Weekly Program Schedule

In-Person and Virtual Programs

Feb. 10-16, 2025





Mary and Doug: Hollywood's First Power Couple

Cascades Library | Wednesday, Feb. 12, 6:30 p.m.

Film historian Anjuli M. Singh explores the relationship of silent cinema sweethearts Mary Pickford and Douglas Fairbanks. Individually, they wielded unprecedented power. Together, they ruled Hollywood. For adults.

Monday, Feb. 10

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.

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

3:30 p.m. — Little Artists, Sterling Library: For children.

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



Monday, Feb. 10 (continued)

4 p.m. — **Common Threads Jr.,** Lovettsville Library: Learn the basics of knitting and crochet. Bring your own project or work on the group one. *For Grades K-8*. **6:30 p.m.** — **Knit-In Film,** Brambleton Library: Work on your knitting, sewing, crochet, or craft project while watching *Yesterday* (PG-13, 116 minutes). *For adults*. **6:30 p.m.** — **Next Chapter Book Club.** Tree of Life.

6:30 p.m. — **Next Chapter Book Club,** Tree of Life, 511 East Main St., Purcellville: Adults with disabilities read *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis.

7 p.m. — Adult Book Club: Nonfiction,

Gum Spring Library: Discuss *How to Be a Good Creature* by Sy Montgomery.

7 p.m. — **Adult Book Club**, Middleburg Library: Discuss *Crying in H Mart* by Michelle Zauner.

7 p.m. — **Bead Night: Conversation Heart Necklaces,** Purcellville Library: Make jewelry with charms and beads. **7 p.m.** — **Create a Penny Rug Valentine,** Rust Library:

Artist-in-residence Diane Helentjaris demonstrates how Civil War-era thrifters stitched together wool scraps to make home decor, needlebooks, and other items. Learn the craft with a few modern twists. For teens and adults.



Tuesday, Feb. 11

9:30 a.m. — Baby and Toddler Playdate, Lovettsville Library: Children play while adults connect. 10 a.m. — Adult Book Club: Nonfiction, Ashburn Library: Discuss All That She Carried by Tiya Miles.



3D Design with Tinkercad

Create a simple project. *For teens and adults*. **Brambleton Library:** Tuesday, Feb. 11, 10 a.m.

Artist-in-Residence: Diane Helentjaris

Catch the crafter in action as she explores traditional and modern needlework. *For teens and adults*. **Rust Library:** Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2-7 p.m.

Cameo 101

Learn to use Silhouette software and the Cameo 4 machine. *For adults*.

Gum Spring Library: Wednesday, Feb. 12, 10 a.m.

Intro to Glowforge

Discover the creative possibilities of laser crafting. Learn how to cut, score, and engrave. *For adults*. **Sterling Library:** Wednesday, Feb. 12, 3:30 p.m.

Paracord Bracelet

Design your own accessory. *For Grade 9-adults*. **Gum Spring Library:** Thursday, Feb. 13, 4 p.m.

SVG Files

Find out how to use these image files to make projects on the Glowforge, Cameo, embroidery, and 3D printing machines. *For teens and adults*.

Brambleton Library: Tuesday, Feb. 11, 6 p.m.

Note: Supplies and space are limited at programs.

Tuesday, Feb. 11 (continued)

1 p.m. — Homeschool Enrichment: Art,

Lovettsville Library: Make a heart mobile using a shaving cream marbling technique.

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

2 p.m. — Essay Discussion Club, Purcellville Library: Discuss "The Smile Factory" by Heather Havrilesky.

For Grade 9-adults.

2:30 p.m. — **Homeschool Enrichment**, Brambleton Library: Crochet a snake using a chain stitch. *For Grades K-5*.

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

4:30 p.m. — Teen Tuesday: DIY Heart Decorations, Sterling Library

5 p.m. — Conversational Spanish, Rust Library:

Practice speaking Spanish. Beginners welcome. For adults.

Tuesday, Feb. 11 (continued)

6 p.m. — **Middle School Book Club,** Ashburn Library: Discuss *The Scorpio Races* by Maggie Stiefvater.

6 p.m. – D&D Club for Teens: Beginner,

Brambleton Library: Aspiring adventurers with little or no experience playing *Dungeons & Dragons* are invited to participate in a one-shot adventure with shortened rules.

6 p.m. — What's on Your Mind?, Gum Spring Library: Got a comment to share? Complaint to make? Tea to spill? Grab a snack and tell us how you really feel. *For teens*.

6 p.m. — Teen Sewing School: Zipper Pouch, Rust Library
6 p.m. — Origami for Everyone, Middleburg Library:

Make designs with the help of local artist Linda Conti.



6:30 p.m. — Draw with Pastels, Cascades Library: Draw a winter landscape with step-by-step instructions by artist Caitlin Keefe. *For Grade 9-adults*.

7 p.m. — **Meet the Author: Waubgeshig Rice,** Virtual: Rice discusses *Moon of the Turning Leaves*, his latest novel set in a remote northern First Nations community in a post-apocalyptic world. *For Grade 9-adults*.

Wednesday, Feb. 12

10 a.m. — Loudoun County Information & Referral

Unit, Middleburg Library: From 10 a.m. to noon., connect with health and human services via on-the-spot referrals.

Noon — **Adult Book Club**, Lucketts Community Center, 42361 Lucketts Road, Leesburg: Discuss *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett.

Noon — Happy 35th Birthday, Middleburg Library!,

Middleburg Library: Stop by between noon and 6 p.m. to craft, make a birthday card, and enjoy a treat.

1 p.m. — Live Music: Veronneau, Middleburg Library: Listen to a lively performance featuring Quebecoise vocalist Lynn Veronneau and UK guitarist Ken Avis.

1 p.m. — Adult Book Club, Purcellville Library:

Discuss Tin Man by Sarah Winman.

Wednesday, Feb. 12 (continued)

2 p.m. — Common Threads, Cascades Library: Chat with others as you knit, crochet or stitch. *For Grade 9-adults*.

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

3:30 p.m. — Time Travel Club: George Washington

Carver, Purcellville Library: Make plastic with soybeans and paint with natural dyes. *For Grades 2-6.*

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

5 p.m. — **D&D Club for Teens,** Lovettsville Library: Explore the world of *Dungeons & Dragons*.

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

6 p.m. — Teen Book Club, Rust Library: Discuss

Everything Sad Is Untrue (a true story) by Daniel Nayeri.

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

6:30 p.m. — Drop-In Chess Club,

Gum Spring Library: For teens and adults.

6:30 p.m. — Grade 4-6 Children's Book Club,

Gum Spring Library: Discuss Anne of West Philly by Ivy Noelle Weir and do activities.

6:30 p.m. — Building Healthy Relationships and Body Safety, Purcellville Library: Join prevention specialists from LAWS Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Services to learn essential skills for fostering safety and healthy relationships for your children. *For adults*.

7 p.m. — Adult Book Club: Nonfiction, Rust Library: *Blood on Their Hands* by Mandy Matney.

Thursday, Feb. 13

10 a.m. — Paws to Read, Lovettsville Library: Read to Tagan, a Canine Companions therapy dog. For children.

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: Valentine's Day Diamond Art Key Chains,** Middleburg Library: *For Grade 9-adults.*

4 p.m. — **Grade 2-3 Children's Book Club: Geronimo Stilton,** Ashburn Library: Discuss *Have a Heart, Geronimo*.



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

Thursday, Feb. 13 (continued)

4 p.m. – Heart Art, Brambleton Library: For Grades K-5.

4 p.m. — A Celebration of Friendship, Cascades Library:

Come for stories, music, and activities. For children.

4:30 p.m. — DIY: Card Making, Brambleton Library:

Make a Valentine's Day card. For Grade 9-adults.

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

6 p.m. — Drop-In Chess Club, Ashburn Library

6:30 p.m. — **Learn to Knit**, Brambleton Library: This is the second session in a three-part series. *For teens and adults*.

7 p.m. — Yoga and Meditation, Brambleton Library: Instructor Gretchen Schutte leads a session of gentle flowing movement, grounded Yin Yoga poses, and guided meditation for ease and peace. *For Grade 9-adults*.

7 p.m. — Adult Book Club: Comics, Cascades Library: Discuss *Maus* by Art Spiegelman.

7 p.m. — Al and You: Explore, Create, and Learn Like Never Before, Gum Spring Library: IT professional Jason Balser talks about artificial intelligence tools. *For adults*.

7 p.m. — **Adult Book Club: Children's Literature,**Gum Spring Library: Discuss *March: Book One* by John Lewis.

7 p.m. — **Great Decisions: American Foreign Policy at a Crossroads,** Purcellville Library: Retired Foreign Service Officer Jared Banks moderates a discussion. *For adults*.

7 p.m. — Valentine Trivia, Route 7 Brewery, 20051 Riverside Commons Plaza, #148, Ashburn: For ages 21+.

7 p.m. — **Galentine's Spa Night,** Rust Library: Make bath bombs, salt scrubs, and other small luxuries. *For adults*.

7 p.m. — **Speed Crafting**, Sterling Library: Move from table to table, adding your unique touch to collaborative artworks that remain at each station. *For Grade 9-adults*.



7 p.m. — **If You Plant It, They Will Come,** Virtual: Brian Magurn shares photos of bees, butterflies, birds, and other critters spotted in his native plant garden, a certified wildlife sanctuary. *For Grade 9-adults*.

Friday, Feb. 14

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

10 a.m. — Kids Yoga with Kiersten Jackson,

Cascades Library: For ages 2-5 with a caregiver.

10 a.m. — **Be My Valentine**, Lovettsville Library: Come for music, dancing, card-making, and snacks. *For children*.

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

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

Drop in between 1 and 4 p.m.

4:30 p.m. — Teen Friday: Building Challenge,

Sterling Library: Put your engineering skills to the test.

5 p.m. — Teen Game Night, Brambleton Library:

Learn to play Sjoelen (Dutch shuffleboard).

6 p.m. — After Hours Teen Center: Anti-Valentine's Day

Party, Cascades Library: For Grades 6-12.

Saturday, Feb. 15

10 a.m. — **Tai Chi,** Cascades Library: For Grade 9-adults.

11 a.m. — Essence of Islam, Purcellville Library:

Iqbal Hasan from the Loudoun County Islamic Center provides a basic overview of the religion's key beliefs and traditions. For Grade 9-adults.

1 p.m. — **Read With Me Book Club,** Purcellville Library: Discuss *Blizzard of the Blue Moon* by Mary Pope Osborne and make a craft. *For Grades 2-5 with a caregiver*.

1 p.m. – Adult Book Club: Economics, Rust Library: Discuss The End of the World Is Just the Beginning by

Peter Zeihan.

 $2 \, \mathrm{p.m.} - \mathrm{Live} \, \mathrm{Music:} \, \mathrm{Violinist} \, \mathrm{Melanie} \, \mathrm{Bates},$

Brambleton Library: Bates performs works written by Black composers and showcases the transformative power of music.

2 p.m. — Live Music: Dennis Kane, Cascades Library: Blending British folk, '90s indie rock, and '70s country, guitarist Kane crafts a fresh yet familiar sound.

2 p.m. – All Ages Art, Middleburg Library

2 p.m. — Writing Workshop: The Path to Publication, Sterling Library: Author Linda Budzinski demystifies the path to traditional publication and shares tips for positioning your work in the market. *For Grade 9-adults*.

Sunday, Feb. 16

1 p.m. — Drop-In Mahjong, Cascades Library: Play the traditional tile game from 1 to 3 p.m. *For Grade 9-adults*.

1 p.m. — **Mystery Box Engineering**, Purcellville Library: Take a box filled with mystery items, pick an engineering prompt, and see where your creativity takes you. Presented by the Teen Leadership Council. *For Grades* 1-5.

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ESOL at LCPL

Business English

Sterling Library: Thursday, Feb. 13, 4 p.m.

Citizenship Preparation

Learn the process for becoming a U.S. citizen. This five-week series covers completing the application, preparing for the interview with an immigration officer and the material on the civics test.

Sterling Library: Tuesday, Feb. 11, 7 p.m.

English Practice — Beginner

Gum Spring Library: Thursday, Feb. 13, 1 p.m. **Sterling Library:** Monday, Feb. 10, 7 p.m. and

Wednesday, Feb. 12, 7 p.m.

English Practice — Intermediate/Advanced

Brambleton Library: Tuesday, Feb. 11, 7 p.m. and

Wednesday, Feb. 12, 10 a.m.

Rust Library: Tuesday, Feb. 11, 10 a.m.

Sterling Library: Tuesday, Feb. 11, 4 p.m. and

Thursday, Feb. 13, 10 a.m.

Virtual: Monday, Feb. 10, 2 p.m.

English Practice — All Levels

Ashburn Library: Tuesday, Feb. 11, 7 p.m. and

Thursday, Feb. 13, 10 a.m.

Cascades Library: Monday, Feb. 10, 11 a.m. Middleburg Library: Monday, Feb. 10, 7 p.m. Gum Spring Library: Tuesday, Feb. 11, 7 p.m. Rust Library: Thursday, Feb. 13, 5:30 p.m.

For complete program details, visit **library.loudoun.gov/calendar**.

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