

Weekly Program Schedule

In-Person and Virtual Programs

April 15-21, 2024



The World of Botanical and Nature Art

Rust Library | Thursday, April 18, 7 p.m.

Botanical artist Karen Coleman discusses her creative process and what inspires her, from field work and sketching to color studies and composition development. See samples of her work and participate in a Q&A. This program is a collaboration with the Loudoun County Art Advisory Committee.

Monday, April 15

10 a.m. — Messy Monday, Lovettsville Library: Make art and play with sensory toys. *For children with a caregiver.*

11 a.m. — Memory Cafe with Insight Memory Care, Ashburn Library: Participate in activities that promote reminiscence, cognition and engagement. Get to know others in a safe, supportive environment. *For adults.*

1 p.m. — Homeschool Enrichment: History Fair, Ashburn Library: Share your research. *For Grades K-8.*

1 p.m. — Pre-K Skill Builders, Purcellville Library

2 p.m. — Common Threads: Knitting Basics, Lovettsville Library: Connect with others and learn about cast on, knit and purl stitches. *For adults.*

2 p.m. — Adult Yoga: Flow, Middleburg Library: This slow-flow class is adaptable to any level of experience.

Monday, April 15 (continued)

3 p.m. — Even Messier Monday, Lovettsville Library: *For Grades 1-5.*

4:30 p.m. — Celebrate National Anime Day, Sterling Library: Watch episodes of *Fullmetal Alchemist: Brotherhood* and enjoy Japanese snacks. *For teens.*

5 p.m. — Camp NaNoWriMo, Sterling Library: Take part in a month-long writing challenge. *For adults.*

6 p.m. — D&D Club for Teens, Brambleton Library: Take part in a *Dungeons & Dragons* adventure.

6 p.m. — Video Game Club for Teens, Rust Library

6 p.m. — Knitting 101, Sterling Library: Learn the basics, including cast on, knit and purl stitches.

7 p.m. — Writing Group, Gum Spring Library: *For adults.*

7 p.m. — Creative Soul, Purcellville Library:

Make garden-themed earrings and a bracelet. *For adults.*



Tuesday, April 16

10:30 a.m. — Messy Art, Cascades Library: *For ages 18 months-5 with a caregiver.*

11 a.m. — Homeschool Enrichment: Art, Purcellville Library: Use physics to create abstract art. Paint with a pendulum. *For ages 7-12.*

1 p.m. — Adult Book Club: Audiobooks, Sterling Library: Discuss *Love You Gone* by Rona Halsall.

2 p.m. — Homeschool Enrichment: Make and Learn, Gum Spring Library: Get acquainted with Makerspace technology and gadgets. *For Grades K-5.*

2 p.m. — Adult Yoga: Chair, Middleburg Library

Links for the virtual programs and the complete calendar are available at library.loudoun.gov/calendar.



Tuesday, April 16 (continued)

2 p.m. — Adult Book Club, Rust Library:

Discuss *The Maid* by Nita Prose.

3 p.m. — Tech Help, Cascades Library: Stop by from 3 to 5 p.m. for help with your phone, tablet or computer.

3 p.m. — Pre-K Skill Builders, Lovettsville Library

4 p.m. — My First Book Club, Ashburn Library: Read *Kitty and Dragon* by Meika Hashimoto. *For Grades K-1.*

4 p.m. — Grade 2-3 Children's Book Club, Rust Library: Discuss *Stowaway!* by Erin Soderberg.

4:30 p.m. — Flowerpot Painting, Sterling Library: *For teens.*

6 p.m. — Teen Shrekfest, Gum Spring Library: Celebrate the animated world of *Shrek* with crafts and music.

7 p.m. — Adult Book Club: Around the World, Cascades Library: This month's destination is France. Discuss *A Woman of No Importance* by Sonia Purnell.

Wednesday, April 17

9:30 a.m. — Loudoun County Information & Referral Specialist On-Site, Purcellville Library: From 9:30 a.m. to noon, connect with various health and human services.

10 a.m. — Pre-K Skill Builders, Middleburg Library

10 a.m. — Conversational Spanish, Sterling Library: Explore verb tenses and phonetic sounds. *For adults.*

10:45 a.m. — Playtime with Pals, Lovettsville Library

11:30 a.m. — Common Threads, Ashburn Library: Chat with others as you knit, crochet or stitch. *For adults.*

3 p.m. — Tech Help, Sterling Library: Stop by for assistance with your phone, tablet or computer.

4 p.m. — Crafternoon, Cascades Library: *For children.*

4 p.m. — Wednesday Wind Down, Middleburg Library: Participate in a de-stressing activity. *For adults.*

6 p.m. — Tech Help, Gum Spring Library: Stop by from 6 to 8 p.m. for help with your phone, tablet or computer.

6 p.m. — Family Crafts, Lovettsville Library

Wednesday, April 17 (continued)

6:30 p.m. — Paint Pouring with Caitlin Keefe,

Ashburn Library: Use chain pulls and balloons to create flowers and leaves as you experiment with paint pouring. Space and supplies are limited. *For adults.*



6:30 p.m. — Tai Chi, Cascades Library: *For Grade 9-adults.*

6:30 p.m. — Drop-In Chess Club, Gum Spring Library: Play chess from 6:30 to 8 p.m. *For teens and adults.*

7 p.m. — Socrates and Snacks for Teens, Ashburn Library: Discuss the topic "environment" and ask questions.

7 p.m. — Adult Book Club, Gum Spring Library: Discuss *Small Fry* by Lisa Brennan-Jobs.

7 p.m. — Art at the Library, Gum Spring Library: Make work inspired by artist Lorna Simpson. *For Grades K-5.*

7 p.m. — Adult Book Club, Purcellville Library: Discuss *The Third Rainbow Girl* by Emma Copley Eisenberg.

8 p.m. — Meet the Author: Xochitl Gonzalez, Virtual: Hear about her latest book, *Anita de Monte Laughs Last*.

Thursday, April 18

11 a.m. — Adult Book Club: Mystery, Gum Spring Library: Discuss *A Study in Scarlet* by Arthur Conan Doyle.

11 a.m. — PC Basics: Computer Foundations, Sterling Library: *For adults.*

2 p.m. — Conversational German, Purcellville Library

2 p.m. — Tech Help, Rust Library: Stop by from 2 to 4 p.m. for help with your phone, tablet or computer.

4 p.m. — STEAM Club: How Does Your Garden Grow?, Gum Spring Library: *For Grades K-5.*

4 pm. — My First Book Club, Lovettsville Library: Read a book together and do activities. *For Grades K-1.*

4 p.m. — Grade 2-3 Children's Book Club: Magic Tree House, Ashburn Library: Discuss *Tonight on the Titanic* by Mary Pope Osborne and do activities.

Rhyme On
Adult Poetry Writing Contest

library.loudoun.gov/rhymeon

Take part in our 11th annual poetry writing contest during National Poetry Month.

Ages 18+

Thursday, April 18 (continued)

4 p.m. — Butterflies, Brambleton Library: Craft and learn about the butterfly life cycle. *For Grades K-5.*

6 p.m. — Family Fun Night: Let's Build, Cascades Library

6 p.m. — Art Blooms: Paint Pouring and Planting, Lovettsville Library: Paint a clay pot, then "plant" your live, easy-care air plant. *For teens and adults.*

6 p.m. — D&D Club for Teens, Rust Library: Participate in a one-shot *Dungeons & Dragons* adventure.

6:30 p.m. — Fandom Fun for Teens: Cottagecore, Ashburn Library: Craft and choose a plant to take home.

6:30 p.m. — Photography on Tap: Feedback for Your Images, Old Ox Brewery, 44652 Guilford Dr., #114, Ashburn: Arrive 30 minutes early to share a digital file of your work. National Geographic photographer Jeff Mauritzen will display images anonymously and provide constructive tips. *For ages 21+.*



7 p.m. — Book Trivia Night, Brambleton Library: *For adults.*

7 p.m. — Drop-In Chess Club, Cascades Library: Play with fellow enthusiasts. *For teens and adults.*

7 p.m. — Common Threads, Gum Spring Library: Chat with others as you knit, crochet or stitch. *For adults.*

7 p.m. — LCPL Facilities Master Plan Community Meeting, Virtual: Tell us about your dream library and needs.

Friday, April 19

All Day — Thank You for (Supporting) Libraries Day, Law Library: Stop by for coffee, donuts and a small gift.

All Day — Steeplechase Races Pre-Party, Middleburg Library: Design silks and make a fascinator.

10 a.m. — Pre-K Skill Builders, Ashburn Library and Brambleton Library

10 a.m. — Little Artists, Lovettsville Library: *For children.*

10 a.m. — Miniature Musicians, Rust Library: Sing, play and move with Ms. Jess from Everyday Musicians. *For ages 0-3 with a caregiver.*

10:30 a.m. — Celebrate Spring, Cascades Library: Join us outside for music and activities. *For ages 0-5.*

10:30 a.m. — Pre-K Skill Builders, Gum Spring Library

11 a.m. — Rambling Readers, Middleburg Library: Talk about books while you walk. *For adults.*

1 p.m. — Builders Free Play, Lovettsville Library

1:30 p.m. — Knit and Purl, Sterling Library: *For adults.*

4 p.m. — DIY Teens: Bad Art Night, Brambleton Library

4:30 p.m. — Teen Friday: Kaleidocycle, Sterling Library

6 p.m. — After Hours Teen Center: Karaoke, Cascades Library: Free fun and pizza. *For Grades 6-12.*

Watch recordings of virtual programs on our YouTube channel, "Loudoun County Public Library Online Programs."



Scan the code with your mobile device.

Makerspace

Crochet for a Cause

Make floor mats for Mobile Hope. *For Grade 9-adults.*

Gum Spring Library: Monday, April 15, 10 a.m.

Glowforge Laser Engraving

Make a design on a small aluminum tag. *For adults.*

Gum Spring Library: Thursday, April 18, 3-6 p.m.

Machine Embroidery

Learn to create designs in Inkscape and convert them to embroidery files using Ink/Stitch. *For adults.*

Gum Spring Library: Wednesday, April 17, 10 a.m.

Machine Embroidery 101

Get to know this month's featured equipment by making a small project. *For teens and adults.*

Brambleton Library: Tuesday, April 16, 10 a.m.

Meet Your Makerspace

Stop by for a guided tour from 10 a.m. to noon.

Brambleton Library: Saturday, April 20

Movie Club

Learn about cinema with a themed activity and join the BLPerks program. *For Grade 9-adults.*

Brambleton Library: Wednesday, April 17, 5:30 p.m.

Sew Green

Make a reusable grocery bag out of an empty pet food bag. *For teens and adults.*

Sterling Library: Wednesday, April 17, 3:30 p.m.

Sublimation Stickers

Use the sublimation printer, heat press and Cameo Cutter to create. *For teens and adults.*

Rust Library: Sunday, April 21, 1 p.m.



Friday, April 19 (continued)

7 p.m. – Bird Identification Trivia, Old Ox Brewery, 44652 Guilford Dr., #114, Ashburn: Compete against Cornell Lab's Merlin bird ID app to identify birds by photo or sound. Get birding tips and learn about ornithology research from Merlin project coordinator Alli Smith. *For ages 21+.*



Saturday, April 20

- 1 p.m. – DIY Adults: Handmade Cards**, Rust Library
- 2 p.m. – Teen Photographers**, Brambleton Library: Learn the basics of photo editing with Adobe Photoshop.
- 2 p.m. – Tea Cupping: China**, Cascades Library: Sample teas while Hillary Coley of Dominion Tea talks about production, history and trends. *For Grade 9-adults.*
- 2 p.m. – Meet a Mermaid**, Lovettsville Library: Participate in sea-inspired stories and crafts with mermaid August.
- 2 p.m. – How eBirding Helps Conservation**, Rust Library: Explore the world of birding with eBird, a free resource managed by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. Used for recording and sharing observations, it is transforming conservation efforts across the globe. *For adults.*
- 3 p.m. – DIY: Crochet Hour**, Ashburn Library: Presenter Elizabeth Werling presents. *For teens and adults.*
- 3:30 p.m. – Aromatic Spice Blends**, Brambleton Library: Deepa Patke of Aromatic Spice Blends talks about pairing spices with food and each other. *For Grade 9-adults.*

Sunday, April 21

- 1 p.m. – Drop-In Mahjong**, Cascades Library
- 1:45 p.m. – Spring Native Plant and Seed Exchange**, Cascades Library
- 2 p.m. – Anime and Manga Club for Teens**, Brambleton Library: Participate in themed activities.
- 2 p.m. – Live Music: Jeff Cosgrove Trio**, Cascades Library
- 2 p.m. – A Railroad Comes to Purcellville**, Purcellville Library: Historian Paul McCray explores the changes the community experienced when the railroad was extended to the town in 1874. *For Grade 9-adults.*
- 2 p.m. – Language Cafe**, Sterling Library: Mingle with others from around the world. *For adults.*
- 3 p.m. – George C. Marshall and Winston S. Churchill**, Rust Library: Historian Rachel Yarnell Thompson details the relationship between these 20th century leaders whose bond was formed in wartime. *For Grade 9-adults.*



Storytimes are offered five days a week. For details, see library.loudoun.gov/calendar.

ESOL at LCPL

Adult Book Club

Sterling Library: Tuesday, April 16, 5 p.m.
Read *Ben Franklin* by Jack Kelly.

Business English

Sterling Library: Thursday, April 18, 4 p.m.

Citizen Preparation

Sterling Library: Tuesday, April 16, 7 p.m.
Learn the process for becoming a U.S. citizen in this four-part series that covers how to apply, what to expect at the citizenship interview and preparing for the civics test. This is the first session.

English Practice – Beginner

Gum Spring Library: Thursday, April 18, 1 p.m.
Sterling Library: Monday, April 15, 7 p.m.

English Practice – Intermediate/Advanced

Brambleton Library: Tuesday, April 16, 7 p.m. and
Wednesday, April 17, 10 a.m.
Rust Library: Thursday, April 18, 7 p.m.
Sterling Library: Tuesday, April 16, 4 p.m. and
Thursday, April 18, 10 a.m.
Virtual: Monday, April 15, 2 p.m.

English Practice – All Levels

Ashburn Library: Tuesday, April 16, 7 p.m. and
Thursday, April 18, 10 a.m.
Cascades Library: Monday, April 15, 11 a.m.
Gum Spring Library: Tuesday, April 16, 7 p.m.
Middleburg Library: Monday, April 15, 7 p.m.
Rust Library: Tuesday, April 16, 10 a.m.
Sterling Library: Wednesday, April 17, 7 p.m.

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