# **Weekly Program Schedule**

# **In-Person and Virtual Programs**

# Feb. 3-9, 2025



# The Murrays: Fighting Segregation at the Library

## Purcellville Library | Saturday, Feb. 8, 2 p.m.

Historian Paul McCray shares the true story of how a courageous Black couple stood against elected officials and business leaders in 1957 Loudoun County to gain the right to check out a book from the Purcellville Library. *For Grade 9-adults.* 

# Monday, Feb. 3

**10 a.m.** — **Messy Monday**, Lovettsville Library: Make art and play with sensory toys. *For children with a caregiver*. **10 a.m.** — **Kids Yoga with Kristen Golden**, Rust Library: *For ages 2-5 with a caregiver*.

1:30 p.m. — Messy Monday, Gum Spring Library:
Create with paint. For ages 18 months-5 with a caregiver.
2 p.m. — Adult Yoga: Flow, Middleburg Library

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



# Monday, Feb. 3 (continued)

4:30 p.m. – Grade 4-6 Children's Book Club: Graphic Novels, Rust Library: Discuss Lion Dancers by Cai Tse.
6 p.m. – D&D Club for Teens: Intermediate, Brambleton Library: Participate in a Dungeons & Dragons

Brambleton Library: Participate in a *Dungeons & Dragons* 5e one-shot.

**6 p.m. – Monday Mix-Up: DIY Disco Hearts,** Rust Library: Craft with Styrofoam and disco ball tiles. *For teens*.

**6:30 p.m. – Adult Book Club: Crafter's Choice,** Brambleton Library: Share a book with a "Morbidly Curious" theme and decorate a skull planter.

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

**7 p.m. – Adult Book Club**, Cascades Library: Discuss *Tokyo Ueno Station* by Yu Miri.

# Tuesday, Feb. 4

9:30 a.m. – Baby and Toddler Playdate,
Lovettsville Library: Children play while adults connect.
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: Science,

Purcellville Library: Make a pullback car. For ages 7-12.

- 2 p.m. Adult Yoga: Chair, Middleburg Library
- 2 p.m. Meet the Author: Sabrina Sholts, Virtual:

The biological anthropologist and Smithsonian curator

examines our vulnerability to pandemics and explores actions we can take to mitigate them — topics explored in her book The Human Disease. 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. – My First Book Club, Rust Library: Read Love Is by Diane Adams and do activities. For Grades K-1.



#### **3D Design with Tinkercad**

Create a simple project. *For teens and adults*. **Brambleton Library:** Monday, Feb. 3, 7 p.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. 5, 2-7 p.m.



#### **Build a Microcontroller**

Construct a temperature and humidity measuring gadget powered by Arduino. *For Grade 9-adults*. **Gum Spring Library:** Tuesday, Feb. 4, 7 p.m.

#### Cameo 101

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

Gum Spring Library: Wednesday, Feb. 5, 10 a.m.

#### Cameo 101 Print and Cut

Make stickers using the sublimation printer, heat press, and Silhouette Cameo. *For teens and adults*. **Rust Library:** Sunday, Feb. 9, 2:30 p.m.

#### **Paracord Bracelet**

Design your own accessory. *For Grade 9-adults*. **Gum Spring Library:** Thursday, Feb. 6, 4 p.m.

Note: Supplies and space are limited at programs.

# Tuesday, Feb. 4 (continued)

4 p.m. – Nature Explorers, Ashburn Library: A naturalist introduces you to a real snake and talks about the reptiles you might encounter in our area. *For Grades K-5*.
4:30 p.m. – Teen Tuesday: Hot Glue Key Chains, Sterling Library
5 p.m. – Conversational Spanish, Rust Library:

Practice your Spanish. Beginners welcome. For adults.
6 p.m. – DIY Teens: Beaded Snake Key Chains,
Gum Spring Library: Celebrate the Year of the Snake.
7 p.m. – Adult Book Club, Ashburn Library and Virtual:
Discuss A View Across the Rooftops by Suzanne Kelman.
7 p.m. – PC Basics, Sterling Library: Come for an overview of Microsoft PowerPoint and Excel. For adults.

# Wednesday, Feb. 5

**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. 10:30 a.m. – Pre-K Skill Builders, Middleburg Library 11:30 a.m. – Common Threads, Ashburn Library: Chat with others as you knit, crochet or stitch. *For adults*.

Noon – Adult Book Club: George C. Marshall International Center, Virtual: Discuss *The End of Ambition* by Steven A. Cook.

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

**2 p.m. – A Publishing Blueprint for Aspiring Authors,** Purcellville Library: Author Bob O'Connor offers tips on organizing your manuscript and cover, exploring publishing options, and estimating costs. Hear success stories and learn why some options may be more effective. *For adults*.

2 p.m. – Meet Your Neighbor, Rust Library: For adults.
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

**6:30 p.m. – Drop-In Chess Club,** Gum Spring Library: Play chess from 6:30 to 8 p.m. *For teens and adults*.

6:30 p.m. – Art at the Library: Gustav Klimt,

Gum Spring Library: Learn about this Austrian painter and create your own masterpiece. *For Grades K-5*.

**7 p.m. – Adult Book Club: Book to Art,** Ashburn Library: Discuss *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt and make art inspired by the book.

7 p.m. – Book Publishing: Options, Obstacles, and Opportunities, Cascades Library: Author Dian Seidel sorts through publishing options, outlines challenges authors encounter, and shares lessons she learned along her path to publication. *For adults*.

**7 p.m. – Reading Help for Adults,** Cascades Library: Improve your reading skills by working with a trained speech and language pathologist.

**7 p.m. – Adult Book Club: Oh, the Horror!,** Rust Library: Discuss *The Girl With All the Gifts* by M.R. Carey.



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

# Thursday, Feb. 6

10 a.m. – Puzzle Swap, Lovettsville Library: For adults.
10:45 a.m. – Pilates for Parents, Ashburn Library: Instructor Clarissa Shepherd leads a class designed for caregivers and young children ages 0-18 months.

Noon – Self-Care Guided Art: Coloring and Doodling, Ashburn Library: JoAnn Conroy, RN, MS, DNP, helps you clear your mind from the daily noise. *For adults*.

1 p.m. – Common Threads, Lovettsville Library: Chat with others as you knit, crochet or stitch. *For teens and 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. — Meet with a Law Librarian**, Sterling Library: Drop in from 3 to 7 p.m. to talk about your legal information and resource needs. *For adults*.

**3:30 p.m. – DIY Kids,** Sterling Library: Use Makerspace tools and supplies to complete a project. *For Grades K-5*.

4 p.m. – Art at the Library, Ashburn Library: Turn tin foil into sparkling sculptures. *For Grades K-5*.
4 p.m. – Builders Free Play, Brambleton Library:

Tackle building challenges. For Grades K-5.

**4 p.m.** – **My First Book Club,** Gum Spring Library: Read a selection from the *Splat the Cat* series by Rob Scotton and do activities. *For Grades K-1*.

6 p.m. – DIY: Valentine's Day Taper Candles,
Ashburn Library: Paint a festive design. For Grade 9-adults.
6 p.m. – Teen Volunteer Drop-In, Cascades Library:
Help staff prepare for library programs from 6 to 8 p.m.



**6 p.m. – Acrylic Paint Workshop**, Lovettsville Library: Paint early spring flowers with step-by-step instructions by artist Areej AlQaysi. *For Grade 9-adults*.

6 p.m. – D&D Club for Teens, Rust Library: Take part in a one-shot *Dungeons & Dragons* adventure.
6:30 p.m. – Learn to Knit, Brambleton Library: Make a scarf in this three-week series led by instructor Rosalie Lauer. For teens and adults.

# Thursday, Feb. 6 (continued)

**6:30 p.m. – Improvisation Workshop,** Ashburn Library: Stretch your imagination and wit with actor and director Kate Beckman. Learn the art of the quick reply, have some laughs, and develop life skills that take you beyond the stage. *For Grade 9-adults*.

**7 p.m. – Grade 5-6 Children's Book Club: Book Box,** Brambleton Library: Chat about mysteries and make a craft.

7 p.m. – Grupo de discusión de libros en español, Sterling Library: Discusión del libro ¿Quién le disparó al Boy Scout? a cargo del autor Ricardo Vacca-Rodriguez.

#### 7 p.m. – Master Gardeners: Respecting the Shenandoah,

Virtual: Mark Frondorf shares his journey to becoming a riverkeeper and how he helps to protect waterways. Discover how to safeguard rivers while managing your own property. *For adults*.



# Friday, Feb. 7

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

10 a.m. – Little Artists, Lovettsville Library: For children.
10:15 a.m. – Kids Yoga with Kristen Golden,

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

**10:30 a.m. – Autism Awareness Preschool Exploration,** Gum Spring Library: Learn about autism through stories, discussion, and sensory exploration. Jenny Argueta, chief clinical officer of Autism F.I.R.S.T., leads the session. *For ages 3-5 with a caregiver.* 

## 11 a.m. – PC Basics: Computer Foundations,

Sterling Library: Get tips for using Excel. For adults. **1 p.m.** – Builders Free Play, Lovettsville Library:
Drop in between 1 and 4 p.m.

4:30 p.m. – Teen Friday: Revision Workshop,
Sterling Library: Improve your writing with these activities.
5 p.m. – DIY Teens: Crochet Lip Balm Key Chain,
Brambleton Library

**6 p.m. – After Hours Teen Center: Human Foosball,** Cascades Library: *For Grades 6-12*.

# Saturday, Feb. 8

10 a.m. – Tai Chi, Cascades Library: For Grade 9-adults.
11 a.m. – Winter Read-a-Thon, Middleburg Library: Prizes and refreshments provided. For ages 12+.
1 p.m. – Hearing Screenings, Lovettsville Library: Email loudoun@nvrc.org to schedule a free screening with the Northern Virginia Resource Center for Deaf & Hard of Hearing Persons. For adults.

# Saturday, Feb. 8 (continued)

1 p.m. – DIY Adults: Handmade Cards, Rust Library
2 p.m. – Teen Photographers, Brambleton Library:
Explore photography history and make a pinhole camera.
2 p.m. – D&D for Adults, Cascades Library: Explore the world of *Dungeons & Dragons*. New players welcome.

**2 p.m. – Mehndi: The Science and Culture of Henna Art,** Cascades Library: *For Grade 9-adults.* 

2 p.m. – Live Music: Pianist Caleb Nei, Purcellville Library: Listen to love songs, jazz standards and pop tunes.
2 p.m. – Live Music: Valeria Stewart, Sterling Library:

Listen to a multilingual performance that blends Latin, folk, jazz, and Americana roots.

3 p.m. – Rust Writing Group, Rust Library: For adults.

## Sunday, Feb. 9

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

2 p.m. — Frank Lloyd Wright's World Heritage

**Masterpieces,** Ashburn Library: Historian Bill Keene offers an in-depth look at eight iconic buildings. He explores the process of their nomination and approval for designation as UNESCO World Heritage Sites.



## **2 p.m. – Black Dance: Housing the Past and the Present,** Cascades Library: Explore how Black dance preserves African cultural traditions while affirming identity and independence with Lawrence M. Jackson, a professor of dance at George Mason University.

3 p.m. – Lunar New Year Lion Dance, Gum Spring Library
3:30 p.m. – Paws to Read, Sterling Library:

Therapy dogs and their Heeling House caregivers read with your child. Space is limited. *For Grades K-5*.

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



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#### Adult Book Club

**Sterling Library:** Tuesday, Feb. 4, 5 p.m. Read *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen.

Business English Sterling Library: Thursday, Feb. 6, 4 p.m.

Craft and Chat Gum Spring Library: Monday, Feb. 3, 7 p.m.

#### **English Practice – Beginner**

**Gum Spring Library:** Thursday, Feb. 6, 1 p.m. **Sterling Library:** Monday, Feb. 3, 7 p.m. and Wednesday, Feb. 5, 7 p.m.

English Practice — Intermediate/Advanced

Brambleton Library: Tuesday, Feb. 4, 7 p.m. and Wednesday, Feb. 5, 10 a.m.
Rust Library: Tuesday, Feb. 4, 10 a.m.
Sterling Library: Tuesday, Feb. 4, 4 p.m. and Thursday, Feb. 6, 10 a.m.
Virtual: Monday, Feb. 3, 2 p.m.

#### **English Practice – All Levels**

Ashburn Library: Tuesday, Feb. 4, 7 p.m. and Thursday, Feb. 6, 10 a.m.
Cascades Library: Monday, Feb. 3, 11 a.m.
Middleburg Library: Monday, Feb. 3, 7 p.m.
Gum Spring Library: Tuesday, Feb. 4, 7 p.m.
Rust Library: Thursday, Feb. 6, 5:30 p.m.

#### Makerspace for English Learners

**Sterling Library:** Wednesday, Feb. 5, 4 p.m. Pick up basic English words while making vegetable and herb stakes.

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.