

Longwood Public Library January/February 2025 Newsletter

Winter Reading Challenge: Illuminate Your Mind!

All ages

Embrace the magic of the Northern Lights with our Winter Reading Challenge! Adults, kids, and teens of all ages are invited to immerse themselves in reading, listening to books, and enjoying exciting programs to earn raffle tickets. Your tickets could win you fantastic prizes, thanks to the generous support of Friends of the Library! Registration begins January 6 on our reading app, Beanstack and longwoodlibrary.org. Plus, don't miss Cradle of Aviation's traveling inflatable planetarium—an out-of-this-world experience!

Raffles supported by Friends of the Library.

Stargazing Spectacular: A Planetarium Adventure

Saturday, February 15

Children (grades K-2) at 1:00 pm OR

Children (grades 3-6) at 1:30 pm

Teens (grades 7-12) at 2:00 pm

Adults at 3:00 pm

See inside for more info.

Register online at longwoodlibrary.org

Puzzle Swap Alert!

We're collecting puzzles for an upcoming Puzzle Swap! Donate your gently used puzzles and get ready to refresh your collection. *More details on page 5.*

Join The Great Backyard Bird Count 2025!

Our library is excited to participate in this global birdwatching event. Be a part of the fun and help track bird species in our area! *More details inside*

Thank You, Friends of the Library!

Longwood Public Library received a generous \$8,000 donation from the Friends of the Library during their December General Meeting.

Learn more about the Friends and become a member at: longwoodlibrary.org/friends

Share Your Love for the Library!

What do you love most about your library? Stop by our *My Public Library* pop-up event on Saturday, January 4, from 10:00 am-12:00 pm or 2:00-4:00 pm to share your story with a photo and a quote—no registration needed, just drop in!

Can't make it that day? Email us at askus@longwoodlibrary.org or fill out the participation form on our website at longwoodlibrary.org/mypubliclibrary, and we'll get back to you. All ages welcome!

Trustee Election Information

District residents who are interested in running for the Board of Trustees of the Longwood Public Library are invited to submit petitions to the Director's office no later than 5:00 pm on Monday, March 10, 2025. Petitions may be picked up in the Director's office, beginning Monday, February 3. They must be submitted with a minimum of 25 district resident signatures. The trustee election coincides with the library budget vote which will be conducted by paper ballot at the library on Tuesday, April 8, 2025. The newly-elected trustee will serve a five-year term, beginning July 2025. Residents interested in the trustee position should contact Lisa Jacobs, Library Director, at (631) 924-6400 x275 or lisa@longwoodlibrary.org for more information about the duties and responsibilities of library trustees.

1000 Books Before Kindergarten Winners

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Library Board Meetings

2024-2025 Board of Trustees

Lauren O'Connell **President**

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Library Board Meetings

Wednesday, January 15 at 7:00 pm

Wednesday, February 26 at 7:00 pm

The book drop is open 24 hours

Library Closed

Tuesday, December 31 – New Year's Eve

Wednesday, January 1 – New Year's Day

Library Open

Monday, January 20 – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday, February 17 – Presidents' Day

Hours

Monday–Friday: 9:30 am-9:00 pm

Saturday: 9:30 am-5:00 pm

Sunday: 1:00-5:00 pm

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

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
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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.

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.

Genealogy Drop In

Saturday, January 11 from 2:00-3:00 pm

No registration

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.

Graveyards and Cemeteries of Long Island

Wednesday, January 22 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Registration ongoing

Join local historian Robert von Bernewitz to learn about the different types of historical cemeteries found on Long Island. Find out about the unique symbolism contained in the headstones, monuments, and memorials across Long Island. Cemeteries and graveyards found in the Longwood community will also be highlighted.

Digging Up the Past

Wednesday, February 5 from 6:30-8:00 pm

Registration begins January 15

Join local history librarian Georgie for a session on genealogical research basics. Discover essential records, access library resources, and learn the importance of documenting family history. Explore effective research strategies, source evaluation, and online databases. This session is perfect for beginners and those looking to enhance their skills in uncovering their family story.

Standing Where They Stood: Slavery and Freedom

Monday, February 10 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Registration ongoing

In honor of Black History Month, join Justinne from Raynham Hall Museum to learn the complex history of slavery throughout New York and Long Island in the period before and after the American Revolution. Explore the rich and complicated true stories of individuals who were enslaved in Oyster Bay, including Tom Gall, the first person on Long Island who was freed, Jupiter Hammon, the first published Black poet in America, and a regiment of African Americans who fought alongside British Col. John Graves Simcoe's Queen's Rangers in 1780.

George Washington Slept Here

Wednesday, February 19 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Registration ongoing

After the Revolutionary War ended on September 3, 1783, one of George Washington's first acts as the new President was to come to Long Island for a "Grand Tour" to thank those who helped in the defeat of the British. Join Eco-Photo Explorers as they trace Washington's route, share stories of his visit, and learn what became of the locations he visited.

Spotlight on History: Gordon Heights

Over ninety years ago, a group of men and women left New York City to build homes for their families out in the country. They had heard about this opportunity from Louis Fife, a man who had reached out to African American communities, churches, and even theater groups throughout the city. He had formed the Gordon Heights Development and Building Corporation after purchasing property in Yaphank from Lewis "Pop" Gordon. It was a place Mr. Fife would later describe as having an excellent climate with land made to order for homesteading. Land was available for purchase at the affordable price of \$10 down with payments of either \$10 weekly or monthly following. His sales pitch worked, and in 1927 the first five lots were sold in what would later become Gordon Heights.

The early settlers of this community initially only came out on weekends. It wasn't just their jobs that kept them away but the relative wilderness of the area. Supplies had to be brought out with them so short stays were necessary. However, once their houses were built and they became more established in the area, these plots of land became self-sufficient homesteads, and in turn, the

weekend residents became summer residents. Produce was grown, chickens, pigs, and even cows were raised, and children had the chance to spend a few months out of the city. Slowly, as these summer residents became year-round residents, church, civic, sport, and social groups were created. Roads were paved, a fire department was established, and with a bit of ingenuity, electric and phone service arrived some 20 years after the first settlers cooked their dinners over wood or kerosene stoves. Once Gordon Heights became a year-round community, the children living in the area traveled a mile to school in Yaphank for grade school. Sometime in the 1940s, there was a fire at the Yaphank school, and all the children were transported to Port Jefferson by bus. In 1959, the Middle Island Central School District, later the Longwood Central School District, was formed and the children from Gordon Heights attended these schools. Tyrell Wilson, a forward-thinking resident of Gordon Heights, was elected to the BOE, and worked to hire black teachers for the district.

Two decades before Levittown and other post-war Long Island developments, Gordon Heights served as an oasis for African Americans and their families. Residents created and nurtured a tight-knit community that thrived where similar operations failed. With the perseverance and fortitude needed to build homes from the ground up, they left behind a solid foundation for a community that carries on today.

Adult Classes & Events

Adult Winter Reading Challenge: Illuminate Your Mind

Registration begins January 6 – All Ages

Spend time reading, listening to books, and attending programs to receive raffle tickets good towards a chance to win one of seven fabulous prizes! Winners will be drawn on February 24.

Supported by Friends of the Library. Register online at longwoodlibrary.org

Arts & Crafts Arts & Crafts

Tin Etching Art

Friday, January 10 from 6:30-8:30 pm

Registration begins January 3

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

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Discover how to turn your favorite photo or invitation into a tin etching with Aimee Saccio. Please bring a 5x7 inch photocopy of your image to class and reading glasses if needed.

Color Your Cares Away

Fridays, January 17 and February 21 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.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Day of Service: Paracord Lanyards and No-Sew Blankets

Monday, January 20 from 11:00 am-12:30 pm

Registration begins January 2

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Join us for a day of volunteer service making no-sew blankets and paracord survival lanyards. The no-sew blankets will be donated to community members in need. The paracord lanyards will be sent to Operation Gratitude for troops and first responders to use in case of emergency.

A Knitting and Crochet Circle of Friends

Thursdays, January 23 and February 27 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.

Origami Workshop

Wednesday, January 29 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins January 6

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Celebrate Lunar New Year with origami! Learn the art of paper folding with artist Missy Longo-Lewis and make your own origami creations. Beginners welcome, no experience necessary.

Northern Lights Paint and Listen

Saturday, February 1 from 11:00 am-12:30 pm

Registration begins January 10

Non-refundable materials fee: \$12 cash (exact change) or major credit card (can pay online) due at registration.

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Follow along with an instructor to create a Northern Lights painting inspired by the mood and tone of live acoustic guitar music. We'll discuss the ways that music and visual art intersect as you paint a masterpiece step-by-step!

Doodle and Color Animal Portrait

Tuesday, February 18 from 6:30-8:00 pm

Registration begins January 14

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Free yourself from the restrictions of perfection and learn an expressive method of doodling in the style of artist Jennifer Mercede from Creativebug. Watch a video together to learn how to blind contour draw, then bring your portrait to life using your creativity and art supplies provided. Bring an up-close, unobstructed image of your pet's or your favorite animal's face. This program is geared towards adults aged 18-30s.

Community Outreach

Narcan Training

Saturday, January 11 from 11:00 am-12:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Narcan, also known as naloxone, is a medication used to reverse opioid overdose. Join educators from the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County to learn how to recognize an opioid overdose, how to administer Narcan, and how to care for an individual until emergency services arrive. Free Narcan kits will be given to all those who complete this training.

Health Insurance Enrollment Assistance for NY State of Health

Tuesdays, January 14, 21, February 11, and 18 from 10:00 am-6:00 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.

Resources for Dementia Caregivers

Wednesdays, January 15 and February 12 from 10:00 am-12:30 pm

No registration

Attention caregivers and community enthusiasts! The Willing Hearts, Helpful Hands Caregiver Grant representative will be visiting our Gallery resource table 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.

Creativebug

Stream thousands of art and craft classes.

Available on longwoodlibrary.org

Books & Writing

Quiet Company

Tuesdays, January 28 and February 25 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration ongoing. Please register for each date you plan to attend.

Picture it, a room of readers. It's quiet, the lights are low, you're in your comfiest ensemble with your favorite blanket, sipping on warm tea while a crackling fire plays in the background, all while you are engrossed in a book you become lost in. If this reads like a scene you would like to be a part of, join us for a night of quiet reading with good company. Light refreshments will be provided, cozy ensemble and favorite blankets provided by you.

This program is geared towards adults aged 18-30s.

Titles and Treats

Tuesdays, January 28 and February 25 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!

Winter Writing Workshop

Mondays, February 3, 10, 17, and 24 from 2:00-4:00 pm

Registration begins January 13

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!

Daytime Book Discussion

The Thursday Murder Club by Richard Osman

In-person/Zoom

Thursday, January 16 from 3:00-4:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Four seniors in a quiet retirement village meet weekly

to discuss unsolved crimes and team up with a rookie cop to solve a murder. Soon to be a major film.

Available on Libby as eBook and audiobook; hard copies are at the library.

The Thread Collectors by Shauna J. Edwards and Alyson Richman

In-person/Zoom

Thursday, February 13 from 3:00-4:00 pm

Registration ongoing

In 1863, a Black woman embroiders maps on cloth to help enslaved men escape and joins forces with a Jewish seamstress.

Available on Libby as eBook and audiobook; hard copies available January 16 at the library.

Evening Book Discussion

The Deep by Rivers Solomon

Friday, January 24 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Yetu, a memory-keeper for her people—descendants of African slave women who live in the deep—struggles with the burden of their past and flees to the surface.

Available on Libby as eBook and audiobook; hard copies are at the library.

Reincarnation Blues by Michael Poore

Friday, February 28 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration ongoing

A man who's been reincarnated nearly 10,000 times searches for the secret to immortality to be with his true love, Death. A darkly whimsical tale.

Available on Libby as eBook and audiobook; hard copies are at the library.

Concerts & Performances

The Band Easy Street

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

Registration ongoing

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Starting the new year off 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!

Plaza Theatrical Presents

Love Letters

Friday, February 14 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Registration begins January 27

Enter the captivating world of *Love Letters* by A.R. Gurney. This highly acclaimed play leads us through a series of letters exchanged between Melissa Gardner and Andrew Makepeace Ladd III, spanning over five decades of their lives. Their communication reveals the depth of their connection as they navigate the highs and lows of friendship, love, and time.

Celebrating Black History Month with Cody Childs & His Trio

Sunday, February 16 from 2:00-3:30 pm

Registration begins February 3

Cody Childs & His Trio will perform an eclectic array of songs representing music from the genres of jazz and soul spanning the 50s, 60s, and 70s. This concert includes tributes to such artists as Nat King Cole, Roberta Flack, Michael Jackson, Curtis Mayfield, Aretha Franklin, Smokey Robinson, Marvin Gaye, Dionne Warwick, Stevie Wonder, and others who have made major contributions to American popular music.

Celebrating St. Patrick's Day with *The North Folk*

Sunday, March 16 from 2:00-3:30 pm

Registration begins March 1

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

Computer & Technology Classes

Mobile Basics

Limited to LPL cardholders

Registration begins January 7

Intro to Android Devices

Wednesday, January 22 at 2:00 pm

In this class by Sharper Training, get an introduction to your Android device (phone or tablet). Learn about your device's home screen, system apps, how to access the Internet and email, understand your device's settings, and discover many tips and tricks. Bring your Android device or just come and listen.

All About the Kindle Fire

Wednesday, February 5 at 2:00 pm

Get started with your Kindle Fire! In this class by Sharper Training, learn how to use your device, find new apps, how to transfer library eBooks to your Kindle Fire, tips, tricks, and much more. Bring your device and your questions.

Introduction to the iPad and iPhone

Wednesday, February 12 at 2:00 pm

Learn all about Apple's hottest gadget. In this class by Sharper Training, get a hands-on tutorial of your iPhone/iPad device, learn how to get online, understand important device settings, learn about the latest iOS system, and discover many tips and tricks. Bring your iPad or iPhone or just come and listen. **Prerequisite – Bring Apple ID and Password.**

Intro to the Apple Watch

Wednesday, February 19 at 2:00 pm

In this lecture and demonstration class by Sharper Training, learn how to use all the capabilities of your Apple watch, such as making calls, checking email, sending texts, and more. Topics covered will include how to connect and sync to your iPhone, learning how to use the digital button to navigate, as well as how to download additional apps. Please bring your smartwatch to class.

Cozy Canva Classes

Registration ongoing

Get cozy at home this winter and join us for these cozy Canva lessons on Zoom! Each lesson will focus on a different skill. Check out page 16 for a list of topics and dates!

Cooking

Judy's Cucina: Cavatelli and Sunday Sauce

Wednesday, January 22 from 6:30-8:30 pm

Registration begins January 8

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Join Judy Boshnack for a hands-on pasta making class! Learn how to make your own pasta dough and shape your own pasta while watching a demonstration of how to make Sunday sauce. Tasting to follow. **Bring a large mixing bowl and cutting board to make and take your pasta home to cook.** *This program may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

Jambalaya with Chef Rob

Monday, February 3 from 4:00-5:00 pm OR 6:30-7:30 pm

Registration begins January 9

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Spice up your winter with Chef Rob's hearty and delicious Jambalaya Soup prepared with shrimp, chicken, and andouille sausage. Also enjoy a side of honey buttermilk cornbread in this demonstration-only class. **Bring a large soup mug for a tasting.** *This program may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

Traditional Irish Soda Bread

Tuesday, March 4 from 4:00-5:00 pm OR 6:30-7:30 pm

Registration begins February 10

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

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

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

Wednesday and Thursday, January 8 and 9 from 5:30-8:30 pm OR

Saturday, January 18 from 10:00 am-4:30 pm OR

Saturday, February 8 from 10:00 am-4:30 pm OR

Wednesday and Thursday, February 12 and 13 from 5:30-8:30pm

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

Registration ongoing

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

AARP Smart Driver Course

Monday, January 13 from 10:00 am-4:15 pm OR

Monday, February 10 from 10:00 am-4:15 pm

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

Registration ongoing

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

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

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!

Dungeons & Dragons: Winter Campaign

Mondays, January 13, 20, 27, February 3, 10, 17, and 24 from 6:00-8:30 pm

Registration begins January 2

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

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

Dungeons & Dragons: Quest Starters

Saturdays, February 1 and 8 from 2:00-4:30 pm

Registration begins January 10

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Join expert DM Jimmy for a two-part session of Dungeons & Dragons! This is a beginner-friendly session, although more advanced players are welcome to join us. We will have premade character sheets for new players, but players can also bring a character sheet from a previous library campaign. *This program is geared towards adults aged 18-30s.*

Puzzle Swap

Saturday, February 8 from 11:00 am-1:00 pm

No registration

Have you completed the same puzzles more than once? Want some new ones? Bring in your gently used puzzles to swap for new-to-you ones! Can't make the swap but have puzzles to share? Drop off puzzle donations to the Adult Services desks from February 1-7. All puzzles must contain at least 100 pieces, be complete with no missing pieces, be in the original box, and be in good condition.

Bingo

Wednesday, February 12 from 2:00-3:30 pm

Registration begins January 10

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!

General

Beginner Guitar

Tuesdays, January 14, 21, 28, and February 4 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins January 2

Learn the basics of playing the guitar with music teacher Adam King! During this four-week workshop, you'll learn about tuning, scales, and chords and even learn to play a few songs. You must supply your own guitar. *This series is for adults 18 years and older only.*

Going Solo! Independent Travel Tips

Saturday, January 25 from 11:30 am-12:45 pm

Registration ongoing

Join the Savvy Sightseer Jeanne Schnupp to learn tips for safe and fun solo travel including finding hotels, sightseeing, and dining. Discuss the pros and cons of bypassing tour groups and arranging your own exciting travel experiences, alone or with friends, both in the US or abroad.

AARP Tax Prep

Thursdays, February 6, 13, 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27 and April 3 from 10:00 am-2:00 pm

In-person and phone registration

(631) 924-6400 x250 begins Thursday, January 16 for LPL cardholders only

(you MUST have a library card in good standing to register).

Out-of-district residents may begin registering on February 3.

Free personal income tax assistance and preparation of federal and New York State taxes for senior citizens with low-to-moderate income is available by appointment only, under the auspices of AARP's Tax-Aide foundation. This service is limited based on the availability of AARP tax volunteers. At the time of your appointment, you MUST bring a copy of last year's (2023) tax return, a photo ID (NYS Driver's License if you have one), all of your 2024 W-2's, 1099 and/or 1098 forms, and proof of social security number. No business filing. If filing a joint return, BOTH parties must be present.

Stargazing Spectacular: A Planetarium Adventure

Saturday, February 15 at 3:00 pm

Registration begins February 1

Embark on a cosmic journey courtesy of the Cradle of Aviation's portable inflatable planetarium.

This exciting and educational program invites you to explore the wonders of the universe inside the immersive environment of a planetarium.

Health & Fitness

Managing Life After Retirement

Zoom

Tuesday, January 14 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration ongoing

We all know that retirement has implications for our bank account. However, retirement is a big change that impacts relationships, our sense of purpose and identity, as well as our physical and emotional health. Join human development specialist Kerri Kreh Reda to learn about the stages of retirement and look at the four steps identified by researchers at Kansas State University that can improve one's overall retirement experience by avoiding the most common challenges new retirees often face.

Beginner Yoga

Wednesdays, January 15, 22, 29,
and February 5 from 3:00-4:00 pm

Registration begins January 2

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Join Stephanie for an introduction to yoga! Learn poses, postures, breath, and movement in this gentle exercise class. Please wear comfortable clothes and bring a yoga mat. You are welcome to bring two yoga blocks to modify your poses if you have them (the blocks are optional).

New Year's Resolution: Reduce Inflammation and Improve Metabolic Health

Zoom

Thursday, January 23 from 1:00-1:45 pm

Registration ongoing

Join Northwell Health dietitian Danielle Johnson in this virtual lunch and learn program. Kickstart the New Year with nutrition and exercise as medicine to reduce inflammation, improve metabolic health, and ultimately lose weight healthfully.

Body Sculpt Circuit

Fridays, January 24, 31, February 7, and 14 from 10:00-10:45 am

Registration begins January 3

Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

Join Debbie from Fitness Figures for a strength and sculpting class based on circuit-type training with cardio "blasts" placed in between strength moves. You must be able to stand for portions of this class. You may bring your own free weights if you are comfortable using them (this is optional).

Meditation for New Beginnings

Zoom

Wednesday, January 29 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration ongoing

In this busy, fast-paced world, peace seems like an elusive commodity. Join Ajili Hodari, Esq, to learn a simple, effective meditation technique that can help you find inner peace and start the New Year on the right track. This virtual workshop will also include a short meditation session.

Blood Pressure Screening

Fridays, January 31 and February 28 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm

No registration

Monthly free blood pressure screenings are provided by Northwell Health.

Knee Pain Workshop

Wednesday, February 5 from 6:30-7:30 pm

Registration ongoing

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

Aromatherapy for Beginners

Thursday, February 6 from 6:30-7:30 pm

Registration begins January 14

Join Tara from Amadeus Aromatherapy to learn about aromatherapy, the safe use of essential oils, and how to incorporate it into your daily life. You'll also create your own aromatherapy product to take home.

Healthy Diet, Healthy Heart

Zoom

Thursday, February 13 from 12:00-12:45 pm

Registration ongoing

February is American Heart Month! Join Northwell Health dietitian Barbara Broggelwirth to learn what to eat and what to avoid to keep your heart healthy in this virtual lunch and learn program.

Create a Healthy Lifestyle through Meditation

Zoom

Wednesday, February 26 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Treat yourself to some special time to nourish your body, mind, and spirit! Empower your life by learning a simple meditation technique with Dr. Matthew Raider that can be used daily for greater peace, energy, and well-being. This virtual workshop will also include a short meditation session.

Language Classes

English Conversation Online

Zoom

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

Registration ongoing

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.

Spanish for Travelers Online

Zoom

Tuesdays, January 21–March 4 from 6:30-7:30 pm

Registration begins January 2

Dreaming about going to Spain or another Spanish-speaking country? Make it more fun and meaningful by learning to communicate with the locals. Learn some of the most common Spanish phrases for travel, from simple greetings to airport-specific vocabulary.

Movies

Saturday Afternoon Movie

Godzilla Minus One

Saturday, January 4 at 2:15 pm

No registration

Starring Minami Hamabe, Ryunosuke Kamiki, and Munetaka Aoki.

In postwar Japan, a new terror rises; Godzilla. Will the devastated people be able to survive... let alone fight back?

(Horror/Action, 2023, PG-13, 125 mins.)

Transformers One

Saturday, February 1 at 2:15 pm

No registration

Starring Chris Hemsworth, Brian Tyree Henry, and Scarlett Johansson.

The untold origin story of Optimus Prime and Megatron. Known as sworn enemies, once they were friends bonded like brothers who changed the fate of Cybertron forever. The first-ever fully CG-animated Transformers movie.

(Animated Sci-Fi/Action, 2024, PG, 90 mins.)

January/February Selections...

JANUARY 8

Moonstruck

(Comedy/Romance, 1987, PG, 102 mins.)

Starring Cher & Nicolas Cage

JANUARY 15

You Gotta Believe

(Drama/Sports, 2024, PG, 105 mins.)

Starring Luke Wilson & Greg Kinnear

JANUARY 22

Dead Men Don't Wear Plaid

(Comedy, 1982, PG, 89 mins.)

Starring Steve Martin & Rachel Ward

JANUARY 29

Twisters

(Action/Suspense, 2024, PG-13, 123 mins.)

Starring Glen Powell & Daisy Edgar-Jones

FEBRUARY 5

Planet of the Apes

(Sci-fi/Action, 1968, G, 112 mins.)

Starring Charlton Heston & Roddy McDowall

FEBRUARY 12

The In Between

(Romance/Drama, 2024, PG-13, 115 mins)

Starring Joey King & Kyle Allen

FEBRUARY 19

Defending Your Life

(Comedy, 1991, PG, 111 mins.)

Starring Albert Brooks & Meryl Streep

FEBRUARY 26

Hard Miles

(Drama/Sports, 2024, PG-13, 110 mins.)

Matthew Modine & Cynthia Kaye McWilliams

Watch-a-Movie Wednesday!

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

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

Nature & Environment

Winter Seed Sowing

Saturday, January 18 from 11:00 am-12:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Winter is the time to start seeding, but NOT indoors. Learn how to successfully start seeds OUTSIDE in the winter. No greenhouse is needed. Winter sowing techniques outside are easier than using a windowsill or with light lamps in the basement. Join Master Gardeners Carolyn Gee and Hope Kranidis of Cornell Cooperative Extension for this hands-on workshop to get an early start on your vegetables and flowers. Please bring a clear or transparent quart container or liter soda bottle that light must be able to pass through .

Long Island Birds of Prey: LI High Flyers

Zoom

Wednesday, February 12 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration ongoing

Hawks, eagles, falcons, oh my! Long Island has a wide variety of raptors; some just visit while passing through and some stay to raise families here. With many photos and fun, interesting facts, Dianne Taggart, long-time LI birder, tells us all about these wonderful birds!

The Great Backyard Bird Count

Friday, February 14–Monday, February 17

Bird Counting Packets available starting February 1

No registration

Pick up your Bird Counting Packet and join us in The Great Backyard Bird Count! For four days in February, everyone is invited to spend time in their favorite places watching and counting as many birds as they can find and reporting them. You don't even have to go outside – you can count the birds you see on your feeder while looking out the window! These recorded observations help scientists better understand global bird populations before their annual winter migration.

Return your tally sheets from the Bird Counting Packet by February 24 to be included in our library bird count.

One-on-One Appointments

Ask a Librarian

Call (631) 924-6400 x250 or email

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! *Please note, if you are 15 minutes late or more for your scheduled time, we cannot honor your appointment but will help you reschedule.*

Citizenship One-On-One

Call (631) 924-6400 x250 or email

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 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.

Medicaid Enrollment Assistance for the Aged, Blind, and Disabled

Tuesdays, January 7, 28, February 4, and 25 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 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.

HIICAP Medicare Counseling

Wednesday, January 8 from 10:00 am-2:30 pm

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

A trained counselor from the Health Insurance Information Counseling Assistance Program (HIICAP) provides guidance about Medicare coverage choices and low-income subsidy programs. HIICAP counselors are not affiliated with any commercial healthcare insurers or providers.

Career Coaching

Friday, January 10 from 4:00-7:00 pm OR Tuesday, February 18 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, January 15 and February 19 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, February 21 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.

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 Snowman Yard Stick

Friday, January 10 from 10:30-11:30 am

Registration begins January 2

Put together this cute snowman stick to put in your yard and measure the snowfall.

SmileAwhile with a You Can See Through My Heart Jar

Thursday, February 20 from 10:30-11:30 am

Registration begins January 13

We will decorate a mason jar for Valentine's Day to give to a special someone.

SmileAwhile with a Movie

Kung Fu Panda

Thursday, January 23 from 10:30 am-12:00 pm

No registration

Starring Voices: Jack Black, Dustin Hoffman, Angelina Jolie, Ian McShane, Jackie Chan, Seth Rogen,

Lucy Liu

Po is a fuzzy and clumsy panda who dreams of joining the world of martial arts. When he is trained to be the next Dragon Master by his idols, will he fail... or become an unlikely hero?

(2008, Animated Comedy, PG, 1 hour 28 minutes)

Enchanted

Friday, February 7 from 10:30 am-12:30 pm

No registration

Starring: Patrick Dempsey, Idina Menzel, Amy Adams, Susan Sarandon, James Marsden, Julie Andrews, Timothy Spall

Reality and fantasy collide when a fairytale princess from another world is sent to New York City by an evil queen. Now she must find her way through the city and back to her own world, where her true love awaits.

(2008, Comedy, PG, 1 hour 47 minutes)

Art Exhibit

Throughout January and February, all are welcome to stop by the library's gallery to view some wonderful artwork created by local artist and resident, Scott Duffy. Each of Mr. Duffy's works, which could be described as pop art meets collage, centers on a different letter of the alphabet. The 2' x 4' pieces are incredibly colorful and make use of acrylic paint on a wooden canvas. Mr. Duffy has been interested in art for most of his life and has drawn inspiration from his own endeavors as well as from his artistic family. So, take a moment to view his works and give your eyes a treat as they wander about these highly detailed creations!

Children's Classes & Events

Unless otherwise noted, all classes for children from birth through Pre-K are intended for parents and children together. Classes for children in grades K-6 are intended for children on their own. Please adhere to all posted age/grade requirements for programs or registration will not be valid.

Baby, Toddler, and Preschool Classes & Events

2025 Children's Winter Reading Challenge begins on January 6

Earn virtual badges and digital raffle tickets to enter towards seven different raffle baskets by reading, coming to library programs, and participating in activities this winter. Children who read for three hours will receive a special “midway” prize, and those who complete the challenge by reading for seven hours will receive a Mystery Swag Bag packed with prizes!

Raffles supported by Friends of the Library.

Register online at longwoodlibrary.org

Monthly Family Storytime Kits

In addition to our in-person programs for little ones, we offer take-home Family Storytime Kits every month. Each themed kit includes a craft, activity sheets, and a QR code that will take you to our digital storytime guide with links to eBooks and extension activities to do at home. These kits are most appropriate for children 18 months to Pre-K and will be available starting the first of the month while supplies last.

January: Snow Much Fun!

February: Love Bug

Northern Lights Sensory Play

Friday, January 3 at 10:00 am

Children (3 years–Pre-K)

Registration begins December 16

Explore the Northern Lights with a sensory craft and different Northern Lights-themed sensory activities. Dress for a mess!

1, 2, 3 Play with Me

Wednesdays, January 8, 15, 22 at 10:00 am

Children (infant–17 months)

Registration begins December 16

This open-ended playtime facilitated by a children’s librarian will provide a wonderful opportunity for you to bond with your child while making new friends with other caregivers and their little ones.

Playtown

Monday, January 13 at 10:00 am OR 11:00 am

Children (2 years–Pre-K)

Registration begins December 27

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/emotional skills.

Parent Toddler Workshop

Tuesdays, January 14, 21, 28,

February 4, 11 at 9:45 am OR 11:00 am

Children (12–35 months)

Registration begins December 27

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

Preschool Playtime

Thursdays, January 16, 23, 30

and February 6 & 13 at 10:00 am

Children (3 years–Pre-K)

Registration begins December 27

Calling all preschoolers! Join us for this weekly program with friends and fun, during which your child will have an hour of play and learning time. Each session will start with an extended circle time in which stories and songs are shared, followed by a related craft and free play.

Snowman Wonderland

Friday, January 17

Children (18–35 months) at 10:00 am

Children (3 years–Pre-K) at 11:00 am

Registration begins December 27

Join us for a frosty, fun-filled adventure as we celebrate winter with snowmen stories, songs, and crafts. We will have “snow” much fun!

Mostly Mother Goose

Friday, January 24 at 10:00 am

Children (infant–3 years)

Registration begins January 8

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

Tots Night Out

Monday, January 27 at 6:00 pm

Tuesday, February 26 at 6:00 pm

Children (18 months–Pre-K)

Registration begins January 15

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!

Frozen Fever

Friday, January 31 at 6:00 pm

Children (3 years–Pre-K)

Registration begins January 15

The magic of Arendelle is coming to the library! Sing along to your favorite *Frozen* songs, enjoy a magical story, and create cool crafts. The cold never bothered us anyway!

Sweetheart Babies

Wednesday, February 12 at 10:00 am

Children (infant–23 months)

Registration begins January 24

Join A Time for Kids and enjoy a sweet storytime with songs and special time to bond with your sweetheart baby.

Valentine's Surprise

Wednesday, February 12 at 10:45 am

Children (2 years–Pre-K)

Registration begins January 24

Join A Time for Kids for a Valentine's Day Surprise! There will be songs, stories, and so much more!

Baby Love

Friday, February 14 at 10:00 am

Children (Infant–17 months)

Registration begins January 24

Bring your little one to the library to make a special keepsake to remember this special time in their life.

Baby Picasso

Monday, February 17 at 10:00 am

Children (12 months–30 months)

Registration begins February 3

Art Starts

Monday, February 17 at 11:00 am

Children (31 months–Pre-K)

Registration begins February 3

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

Tot Sock Hop

Tuesday, February 18 at 10:00 am OR 11:00 am

Children (3 years–Pre-K)

Registration begins February 3

Rock those poodle skirts and leather jackets as we twist, shout, and shake up some fun at our Tot Sock Hop! Jive back in time with a morning full of dancing, games, and crafts inspired by the fabulous '50s!

Construction Zone

Wednesday, February 19 at 10:00 am

Children (18–35 months)

Registration begins February 3

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

Musical Storytime

Wednesday, February 19 at 3:00 pm

Children (3 years–Pre-K)

Registration begins February 3

Read a story and create some live music with Adam King from Reprise Music! Enjoy this new way of storytelling with your little one.

Winter Magic

Thursday, February 20

Children (18–35 months) at 10:00 am

Children (3 years–Pre-K) at 11:00 am

Registration begins February 3

Delight in the fun of winter! We'll read winter stories, make winter crafts, and have lots of frosty fun!

Tiny Songbirds

Friday, February 21

Children (Infant–17 months) at 10:00 am

Children (18 months–Pre-K) at 11:00 am

Registration begins February 3

Tiny Songbirds is a fun and educational live music experience packed with instrument experimentation, intentional and guided movement, dance, and musical storytime with props, puppets, parachutes, scarves, and more.

Babies & Books

Wednesday, February 26

Children (infant–17 months) at 10:00 am

Registration begins February 11

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

Tots & Books

Wednesday, February 26

Children (18 months–35 months) at 11:00 am

Registration begins February 11

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

Arctic Animals

Thursday, February 27 at 10:00 am

Children (3 years–Pre-K)

Registration begins February 11

Bundle up and join us for an arctic animal adventure! Escape the cold with heartwarming stories, songs, a flurry of crafts, games, and activities.

School-Aged Classes & Events

Northern Lights Painting

Friday, January 3

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

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

Registration begins December 16

Join art teacher Kim to make a captivating painting inspired by the Northern Lights. Spark your creativity and express your artistic talents in this fun art class.

Sculpey Clay Reindeer

Tuesday, January 7

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

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

Registration begins December 16

Join art teacher Amy for a hands-on, festive program to create an adorable reindeer figure out of Sculpey clay.

New Year, New Me

Thursday, January 9

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

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

Registration begins December 16

It's a new year. What are you going to do with it? Join us to make a vision board to set your goals, dreams, and aspirations for the upcoming year.

Sweet Snowmen

Friday, January 10

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

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

Registration begins December 16

Join us for a deliciously sweet treat! Let's play with our food and build a snowman out of Oreo truffles! *Snacks provided may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

Paws for Reading

Monday, January 13 starting at 5:00 pm

Registration begins December 27

Monday, February 24 starting at 5:00 pm

Registration begins February 3

Children (Readers–grade 6)

Register for a 15-minute reading session to read to certified therapy dogs Anna, Pike and 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.

Penguin Pillows

Tuesday, January 14 at 5:30 pm OR 7:00 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins December 27

Join us in the makerLab to use the sewing machines and make a cool penguin pillow.

Dungeons & Dragons Tween Edition

Thursday, January 16 at 6:00 pm

Thursday, February 13 at 6:00 pm

Children (grades 4–6)

Registration begins December 27

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.

Marvelous Mug Cakes

Friday, January 17

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

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

Registration begins December 27

Join us to decorate ceramic mugs and make a delicious mug cake. *This program may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

Kindness Kids: Little Free Library Bookmarks

Monday, January 20 at 11:00 am OR 2:00 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins January 8

Earn one hour of community service, while bringing joy to others and having fun! Children will use the Cricut to design and cut bookmarks that will be added to our Little Free Libraries throughout the community.

Minecraft Junior

Thursday, January 23

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

Registration begins January 8

Minecraft Club

Thursday, January 23

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

Registration begins January 8

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 Chat:

Flashback Four: The Lincoln Project

Friday, January 24 at 6:30 pm

Children (grades 4-6)

Registration and book pickup

begins January 8

Read *The Flashback Four: The Lincoln Project* by Dan Gutman, and then join us to discuss your thoughts on the book. We will create an edible log cabin and stovepipe hat and play backyard games. *This program may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

Coding Club

Tuesdays, January 28 and

February 4 at 6:30 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins January 15

Join Miss Danielle to learn how to code using Fiero Code! Work together with friends to code and create!

Dancing Dragons

Wednesday, January 29 at 2:00 pm

Children (grades 1-6)

Registration begins January 15

Did you know that dragons can be lucky, clever, funny, and kind? It all depends on their story! Start your New Year off by exploring dragon myths from around the world. Discover how some dragons were inspired by real-life sea creatures and decorate your very own dragon crafts in this class taught by The Whaling Museum.

T-Rex Tea Party

Thursday, January 30 at 6:30 pm

Children (grades K-2)

Registration begins January 15

Step back in time for a T-Rex Tea Party! This whimsical and prehistoric-themed tea party invites children to combine the elegance of a classic tea party with the excitement of dinosaurs. *Snacks provided may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

Super Bowl Showdown

Thursday, February 6 at 6:30 pm

Children (grades 4-6)

Registration begins January 24

Touchdown! Gear up for an action-packed Super Bowl celebration! Compete in fun football challenges, create your own spirit gear to cheer on your team, and make a super snack mix to enjoy at home during the big game. *This program may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

Do You Want to Build a Snowman?

Friday, February 7

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

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

Registration begins January 24

Join art teacher Kim for some frosty fun as you make snowmen masterpieces!

Crafty Cupid

Tuesday, February 11 at 6:00 pm

Children (grades K-2)

Registration begins January 24

Children will get crafty for a Valentine's Day project that they can keep for themselves or give as a gift to their special someone.

Valentine Diamond Art

Wednesday, February 12 at 6:30 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins January 24

Join Miss Kim to make Valentine's Day diamond art! Create a special, sparkly gift to give to your Valentine!

Kindness Kids: Valentine's Day

Catnip Toys

Friday, February 14 at 6:30 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins January 24

Calling all kind kids! Let's spread some love to the cats and kittens at Save-A-Pet Animal Rescue and Adoption Center for Valentine's Day by sewing heart-shaped catnip toys for them to enjoy.

Stargazing Spectacular: A Planetarium Adventure

Saturday, February 15

Children (grades K-2) at 1:00 pm

Children (grades 3-6) at 1:30 pm

Registration begins February 1

Embark on a cosmic journey courtesy of the Cradle of Aviation's traveling planetarium. This exciting and educational program invites you to explore the wonders of the universe inside the immersive environment of a planetarium.

From Sea Shanties to Hip Hop

Tuesday, February 18

Children (grades 1-3) at 2:00 pm

Children (grades 4-6) at 3:30 pm

Registration begins February 3

Did you know that whaling was America's first integrated industry? Discover the remarkable contributions made by African American whalers – including to the music sailors sang at sea! Explore how West African music influenced sea chanteys, jazz, and hip hop, then create your own sistrum – a traditional rattle using shells in this class taught by The Whaling Museum.

Doodle Magic: Cartoon & Comic Drawing

Wednesday, February 19 at 6:30 pm

Children (grades 5-6)

Registration begins February 3

Join cartoonist and illustrator Tom Duffy to learn how to draw and illustrate cartoons and comic art!

Scooter Highway

Friday, February 21 from 2:00-4:00 pm

Children (grades K-6)

Registration begins February 3

Get ready to zoom into fun with Scooter Highway! Get your license then take a cruise through town to visit the carwash, drive-in movie, and more! End your road trip with a sweet stop at the ice cream shop! Sign up for one 20-minute slot. *This program may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

Caramel Apple Pie Taquitos

Friday, February 21

Children (grades K-2) at 7:00 pm

Children (grades 3-6) at 8:00 pm

Registration begins February 3

Join Chef Rob for a scrumptious and fun-filled cooking adventure! This interactive class will teach kids how to make a delicious twist on a classic dessert! *This program may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

Games & Goodies

Thursday, February 27

Children (grades K-2) 6:00 pm

Children (grades 3-6) 7:00 pm

Registration begins February 11

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

Lego Buddies

Friday, February 28 at 6:00 pm

Children (grades K-2)

Registration begins February 11

Build some Lego creations with teen helpers! How tall can you make your tower? Who can build a tiny Lego town? Come down and find out!

Comics & Candy

Friday, February 28 at 6:30 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins January 24

Let's read *The InvestiGators: Heist and Seek* by John Patrick Green and then come together to talk about the graphic novel. We'll paint a masterpiece worthy of a heist, enjoy a sweet French dessert, and play games related to the story. *This program may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

Family Classes & Events

Family Bingo Night

Tuesday, January 21 at 6:00 pm

Families with children

Registration begins January 8

Join us for a family-friendly night of bingo! We'll have some fun prizes and lots of laughs playing four corners, straight lines, and full-card bingo!

Take Your Child to the Library Day

Jester Jim Family Show

Saturday, February 1 at 11:00 am

Families with children

Registration begins January 15

Join Longwood Public Library as we celebrate *Take Your Child to the Library Day* on Saturday, February 1. There will be a *Jester Jim Family Show* at 11:00 am. Children who sign up for their first library card will get a "Welcome to the Library" bag and children who show us their card can pick a prize from the treasure chest. This is sure to be a fun-filled day for the whole family!

Bluey Bash

Saturday, February 1 at 2:00 pm

Families with children

Registration begins January 15

It's Take Your Child to the Library Day and Bluey is stopping in to say hello! Come meet and take pictures with Bluey, dance, and make a Bluey craft. Join us for a fun-filled afternoon!

Be Inspired:

Black History Month

Monday, February 3 at 6:00 pm

Families with children

No registration

Drop in anytime between 6:00-7:00 pm to get inspired at these different stations about important figures in black history.

Backyard Birdhouses

Monday, February 17 at 6:00 pm OR 7:30 pm

Families with children (grades K-6)

Registration begins January 24

Prepare for our Great Backyard Bird Count by painting a wooden birdhouse with your family!

Dress for a mess!

Perler Palooza

Thursday, February 20 at 6:00 pm OR 7:30 pm

Families with children (grades K-6)

Registration begins February 3

Join us for Perler Palooza, an exciting and colorful program where children can explore the world of pixel art by creating designs using Perler beads. This hands-on family workshop combines creativity, fun, and fine motor skills development, making it the perfect activity for young artists.

The Magic of Amore

Saturday, February 22 at 11:00 am

Families with children (4 years–grade 6)

Registration begins February 11

Amore will amaze children and their parents with award-winning magic. Amore has created a show that combines visual magic with the encouragement of reading in a fun-filled and electrifying show. Never-before-seen magic and illusions along with audience participation make this a show you'll never forget!

Museum Pass

Software Update

We are currently transitioning to a new Museum Pass software after our previous provider unexpectedly went out of business. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your patience as we work to ensure a seamless experience. We'll keep you updated on when the new system will be ready. Thank you for your understanding!

Learn to Code

Fiero Code

Ever wanted to control robots or build your own games? With Fiero Code, learn how to code with Makey Makey, Raspberry Pi, and more!

Visit our website to access this free e-resource with your library card here.

Teen Classes & Events

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

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

Teen Winter Reading Challenge: Illuminate Your Mind

Monday, January 6--Sunday, February 23

Registration begins January 6

Illuminate your mind with tales that shine this winter! Visit the library for cozy reads and fun programs, then log your participation in the Beanstack app for a chance to win raffle prizes sure to brighten your day.

Raffles supported by Friends of the Library.

Register online at longwoodlibrary.org

Dungeons & Dragons with the Quest Masters Guild

Friday, January 3 from 5:30-8:30 pm

Registration begins December 20

Friday, February 7 from 5:30-8:30 pm

Registration begins January 24

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

Code a Video Game: Snake

Friday, January 10 from 6:30-8:00 pm

Registration begins December 27

Join Teen Services Librarian Mr. McCoy to learn coding and game design! Using the coding platform, Scratch, teens will get to put their own spin on the classic game of Snake and get a chance to play their games at the end of class.

5-hour Pre-licensing Class

Saturday, January 11 from 10:00 am-2:30 pm

Fee: \$55 (cash, exact change) payable to the instructor on the day of class.

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

Registration begins December 2

The five-hour pre-licensing class is required by the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles for applicants who would like to schedule a road test. The class will be taught by an instructor from a local driving school and is open to both district and non-district residents ages 16 and up. **You must**

bring your picture NY State Learner Permit to class. Please also bring your lunch with you – you will not have time to leave for lunch. For more information about New York State driver's license requirements, please visit dmv.ny.gov.

Vision Board Workshop

Tuesday, January 14 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins December 30

Unleash your creativity, reflect on your aspirations, and leave with a visual roadmap to guide you through 2025 with your very own vision board.

Stitching Studio: Beginner Crochet

Wednesdays, January 22 and February 26 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins January 08

Learn how to crochet in this two-part class for beginners. Teens will go step-by-step to understand crochet basics and improve their skills along the way!

Bakeology Basics

Friday, January 24 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins January 10

Learn the basics of baking in this hands-on mixing and measuring class! Make brownies and edible cookie dough – all from scratch. Brownies will be baked at home. *This program may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

Pencil Pals: Northern Lights

Monday, January 27 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins January 13

Calling all artists! Join our drawing and sketching club for teens! At each meeting, we'll try new sketching techniques and play drawing games. During this session we will use colored pencils to recreate the beauty of the Northern Lights.

Manga Mania

Tuesday, January 28 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Registration begins January 14

Dress in your favorite cosplay and celebrate all things manga, manhwa, and manhua! Enjoy a presentation while sampling snacks, playing manga-themed games, and creating kawaii charm bracelets! Take pictures with your friends using anime and manga props. *Snacks provided may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

Illuminate and Create: Diamond Art for Teens

Friday, January 31 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins January 17

Have you ever wanted to try "diamond painting" but weren't sure where to start? Join us for a relaxing night of crafting using our diamond art kits to make different projects that will sparkle and shine throughout the new year!

Getting Ready to Babysit

Saturday, January 25 from 10:00 am-1:00 pm

Registration begins January 2

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

Heartfelt Habitats: Valentine Terrariums

Monday, February 10 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins January 27

Celebrate Valentine's Day by creating your own miniature world with a DIY terrarium! Join librarian Ms. Baio for a hands-on workshop where you'll design and personalize a unique terrarium that makes the perfect gift or keepsake.

Teen Writing Workshop: Romantic Reads

Tuesday, February 11 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins January 28

Whether you love or love-to-hate romantic reads, this workshop is for teen writers ready to sharpen their skills! Discuss your favorite (and least favorite) teen romance tropes, enjoy ridiculous writing exercises, practice blending romance with other genres, and develop characters that were simply meant to be (or not!) just in time for Valentine's Day. *Snacks provided may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

Mugs and Kisses

Thursday, February 13 from 6:30-8:00 pm

Registration begins January 30

Enjoy your favorite cozy drink at home this winter in a mug you design using our Cricut Mug Press! If you choose to make a Valentine's Day design, add some chocolate Kisses for the perfect Valentine's Day gift!

Stargazing Spectacular: A Planetarium Adventure

Saturday, February 15 at 2:00 pm

Registration begins February 1

Embark on a cosmic journey courtesy of the Cradle of Aviation's traveling planetarium. This exciting and educational program invites you to explore the wonders of the universe inside the immersive environment of a planetarium.

Cozy Cabin Winter Oil Pastel

Thursday, February 20 from 3:00-4:00 pm

Registration begins February 6

Using oil pastels, teens will create a winter landscape showcasing a cozy cabin in this step-by-step, instructional class.

Game Master Workshop

Saturday, February 22 from 2:00-4:00 pm

Registration begins Saturday, February 8

Join The Quest Masters Guild to learn how to run your very own tabletop games, with a special focus on Dungeons & Dragons.

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.

Cards for Hospitalized Kids

Thursday, January 2 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins December 19

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

Certificate for 1 hour of community service

Placemats for Meal Services

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

Registration begins December 23

Wednesday, February 12 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins January 29

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, January 15 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins December 30

Thursday, February 27 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins February 13

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

Certificate for 1 hour of community service

Craft Kits for Donation

Thursday, January 16 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins January 2

Tuesday, February 4 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins January 21

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

Certificate for 1 hour of community service

Community Service Stations

Monday, January 20 from 2:30-4:30 pm

Registration begins January 6

Join the Teen Services Librarians on your day off from school for an afternoon of community service projects.

Certificate for 2 hours of community service

Gift Bags for Our Troops

Thursday, January 23 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins January 9

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

Dog Toys for Donation

Wednesday, January 29 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins January 15

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

Certificate for 1 hour of community service

Bookstormers: Book Club for Grades 7-9

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

Swim Team

by Johnnie Christmas

Monday, February 3 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins January 6

Bree can't wait for her first day at her new middle school, Enith Brigitha, home to the Mighty Manatees — until she's stuck with the only elective that fits her schedule, the dreaded Swim 101. The thought of swimming makes Bree more than a little queasy, yet she's forced to dive headfirst into one of her greatest fears. Lucky for her, Etta, an elderly occupant of her apartment building and former swim team captain, is willing to help.

Among the Hidden

by Margaret Peterson Haddix

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

Registration begins February 3

In a future where the Population Police enforce the law limiting a family to only two children, Luke has lived all his twelve years in isolation and fear on his family's farm, until another "third" convinces him that the government is wrong.

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

Certificate for 3 hours of community service

Talking Newsletter

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

Registration begins January 23

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

The Great Backyard Bird Count

Friday, February 14 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins January 31

Be a part of The Great Backyard Bird Count and earn community service! During the program we will learn about the birds that call Long Island their home, while we build bird feeders from recycled materials. Then, from Friday, February 14 to Monday, February 17 count and identify birds over two fifteen-minute sessions at home. The data you collect will be sent to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and National Audubon Society as part of a global initiative to track bird populations, while the bird feeders you build can be used in your own backyard!

Certificates for 1.5 hours of community service will only be awarded to teens who attend the program and return a completed bird count tally sheet to the library by Friday, February 21.

Scooter Highway

Monday, February 17, Wednesday, February 19 and

Friday, February 21 from 2:00-4:00 pm

Registration begins February 3

This program is open to teen volunteers in grades 8-12 only. You must be able to attend every session to participate.

Build the set for our own version of Scooter Highway! During the first two sessions, teen volunteers will use art supplies to construct the road and immersive town for children to drive through. During the final session, teens will assist library staff directing children and helping to demonstrate road safety through imaginative play.

Certificate for 6 hours of community service

Page to Screen

Tuesday, February 18 from 2:00-4:30 pm

Registration begins January 21

Join us to decide whether the book really *is* better than the movie! We'll be discussing N.D. Stevenson's graphic novel-turned-animated-movie, *Nimona*. After reading the book in advance of the program, we'll enjoy the movie and snacks together, then discuss the similarities and differences. For actively participating in the discussion, teens will earn a certificate for three hours of community service. *Snacks provided may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

Nimona

by N.D. Stevenson

When Nimona, an impulsive young shapeshifter, teams up with Lord Ballister Blackheart, a villain with a vendetta, the chaotic pair wreaks some serious havoc. Their mission: prove to the kingdom that Sir Ambrosius and his buddies aren't the heroes everyone thinks they are. As mischief escalates into a vicious battle, Nimona's powers prove to be as mysterious as her past—and her wild side might be more dangerous than anyone expected.

Certificate for 3 hours of community service

Seed Spree

Tuesday, February 25 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins February 11

Help us sort peas, beans, flowers, and other seeds that will be available to our community's gardeners as part of our seed library!

Certificate for 1 hour of community service

Lego Buddies

Friday, February 28 from 6:00-7:00 pm

Registration begins Friday, February 14

Exercise your creativity while earning community service credit in this program for Lego enthusiasts! Pair up with a younger buddy to help them with their builds and give them encouragement along the way.

Certificate for 1 hour of community service

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Appointments are limited to LPL cardholders.

Make one of our makerLAB Kits or work on your own project. Open makerLAB is DIY self-guided experience. A staff member is here to assist with your questions but for more in-depth training take one of our makerLAB classes. View our makerLAB Kits, check our openLAB schedule, and make an appointment online at longwoodlibrary.org/makerLAB.

- Button Maker
- Cricut Autopress
- Cricut Maker
- Cricut Mug Press

- Embroidery Machine
 - Sewing Machine
 - Sublimation Printer
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Cozy Canva Classes

Registration ongoing

Get cozy at home this winter and join us for these cozy Canva lessons on Zoom! Each lesson will focus on a different skill.

Cozy Canva: Templates, Elements, and Text

Zoom

Thursday, February 13 at 7:00 pm

Learn the basics of Canva, a popular and beginner-friendly software for graphic design! Join Librarian Alison and learn how to use premade templates, customize elements, and add text with effects.

Cozy Canva: Photo Editing

Zoom

Thursday, February 27 at 7:00 pm

Join Librarian Alison and learn how to use Canva for editing photos, including tools like Magic Eraser, Magic Expand, and Background Remover. We'll also discuss color adjustments, filters, and more.

Cozy Canva: Video Creation

Zoom

Thursday, March 6 at 7:00 pm

Join Librarian Alison and learn how to make videos with Canva! We'll discuss adding sounds, video clips, transitions, animated elements, and more.

makerLAB Crafts

Registration begins January 6

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

Sublimation Metal Bookmarks

Thursday, January 16 at 6:30 pm OR

Friday, January 17 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 celebrate winter

reading with these sublimation bookmarks!

Each participant will make three bookmarks.

Sublimation Painted Winter Scenes on a Stone Tablet Frame

Friday, January 17 at 6:30 pm OR

Tuesday, January 21 at 2:30 pm

Non-refundable materials fee: \$10 cash

(exact change) or major credit card

(can pay online) due at registration

Join makerLAB Librarian Trainee Tova in sublimating a winter-wonderland scene you create onto a stone tablet frame that accents any room.

Sewing Book Sleeves

Thursday, January 23 at 6:30 pm OR

Friday, January 24 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 sew your own book sleeve to take your books on the go! They can also be used to protect eReaders and small tablets. This is a great project for beginner sewers.

Cricut Winter Shadow Boxes

Tuesday, January 28 at 2:30 pm OR

Friday, January 31 at 6:30 pm

Non-refundable materials fee: \$5 cash

(exact change) or major credit card

(can pay online) due at registration

Join makerLAB Librarian Trainee Tova in crafting beautiful winter wonderland shadow boxes using Cricut-cut designs.

Bubble Heat Transfer Vinyl Valentine's Day Tote Bags

Tuesday, February 4 at 2:30 pm OR

Friday, February 7 at 6:30 pm

Non-refundable materials fee: \$10 cash

(exact change) or major credit card

(can pay online) due at registration

Join makerLAB Librarian Trainee Tova in creating fun, bubble heat transfer vinyl Cricut designs to heat onto Valentine's Day-themed pink tote bags.

Sublimation Mouse Pad

Tuesday, February 11 at 2:30 pm OR

Friday, February 14 at 6:30 pm

Non-refundable materials fee: \$5 cash

(exact change) or major credit card

(can pay online) due at registration

Join makerLAB Librarian Trainee Tova in sublimating a beautiful design for your loved ones onto a computer mousepad for everyday use.

Wood Block Signs

Thursday, February 20 at 6:30 pm OR

Friday, February 21 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 make

these adorable signs with wooden blocks and adhesive vinyl!

3D Printing Pioneers

Thursday, January 30 at 7:00 pm

Registration ongoing • Limit 1 registration per LPL cardholder

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

makerLAB Kits

Pick from our menu of projects you can make using our makerLAB equipment.

Card Kit – Birthday Bundle

Supplies to make 3 cards

Non-refundable fee: \$7

Card Kit – Thinking of You 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

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**
