

# Weekly Program Schedule

In-Person and Virtual Programs

Feb. 24-March 2, 2025

## Digital Authoritarianism

### Cascades Library

Thursday, Feb. 27, 7 p.m.

Author William Vogt discusses technology's impact on the shift in global power and what it means for free speech, democracy, and foreign policy. *For Grade 9-adults.*

## Monday, Feb. 24

**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.*

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

**1 p.m. — Adult Book Club,** Lovettsville Library: Discuss *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett.

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

**3 p.m. — Lovettsville Library's 35th Birthday Party,** Lovettsville Library: Celebrate with cake and activities for all ages. Contribute an item to a community time capsule.

Links for the virtual programs and the complete calendar are available at [library.loudoun.gov/calendar](https://library.loudoun.gov/calendar).



## Monday, Feb. 24 (continued)

**4:30 p.m. — The Write Stuff: Creative Writing Club,** Cascades Library: *For Grades 3-5.*

**4:30 p.m. — Live Music: Guitarist Burd Boonyoo,** Lovettsville Library: Listen to an acoustic performance featuring popular hits from the 1970s through today.

**6 p.m. — Fandom Fun for Teens: Cinema Chats,** Ashburn Library: Watch and discuss an episode of *Cinema Therapy* featuring *Kubo and the Two Strings*.

**6 p.m. — Writing Group: Researching, Editing, and Pacing,** Ashburn Library: Author Natalie Jacobsen shares tips on editing a story that's growing in ways you didn't expect. Learn how to focus your research, edit for clarity, and say goodbye to your "darlings." *For adults.*

**6:30 p.m. — D&D Club for Teens,** Cascades Library: Explore the world of *Dungeons & Dragons*.

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

**7 p.m. — Teen Book Club: Escape Room,** Brambleton Library: Discuss *Aces Wild: A Heist* by Amanda DeWitt and solve a challenge.

**7 p.m. — Common Threads: Victorian Puzzle Purses,** Purcellville Library: Explore history and create. *For adults.*



**7 p.m. — Reptiles and Amphibians of Loudoun County,** Rust Library: Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy's Jenny Erickson introduces you to local amphibian and reptile communities, sharing ways to protect their habitats and monitor their populations. *For teens and adults.*

# ESOL at LCPL

## Adult Book Club

**Ashburn Library:** Thursday, Feb. 27, 10 a.m.  
Discuss *The Spanish Daughter* by Lorena Hughes.

## Business English

**Sterling Library:** Thursday, Feb. 27, 4 p.m.

## Citizenship Preparation

**Sterling Library:** Tuesday, Feb. 25, 7 p.m.

**Virtual:** Thursday, Feb. 27, 7 p.m.

## English Practice — Beginner

**Gum Spring Library:** Thursday, Feb. 27, 1 p.m.

**Sterling Library:** Monday, Feb. 24, 7 p.m. and  
Wednesday, Feb. 26, 7 p.m.

## English Practice — Intermediate/Advanced

**Brambleton Library:** Tuesday, Feb. 25, 7 p.m. and  
Wednesday, Feb. 26, 10 a.m.

**Rust Library:** Tuesday, Feb. 25, 10 a.m.

**Sterling Library:** Tuesday, Feb. 25, 4 p.m. and  
Thursday, Feb. 27, 10 a.m.

**Virtual:** Monday, Feb. 24, 2 p.m.

## English Practice — All Levels

**Ashburn Library:** Tuesday, Feb. 25, 7 p.m. and  
Thursday, Feb. 27, 10 a.m.

**Cascades Library:** Monday, Feb. 24, 11 a.m.

**Middleburg Library:** Monday, Feb. 24, 7 p.m.

**Gum Spring Library:** Tuesday, Feb. 25, 7 p.m.

**Rust Library:** Thursday, Feb. 27, 5:30 p.m.

## Makerspace for English Learners

**Gum Spring Library:** Tuesday, Feb. 25, 6 p.m.  
Use the Glowforge to laser engrave a bookmark.

## Tuesday, Feb. 25

**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: Until noon, connect with health and human services via on-the-spot referrals.

**11 a.m. — Memory Cafe: Love Is in the Air,**  
Leesburg Senior Center, 102 North St. NW, Leesburg: Play games, listen to music, and reminisce with friends.

**Noon — Adult Cookbook Club: Recipes of India,**  
Rust Library: Share recipes and swap cooking tips.

## Tuesday, Feb. 25 (continued)

**1 p.m. — Adult Book Club: Mystery,** Purcellville Library: Discuss *Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers* by Jesse Sutanto.

**2 p.m. — Acrylic Paint Workshop,** Ashburn Library: Paint a still life with artist Areej AlQaysi. *For Grade 9-adults.*

**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 Yoga: Chair,** Middleburg Library

**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. — Leather Key Chains,** Ashburn Library: Use leather-stamping tools to create. *For Grades 3-5.*

**4:30 p.m. — Teen Tuesday: Shrinky Dinks,** Sterling Library

**5 p.m. — Meet the Author: Sydney Dunlap,**  
Cascades Library: LCPL's 2023 1book 1community author returns to discuss her new novel, *Racing the Clouds*. It tackles the tough topic of substance abuse in families in a hopeful, heartfelt way. *For teens and adults.*



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

**6 p.m. — DIY Teens: Perler Beads Coasters,**  
Gum Spring Library

**6 p.m. — Dried Flower Wall Hangers,** Middleburg Library: *For Grades K-12.*

**6:30 p.m. — Anime Club for Teens,** Ashburn Library

**6:30 p.m. — Starting an Oil Painting,** Purcellville Library: Artist Tracey Donnelly Macchia guides you through the first steps of making an oil painting. *For adults.*

**7 p.m. — Adult Book Club: Read! Plant! Grow!,**  
Birch Tree Bookstore, 11 W. Market St., Leesburg and  
Virtual: Discuss *The Secret Network of Nature* by Peter Wohlleben.

**7 p.m. — Black History Month Trivia,** Old Ox Brewery, 44652 Guilford Dr., #114, Ashburn: *For ages 21+.*



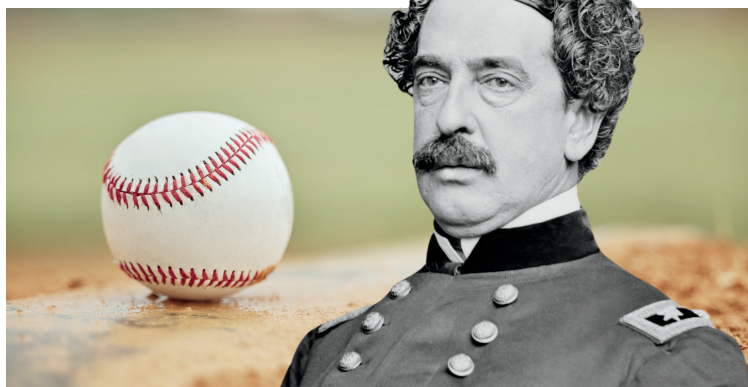
## Wednesday, Feb. 26

**10 a.m. — Watercolor Workshop**, Virtual: Make a tea party painting with artist Megha Mehra. *For teens and adults.*

**1 p.m. — Common Threads**, Sterling Library: Chat with others while you knit, crochet or stitch. *For adults.*

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

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



**2 p.m. — Abner Doubleday: Baseball and the Civil War General**, Purcellville Library: Author Bob O'Connor examines General Doubleday's military career during the Civil War — beginning with Fort Sumter and concluding at Gettysburg — and explores whether he truly invented baseball. *For adults.*

**4 p.m. — Fairy Tale Celebration**, Lovettsville Library: Celebrate Tell a Fairy Tale Day with stories and crafts.

**4 p.m. — Lego Creators**, Rust Library: Tackle building challenges. *For children with a caregiver.*

**4:30 p.m. — Sewing Club**, Sterling Library: Make a roll-up organizer for your craft supplies. *For teens.*

**5 p.m. — Go Club**, Brambleton Library: Discover how to play Go, an ancient board game. *For teens.*

**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. — Adult Book Club**, Rust Library: Discuss *No Exit* by Taylor Adams.

**6 p.m. — Books and Beverages**, Rust Library: Talk about books you liked (or didn't like). *For teens.*

**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 with fellow enthusiasts. *For teens and adults.*

## Wednesday, Feb. 26 (continued)

**7 p.m. — Art Hacks: Monogrammed Bookmarks**, Ashburn Library: Learn a technique used by Michelangelo to craft a monogrammed bookmark. *For teens.*

**7 p.m. — Adult Book Club: Classics**, Gum Spring Library: Discuss *Sula* by Toni Morrison.

## Thursday, Feb. 27

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

**11 a.m. — Adult Book Club**, Cascades Library: Discuss *West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge.



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

**4 p.m. — Chalk It Up**, Ashburn Library: Chart the stars, paint with chalk, and learn about water tension and constellations. *For Grades K-5.*

**4 p.m. — Bold Bessie Coleman**, Brambleton Library: Explore the life of the aviator through stories, crafts, and games. *For Grades K-5.*

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

**5 p.m. — Adult Book Club**, Chrysalis Vineyards, 39025 Little River Turnpike, Middleburg: Discuss *Behind Every Great Man* by Marlene Wagman-Geller. *For ages 21+.*

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

**5:30 p.m. — DIY Teens and Adults: Wool Felting**, Cascades Library

**6:30 p.m. — Movie Night**, Gum Spring Library: Watch *Sleepless in Seattle*, starring Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan (Rated PG, 104 minutes).

**6:30 p.m. — You Want ME to Give a Speech?**, Rust Library: Speech consultant Kate Beckman offers strategies to enhance communication skills and boost confidence, helping you overcome the fear of speaking in both professional and social settings. *For Grade 9-adults.*



**7 p.m. — Drawing Workshop**, Ashburn Library: Sketch a cottage with artist Jyotsna Umesh. *For Grade 9-adults.*

**7 p.m. — Adult Book Club**, Brambleton Library: Discuss *Glass Houses* by Louise Penny.

**7 p.m. — Martin Luther King's I Have a Dream Speech**, Sterling Library: Dr. Don Boileau, a retired communication professor from George Mason University, analyzes one of the greatest speeches in U.S. history. *For adults.*

## Friday, Feb. 28

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

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

**1 p.m. — Hearing Resources: Tech to the Rescue**, Virtual:  
Discover assistive technologies that you can use at home or on the go. *For adults.*

**2 p.m. — Pokémania**, Middleburg Library: Celebrate Pokémon Day with games, crafts, and card trading.

**4:30 p.m. — Teen Friday: All Things Bubblegum**, Sterling Library: Celebrate National Bubblegum Day. Learn its history, make crafts, and join a bubble-blowing contest.

**6 p.m. — Introduction to Arabic**, Brambleton Library

**6 p.m. — After Hours Teen Center: DIY Lava Lamp**, Cascades Library: *For Grades 6-12.*

## Saturday, March 1

**10 a.m. — Puzzle Swap**, Cascades Library: Drop in until noon to trade jigsaw puzzles. *For teens and adults.*

**2 p.m. — Teen Photographers**, Brambleton Library:  
Practice “seeing” light during a still-life lighting workshop.

## Sunday, March 2

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

**1 p.m. — Teen Volunteer Drop-In**, Sterling Library:  
Help staff with library projects from 1 to 3 p.m.



**2 p.m. — Pioneering Women in Architecture**, Cascades Library: Historian Bill Keene examines the groundbreaking careers of Louise Blanchard Bethune, Marion Mahony Griffin, and Julia Morgan, who reshaped the field of architecture in the 19th and 20th centuries. *For teens and adults.*

**3 p.m. — Conversational Spanish**, Sterling Library:  
Practice speaking Spanish. Beginners welcome. *For adults.*

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### 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. 26, 2-7 p.m.

### Cameo 101

Learn to use Silhouette software and the Cameo 4 machine. *For adults (and teens at Rust Library).*

**Gum Spring Library:** Wednesday, Feb. 26, 10 a.m.

**Rust Library:** Sunday, March 2, 2:30 p.m.

### Hour of Micro:bit

Learn about the tiny computer’s sensors and outputs and options for programming the device.

**Brambleton Library:** Thursday, Feb. 27, 7 p.m.

### Paracord Bracelet

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

**Gum Spring Library:** Thursday, Feb. 27, 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. 25, 6 p.m.

*Note: Supplies and space are limited at programs.*



Dozens of storytimes are offered each week. For details, see [library.loudoun.gov/storytimes](https://library.loudoun.gov/storytimes).

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