baby Picasso

**Monday, December 23 at 10:00 am**

**Children (12-30 months)**

### **Registration begins December 2**

Children will develop their 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!

Art Starts

**Monday, December 23 at 11:00 am**

**Children (31 months–Pre-K)**

**Registration begins December 2**

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

Countdown to Noon

**Monday, December 30 at 11:15 am**

**Children (4 years–grade 2)**

**Registration begins December 13**

Learn about different New Year's traditions, make a noisemaker, and then celebrate by counting down together.

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.

**November: Turkey Time**

**December: Playful Polar Bears**

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

**Harvest Owls**

**Friday, November 1**

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

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

**Registration begins October 23**

In this art class with art teacher Kim, you'll discover the secrets of drawing these nocturnal creatures. From their piercing eyes to their fluffy feathers, we'll guide you through step-by-step techniques to create stunning owl masterpieces.

**Hooked on Crochet**

**Tuesdays, November 5, 12, 19, 26 at 6:00 pm**

**Children (grades 3-6)**

**Registration begins October 23**

Join us for a fun and creative four-session class where you'll learn the basics of crocheting! This hands-on class is perfect for beginners, and we'll guide you through step-by-step instructions to begin your crochet journey.

**Thanksgiving Pancakes**

**Friday, November 8 at 6:00 pm**

**Children (grades K-2)**

**Registration begins October 23**

Join Miss Laura in whipping up Thanksgiving pancakes topped with apple compote and making a tabletop decoration!

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

**Thanksgiving Desserts**

**Friday, November 8 at 7:30 pm**

**Children (grades 3-6)**

**Registration begins October 23**

Jon Miss Laura in creating some delectable mini desserts perfect for Thanksgiving!

**Dungeons & Dragons Tween Edition**

**Thursday, November 14 from 6:00-7:30 pm**

**Children (grades 4-6)**

**Registration begins October 29**

**Thursday, December 19 at 6:00-7:30 pm**

**Registration begins November 21**

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.

**Kindness Kids: Winter Centerpieces**

**Friday, November 15 at 6:30 pm**

**Children (grades 3-6)**

**Registration begins October 29**

Join Miss Laura in decorating winter centerpieces. One will be donated to a local shelter and one can be brought home to decorate your table.

**Children will receive 1 hour of community service.**

**Paws for Reading**

**Monday, November 18 starting at 5:00 pm**

**Children (readers–grade 6)**

**Registration begins October 29**

**Monday, December 16 starting at 5:00 pm**

**Children (readers–grade 6)**

**Registration begins November 21**

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 are reading.*

**Robot Paint Night**

**Wednesday, November 20 at 6:30 pm**

**Children (grades K-2)**

**Registration begins November 8**

Cha-ching! Come to the library to get crafty and paint a ceramic robot bank!

**Book Chat:**

***The World According to Humphrey***

**Friday, November 22 at 6:30 pm**

**Children (grades 4-6)**

**Registration and book pickup**

**begins October 29**

Join us to discuss *The World According to Humphrey* by Betty G. Birney. Children will discuss the book, enjoy sunflower seeds, apples and dog-biscuit shaped graham crackers just like Humphrey. Then, we will sew a mini hamster stuffie, play schoolyard games and have a "hamsterific" time! *This program may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

**Book Bunch & Munch**

**Monday, November 25 at 6:30 pm**

**Children (grades K-2)****Registration begins November 13**

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.*

**Mission to Mars****Friday, November 29 at 6:30 pm****Children (grades 3-6)****Registration begins November 13**

Celebrate Red Planet Day and blast off on a cosmic adventure to Mars! Explore the Red Planet like never before through an exhilarating virtual reality experience, test out freeze-dried astronaut ice cream, and dive into exciting galactic activities. Don't miss this out-of-this-world experience! *The snack provided may not be suitable.*

**Disney Birthday Celebration****Thursday, December 5****Children (grades K-2) at 6:00 pm****Children (grades 3-6) at 7:30 pm****Registration begins November 13**

Let's celebrate Walt Disney's birthday by baking and decorating confetti cupcakes, playing party games, and crafting Mickey ears! *The snack provided may not be suitable.*

**Winter Wonderland****Friday, December 6****Children (grades K-2) at 6:00 pm****Children (grades 3-6) at 7:00 pm****Registration begins November 13**

Join art teacher Kim to explore the magical world of winter and bring it to life on paper. Learn to draw snowy landscapes, winter trees, and playful animals. We'll use a variety of techniques to create stunning winter scenes that capture the beauty and wonder of the season.

**Polar Express****Monday, December 9 at 7:00 pm****Children (4 years–grade 3)****Registration begins November 21**

Jump aboard the Polar Express! Listen to this classic tale in your pjs, create some Polar Express themed crafts, take a photo at the green screen, and then enjoy a sweet treat at our hot chocolate bar. Wear your pajamas! *The snack provided may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

**Minecraft Junior****Thursday, December 12 at 6:00 pm****Children (grades K-2)****Registration begins November 21****Minecraft Club****Thursday, December 12 at 7:00 pm****Children (grades 3-6)****Registration begins November 21**

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.

## **Happy Birth-Tay!**

**Friday, December 13**

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

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

**Registration begins November 21**

Join us for a night of celebration as we honor the Queen of Pop, Taylor Swift! This birthday party will feature a variety of activities, including Taylor Swift trivia, lyric poetry, crafts, and karaoke! We'll also enjoy delicious Taylor Swift-inspired treats. Don't miss this opportunity to connect with fellow Swifties and celebrate the incredible music of one of the most beloved artists of our time.

## **Winter Tree Paintings**

**Wednesday, December 18**

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

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

**Registration begins November 21**

Winter is here! Join us to create a colorful winter tree painting with watercolors!

## **Chocolate Dipped Pretzel Delight with Chef Rob**

**Friday, December 20**

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

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

**Registration begins December 2**

Join Chef Rob for a fun and delicious cooking class where you'll learn how to create the perfect chocolate-dipped pretzel! He'll guide you through the process of melting chocolate, dipping pretzels, and adding your own creative toppings. By the end of the class, you'll have a delicious snack to enjoy and share with your friends and family.

## **Games & Goodies**

**Thursday, December 26**

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

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

**Registration begins December 13**

Have some fun and come down to the library to 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.*

## **Catching Snowflakes**

**Friday, December 27 at 6:00 pm**

**Children (grades K-2)**

**Registration begins December 13**

Experience the magic of winter as you listen to the story *Snowflakes on Our Tongues* by Mike Ornstein. Learn about the delicious pastime of gathering snowflakes on your tongue and then make a silly craft to go with the story.

## **Comics & Candy: *Bird & Squirrel: On Ice***

**Friday, December 27 at 7:00 pm**

**Children (grades 3-6)**

**Registration and book pickup**

**begins December 2**

Let's chat about *Bird & Squirrel: On Ice*, a graphic novel by James Burks. We'll also enjoy a snack, craft, and games related to the story. *This program may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

## **Countdown to Noon**

**Monday, December 30 at 11:15 am**

## **Children (4 years–grade 2)**

### **Registration begins December 13**

Learn about different New Year's traditions, make a noisemaker, and then celebrate by counting down together.

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## **Family Programs**

### **Be Inspired: Native American Heritage Month**

**Saturday, November 9 at 10:00 am OR 2:00 pm**

**Families with children**

**No registration**

Drop in and discover more about Native American Heritage at our different stations! There will be crafts, activities, and lots of facts about Native American culture.

### **Family Art Fun**

**Monday, December 23 at 6:00 pm**

**Families with children**

**No registration**

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

### **Green Screen Holiday Photos**

**Friday, November 22 from 5:00-8:00 pm**

**Saturday, November 23 at 10:00 am-4:15 pm**

**Families with children**

**Registration begins November 8**

Make an appointment to take holiday photos using the library's green screen! We'll be offering 15-minute photo sessions and have some festive backgrounds for you to choose from. Please don't bring pets and don't wear green (since we'll be using a green screen). Photos are meant to be informal and are taken by a staff member. Photos will be emailed to you two weeks after your photo session.

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## **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.

### **Dungeons & Dragons with the Quest Masters Guild**

**Friday, November 1 from 5:30-8:30 pm**

**Registration begins October 18**

**Friday, December 6 from 5:30-8:30 pm**

**Registration begins November 22**

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

### **Code a Video Game: Pong!**

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

**Registration begins October 25**

Join Teen Services Librarian Mr. McCoy to learn coding and game design by making the very first video game, Pong! Using the coding platform Scratch, teens will recreate this classic arcade game and add their own spin to make the game even more fun! Everyone will get a chance to test out the games designed by their friends at the end of the program.

### **Pencil Pals**

**Monday, November 18 from 7:00-8:00 pm**

**Registration begins November 4**

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

**Thanksgiving Jeopardy**

**Friday, November 22 from 7:00-8:00 pm**

**Registration begins November 8**

Compete in a game of Thanksgiving-themed Jeopardy to win a prize!

**Harvest Glow Stained Glass Suncatchers**

**Monday, November 25 from 7:00-8:00 pm**

**Registration begins November 8**

Create a faux stained glass suncatcher to celebrate the season.

**Teen Writing Workshop**

**Tuesday, December 3 from 7:00-8:00 pm**

**Registration begins November 19**

Join us for a cozy night of free-writing! Spend an hour at the library writing with fellow teen creatives while enjoying snacks and hot cocoa. We'll take breaks to discuss writing tips, inspiration, and to share our work (optional). *Snacks provided may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

**Snuggly Scarf Studio**

**Thursday, December 5 from 6:30-8:00 pm**

**Registration begins November 21**

Create a cozy winter scarf using materials in our makerLAB!

**Jewelry with Juliana**

**Friday, December 6 from 7:00-8:00 pm**

**Registration begins November 22**

Work with crystals and glass pearls to make a beautiful jewelry set. Learn the techniques to make a bracelet and matching earrings from start to finish while relaxing with your friends.

**Pom-Pom Penguins**

**Friday, December 13 from 7:00-8:00 pm**

**Registration begins November 29**

Create adorable pom-pom penguins and a paper snowflake lantern to light their way! Give them as gifts or add them to your winter décor.

**Woodland Flower Bear**

**Monday, December 16 from 7:00-8:00 pm**

**Registration begins December 2**

Using an eco-friendly and sustainable alternative to fresh-cut flowers, teens will use sola wood flowers to create an adorable winter bear arrangement perfect for gifting or as part of their seasonal tablescape!

**Game Night: Party Games Edition**

**Friday, December 20 from 7:00-8:00 pm**

**Registration begins December 6**

Join Teen Services Librarian Mr. McCoy for a fun night of party games! Play games of Werewolf and Telestrations, along with a real-life version of Mario Kart using Spheros! *Snacks provided may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

**Teen Improv Workshop**

**Saturday, December 21 from 3:00-4:00 pm**



## **Registration starts December 7**

Join us as we learn the art of improv! Practice your acting skills through improv games and exercises.

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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.

### **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.

### **Gift Bags for Our Troops**

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

**Registration begins October 23**

Decorate a drawstring sack with appliques and fabric paint that will be stuffed with goodies and mailed to troops serving overseas.

**Certificate for 1 hour of community service**

### **Craft Kits for Donation**

**Tuesday, November 12 from 7:00-8:00 pm**

**Registration begins October 29**

**Wednesday, December 4 from 7:00-8:00 pm**

**Registration begins November 20**

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

**Certificate for 1 hour of community service**

### **Felt Napkin Rings**

**Thursday, November 14 from 7:00-8:00 pm**

**Registration begins October 30**

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**

### **Community Climate Session: Sustainable and Resilient Communities**

**Saturday, November 16 from 11:30 am-1:00 pm**

**Registration ongoing**

Join Community Science Facilitators from the New York Department of State for hands-on, virtual, and web-based activities related to climate change and community preparation and resilience. Adults and teens (grades 7-12) will learn about coastline support and preservation, renewable energy, and community resilience planning tools in this interactive program. Surprise giveaways available at the end of the program! *Program partners include: Brookhaven NAACP, Suffolk County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., and the Greater Gordon Heights Chamber of Commerce.*

**Certificate for 1.5 hour of community service**

### **Placemats for Meal Services**

**Tuesday, November 19 from 7:00-8:00 pm**

**Registration begins November 5**

**Tuesday, December 17 from 7:00-8:00 pm**

**Registration begins December 3**

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

**Certificate for 1 hour of community service**

**Stenciled Tote Bags**

**Wednesday, November 20 from 7:00-8:00 pm**

**Registration begins November 6**

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

**Certificate for 1 hour of community service**

**Dog Toys for Donation**

**Tuesday, November 26 from 7:00-8:00 pm**

**Registration begins November 12**

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

**Certificate for 1 hour of community service**

**Winter Reading Club Decoration**

**Monday, December 9 from 7:00-8:00 pm**

**Registration begins November 25**

Help the Teen Services Librarians decorate True North for this year's Winter Reading Club!

**Certificate for 1 hour of community service**

**Talking Newsletter**

**Tuesday, December 10 from 7:00-8:30 pm**

**Registration begins November 27**

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**

**Bookstormers: Book Club for 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> Graders**

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

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

December

***Maximum Ride***

**by James Patterson**

Monday, December 2 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins November 4

After mutant "Erasers" abduct the youngest member of their group, the "Bird-Kids" band together to rescue Angel and learn more about their mysterious origins and purpose.

January

***Dragon Pearl***

by Yoon Ha Lee

Monday, January 6 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins December 2

Min, a thirteen-year-old girl with fox-magic, stows away on a battle cruiser and impersonates a cadet in order to solve the mystery of what happened to her older brother in the Thousand World Space Forces.

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

### **Paracord Lanyards**

Thursday, December 19 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins December 5

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

**Certificate for 1 hour of community service**

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## **makerLAB Essentials**

## **Sublimation: Print Color Photos on Everything!**

Zoom

**Thursday, November 7 at 5:30 pm**

**Registration ongoing**

Sublimation is the new crafting trend! Learn how sublimation works and what tools you need to get started. We'll also discuss makerLAB's sublimation printing service!

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## **Canva Basics**

Zoom

Thursday, November 7 at 7:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Learn the basics of Canva, a popular and beginner-friendly software for graphic design! Join Librarian Alison and learn how to get started with your own projects.

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## **3D Printing Pioneers**

Thursday, December 5 at 7:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Join us for 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.

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## **makerLAB Crafts**

Registration begins November 4

LPL cardholders only; limit 1 registration and 1 session per class

## **Cricut Stencil Holiday Doormats**

**Tuesday, November 12 at 2:30 pm OR**

**Friday, November 29 at 6:30 pm**

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

Join Librarian Trainee Tova in creating beautiful holiday doormats!

## **Preserving and Passing on Family Recipes**

**Thursday, November 14 at 6:30 pm OR**

**Monday, November 25 at 2:30 pm**

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

Join us for a hands-on class to learn simple tips to help you preserve your family recipes for the next generation and receive a sublimated tea towel to commemorate your favorite recipe. **(Please email your recipe to [makerlab@longwoodlibrary.org](mailto:makerlab@longwoodlibrary.org) by November 9).**

## **Cricut Stencil Thanksgiving Keepsake Cutting Boards**

**Tuesday, November 19 at 2:30 pm OR**

**Friday, November 22 at 6:30 pm**

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

Join Library Trainee Tova in creating the perfect Cricut stenciled cutting board, just in time to decorate your Thanksgiving table! Please note: this board is not safe for food preparation!

## **Sublimation Apron**

**Thursday, November 21 at 6:30 pm OR**

**Friday, November 22 at 2:30 pm**

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

Make your own apron with a full-color sublimated image! Join Librarian Alison and learn how to infuse sublimation ink designs into polyester fabric.

### **Sublimation Cutting Boards**

**Wednesday, December 4 at 2:30 pm OR 6:30 pm**

**Non-refundable materials fee: \$5 cash (exact change) or credit card**

**(can pay online) due at registration**

Customize a cutting board with your own image! Join Librarian Alison and learn how to sublimate on a glass cutting board!

### **Holiday Sublimation Puzzles**

**Friday, December 6 at 6:30 pm OR**

**Tuesday, December 10 at 2:30 pm**

**Non-refundable materials fee: \$5 cash (exact change) or credit card**

**(can pay online) due at registration**

Join Librarian Trainee Tova in sublimating a photo of friends or family onto a puzzle: the perfect gift for a loved one during this holiday season!

### **makerLAB Gifts**

**Thursday, December 12 at 6:30 pm OR**

**Friday, December 13 at 2:30 pm**

**Non-refundable materials fee: \$5 cash (exact change) or credit card**

**(can pay online) due at registration**

We're cleaning out our closet! Check out our sublimation and Cricut blanks left over from our previous classes and make some cool gifts. Prior makerLAB experience is encouraged, but not required!

### **Holiday Tree Decorations**

**Friday, December 13 at 6:30 pm OR**

**Tuesday, December 17 at 2:30 pm**

**Non-refundable materials fee: \$5 cash (exact change) or credit card**

**(can pay online) due at registration**

Join Librarian Trainee Tova in building and sublimating a tree decoration that is a gorgeous addition to any holiday tree!

### **Gift Wrapping Workshop**

**Wednesday, December 18 from 1:30-8:30 pm**

**No registration**

Do you have some last-minute gifts to wrap?

Drop in between 1:30-8:30 pm! We'll have wrapping, bows, ribbons, and gift tag designing stations!

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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](https://longwoodlibrary.org/3Dprint)**

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