

Weekly Program Schedule

In-Person and Virtual Programs


Sept. 23-29, 2024



NOVEL
EXPRESSIONS
Art Contest

Teens and Adults

Take part in a literary-themed art contest. Scan code with mobile device for details or go to library.loudoun.gov/artcontest.



Monday, Sept. 23

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: Discuss *Mexican Gothic* by Silvia Moreno-Garcia.

2 p.m. – Adult Yoga: Flow, Middleburg Library: This slow-flow class is adaptable to any experience level.

4:30 p.m. – The FORT with Ryan Bartel Foundation, Sterling Library: Make a magnet and connect with other teens in this workshop designed to promote mental wellness. *For Grades 6-12.*

6 p.m. – Ashburn Writing Group, Ashburn Library: Gather tips and techniques for writing compelling, authentic dialogue. *For adults.*

6 p.m. – Fandom Fun for Teens: Cinema Chats, Ashburn Library: Watch and discuss an episode of Cinema Therapy about the movie *How to Train Your Dragon*.

6:30 p.m. – Paint Pouring with Caitlin Keefe, Lovettsville Library: Transform used 7-inch vinyl records into vibrant art pieces. Space is limited. *For Grade 9-adults.*

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

Monday, Sept. 23 (continued)

7 p.m. – Common Threads: Embroidery, Purcellville Library: Explore techniques and uses with the Fiber Guild of the Blue Ridge. *For adults.*

7 p.m. – Memorable College Essays, Rust Library: Learn about the college application process and get tips for writing an effective personal essay. *For Grades 9-12.*



Tuesday, Sept. 24

9:30 a.m. – Sensory Play, Lovettsville Library: Children play while caregivers connect. *For ages 0-5.*

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. – Memory Cafe: Remembering School Days, Leesburg Senior Center, 102 North St. NW, Leesburg: Play games, listen to music and reminisce.

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



Tuesday, Sept. 24 (continued)

Noon – Adult Cookbook Club, Rust Library:

Talk about soup and share recipes.

2 p.m. – Homeschool Enrichment: STEM,

Lovettsville Library

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. – Hooray for Books!, Ashburn Library: Celebrate your freedom to read with humorous stories and book-themed crafts. *For Grades K-5.*

4:30 p.m. – Teen Tuesday: Customize Your Composition Notebook, Sterling Library

6 p.m. – Teen Perler Beads,

Gum Spring Library: Make pixelated creations.

6 p.m. – Cook Something Awesome, Middleburg Library:

The Oak Spring Garden Foundation shows you how to use fruits and vegetables in recipes. *For Grades K-12.*

6:30 p.m. – Anime Club for Teens: Ultimate Shonen Showdown, Ashburn Library: Join the debate about who would win in an epic anime battle.



6:30 p.m. – Science on Tap: Molecular Imaging,

Old Ox Brewery, 44652 Guilford Dr., #114, Ashburn: Dr. Esmá Akin, chief of nuclear medicine at George Washington University Medical Center, shares research from the field of molecular imaging, offering insights into the human anatomy. *For ages 21+.*

7 p.m. – VACodes: Coding Program, Cascades Library: Learn basic Java programming. *For teens.*

Wednesday, Sept. 25

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

2 p.m. – Common Threads: Create for a Cause, Cascades Library: Knit and crochet items for charitable organizations. *For Grade 9-adults.*

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

4 p.m. – Lego Creators, Rust Library: *For children.*

Wednesday, Sept. 25 (continued)

4 p.m. – Sewing Club for Teens, Sterling Library: Learn basic sewing skills as you make a pocket for your pens.

5 p.m. – Freed Between the Lines Trivia Night, Vanish Farmwoods Brewery, 42245 Black Hops Lane, Leesburg: Test your literary knowledge and check out a book fair hosted by Birch Tree Bookstore. *For ages 21+.*

6 p.m. – ¡Mucha Música! Family Concert Featuring Cantaré, Gum Spring Library: Go on a musical journey to Latin America! Sing, dance and play instruments during this performance of Spanish and Portuguese songs.

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. – Anime Club for Teens, Cascades Library: Watch anime and do activities with fellow enthusiasts.

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

7 p.m. – Adult Book Club: Classics, Gum Spring Library: Discuss *Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley.

7 p.m. – The History of the W&OD Trail, Purcellville Library: NOVA Parks historian Paul McCray shares how the railroad became a park. *For Grade 9-adults.*

7 p.m. – Adult Book Club, Rust Library: Discuss *Bitter Orange* by Claire Fuller.

7 p.m. – Paint with Acrylics, Ashburn Library: Paint a fall scene with step-by-step instructions by artist Lizzy Javier. Space is limited. *For Grade 9-adults.*



Thursday, Sept. 26

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. – Paws to Read, Lovettsville Library: Read to Tagan, a Canine Companions therapy dog. *For children.*

11 a.m. – Adult Book Club, Cascades Library: Discuss *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin.

Thursday, Sept. 26 (continued)

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.

3 p.m. — Super Stories, Superheroes, Lovettsville Library: Participate in feats of strength and derring-do, design an emblem, make a cape, and listen to stories. *For children.*

4 p.m. — Grade 2-3 Children's Book Club: Geronimo Stilton, Ashburn Library: Discuss *Mouse vs. Wild* and participate in activities.

4 p.m. — Aussie Animals, Brambleton Library: Learn about Australian wildlife. *For Grades K-5.*



5 p.m. — Teen Book Club: Case Closed, Brambleton Library: Use evidence to solve a mystery based on *A Good Girl's Guide to Murder* by Holly Jackson.

5 p.m. — Adult Book Club, Chrysalis Vineyards, 39025 Little River Turnpike, Middleburg: Discuss *Eight Hundred Grapes* by Laura Dave. *For ages 21+.*

5 p.m. — Teen Book Club: Choose Your Own Book, Gum Spring Library

5:30 p.m. — DIY Teens and Adults: Suncatchers, Cascades Library

6 p.m. — DIY Teens: Creepy Horticulture, Lovettsville Library: Design a zombie eyeball plant.

6 p.m. — DIY Teens: Bullet Journaling, Rust Library

6:30 p.m. — Movie Night, Gum Spring Library: Watch *Casablanca* (PG, 102 minutes). *For adults.*

6:30 p.m. — Life, the Universe and Everything: A String Theory Way, Rust Library: Scientist Dr. Howard Jeffrey Bender describes string theory and its potential scientific applications. *For adults.*

7 p.m. — Adult Book Club, Brambleton Library: Discuss *The Woman in the Library* by Sulari Gentill.

7 p.m. — Meditation and Movement for Calm and Peace, Brambleton Library: Instructor Gretchen Schutte leads this gentle, mindful session. *For Grade 9-adults.*

ESOL at LCPL

Adult Book Club

Ashburn Library: Thursday, Sept. 26, 10 a.m.

Read *Crooked Hallelujah* by Kelli Jo Ford.

Brambleton Library: Thursday, Sept. 26, 2 p.m.

Read *The Lonely Hearts Book Club* by Lucy Gilmore.

Sterling Library: Tuesday, Sept. 24, 5 p.m.

Read *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen.

Business English

Sterling Library: Thursday, Sept. 26, 4 p.m.

Citizen Preparation

Gum Spring Library: Sunday, Sept. 29, 3 p.m.

Virtual: Wednesday, Sept. 25, 6 p.m.

English Practice — Beginner

Gum Spring Library: Thursday, Sept. 26, 1 p.m.

Sterling Library: Monday, Sept. 23, 7 p.m. and
Wednesday, Sept. 25, 7 p.m.

English Practice — Intermediate/Advanced

Brambleton Library: Tuesday, Sept. 24, 7 p.m. and
Wednesday, Sept. 25, 10 a.m.

Rust Library: Tuesday, Sept. 24, 10 a.m.

Sterling Library: Tuesday, Sept. 24, 4 p.m. and
Thursday, Sept. 26, 10 a.m.

Virtual: Monday, Sept. 23, 2 p.m.

English Practice — All Levels

Ashburn Library: Tuesday, Sept. 24, 7 p.m. and
Thursday, Sept. 26, 10 a.m.

Cascades Library: Monday, Sept. 23, 11 a.m.

Gum Spring Library: Tuesday, Sept. 24, 7 p.m.

Middleburg Library: Monday, Sept. 23, 7 p.m.

Rust Library: Thursday, Sept. 26, 5:30 p.m.

One-on-One Tutoring Registration

Ashburn Library: Monday, Sept. 23, 9:30 a.m.-noon
Sign up to partner with a volunteer tutor for weekly sessions during October and November.

Writing

Sterling Library: Thursday, Sept. 26, 3 p.m.



Storytimes are offered five days a week. For details, see library.loudoun.gov/storytimes.

Friday, Sept. 27

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

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

11 a.m. – PC Basics, Sterling Library: Topics include touch typing and using a mouse. *For adults.*

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

4:30 p.m. – Teen Friday: Upcycled Art, Sterling Library

6 p.m. – After Hours Teen Center: Melted Crayon Jewelry, Cascades Library: Enjoy pizza, games and this week's featured activity. Go to library.loudoun.gov/AHTC for details. *For Grades 6-12.*

7 p.m. – Karaoke Night, Sterling Library: Sing or lip-sync your favorite songs. *For adults.*

Saturday, Sept. 28

10 a.m. – Intro to Spanish, Cascades Library: Learn Spanish from a native speaker.

10 a.m. – Screenings for Hearing Loss, Middleburg Library: Drop by from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for hearing loss resources and a free screening. *For teens and adults.*



11 a.m. – DIY: Anime Bookmarks and Buttons, Middleburg Library: Craft and watch anime. *For Grades K-12.*

1 p.m. – Board Games for Adults, Brambleton Library

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 p.m. – DIY Adults: Handmade Cards, Rust Library

2 p.m. – Live Music: Nica Albertson, Gum Spring Library: Hear songs from her acoustic album *Tender Hearted*.

2 p.m. – D&D for Adults, Purcellville Library: Explore the world of *Dungeons and Dragons*.

2 p.m. – A Pirate Celebration, Purcellville Library: Walk the plank, feed sharks, and take part in other activities.

Sunday, Sept. 29

Noon – Civic Lab: Voting, Purcellville Library: Drop in to talk to library staff and volunteers from the League of Women Voters. Find general election information.

Noon – Sunday Crafternoon: Fall Paintings, Purcellville Library: Learn how to add texture to your art.

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

2 p.m. – Collage Workshop, Rust Library: Explore the creative possibilities of mixed media. Visual artist Deborah Winram demonstrates tape transfers and other techniques to enhance your art. *For teens and adults.*

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



Scan the code with your mobile device.

Makerspace

3D Design: JPG to STL

Drop in to learn how to convert a JPG file to an STL file and make a key chain using Tinkercad web-based software. *For Grade 9-adults.*

Gum Spring Library: Thursday, Sept. 26, 3-6 p.m.

Basic Sketching in Fusion 360

Get to know this 3D design software. *For Grade 9-adults.*

Brambleton Library: Monday, Sept. 23, 7 p.m.

Cabachon Engraving Drop-In

Use online tools to make a design and the Glowforge to engrave it on a rock. *For teens and adults.*

Brambleton Library: Thursday, Sept. 26, 6-8 p.m.

Machine Sewing Drop-In

Make a small project using this month's featured equipment. *For teens and adults.*

Brambleton Library: Tuesday, Sept. 24, 10 a.m.-noon

Meet Your Makerspace

Stop by for a guided tour from 10 a.m. to noon.

Brambleton Library: Saturday, Sept. 28

Serger

Learn how to thread and operate a Juki Serger by watching a demonstration. *For adults.*

Gum Spring Library: Wednesday, Sept. 25, 10 a.m.

(Un)Paper Towels

Use the serger to make 100% cotton, reusable and washable towels. *For adults.*

Sterling Library: Thursday, Sept. 26, 3:30 p.m.

Note: Supplies and space are limited at programs.

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.