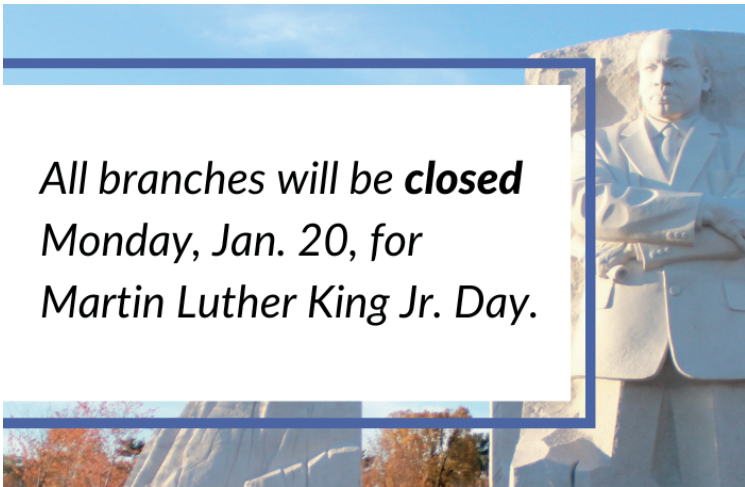


# Weekly Program Schedule

In-Person and Virtual Programs

Jan. 20-26, 2025



All branches will be **closed**  
Monday, Jan. 20, for  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

## Tuesday, Jan. 21

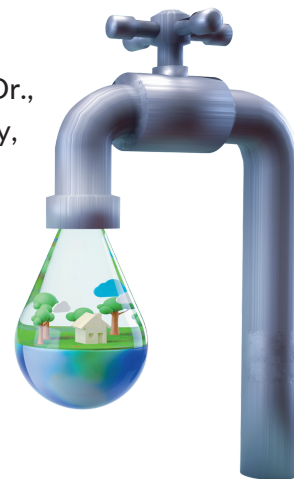
- 9:30 a.m. — Baby and Toddler Playdate,** Lovettsville Library: Children play while adults connect.
- 10 a.m. — Library Playdate,** Ashburn Library: Children play while caregivers socialize.
- 10 a.m. — Watercolor Workshop,** Virtual: Paint koalas on a tree branch with instructions by artist Megha Mehra.
- 10:30 a.m. — Messy Art,** Cascades Library: *For ages 18 months-5 with a caregiver.*
- 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: Art,** Purcellville Library: Use tissue paper to create a colorful seahorse. *For ages 7-12.*
- 1 p.m. — Adult Book Club: Mystery,** Purcellville Library: Discuss *Rock Paper Scissors* by Alice Feeney.

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



## Tuesday, Jan. 21 (continued)

- 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. — Adult Book Club,** Rust Library: Discuss *Ayesha at Last* by Uzma Jalaluddin.
- 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. — Grade 4-5 Children's Book Club,** Ashburn Library: Discuss *Other Words for Home* by Jasmine Warga and create a collage.
- 4 p.m. — Art at the Library,** Brambleton Library: Learn how shapes are made while you create. *For Grades 2-5.*
- 4 p.m. — Pre-K Storybook Club,** Cascades Library: Read a story together and participate in activities. Designed for children in the process of learning to read. *For ages 3-5 with a caregiver.*
- 4 p.m. — Grade 2-3 Children's Book Club,** Rust Library: Discuss *The Flying Chinese Wonders* by Josh Greenhut and do activities.
- 4:30 p.m. — Teen Tuesday: Quick-Draw Card Games,** Sterling Library: Play *Happy Salmon* and other games.
- 5 p.m. — Conversational Spanish,** Rust Library: Practice your Spanish. Beginners welcome. *For adults.*
- 6 p.m. — What's On Your Mind?,** Gum Spring Library: Got a comment to share? Complaint to make? Tea to spill? Grab a snack and tell us how you really feel. *For teens.*
- 6 p.m. — Common Threads,** Lovettsville Library: Chat as you knit, crochet or stitch. *For teens and adults.*
- 6:30 p.m. — Science on Tap: The Growing Water Challenge,** Old Ox Brewery, 44652 Guilford Dr., #114, Ashburn: Dr. Gerry Galloway, emeritus professor of engineering at the University of Maryland, explores practical solutions to water supply issues caused by pollution, floods, and drought — challenges impacted by climate change and political and demographic shifts. *For ages 21+.*



# Makerspace

## Artist-in-Residence: Diane Helentjaris

Catch crafter Helentjaris in action as she explores both traditional and modern needlework, ranging from Civil War-era penny rugs and cotton quilts to today's slow stitching trend. *For teens and adults.*

**Rust Library:** Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2-7 p.m.

## Engraving Metal Business Cards

Use Inkscape and the Glowforge Pro to engrave text on anodized aluminum. *For Grade 9-adults.*

**Brambleton Library:** Tuesday, Jan. 21, 11 a.m. and Friday, Jan. 24, 7 p.m.

## Lasercut Earrings

Create jewelry using the Glowforge laser cutter. *For Grade 9-adults.*

**Rust Library:** Saturday, Jan. 25, 1 p.m.

## Lunar New Year Decorations

Make designs using Silhouette Studio software and cut them out with the Cameo machine. Pre-made designs will also be available. *For teens and adults.*

**Brambleton Library:** Wednesday, Jan. 22, 7 p.m.

## Open House

Participate in an informal equipment discussion and browse our project examples for inspiration.

**Brambleton Library:** Saturday, Jan. 25, 10 a.m.-noon

## Make a Button

Choose a design or bring your own.

**Gum Spring Library:** Thursday, Jan. 23, 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. 22, 10 a.m.

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

## Tuesday, Jan. 21 (continued)

### 7 p.m. — Adult Book Club: Around the World,

Cascades Library: This month's destination is Kenya. Discuss *Circling the Sun* by Paula McLain.

**7 p.m. — PC Basics: Computer Foundations,** Sterling Library: Staff offer an overview of Microsoft Word. *For adults.*

## Tuesday, Jan. 21 (continued)

**7 p.m. — You, Me, and a Cup of Tea,** Brambleton Library: Sample teas from local shops, enjoy conversation guided by library staff, and browse books. *For adults.*

## Wednesday, Jan. 22

**10 a.m. — Library Playdate,** Ashburn Library: Children play while caregivers socialize.

**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.*

**1 p.m. — Common Threads,** Sterling Library

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

**2 p.m. — Loudoun County Information & Referral Unit,** Lovettsville Library: From 2 to 5 p.m., connect with health and human services via on-the-spot referrals.

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

**4:30 p.m. — Sewing Club,** Sterling Library: Make a cute and practical tote bag out of old jeans. *For teens.*



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

**6 p.m. — Family Crafts,** Lovettsville Library

**6 p.m. — Teen Book Club: Graphic Novel,** Rust Library: Discuss *Sunshine* by Jarrett Krosoczka.

**6:30 p.m. — Anime Club for Teens,** Cascades Library: Watch anime with fellow enthusiasts and do activities.

## Wednesday, Jan. 22 (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.*

**7 p.m. — DIY: Winter Candles**, Ashburn Library: Decorate a candle jar using pressed flowers. *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. — iPhone Photography**, Gum Spring Library: Learn technical and creative techniques to become a better photographer and visual storyteller. National Geographic photography expert Jeff Mauritzen leads this fun, hands-on demonstration. *For Grade 9-adults.*

## Thursday, Jan. 23

**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 *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins.

**2 p.m. — American Sign Language (ASL) Boot Camp**, Rust Library: Discuss common locations, travel terms and how to describe spaces. *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.

**2 p.m. — Meet the Author: Amanda Montell**, Virtual: Montell talks about her new book, *The Age of Magical Overthinking*. It examines the complexities of the human mind, including its biases and coping mechanisms, and offers a hopeful message encouraging us to forgive our anxious selves. *For Grade 9-adults.*



**4 p.m. — Pirate Plunder**, Brambleton Library: Yo ho! Discover a pirate's life through a treasure trove of crafts and activities. *For Grades K-5.*

## Thursday, Jan. 23 (continued)

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

**5:30 p.m. — DIY Teens and Adults: Paper Quilling**, Cascades Library

**6:30 p.m. — Paint with Watercolors**, Cascades Library: Paint an octopus with step-by-step instructions by artist Tiffany Zimmerman. *For adults.*



**6:30 p.m. — Pajama Storytime**, Gum Spring Library: Wear your pajamas, bring a favorite stuffed friend, and make a craft at storytime's end. *For children.*

**6:30 p.m. — Business Finance Basics**, Sterling Library: Learn how to grow, expand, and safeguard your business and manage cash flow. *For adults.*

**7 p.m. — Adult Book Club**, Brambleton Library: Discuss *A Long Petal of the Sea* by Isabel Allende.

## Friday, Jan. 24

**10 a.m. — Library Playdate**, Cascades Library: Children play while caregivers socialize.

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

**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: Reverse Canvas Button Art**, Sterling Library: Transform a canvas into wall art.

**5 p.m. — Teen Game Night**, Brambleton Library

**6 p.m. — After Hours Teen Center: DJ Matt Ocean and DIY Calendar**, Cascades Library: Enjoy pizza, games and this week's featured activity. *For Grades 6-12.*

## Saturday, Jan. 25

**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.*

**11 a.m. – Truly Wicked Horror**, Blend Coffee Bar, 43170 Southern Walk Plaza, #120, Ashburn: Discuss the trope of “the final girl,” a common character type in horror films. It refers to the last surviving female who confronts the antagonist. *For adults.*

**11 a.m. – Celebrate the Chinese Festivals: Lunar New Year**, Lovettsville Library: Explore traditions with presenter En Hsiao and make crafts.

**2 p.m. – D&D for Adults**, Cascades Library and Purcellville Library: Play *Dungeons and Dragons*.

**2 p.m. – Live Music: Guitarist Burd Boonyoo**, Middleburg Library: Listen to acoustic arrangements of popular hits from the 1970s through today.

## Sunday, Jan. 26

**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. – Pre-K Skill Builders**, Cascades Library: Trace, sort, cut with scissors, and do other fun activities and crafts. *For ages 3-5 with a caregiver.*

**1 p.m. – Tea Cupping: Lunar New Year**, Cascades Library: Explore holiday traditions while sampling teas from China, Taiwan, and Vietnam with Hillary Coley of Dominion Tea. *For teens and adults.*

**2 p.m. – Puppet Improv Theater**, Purcellville Library: Explore puppetry and improv theater basics. Presented by the Purcellville Teen Leadership Council. *For Grades 1-6.*



**2 p.m. – What's in Your Button Jar?**, Rust Library: Author Diane Helentjaris shares the history of buttons and how you can use vintage fasteners such as the glass Czech, calico, and iridescent pearl. *For Grade 9-adults.*

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



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# ESOL at LCPL

## Adult Book Club

**Ashburn Library:** Thursday, Jan. 23, 10 a.m.  
Share your book recommendations.

**Sterling Library:** Tuesday, Jan. 21, 5 p.m.  
Read *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen.

## Business English

**Sterling Library:** Thursday, Jan. 23, 4 p.m.

## English Practice – Beginner

**Gum Spring Library:** Thursday, Jan. 23, 1 p.m.  
**Sterling Library:** Wednesday, Jan. 22, 7 p.m.

## English Practice – Intermediate/Advanced

**Brambleton Library:** Tuesday, Jan. 21, 7 p.m. and  
Wednesday, Jan. 22, 10 a.m.

**Rust Library:** Tuesday, Jan. 21, 10 a.m.

**Sterling Library:** Tuesday, Jan. 21, 4 p.m. and  
Thursday, Jan. 23, 10 a.m.

## English Practice – All Levels

**Ashburn Library:** Tuesday, Jan. 21, 7 p.m. and  
Thursday, Jan. 23, 10 a.m.

**Gum Spring Library:** Tuesday, Jan. 21, 7 p.m.

**Rust Library:** Thursday, Jan. 23, 5:30 p.m.

## Build early literacy skills



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

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.