

Weekly Program Schedule

In-Person and Virtual Programs

Jan. 27-Feb. 2, 2025



An Armchair Journey: Japan

Cascades Library | Sunday, Feb. 2, 3 p.m.

Explore the history, food, and culture of Japan with journalist and author Natalie Jacobsen. At the end of the program, cast away demons and winter as you celebrate Setsubun. *For Grade 9-adults.*

Monday, Jan. 27

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

11 a.m. – Winter Play Day, Claude Moore Park, 21544 Old Vestals Gap Rd., Sterling: Gather outdoors for a story stroll, healthy fireside snacks, and nature play.

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

2 p.m. – Pokémon Meetup, Purcellville Library: Battle, trade cards, and meet other fans. *For Grades K-5.*

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



Monday, Jan. 27 (continued)

3 p.m. – Pokémon Meetup, Gum Spring Library: Battle, trade cards, and meet other fans. *For Grades K-5.*

3:30 p.m. – Puppet Play, Sterling Library: Come for stories, puppets and more. *For children.*

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

6 p.m. – Writing Group: Meet and Greet, Ashburn Library: Get to know fellow writers. *For adults.*

6 p.m. – Family Literacy Night, Cascades Library: Participate in early literacy activities based on *The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats. *For ages 3-5 with a caregiver.*

6 p.m. – Teen Sewing School: Sew a Stuffed Cat, Rust Library

6:30 p.m. – D&D Club for Teens, Cascades Library: Bring your friends, create your characters, and explore the world of *Dungeons & Dragons*.

7 p.m. – Adult Book Club: Book to Art, Gum Spring Library: Discuss *The Enemy at Home* by Kevin O'Brien and make art inspired by the book.

7 p.m. – Writing Workshop: Bringing Your Characters to Life, Gum Spring 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.*

7 p.m. – Common Threads: Hearts in Many Different Ways, Purcellville Library: Discuss heart-shaped fiber creations you can handcraft. All experience levels welcome. Supplies provided.

Presented with the Fiber Guild of the Blue Ridge. *For adults.*



Tuesday, Jan. 28

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

11 a.m. – Memory Cafe: Celebrating Elvis, Leesburg Senior Center, 102 North St. NW, Leesburg: Meet new friends as you play games, listen to music, and reminisce.

Noon – Adult Cookbook Club: Chef's Choice, Rust Library: Bring a favorite recipe or cookbook to share.

Makerspace

Artist-in-Residence: Diane Helentjaris

Catch the crafter in action as she explores traditional and modern needlework. *For teens and adults.*

Rust Library: Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2-7 p.m.

Introducing Ink/Stitch

Create customized embroidery projects.

For Grade 9-adults.

Brambleton Library: Monday, Jan. 27, 7 p.m.

Make a Button

Choose a design or bring your own.

Gum Spring Library: Thursday, Jan. 30, 4-6 p.m.

Registration Marks Using the Cameo 4

Registration marks are often used to cut out pre-printed shapes like stickers. Learn how to print projects with these marks and then use the Cameo 4 machine to place cuts. *For teens and adults.*

Brambleton Library: Thursday, Jan. 30, 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. 29, 10 a.m.

Note: Supplies and space are limited at programs.

Tuesday, Jan. 28 (continued)

1 p.m. — An Inside Look at Working with a Literary Agent, Virtual: Seth Fishman of The Gernert Company discusses when and how to submit your work to an agent, what to expect after agreeing to collaborate, and what to anticipate as you prepare to submit to publishers. *For Grade 9-adults.*

2 p.m. — Homeschool Enrichment: STEM, Lovettsville Library: Explore engineering concepts.

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

3 p.m. — Pokémon Meetup, Ashburn Library

3 p.m. — Puppet Play, Brambleton Library: *For children.*

3 p.m. — Math Puzzlers, Cascades Library: Challenge yourself with stories and activities. *For Grades K-5.*

5 p.m. — Conversational Spanish, Rust Library: Practice your Spanish. Beginners welcome. *For adults.*

6 p.m. — DIY Teens: Make Your Own Planner, Gum Spring Library

Tuesday, Jan. 28 (continued)

6 p.m. — Herbs, Middleburg Library: Create self-care products, sachets, and hand warmers using dried herbs from the Biocultural Farm at Oak Spring Garden.

For Grades K-12.

6 p.m. — Ecology Club for Teens: Upcycling Tea Lights, Rust Library: Drink tea while repurposing spent candles. Talk about your environmental concerns.

6:30 p.m. — Anime Club for Teens: Um, Actually! , Ashburn Library: Hang out with fellow enthusiasts, watch anime, and do fun activities.

7 p.m. — PC Basics: Computer Foundations, Sterling Library: Improve your computer skills. *For adults.*

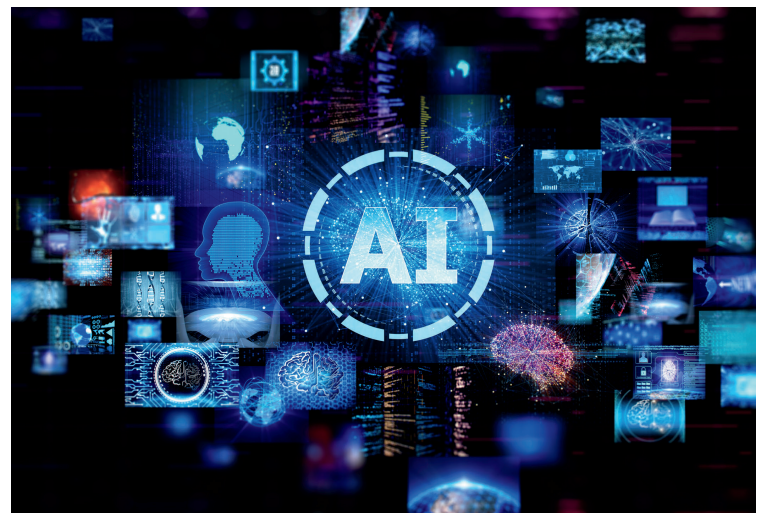
Wednesday, Jan. 29

2 p.m. — Paper Quilling: Animals, Ashburn Library: *For teens.*

2 p.m. — DIY Teens: Linocut Stamp Carving, Brambleton Library: Hand-carve rubber stamps for linoleum printing.

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

2 p.m. — AI and You, Purcellville Library: ChatGPT and other AI tools can help you write stories inspired by your favorite photos, create tailored learning plans, and more. Explore what AI can do with IT professional Jason Balsler. No technical experience is needed.



3 p.m. — Dog Man Mania, Rust Library: Participate in crafts, activities, and photo ops. *For Grades K-5.*

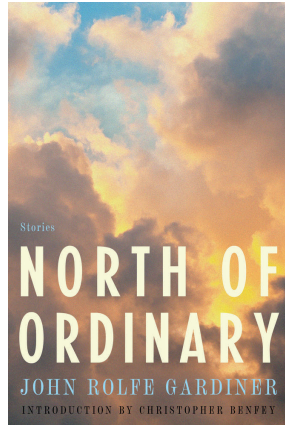
5 p.m. — D&D Club for Teens, Lovettsville Library: Explore the world of *Dungeons & Dragons*.

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.*

Wednesday, Jan. 29 (continued)

6:30 p.m. — North of Ordinary: An Evening with Novelist John Rolfe Gardiner, Rust Library: Gardiner reads from his new collection of short stories and is joined by co-speaker Aimee Curl of the Furnace Mountain Band. Curl regularly sings about some of the same Virginia people and places that Gardiner writes about. *For Grade 9-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: Classics, Gum Spring Library: Discuss *The Pilgrim's Progress* by John Bunyan.

7 p.m. — Adult Book Club, Rust Library: Discuss *The Night Circus* by Erin Morgenstern.

Thursday, Jan. 30

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

2 p.m. — American Sign Language (ASL) Boot Camp, Rust Library: Learn the foundations of ASL. *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. — Dog Man Celebration, Lovettsville Library: Come for crafts and games.

4 p.m. — Colors on the Move, Ashburn Library: Watch water walk across a table to create a rainbow. Participate in experiments with chromatography and Skittles. *For Grades K-5.*

4 p.m. — Lunar New Year, Brambleton Library: Explore how different cultures and communities observe the Lunar New Year. *For Grades K-5.*

5 p.m. — Adult Book Club: Book Tasting, Chrysalis Vineyards, 39025 Little River Turnpike, Middleburg: Help select titles for the year. *For ages 21+.*

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

Thursday, Jan. 30 (continued)

6 p.m. — DIY Adults: Valentine's Day Mason Jar, Ashburn Library

6:30 p.m. — Movie Night, Gum Spring Library: Watch *The Philadelphia Story* (TV-G, 112 minutes). *For adults.*

7 p.m. — My Brain to the Bookstore, Brambleton Library: Author Sue Fliess offers insight into the publishing process. *For Grade 9-adults.*

7 p.m. — China: Rival or Friend, Rust Library: Author William Jones discusses China's Belt and Road Initiative and the significance of the global infrastructure project to the United States. *For Grade 9-adults.*

Friday, Jan. 31

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

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

10:30 a.m. — Puppet Play, Cascades Library: *For ages 0-5.*

1 p.m. — Builders Free Play, Lovettsville Library: Drop in between 1 and 4:30 p.m. *For children.*

1 p.m. — Hearing Aids: Beware and Be Wise, Virtual: Explore the causes of hearing loss and the types of hearing aids. Learn about hearing evaluations, how to interpret audiograms, and the differences between an audiologist and a hearing instrument specialist. *For adults.*



4:30 p.m. — Teen Friday: Indoor Pickleball, Sterling Library

6 p.m. — After Hours Teen Center: Chinese New Year Celebration, Cascades Library: *For Grades 6-12.*

Saturday, Feb. 1

It's Take Your Child to the Library Day!

Celebrate by visiting a local branch and exploring the activities it has to offer.

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



Saturday, Feb. 1 (continued)

11 a.m. — Adult Read-a-Thon, Gum Spring Library:
Read between one and five hours in our cozy reading lounge for a chance to win prizes.

1 p.m. — Musicians Meet-Up, Brambleton Library:
Connect with artists at this jam session and learn about the library's recording equipment. *For teens and adults.*

1:30 p.m. — Knit Afternoon, Rust Library: Bring a project to work on or learn to knit with help from Project Knitwell volunteers. Watch a spinning demonstration and trade yarn at our swap table. *For Grade 9-adults.*

2 p.m. — Live Music: Violinist Melanie Bates, Cascades Library: Bates plays a solo set dedicated to amplifying works written by Black composers, showcasing the transformative power of music.



2 p.m. — Be My Gothic Valentine, Lovettsville Library:
Enjoy a celebration of gothic romance with art worthy of Poe and Shelley. *For teens.*

2 p.m. — DIY: Japanese Knot Bag, Purcellville Library:
Make a reversible tote bag with a clever design to keep your items secure. *For adults.*

Sunday, Feb. 2

Noon — Hands-On Art History, Purcellville Library: Make a collage based on the geometric art of Piet Mondrian.

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. — Live Music: Kevin Knight, Rust Library

For complete program details, visit
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ESOL at LCPL

Adult Book Club

Sterling Library: Tuesday, Jan. 28, 5 p.m.
Read *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen.

Business English

Sterling Library: Thursday, Jan. 30, 4 p.m.

English Practice — Beginner

Gum Spring Library: Thursday, Jan. 30, 1 p.m.
Sterling Library: Monday, Jan. 27, 7 p.m. and
Wednesday, Jan. 29, 7 p.m.

English Practice — Intermediate/Advanced

Brambleton Library: Tuesday, Jan. 28, 7 p.m. and
Wednesday, Jan. 29, 10 a.m.
Rust Library: Tuesday, Jan. 28, 10 a.m.
Sterling Library: Tuesday, Jan. 28, 4 p.m. and
Thursday, Jan. 30, 10 a.m.
Virtual: Monday, Jan. 27, 2 p.m.

English Practice — All Levels

Ashburn Library: Tuesday, Jan. 28, 7 p.m. and
Thursday, Jan. 30, 10 a.m.
Cascades Library: Monday, Jan. 27, 11 a.m.
Middleburg Library: Monday, Jan. 27, 7 p.m.
Gum Spring Library: Tuesday, Jan. 28, 7 p.m.
Rust Library: Thursday, Jan. 30, 5:30 p.m.

One-on-One Tutoring Registration

Ashburn Library: Monday, Jan. 27, 9:30 a.m.-noon
Sign up to partner with a volunteer tutor for weekly sessions during February and March.



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