

Weekly Program Schedule

In-Person and Virtual Programs

Dec. 16-22, 2024



Science on Tap: The Bomb Doctor

Old Ox Brewery, 44652 Guilford Dr., #114, Ashburn
Tuesday, Dec. 17, 6:30 p.m.

Learn about the FBI's bomb lab from Kirk Yeager, chief explosives scientist. Gain insights into how experts investigate explosives and work to find new ways to detect and prevent attacks. *For ages 21+.*

Monday, Dec. 16

- 10 a.m. – Busy Babies**, Brambleton Library: Build your baby's gross and fine motor skills through age-appropriate sensory play. *For ages 0-2 with a caregiver.*
- 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. *For adults.*
- 1 p.m. – Homeschool Enrichment: Geography Fair**, Ashburn Library: Travel the world! Share what you've learned about a location with others. *For Grades K-8.*
- 1 p.m. – Adult Book Club**, Lovettsville Library: Discuss *The Travelling Cat Chronicles* by Hiro Arikawa.
- 3 p.m. – Even Messier Monday**, Lovettsville Library: *For Grades 1-5.*

Monday, Dec. 16 (continued)

- 3:30 p.m. – Little Artists**, Sterling Library: *For children.*
- 4 p.m. – Teen Movie Club**, Sterling Library: It's a teen takeover! Choose the film to watch and eat snacks.
- 6 p.m. – Writing Group: Scrooge and the Redemption Story**, Ashburn Library: Learn how to build the beats of this classic story genre. *For adults.*
- 6 p.m. – Teen Sewing School**, Rust Library: Make buttonholes, thread a drawstring, and line a reusable gift bag to take home.
- 7 p.m. – Teen Book Club: Escape Room**, Brambleton Library: Solve a challenge and discuss *Blazewrath Games* by Amparo Ortiz.
- 7 p.m. – The Path to Publication**, Gum Spring Library: Author Linda Budzinski demystifies the path to traditional publication and shares tips for positioning your manuscript in the market. *For Grade 9-adults.*



Tuesday, Dec. 17

- 9:30 a.m. – Sensory Play**, Lovettsville Library: Children play while caregivers connect. *For ages 0-5.*
- 10:30 a.m. – Messy Art**, Cascades Library: *For ages 18 months-5 with a caregiver.*
- 11 a.m. – Tech Help**, Brambleton Library: Learn basic skills for the computer, mobile devices, social media, and other technology. *For adults.*
- 11 a.m. – Memory Cafe: Holiday Traditions from Near and Far**, Leesburg Senior Center, 102 North St. NW, Leesburg: Meet new friends and socialize as you play games, listen to music, and reminisce.

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





LCPL Short Story Contest

Enter your work online
Dec. 15 through Feb. 15 at
[library.loudoun.gov/
storycontest](http://library.loudoun.gov/storycontest).

For teens and adults.



Tuesday, Dec. 17 (continued)

- 11 a.m. – Homeschool Enrichment: Art,** Purcellville Library: Create a holiday ornament with yarn and a plastic canvas. *For ages 7-12.*
- 1 p.m. – Movie Matinee,** Gum Spring Library: Watch *The Holiday* (PG-13, 136 minutes). *For adults.*
- 1 p.m. – Adult Book Club: Mystery,** Purcellville Library: Discuss *Heaven's Keep* by William Kent Krueger.
- 2 p.m. – Homeschool Enrichment: Make and Learn,** Gum Spring Library: Get acquainted with Makerspace technology and gadgets. *For Grades 2-6.*
- 2 p.m. – Homeschool Enrichment: STEM,** Lovettsville Library: Explore engineering concepts.
- 2 p.m. – Adult Book Club,** Rust Library: Discuss *Gift from the Sea* by Anne Morrow Lindbergh.
- 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. – Grade 4-5 Children's Book Club,** Ashburn Library: Create a creature while you discuss *Ember and the Island of Lost Creatures* by Jason Pamment.
- 4 p.m. – Art at the Library,** Brambleton Library: As you create, explore the element of value in art. *For Grades 2-5.*
- 4 p.m. – My First Book Club,** Cascades Library: Read a story together and make a craft. *For Grades K-1.*
- 4 p.m. – Grade 2-3 Children's Book Club,** Rust Library: Discuss *Player Attack* by Winston Wolf and do activities.
- 4:30 p.m. – Teen Tuesday: Salty Snowflakes,** Sterling Library: Create a snowflake using glue and salt, and then add beautiful ink drops to color it.

Tuesday, Dec. 17 (continued)

- 6 p.m. – DIY Teens: Winter Miniatures,** Gum Spring Library: Make a tiny winter scene using recycled materials, craft supplies, and miniatures.
- 6 p.m. – Holiday Movie Night,** Middleburg Library: Watch *The Grinch* (PG, 90 minutes) and make an ornament.
- 6:30 p.m. – Anime Club for Teens,** Ashburn Library: Make masks based on yokai, Japanese mythic creatures.
- 7 p.m. – Adult Book Club: Around the World,** Cascades Library: The destination is Chechnya. Discuss *A Constellation of Vital Phenomena* by Anthony Marra.
- 7 p.m. – DIY Adults: 2025 Calendar,** Rust Library: Use a free Canva account to design a calendar for the new year.

Wednesday, Dec. 18

- 11:30 a.m. – Common Threads,** Ashburn Library: Chat with others as you knit, crochet or stitch. *For adults.*
- 2 p.m. – Common Threads: Create for a Cause,** Cascades Library: Make hats and mittens for distribution by Women Giving Back. *For Grade 9-adults.*
- 4 p.m. – STEAM Club: Engineering Houses,** Gum Spring Library: *For Grades K-5.*
- 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. – D&D Club for Teens,** Lovettsville Library: Explore the world of *Dungeons & Dragons*.
- 6 p.m. – Family Crafts,** Lovettsville Library
- 6:30 p.m. – Anime Club for Teens,** Cascades Library: Watch anime with fellow enthusiasts and do activities.
- 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. – The Joy of Gratitude,** Ashburn Library: Give yourself a gift this holiday season: Take a moment to appreciate the goodness of life in this interactive workshop with certified compassion instructor Laura Banks. *For Grade 9-adults.*

Wednesday, Dec. 18 (continued)

7 p.m. — Take & Bake: Winter Solstice Sugar Cookies, Ashburn Library: Prepare a mix with fun ingredients to bake at home. *For Grade 9-adults.*

7 p.m. — Adult Book Club: Classics, Gum Spring Library: Bring one (or two) of your own books, whether they are classics or not, to share and discuss.

7 p.m. — Adult Book Club, Purcellville Library: Discuss *The Girls of Atomic City* by Denise Kiernan.

7 p.m. — Adult Book Club, Rust Library: Discuss *Black Cake* by Charmaine Wilkerson.

Thursday, Dec. 19

10 a.m. — Busy Babies, Ashburn Library: Build your baby's gross and fine motor skills through age-appropriate sensory play. *For ages 0-2 with a caregiver.*



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

11 a.m. — Adult Book Club, Cascades Library: Discuss *Comfort & Joy* by Kristin Hannah.

11 a.m. — Adult Book Club: Mystery, Gum Spring Library: Discuss *The Kind Worth Killing* by Peter Swanson.

1 p.m. — StrongerMemory, Sterling Library: Learn about this program developed by Goodwin Living that uses simple exercises to stimulate the brain. *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. — Icy Investigations, Ashburn Library: Chill out with ice-themed experiments and crafts. *For Grades K-5.*

4 p.m. — Reindeer Games, Brambleton Library: Come for themed activities, crafts, and trivia. *For Grades K-5.*

4 p.m. — Winter Sing-Along, Cascades Library: *For ages 0-5 with a caregiver.*

5 p.m. — Teen Book Club: Choose Your Own Book, Gum Spring Library: Talk about what you've been reading.

Thursday, Dec. 19 (continued)

5 p.m. — Adult Book Club: Book Tasting, Chrysalis Vineyards, 39025 Little River Turnpike, Middleburg: Discuss your favorite books of the year at this holiday celebration. *For ages 21+.*

5:30 p.m. — DIY Teens and Adults: Gift Wrapping, Cascades Library: Bring gifts to wrap and learn fun techniques to make them look their best.

6 p.m. — Teen Craft Night, Lovettsville Library: Get creative with diamond art and Perler beads.

6 p.m. — Natural Evergreen Holiday Decorations, Middleburg Library: *For Grades K-12.*

6 p.m. — D&D Club for Teens, Rust Library

6 p.m. — Acrylic Paint Workshop, Sterling Library: Paint a seasonal image with step-by-step instructions by artist Areej AlQaysi. *For Grade 9-adults.*

7 p.m. — Meditation and Movement for Calm and Peace, Brambleton Library: Instructor Gretchen Schutte leads this gentle, mindful session. *For Grade 9-adults.*



ESOL at LCPL

Business English

Sterling Library: Thursday, Dec. 19, 4 p.m.

English Practice — Beginner

Gum Spring Library: Thursday, Dec. 19, 1 p.m.

Sterling Library: Monday, Dec. 16, 7 p.m. and Wednesday, Dec. 18, 7 p.m.

English Practice — Intermediate/Advanced

Brambleton Library: Tuesday, Dec. 17, 7 p.m. and Wednesday, Dec. 18, 10 a.m.

Rust Library: Tuesday, Dec. 17, 10 a.m.

Sterling Library: Tuesday, Dec. 17, 4 p.m. and Thursday, Dec. 19, 10 a.m.

Virtual: Monday, Dec. 16, 2 p.m.

English Practice — All Levels

Ashburn Library: Tuesday, Dec. 17, 7 p.m. and Thursday, Dec. 19, 10 a.m.

Cascades Library: Monday, Dec. 16, 11 a.m.

Gum Spring Library: Tuesday, Dec. 17, 7 p.m.

Middleburg Library: Monday, Dec. 16, 7 p.m.

Rust Library: Thursday, Dec. 19, 5:30 p.m.

Makerspace for English Learners: Glowforge

Gum Spring Library: Friday, Dec. 20, 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, Dec. 19 (continued)

7 p.m. — Adult Book Club: Children’s Literature,
Gum Spring Library: Discuss *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis.

Friday, Dec. 20

10 a.m. — Pre-K Skill Builders, Ashburn Library, Brambleton Library and Cascades Library
10 a.m. — Little Artists, Lovettsville Library: *For children.*
10:30 a.m. — Pre-K Skill Builders, Gum Spring Library
1 p.m. — Builders Free Play, Lovettsville Library: Drop in between 1 and 4:30 p.m. *For children.*
1:30 p.m. — Knit and Purl, Sterling Library: Learn how to knit with an easy project. All levels welcome. *For adults.*
4:30 p.m. — Teen Friday: Candy Cane Olympics, Sterling Library: Team up for challenges.
6 p.m. — After Hours Teen Center: Solstice Crafts, Cascades Library: Enjoy pizza, crafts and this week’s featured activity. For more details, visit library.loudoun.gov/AHTC. *For Grades 6-12.*



Saturday, Dec. 21

11 a.m. — Gingerbread Houses, Lovettsville Library: Use a variety of candies, crackers, and icing to create.
11 a.m. — Live Music: Pianist Caleb Nei, Lovettsville Library: Listen to love songs, holiday favorites, and jazz standards from the Great American Songbook.
1 p.m. — Musicians Meet-Up, Brambleton Library: Connect with artists at this jam session and learn about the library’s recording equipment. *For teens and adults.*
1 p.m. — Read With Me Book Club, Purcellville Library: Discuss *Clementine* by Sara Pennypacker and make a craft. *For Grades 2-5 with a caregiver.*
2 p.m. — All Ages Art, Middleburg Library
2 p.m. — Live Music: Bossa NoVa Holiday Show, Rust Library: Stone Bridge High School’s jazz band performs.
2 p.m. — Live Music: Guitarist Cristian Perez, Sterling Library: Enjoy a holiday performance of classical, jazz, and South American songs.
3 p.m. — Wintry Wall Hanging, Ashburn Library: String beads and snowflake charms to create. *For Grades K-5.*

Sunday, Dec. 22

Noon — Sunday Crafternoon: Holiday Crafts, Purcellville Library: Decorate an ornament and make a snowman out of rocks. Drop in between noon and 4 p.m.
1 p.m. — Drop-In Mahjong, Cascades Library: Play the tile game from 1 to 3 p.m. *For Grade 9-adults.*

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



Scan the code with your mobile device.



Dozens of storytimes are offered each week. For details, see library.loudoun.gov/storytimes.



Makerspace

Cameo Cutter Drop-In

Make a small project. *For teens and adults.*

Brambleton Library: Monday, Dec. 16, 6-7:30 p.m. and Tuesday, Dec. 17, 10 a.m.-noon

Crochet Workshop

Learn basic crochet stitches and patterns. *For adults.*

Gum Spring Library: Wednesday, Dec. 18, 10 a.m.

Embroidered Cards Drop-In

Hand embroider holiday cards. *For Grade 9-adults.*

Gum Spring Library: Tuesday, Dec. 17, 6-8 p.m.

Glowforge Holiday Ornament Drop-In

Laser engrave a design on a small wooden ornament. *For Grade 9-adults.*

Gum Spring Library: Thursday, Dec. 19, 3-6 p.m.

Meet Your Makerspace

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

Brambleton Library: Saturday, Dec. 21

Servo Motors and Microcontrollers

Learn how to use a micro:bit, one of the simplest microcontrollers. Connect it to a servo motor and program the unit to work. *For teens and adults.*

Brambleton Library: Thursday, Dec. 19, 7 p.m.

Note: Supplies and space are limited at programs.

All Loudoun County Public Library programs are free. To request a reasonable accommodation for a disability, call 703-777-0368. Three days’ notice is requested.