

Weekly Program Schedule

In-Person and Virtual Programs

Dec. 11-17, 2023

Monday, Dec. 11

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

1 p.m. — Homeschool Enrichment: Art Fair, Ashburn Library: Display art pieces you created or talk about a type of art you researched. *For Grades K-8.*

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



2 p.m. — Lore and Legends of Herbs, Virtual: For thousands of years, herbs have been used for cooking, decoration, pest control, medicine and fragrance. Bruce Chalker of The St. Louis Herb Society shares the fascinating history of a number of these plants. *For adults.*

4 p.m. — STEAM Club: Simple Machines, Purcellville Library: *For Grades 2-6.*

4 p.m. — Young Authors Poetry Workshop, Brambleton Library: Explore the elements of a poem with local author Sue Fliess. *For Grades 2-5.*

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

6 p.m. — DIY Teens, Rust Library: Watch *The Nightmare Before Christmas* (PG, 76 minutes) and make s'mores.

6:30 p.m. — IT Workshop: Artificial Intelligence, Brambleton Library: Discuss AI and machine learning with other tech enthusiasts. *For adults.*

6:30 p.m. — Teen Cuisine: Cookie Decorating, Cascades Library

7 p.m. — Adult Yoga, Gum Spring Library: Kiss of Yoga's Kirsten Shabanowitz leads this easy-flow class.

7 p.m. — Gift Wrapping Party, Gum Spring Library: *For adults.*



Monday, Dec. 11 (continued)

7 p.m. — Adult Book Club, Middleburg Library: Discuss *Murder for Christmas* by Francis Duncan.

7 p.m. — Gnome for the Holidays, Purcellville Library: Craft a gnome for your home. *For teens and adults.*

Tuesday, Dec. 12

10 a.m. — Adult Book Club: Nonfiction, Ashburn Library: Discuss *The Nineties* by Chuck Klosterman.

10 a.m. — Baby Cafe, Lovettsville Library: Caregivers socialize while children play.



1 p.m. — Homeschool Enrichment: Art, Lovettsville Library: Make your own soap. *For Grades K-8.*

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

2 p.m. — Common Threads, Rust Library: Chat with fellow crafters as you knit, crochet or stitch. *For adults.*

2 p.m. — Meet the Author: Stephanie Land, Virtual: The author of the book that inspired the Netflix series *Maid* talks about *Class*, her new memoir describing the challenges of finishing college and starting a writing career while struggling with poverty and the demands of motherhood. *For Grade 9-adults.*

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

4 p.m. — Shelter Stories, Ashburn Library: Follow Ollie the rescue dog as he meets his new family in the book *How Humiliating!* by local author Angie Cmeyla. Hear how you can help animals with Loudoun County Animal Services. *For Grades K-5.*

4 p.m. — Mason Jar Gnome Lantern, Sterling Library: *For teens.*

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



Makerspace

Glowforge Holiday Ornament Drop-In

Engrave a design on a small wooden ornament.

For teens and adults.

Gum Spring Library: Thursday, Dec. 14, 3-6 p.m.

Make a Holiday Card

Use different equipment to craft. *For Grade 9-adults.*

Sterling Library: Wednesday, Dec. 13, 3:30 p.m.

Meet Your Makerspace

Stop by for a guided tour from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Brambleton Library: Saturday, Dec. 16

Note: Supplies and space are limited.

Tuesday, Dec. 12 (continued)

6 p.m. — Middle School Book Club: Book Jenga, Ashburn Library: Ask and answer questions about books while building a block tower. Snacks provided.

6 p.m. — DIY Teens: Art Hour, Gum Spring Library

7 p.m. — Common Threads, Brambleton Library: Knit or crochet preemie hats for Hats for Zoe. *For adults.*

7 p.m. — Adult Book Club: Children's Literature, Gum Spring Library: Discuss *The Little Prince* by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry.

7 p.m. — Sketching Class, Gum Spring Library: Draw a winter lady and reindeer with instructions by graphic artist Orion Zangara. *For Grade 9-adults.*

7 p.m. — Lofi Study Room, Purcellville Library: *For teens.*

7 p.m. — Adult Book Club: Mystery, Sterling Library: Discuss *The Woman in Cabin 10* by Ruth Ware.

7 p.m. — DIY: Book Page Ornament, Sterling Library: Craft with artist Carolyn EJ Watson. *For Grade 9-adults.*



Wednesday, Dec. 13

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

Noon — Adult Book Club, Lucketts Community Center, 42361 Lucketts Rd, Leesburg: Discuss *The Time Traveler's Wife* by Audrey Niffenegger.

1 p.m. — Adult Book Club, Purcellville Library: Discuss *Comfort & Joy* by Kristin Hannah.

2 p.m. — Memory Cafe, Rust Library: Participate in activities in a safe, supportive and engaging environment with other adults experiencing memory loss and loneliness. Caregivers are also invited to attend.

Wednesday, Dec. 13 (continued)

2 p.m. — Common Threads, Cascades Library: Chat with fellow crafters as you knit, crochet or stitch. *For adults.*

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

3:30 p.m. — Time Travel Club, Purcellville Library: Celebrate the holidays like it's 1323. Toast with wassail from your own bejeweled goblet, learn a medieval dance and create a mini yule log. *For Grades 2-6.*

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

4 p.m. — Grade 2-3 Children's Book Club: Magic Tree House, Gum Spring Library: Discuss *Christmas in Camelot* by Mary Pope Osborne and do activities.

5 p.m. — Wednesday Wind Down, Lovettsville Library: Stop by for a beverage and a de-stressing activity.

5:30 p.m. — Socrates Cafe, Purcellville Library: Gather with others to ponder a question. Listen and learn. *For adults.*

6:30 p.m. — Art at the Library, Rust Library: Make a sock snowman. *For Grades K-5.*

6:30 p.m. — D&D Club for Teens, Ashburn Library: Take part in a peer-led *Dungeons & Dragons* adventure.

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. — Grade 4-5 Children's Book Club, Gum Spring Library: Discuss *A Whale of the Wild* by Rosanne Parry and do activities.

7 p.m. — Adult Book Club: Nonfiction, Rust Library: Discuss *The Telling Room: A Tale of Love, Betrayal, Revenge, and the World's Greatest Piece of Cheese* by Michael Paterniti.



7 p.m. — Armchair Garden Tours: Decked Out for the Holidays, Virtual: Landscape designer Jana Milbocker shows you magnificently decorated conservatories and mansions with beautifully lit gardens. Visit Blithewold, Longwood Gardens, Winterthur, and Heritage Museums and Gardens. *For adults.*

7 p.m. — Truly Wicked Horror: Directors, Virtual: Discuss six films that helped shape the genre. *For adults.*

Thursday, Dec. 14

11 a.m. — Evolution of the Fairfax and Loudoun County Boundary Line, Lovettsville Library: Historian Jim Lewis talks about the local history, ironic twists and geographical considerations behind our boundary line and shares the location of remnants that still exist. *For adults.*

11 a.m. — Essay Discussion Group, Purcellville Library: Discuss “Friends, Good Friends — and Such Good Friends” by Judith Viorst. *For adults.*

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

3 p.m. — DIY: Candle Making, Middleburg Library: Make a scented candle using soy wax. *For Grade 9-adults.*

4 p.m. — Art at the Library: Winter Pointillism, Ashburn Library: Paint with dots. *For Grades K-5.*

4 p.m. — Cozy Crafts, Brambleton Library: *For Grade K-5.*

4 p.m. — My First Book Club, Lovettsville Library: Read *See the Dog: Three Stories About a Cat* by David LaRochelle and do activities. *For Grades K-1.*

5:30 p.m. — DIY: Gift Wrapping, Cascades Library: Learn techniques for wrapping gifts. *For Grade 9-adults.*

5:30 p.m. — D&D Club for Teens, Gum Spring Library: Play *Dungeons & Dragons* with peers.

6 p.m. — DIY Drop-In: Washi Luminary, Lovettsville Library: *For teens.*

6 p.m. — Anime Club, Rust Library: *For teens.*

6:30 p.m. — High School Book Club: Books and Beverages, Ashburn Library: Discuss *The Gilded Wolves* by Roshani Chokshi.

6:30 p.m. — Science on Tap: When the Environment Shapes the Architecture of Biology, Old Ox Brewery, 44652 Guilford Dr., #114, Ashburn: Daniel Feliciano, project team fellow at HHMI's Janelia Research Campus, explores how the available resources surrounding cells within tissues are used as energy sources and building blocks to determine different cell functions. *For ages 21+.*

7 p.m. — DIY: Bracelets, Brambleton Library: Craft with beads. *For Grade 9-adults.*

7 p.m. — Adult Book Club: Comics, Cascades Library: Discuss *Woman Rebel: The Margaret Sanger Story* by Peter Bagge.

7 p.m. — Great Decisions: Climate Migration, Purcellville Library: As climate change accelerates and drought and rising sea levels become more common, millions of people in affected regions will have to uproot themselves and seek safety elsewhere. Retired Foreign Service Officer Robert Pollard moderates a discussion about migration impacts. *For adults.*



Friday, Dec. 15

9:30 a.m. — Builders Free Play, Lovettsville Library: Drop in between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

10 a.m. — Pre-K Skill Builders, Ashburn Library and Brambleton Library: *For ages 3-5 with a caregiver.*

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

1 p.m. — Knit and Purl, Sterling Library: Learn to knit with an easy project. *For adults.*

3 p.m. — Gingerbread Workshop, Lovettsville Library: Decorate a home with sweet treats.

4:30 p.m. — Teen Friday:

Gingerbread Houses, Sterling Library

6 p.m. — After Hours Teen Center: DIY Hot Cocoa Mix, Cascades Library: Enjoy pizza, games and this week's featured activity. *For Grades 6-12.*



Saturday, Dec. 16

10 a.m. — Santa Visit, Middleburg Library: Say hello and enjoy a cup of cocoa.

1 p.m. — Tim's Gems, Middleburg Library: Learn about rocks and minerals as you pan for gems. *For children.*

1 p.m. — Family Holiday Tea Party, Purcellville Library: Drink a beverage, socialize and make crafts.

1 p.m. — Adult Book Club: Economics, Rust Library: Discuss the *Four Freedoms Speech* by Franklin D. Roosevelt, the essays *The New Global Labor Market* and *Why Do We Work More than Keynes Expected?* by Richard B. Freeman, and the essay *Economic Possibilities for Our Grandchildren* by John Maynard Keynes.

1 p.m. — Holiday Gift Wrapping Party, Rust Library: Wrap your presents away from prying eyes while learning about different holiday traditions around the world.

2 p.m. — Merry Grinchmas, Ashburn Library: Play pin the heart on Mr. Grinch, make Grinch ornaments and watch *The Grinch* (PG, 90 minutes). *For children.*

Saturday, Dec. 16 (continued)

2 p.m. — Teen Photographers, Brambleton Library:

Learn the basics of Adobe Photoshop. Explore its tools, their uses and essential techniques for every beginner.

2 p.m. — DIY Teens: Perler Beats, Gum Spring Library:

Make pixelated art while listening to songs from Hoopla and Freegal, the library's music streaming services.

3 p.m. — DIY: Crochet Hour, Ashburn Library:

Whether you are new to the craft or need a refresher, presenter Elizabeth Werling guides you through making crochet stitches. *For teens and adults.*

7 p.m. — Live Music: The Seán Heely Celtic Trio,

Old Ox Brewery, 44652 Guilford Dr.,

#114, Ashburn: Celebrate the

winter solstice with ancient, soaring melodies from

Ireland, Scotland and

beyond in the rich Celtic

folk tradition. *For ages 21+.*



Sunday, Dec. 17

12:30 p.m. — D&D for Adults, Rust Library:

Gather for a *Dungeons and Dragons* adventure hosted by game master and proactive role-playing enthusiast Tristan Fishel of The Quest Brothers. Players of all skill levels are welcome.

1 p.m. — Drop-In Mahjong, Cascades Library:

Play the tile game from 1 to 3 p.m. *For Grade 9-adults.*

2 p.m. — Live Music: Fiorilli and Fritz, Ashburn Library:

This duo blurs the lines between jazz standards and popular music with their unique blend of smooth melodies and rhythmic interplay.



2 p.m. — Live Music: Veronneau Duo, Purcellville Library:

Vocalist Lynn Veronneau and guitarist Ken Avis captivate with soulful original songs and classics, reflecting their love of bossa nova, chanson, folk, blues and pop.

2 p.m. — Gingerbread House Building, Purcellville Library

2 p.m. — Coffee and a Movie, Rust Library:

Watch the 2022 documentary *Scrap* (NR, 78 minutes).

3 p.m. — Teen Portraits, Brambleton Library:

Have your portrait drawn by a professional artist or watch other teens being drawn.

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a week. For details, see
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ESOL at LCPL

Adult Book Club

Read *It Happened on Saturday* by Sydney Dunlap.

Sterling Library: Tuesday, Dec. 12, 5 p.m.

Business English

Develop vocabulary, reading and comprehension skills for professional settings.

Sterling Library: Thursday, Dec. 14, 4 p.m.

English Conversation Group — Beginner

Sterling Library: Monday, Dec. 11, 7 p.m.

English Conversation Group — Intermediate/Advanced

Brambleton Library: Tuesday, Dec. 12, 7 p.m. and

Wednesday, Dec. 13, 10 a.m.

Rust Library: Thursday, Dec. 14, 7 p.m.

Sterling Library: Tuesday, Dec. 12, 4 p.m. and

Thursday, Dec. 14, 10 a.m.

Virtual: Monday, Dec. 11, 2 p.m.

English Conversation Group — All Levels

Ashburn Library: Tuesday, Dec. 12, 7 p.m. and

Thursday, Dec. 14, 10 a.m.

Cascades Library: Monday, Dec. 11, 11 a.m.

Gum Spring Library: Tuesday, Dec. 12, 7 p.m. and

Thursday, Dec. 14, 1 p.m.

Middleburg Library: Tuesday, Dec. 12, 7 p.m.

Purcellville Library: Monday, Dec. 11, 7 p.m.

Rust Library: Tuesday, Dec. 12, 10 a.m.

Sterling Library: Wednesday, Dec. 13, 7 p.m.



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