

Weekly Program Schedule

In-Person and Virtual Programs

Jan. 13-19, 2025



Bonsai Basics

Cascades Library | Thursday, Jan. 16, 7 p.m.

Explore the history and artistry behind the ancient practice of bonsai. See a brief demo of pruning and wiring techniques by Doug French of the Northern Virginia Bonsai Society. *For teens and adults.*

Monday, Jan. 13

10 a.m. — Messy Monday, Lovettsville Library: Make art and play with sensory toys. *For children with a caregiver.*

1 p.m. — Adult Book Club, Lovettsville Library: Share your favorite books and select titles for next year.

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

4 p.m. — Common Threads Junior, Lovettsville Library: Learn the basics of knitting and crochet with simple patterns. All skill levels are welcome. *For Grades K-12.*

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

6:30 p.m. — Adult Book Club: Crafter's Choice, Brambleton Library: Share a book with a "Stick Together" theme and learn the punch needle embroidery technique.

6:30 p.m. — Next Chapter Book Club, Tree of Life, 511 East Main St., Purcellville: Adults with disabilities read *Flying Lessons & Other Stories*, edited by Ellen Oh.

7 p.m. — Adult Book Club: Nonfiction, Gum Spring Library: Discuss *Hidden Potential* by Adam Grant.

Monday, Jan. 13 (continued)

7 p.m. — Teen Book Club: Escape Room, Brambleton Library: Discuss *So This Is Ever After* by F.T. Lukens and solve a challenge.

7 p.m. — Adult Book Club, Middleburg Library: Discuss *The Island of Missing Trees* by Elif Shafak.

Tuesday, Jan. 14

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 *Atomic Habits* by James Clear.

1 p.m. — Homeschool Enrichment: Art, Lovettsville Library: Make a mandala with clay and pasta.

2 p.m. — Essay Discussion Club, Purcellville Library: Discuss "Space Is Dead" by Andrew Dana Hudson. *For Grade 9-adults.*



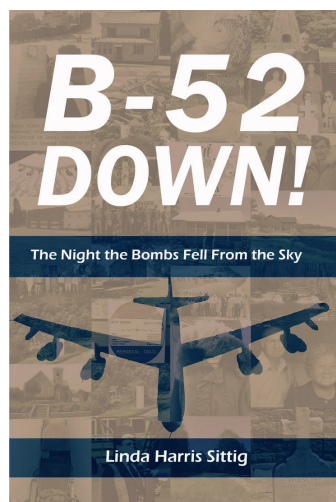
2:30 p.m. — Homeschool Enrichment, Brambleton Library: Make a kaleidoscope and discover how it uses mirrors and light to create repeating patterns. *For Grades K-5.*

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



Tuesday, Jan. 14 (continued)

- 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. — DIY Bouncy Ball**, Sterling Library: *For teens.*
- 5 p.m. — Conversational Spanish**, Rust Library: Practice your Spanish. Beginners welcome. *For adults.*
- 6 p.m. — Middle School Book Club**, Ashburn Library: Discuss *Raybearer* by Jordan Ifueko.
- 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. — Teen Art Hour**, Gum Spring Library
- 6 p.m. — Teen Alliance**, Rust Library: Create needle-felted snowmen.
- 7 p.m. — PC Basics: Computer Foundations**, Sterling Library: Improve your computer skills. *For adults.*
- 7 p.m. — B-52 Down: The Night the Bombs Fell from the Sky**, Virtual: On January 13, 1964, a B-52 bomber with a crew of five and two nuclear bombs crashed during a western Maryland blizzard. Author Linda Sittig describes the harrowing community-wide search for survivors.



Wednesday, Jan. 15

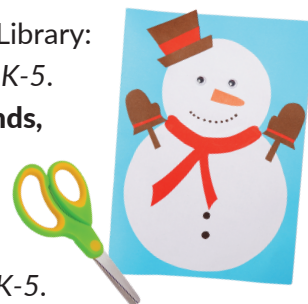
- 2 p.m. — Loudoun County Information & Referral Unit**, Lovettsville Library: From 2 to 5 p.m., connect with health and human services for on-the-spot referrals.
- 2 p.m. — Meet Your Neighbor**, Rust Library: Gather for coffee, tea, treats, and conversation. *For adults.*
- 3:30 p.m. — After-School Art**, Purcellville Library: Create while learning about Andy Warhol. *For Grades K-3.*
- 4 p.m. — Grade 2-3 Children's Book Club: Magic Tree House**, Gum Spring Library: Discuss *Warriors in Winter* by Mary Pope Osborne and do activities.
- 6 p.m. — Family Crafts**, Lovettsville Library

Wednesday, Jan. 15 (continued)

- 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. — Grade 4-6 Children's Book Club**, Gum Spring Library: Discuss *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien and do activities.
- 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**, Purcellville Library: Discuss *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles.
- 7 p.m. — GED Information and Enrollment Session**, Sterling Library: Learn about the GED process and the classes offered by Loudoun County Public Schools. Placement test required to enroll. *For adults.*
- 7 p.m. — Meet the Author: TJ Klune**, Virtual: Klune chats about his latest book, *Somewhere Beyond the Sea*.

Thursday, Jan. 16

- 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 *Before the Fall* by Noah Hawley.
- 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. — Conversational German**, Purcellville Library
- 2 p.m. — American Sign Language (ASL) Boot Camp**, Rust Library: Learn the foundations of ASL. This is the second session in the four-part series. *For adults.*
- 3 p.m. — DIY Teens and Adults: Diamond Art Snowflake**, Middleburg Library: Design a unique pendant.
- 4 p.m. — Grade 2-3 Children's Book Club: Geronimo Stilton**, Ashburn Library: Discuss *Mysterious Eye of the Dragon* and do activities.
- 4 p.m. — City Limits**, Brambleton Library: Map and design a city. *For Grades K-5.*
- 4 p.m. — Crafternoon: Snow Friends**, Cascades Library: *For children.*
- 4 p.m. — STEAM Club: All Heart**, Gum Spring Library: Explore math and science concepts. *For Grades K-5.*
- 4 p.m. — World Explorers**, Rust Library: Learn about Iceland and make a craft. *For Grades K-5.*
- 5 p.m. — Winter Jigsaw Puzzles**, Brambleton Library: Sip hot cocoa while you fit pieces together. *For teens and adults.*



Thursday, Jan. 16 (continued)

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

For teens and adults.

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

Take part in a one-shot *Dungeons & Dragons* adventure.

6 p.m. — Acrylic Paint Workshop, Sterling Library:

Paint a colorful still life from nature with step-by-step instructions by artist Areej AlQaysi. *For Grade 9-adults.*



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

Friday, Jan. 17

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

2:30 p.m. — Memory Screening with Insight Memory Care, Ashburn Library: Drop in from 2:30 to 5 p.m. for a free, confidential screening and educational materials.

4:30 p.m. — Teen Friday: Tiny Art, Sterling Library: Create a miniature watercolor painting.

5 p.m. — DIY Teens: Crochet Bookmark Craft, Brambleton Library

6 p.m. — After Hours Teen Center:

Wreck That Journal, Cascades Library: Enjoy pizza, games and this week's featured activity. *For Grades 6-12.*



Saturday, Jan. 18

10 a.m. — Tai Chi, Cascades Library: Instructor Sharon Crowell introduces the principles of Shibashi and explores a section of the Sun-style form. *For Grade 9-adults.*

Saturday, Jan. 18

11 a.m. — Haunted Loudoun, Purcellville Library:

Author Alex Matsuo delves deep into the region's ghostly lore. *For Grade 9-adults.*

1 p.m. — Read With Me Book Club, Purcellville Library:

Discuss *The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate 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 p.m. — Teen Photographers, Brambleton Library: Explore how food photographers create delicious images of cereal.

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

2 p.m. — Writing Workshop: Bringing Your Characters to Life, Sterling Library: Author Linda Budzinski shares three tools for creating characters that will pull readers into your story and make them wish they could stay long after turning the last page. *For Grade 9-adults.*



LCPL
Short Story
Contest



For teens and adults. Scan the code with a mobile device for details or go to library.loudoun.gov/storycontest.



Makerspace

Make a Button

Choose a design or bring your own.

Gum Spring Library: Thursday, Jan. 16, 4-6 p.m.

Sew for a Cause

Make hats and scarves to donate to Dulles South Neighborhood Closet. *For Grade 9-adults.*

Gum Spring Library: Wednesday, Jan. 15, 10 a.m.

Sewing 101

Make a pair of hand warmers. *For teens and adults.*

Rust Library: Sunday, Jan. 19, 2:30 p.m.

Wood Sublimation Art

Prepare a wood blank for sublimation and create a small piece of wall art. *For Grade 9-adults.*

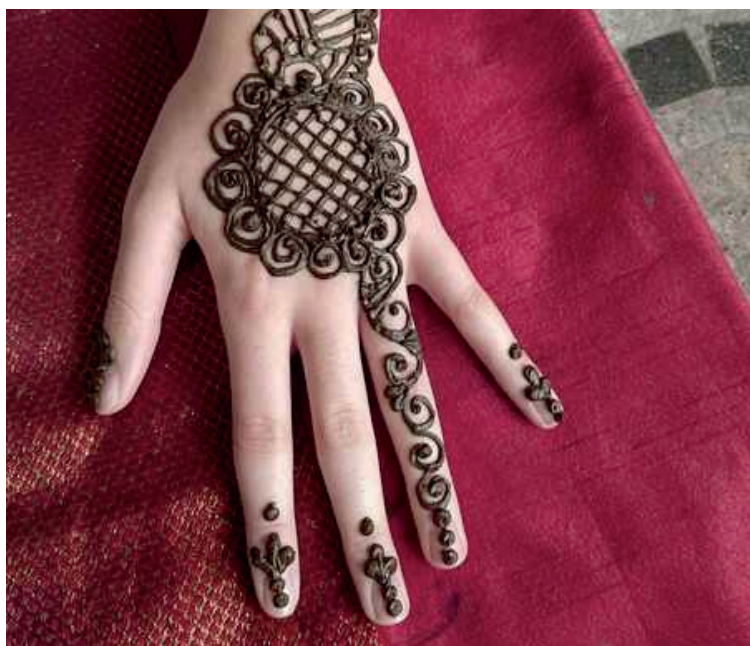
Brambleton Library: Monday, Jan. 13, 7 p.m.

Note: Supplies and space are limited at programs.

Saturday, Jan. 18 (continued)

2 p.m. — Live Music: Guitarist Burd Boonyoo, Purcellville Library: Listen to acoustic arrangements of hits.

2 p.m. — Mehndi: The Science and Culture of Henna Art, Rust Library: Discover the art, science, and history of henna with mehndi artist Soma Chatterji. Learn to differentiate natural henna from other inks and receive a custom henna design. *For Grade 9-adults.*



3 p.m. — Celebrate the Chinese Festivals: Lunar New Year, Ashburn Library: Explore traditions with presenter En Hsiao and make crafts.

3 p.m. — Rust Writing Group, Rust Library: Hone your writing skills and network with peers. *For adults.*

Sunday, Jan. 19

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

2 p.m. — The Art of Leatherworking, Rust Library: Dorothy “Punkin” Lee, owner of Journeymen Saddlers and a 2021 Loudoun Laureate, shares her craft of designing and creating custom leather goods, showcasing the artistry and techniques involved.



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

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



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ESOL at LCPL

Business English

Sterling Library: Thursday, Jan. 16, 4 p.m.

English Practice — Beginner

Gum Spring Library: Thursday, Jan. 16, 1 p.m.

Sterling Library: Monday, Jan. 13, 7 p.m. and Wednesday, Jan. 15, 7 p.m.

English Practice — Intermediate/Advanced

Brambleton Library: Tuesday, Jan. 14, 7 p.m. and Wednesday, Jan. 15, 10 a.m.

Rust Library: Tuesday, Jan. 14, 10 a.m.

Sterling Library: Tuesday, Jan. 14, 4 p.m. and Thursday, Jan. 16, 10 a.m.

Virtual: Monday, Jan. 13, 2 p.m.

English Practice — All Levels

Ashburn Library: Tuesday, Jan. 14, 7 p.m. and Thursday, Jan. 16, 10 a.m.

Cascades Library: Monday, Jan. 13, 11 a.m.

Gum Spring Library: Tuesday, Jan. 14, 7 p.m.

Middleburg Library: Monday, Jan. 13, 7 p.m.

Rust Library: Thursday, Jan. 16, 5:30 p.m.

How to Become a U.S. Citizen

Virtual: Thursday, Jan. 16, 7 p.m.

Learn about eligibility, the application process and what to expect at the citizenship interview.

Makerspace for English Learners

Gum Spring Library: Tuesday, Jan. 14, 6 p.m.

Use the Cameo Cutter to design a T-shirt.



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