

Weekly Program Schedule

In-Person and Virtual Programs

Feb. 17-23, 2025

All branches will be
closed Monday, Feb. 17,
for Presidents Day.

Tuesday, Feb. 18

9:30 a.m. — Baby and Toddler Playdate,

Lovettsville Library: Children play while adults connect.

9:30 a.m. — Loudoun County Information & Referral

Unit, Lovettsville Library: Connect with health and human services via on-the-spot referrals. Staff on-site until noon.

10:30 a.m. — Messy Art, Cascades Library: Experiment with art materials. *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. — Homeschool Enrichment: Art,

Purcellville Library: Make a marionette. *For ages 7-12.*

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

Use a chair for support in this easy yoga class.

2 p.m. — Adult Book Club, Rust Library: Discuss *Grandma Gatewood's Walk: The Inspiring Story of the Woman Who Saved the Appalachian Trail* by Ben Montgomery.

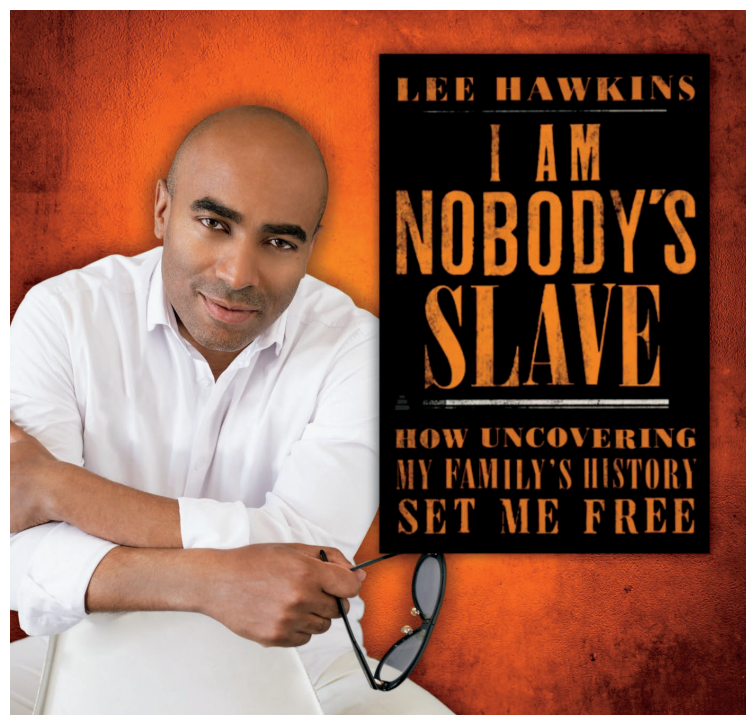
Links for the virtual programs and the complete calendar are available at library.loudoun.gov/calendar.



Tuesday, Feb. 18 (continued)

2 p.m. — Meet the Author: Lee Hawkins, Virtual:

Discover how Hawkins utilized genetic testing, historical data and detailed reporting to craft *I Am Nobody's Slave*. His memoir explores his family's legacy of trauma and resilience following enslavement. *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. — Grade 4-5 Children's Book Club,

Ashburn Library: Discuss *Stuntboy, in the Meantime* by Jason Reynolds.

4 p.m. — Art at the Library: Form, Brambleton Library: Take a shape and make it look three-dimensional.

4 p.m. — Pre-K Storybook Club, Cascades Library: Read a story together and participate in book-inspired activities. Designed for children in the process of learning to read. *For ages 3-5 with a caregiver.*

4 p.m. — Grade 2-3 Children's Book Club, Rust Library: Discuss *Bunny and Clyde* by Megan McDonald.

4:30 p.m. — Teen Tuesday: DIY Rainbow Fidget Toy, Sterling Library

5 p.m. — Conversational Spanish, Rust Library: *For adults.*

Tuesday, Feb. 18 (continued)

6 p.m. — Teen Art Hour, Gum Spring Library

6 p.m. — Common Threads, Lovettsville Library:
Chat with fellow crafters while you knit, crochet or stitch.
Get pointers from the group and find inspiration in books.
For teens and adults.

6 p.m. — Origami for Everyone, Middleburg Library:
Make designs with the help of local artist Linda Conti.

7 p.m. — Adult Book Club: Around the World,
Cascades Library: This month's destination is Germany.
Discuss *Belonging: A German Reckons with History and Home*
by Nora Krug.



7 p.m. — Attracting Birds to Your Yard, Purcellville Library:
Julie Borneman of Watermark Woods nursery and Sherri
Barlett of Wild Birds Unlimited recommend native plants,
seeds, feeders, and water features to create a bird-friendly
garden oasis. *For Grade 9-adults.*

7 p.m. — Live Mystery: Villainous Valentine, Rust Library:
Become a detective! Interrogate suspects, look for clues,
and find the murderer before it's too late. *For adults.*

7 p.m. — Opening Closed Doors, Virtual: Author Linda
Sittig tells the true story of Josie Cook Murray and how
her 1957 commission to sew drapes for a client led to the
desegregation of public buildings in Loudoun County.

Wednesday, Feb. 19

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

11:30 a.m. — Common Threads, Ashburn Library:
Chat with fellow crafters while you knit, crochet or stitch.

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

2 p.m. — Meet Your Neighbor, Rust Library: Gather for
coffee, tea, treats, and conversation. *For adults.*

3:30 p.m. — After-School Art, Purcellville Library: Make
art based on the works of Ruth Asawa. *For Grades K-3.*

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

Wednesday, Feb. 19 (continued)

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

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

**7 p.m. — Chocolate-Covered
Strawberries**, Ashburn Library: *For teens.*

**7 p.m. — Common Threads: Create for a
Cause**, Cascades Library: Knit or crochet items for a
charitable organization. *For adults.*

7 p.m. — Reader's Theatre: Finding Nemo,
Gum Spring Library: Jubilee Performing Arts presents
select scenes and songs from their upcoming production.

7 p.m. — Adult Book Club, Purcellville Library:
Discuss *The Girl on the Train* by Paula Hawkins.

7 p.m. — Black History of Waterford, Rust Library:
Abigail Zurfluh of the Waterford Foundation delves into
the community's rich Black history. She highlights
influential families and landmarks, including the Second
Street School. *For Grade 9-adults.*



Thursday, Feb. 20

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: Mystery, Gum Spring Library:
Discuss *Gone Girl* by Gillian Flynn.

11 a.m. — Adult Book Club: Book to Art, Sterling Library:
Discuss *The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing
World* by Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu. Make art
inspired by the book's themes.

1 p.m. — StrongerMemory, Sterling Library: Participate in
this program developed by Goodwin Living that uses
simple exercises to stimulate the brain. *For adults.*

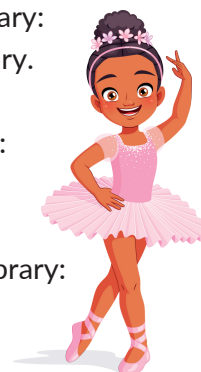
2 p.m. — Tech Help, Rust Library: Stop by from 2 to 4 p.m.
for help with your phone, tablet or computer.

3 p.m. — Pokémon Party, Lovettsville Library:
Oh no! Pokémon have escaped in the library.
Help find them and make themed crafts.

4 p.m. — Ballet and Besties, Ashburn Library:
Learn dance moves and celebrate friendship
with Bella Ballerina. *For Grades K-5.*

4 p.m. — Capybara Capers, Brambleton Library:
Participate in activities and crafts.

**4 p.m. — STEAM Club: Fairy Tale
Challenges**, Gum Spring Library: *For Grades K-5.*



Thursday, Feb. 20 (continued)

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

Explore the world of *Dungeons & Dragons* with peers.

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

6:30 p.m. — Painting on Gold Leaf, Middleburg Library: Sketch and paint images on gilded panels with Tracey Franklin Macchia. Space is limited. *For Grade 9-adults.*

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

7 p.m. — The Black Experience in American Art, Cascades Library: Evie Terrono, an art history professor at Randolph-Macon College, analyzes works by African American artists created to celebrate their multi-layered identities and dismantle racial prejudice. *For Grade 9-adults.*



7 p.m. — Writing Workshop: Historical Fiction and Fantasy, Sterling Library: Author Natalie Jacobsen offers tips for refining research to keep readers engaged in historical fiction and incorporating folklore and elements of the supernatural into fantasy writing. *For Grade 9-adults.*

Friday, Feb. 21

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

10 a.m. — Library Playdate, Cascades Library: Kids play while adults socialize. *For ages 0-5 with a caregiver.*

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

10 a.m. — Memoir Writing Workshop, Rust Library: Explore the fundamentals of writing memories and life stories. Review memoir examples and complete exercises designed to jump-start your creativity. *For adults.*

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

ESOL at LCPL

Adult Book Club

Sterling Library: Tuesday, Feb. 18, 6 p.m.
Read *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen.

Business English

Sterling Library: Thursday, Feb. 20, 4 p.m.

Citizenship Preparation

Sterling Library: Tuesday, Feb. 18, 7 p.m.

Virtual: Thursday, Feb. 20, 7 p.m.

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

English Practice — Beginner

Gum Spring Library: Thursday, Feb. 20, 1 p.m.

Sterling Library: Wednesday, Feb. 19, 7 p.m.

English Practice — Intermediate/Advanced

Brambleton Library: Tuesday, Feb. 18, 7 p.m. and
Wednesday, Feb. 19, 10 a.m.

Rust Library: Tuesday, Feb. 18, 10 a.m.

Sterling Library: Tuesday, Feb. 18, 4 p.m. and
Thursday, Feb. 20, 10 a.m.

English Practice — All Levels

Ashburn Library: Tuesday, Feb. 18, 7 p.m. and
Thursday, Feb. 20, 10 a.m.

Gum Spring Library: Tuesday, Feb. 18, 7 p.m.

Rust Library: Thursday, Feb. 20, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 21 (continued)

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.

1:30 p.m. — Knit and Purl, Sterling Library:
Learn to knit with an easy project. *For Grade 9-adults.*

4:30 p.m. — Teen Friday: Teen Cuisine, Sterling Library:
Make pizza waffles with provided ingredients.

6 p.m. — Introduction to Arabic, Brambleton Library:
Instructor Nadine Ramzy introduces you to the sound and writing systems of the Arabic language in this six-week series. Learn greetings, introductions, how to thank someone, and how to ask for information. *For adults.*

6 p.m. — After Hours Teen Center: DJ Matt Ocean, Cascades Library: *For Grades 6-12.*

Friday, Feb. 21 (continued)

6:30 p.m. — Beer and Art: Gothic Architecture, Old Ox Brewery, 44652 Guilford Dr., #114, Ashburn: John Daum celebrates the wonders of this early 1100s style, which features soaring arched vaults, awe-inspiring stained-glass windows, and playful gargoyles and grotesques. *For ages 21+.*

Saturday, Feb. 22

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

11 a.m. — Geocaching 101, Sterling Library: *For adults.*

Noon — Lunar New Year Lion Dance, Rust Library: Dancers from the Jow Ga Shaolin Institute perform to the sounds of a beating drum, clashing cymbals, and gong.

12:30 p.m. — Lunar New Year Drop-In Crafts, Rust Library

2 p.m. — Ready for Kindergarten Carnival, Ashburn Library and Cascades Library: Get your 4- or 5-year-old excited for school with carnival games, a craft, and face painting!

Representatives from Loudoun County Public Schools will be on-site to pre-register your child.

2 p.m. — Lunar New Year Lion Dance, Brambleton Library

2 p.m. — D&D for Adults, Cascades Library and Purcellville Library: Play *Dungeons & Dragons* with peers.

2:30 p.m. — Live Music: Jon Camp Band, Rust Library: The ensemble blends twang, drone, and melody into a cohesive, exploratory whole without forsaking the hook.

4 p.m. — Lunar New Year Lion Dance, Cascades Library



Sunday, Feb. 23

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

2 p.m. — Black Patriots and Loyalists, Cascades Library: Alicia Cohen, a member of the Black History Committee of the Friends of Thomas Balch Library, highlights the significant contributions of Black Americans such as Crispus Attucks and James Armistead Lafayette to the American Revolution. *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.



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. 19, 2-7 p.m.

Cameo 101

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

Gum Spring Library: Wednesday, Feb. 19, 10 a.m.

Embroidery Machine 101

Learn how to make custom designs on fabric. *For Grade 9-adults.*

Rust Library: Saturday, Feb. 22, 2 p.m.

Intro to Glowforge

Discover the creative possibilities of laser crafting. Learn how to cut, score, and engrave. *For adults.*

Sterling Library: Wednesday, Feb. 19, 3:30 p.m.

Paracord Bracelet

Design your own accessory. *For Grade 9-adults.*

Gum Spring Library: Thursday, Feb. 20, 4 p.m.

Note: Supplies and space are limited at programs.

Build early literacy skills



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

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.