

THE LPL Connection

NOVEMBER
DECEMBER
2024

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS | DISCUSSIONS | WORKSHOPS | BOOK CLUBS

It's the sweetest time of year. And, nothing evokes a fond holiday memory quite like the smell of gingerbread. We have several tasty events coming up that celebrate our love of all things gingerbread. Look for our LPL Gingerbread Man throughout this issue to find them!



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IS LISTENING TO AUDIOBOOKS REALLY CONSIDERED READING?



By Melissa McCurdy
Collection Development & Readers' Advisory Librarian

At the library, we're equal opportunity readers - print books, digital books, audiobooks - we don't care what format you prefer, just as long as you're enjoying it.

We do, however, often encounter the question, "but is listening to an audiobook *really* considered reading?"


The answer is an emphatic, YES!

Audiobooks can provide many of the same benefits as reading print books, including improved:

- Vocabulary
- Reading comprehension and fluency
- Critical thinking skills

Audiobooks also follow a long tradition of **oral storytelling**. How did we learn how to read? Likely on the laps of our loved ones as they read or told us stories - either from books or from family history. Oral storytelling is an even older tradition than written storytelling.

Audiobooks are also **time efficient!** Download an audiobook and listen while you drive to work, do housework, crafts, exercise, or simply for pleasure. Many current audiobooks are produced as cast recordings - so they're almost like narrated movies just for your ears!



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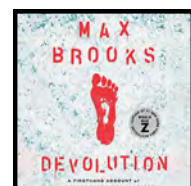
NEED AN AUDIOBOOK RECOMMENDATION?



Audiobook for a family road trip:
Percy Jackson and the Olympians (series) by Rick Riordan



Best audiobook cast recording:
The Only Plane in the Sky: An Oral History of 9/11
Garrett M. Graff



Best dystopian audiobook:
Devolution: A Firsthand Account of the Rainier Sasquatch Massacre
by Max Brooks



Best audiobook narration:
Tom Lake
by Ann Patchett
Narrated by Meryl Streep



Best Cast Memoir:
As You Wish: Inconceivable Tales from the Making of the Princess Bride
by Cary Elwes, et.al.

Adult Programs

Adults with Disabilities

Adults with Disabilities Hangout

Mondays, Nov. 11; Dec. 9 • 1 p.m. • Carman
Enjoy a sensory-friendly environment for tabletop games, arts and crafts, and more!

Adults with Disabilities Craft Day!*

Thursdays, Nov. 14; Dec. 12 • 2 p.m. • Studio
Celebrate the creativity and talents of adults with disabilities. This gathering provides a welcoming space where participants can explore their artistic abilities, connect with others, and experience the joy of crafting in a supportive environment.

Adults with Disabilities Read-A-Loud*

Wednesdays, Nov. 20; Dec. 18 • 10 a.m. • Sargent
Let's read together! Each month, we will read one book out loud together. After we read, we will do a craft or activity based on the topic.
Nov. 20: Thanksgiving Theme
Dec. 18: Holidays Theme

Civics

Meet with an Immigration Attorney*

Tuesday, Dec. 10 • 11 a.m. • Collaborate
Do you have questions about immigration? Meet with an immigration attorney in a private setting and answer specific immigration questions on topics including: family reunification, adjustment of status (Green Card), naturalization/citizenship, and more.

To register for a one-hour appointment, please contact Dana Carmeli at 315-218-0143 or dcarmeli@hlalaw.org.

This program is in partnership with Hiscock Legal Aid Society.

Cooking

Adventures in the Kitchen*

Thursdays, Nov. 14; Dec. 12 • 6:30 p.m. • Carman
Love talking about, preparing, and eating food? Join like-minded foodies in this new and creative program focused on all things food and food-adjacent.
Nov. 14: Beautiful Table— Prepare a beautiful table for the upcoming Thanksgiving meal. Learn different napkin folds, how to properly set silverware and glassware, and make festive table decor.
Dec. 12: Gingerbread and Recipe Exchange— Make gingerbread the old fashioned way using a recipe from the Liverpool Village Museum's cookbooks. Bring multiple copies of your favorite family recipe to exchange with others.



This class uses the Charlie Cart, a portable kitchen provided with funds from Assemblywoman Pamela Hunter. Supplies for this program are sponsored by Raymour and Flanigan.

Starting January 2025, all registrations will open at 9 a.m. on the 20th of the month prior to event.

LPL Meeting Rooms

Where to find your event:

- Carman**— Our largest room, found off of lobby
- Studio**— Room with glass doors outside of Children's Room
- Sargent**— Smaller room behind Information Desk
- Collaborate**— Smaller room near Quiet PCs

Games

Let's Get Trivial*

Wednesday, Nov. 6; Tuesday, Dec. 3 7 p.m. • Location TBD
Join the masters of information and fun, the Liverpool Public Library staff, at this monthly program designed to make connections and learn some fast facts! Build standing points between Sept. and May towards the grand finale in June!
Please note date change is for Nov. only.

Get Creative

Adult NaNoWriMo Challenge

All November
It's **National Novel Writing Month**, the time of year when people set out to write 50,000 words of their novels in 30 days! Get motivated with the library by logging your words, attending special events, entering to win prizes, and celebrating all that you've achieved this month. Remember: Your goal doesn't have to be 50,000 words, the real goal is to have fun and WRITE! Fill out a virtual raffle ticket for every day you write in November and/or for attending special NaNoWriMo events. Each ticket will enter you to win one of our fabulous, writerly prizes! Visit the event webpage to check out the prizes and to learn more! *Raffle tickets can be submitted from Nov. 1 - Dec. 1.*

Journaling Gems: A Fun Way to Track Your Lifestyle Data*

Wednesday, Nov. 6 • 2 p.m. • Sargent
Explore the art of journaling but in a very visual, creative way. Learn to view your world through a new lens while paying closer attention to the details of your daily life. First, learn to 'mine your data gems' by observing and collecting unique information about yourself. Then, capture these 'gems' in a drawing. Use this 'snapshot' of your world and data to search for hidden patterns while learning more about yourself. Creative fun with no drawing skill required!

Hooks and Needles*

Thursdays, [Nov. 7, 21](#); [Dec. 5, 19](#)

10 a.m. • Studio or Sargent

Enjoy knitting, crochet, needlepoint, cross-stitch, or beading? Bring your project and socialize, learn from each other, and share tips and tricks.

Creative Writing Guild

Sundays, [Nov. 10](#); [Dec. 8](#) at 11:30 a.m. and

Saturdays, [Nov. 23](#); [Dec. 28](#) at 12:30 p.m. • Studio

Find inspiration and community in this exciting, informal writing circle for writers of all levels. We'll share tips, critique each other's works, practice writing prompts, host special guests, and more. This group meets twice a month, stop in as often as you like. Ages 18+.

Nov. 10: Overcoming the Murky Middle— Award-winning author Jo McNally will discuss powering through the murky middle of your novel and keeping up the momentum to achieve your goals!

Nov. 23: Finding the Right Ending— Award-winning author Jo McNally will discuss the do's (and don'ts) of making it to The End of your novel!

Keep Calm & Craft On*

Mondays, [Nov. 18](#); [Dec. 16](#)

6:30 p.m. • Studio

Celebrate your love of crafting at this informal program. Each month may feature a crafting demonstration or a hands-on project. If you have been crafting throughout the month, bring what you have been working on and share with the group!

Nov. 18: Create wreaths out of a variety of materials including book pages and pool noodles

Dec. 16: CNY Bead Society will lead us in a beading project



Lavender wands created at Keep Calm & Craft On

Art Series: Ornaments with Erna*

Thursday, [Nov. 21](#) • 7 p.m. • Carman

Join artist Erna Eno during this holiday season as we decorate beautiful, one-of-a-kind ornaments! Create and take home three special ornaments, perfect for your tree or as gifts. Whether you want to add a personal touch to your holiday decor or spend a cozy, creative evening, this is the perfect festive activity.

\$15 supply fee by cash or check on the day of the event can be paid to Erna Eno.

Knitflix: Fiber Arts & Movie Club

Saturday, [Nov. 23](#) • 2 p.m. • Carman

Calling all knitters, crocheters, and other fiber artists of all skill levels! Watch classic romantic comedies and feel good films with friends while working on your latest project. This is a social group, so talking during the movie isn't just allowed, it's encouraged! We'll be showing *You've Got Mail* (1998) starring Meg Ryan and Tom Hanks. Bring your own blankets to sit on. Chairs and tables will be available.

Wild Ones HGCNY

Sunday, [Nov 24](#) • 1:30 p.m. • Carman

Learn more about gardening in Central New York with the Wild Ones Habitat Gardening in CNY Chapter. Wild Ones promotes environmentally-friendly, sound landscaping to preserve biodiversity through the preservation, restoration, and establishment of native plant communities.

Memoir Writing Workshop:

Holiday Memories*

Mondays, [Dec. 2, 9](#) • 10:30 a.m. • Sargent

This two-part writing workshop will help you turn your most cherished holiday memories into 250 to 500-word memoir essays perfect to share with friends and family, and maybe even publish!

Linda Lowen is a longtime writing instructor for the YMCA's Downtown Writers Center and a published author. She is a theater reviewer for Syracuse.com/Post-Standard and has published writing advice in "The Writer" and "Writer's Digest" magazines.

Wreath Making with Ballantyne Gardens*

Monday, [Dec. 2](#) • 7 p.m. • Carman

Tim and Lisa Ballantyne lead you through this hands-on program to create your own holiday wreath. Get everything you need to make your wreath: pine boughs, frame, ribbon, and accessories. *A supply fee of \$30 is payable to Ballantyne Gardens at the event.*



Wreath making last year with Ballantyne Gardens

Genealogy 101:

Preserving Family

Recipes & Building an Inclusive Family Tree*

Wednesday, [Dec. 4](#)

6:30 p.m. • Studio

Learn how to preserve cherished family recipes and build a family tree that includes both traditional and non-traditional family structures. This fun and interactive program offers tips on document preservation and introduces a family food tree activity, perfect for engaging multiple generations.

Light-Up Holiday Cards*

Friday, [Dec. 20](#) • 10 a.m. • Studio

Brighten someone's day in more than one way! It's never too late to send a card - especially when they're like this! Choose images from our digital photo collections of historical Syracuse or bring photos from home, then we'll make simple paper circuits to light them up with LEDs. It's a fun and easy introduction to electronics, plus makes for a lovely snail mail.

Health & Wellness

For Your Health: Managing Arthritis*

Monday, [Nov. 4](#) • 1 p.m. • Sargent

Are you living with painful arthritis? Let representatives from Onondaga Physical Therapy show you how to manage it. Onondaga PT states its mission as "Inspiring our customers, community, and team to live, work, and play better".



Restorative Somatic Yoga*

Tuesdays, [Nov. 12, 19](#); [Dec. 3, 10](#) • 11:30 a.m. • Carman

Somatic yoga is a movement therapy that aims to improve the connection between the brain and body by re-educating the brain on how to sense and move muscles. Gwen McCarroll of Gwen's Helping Hands leads this program, which involves slow, small movements and smooth breathing to release tension, trauma, and old patterns. Ages 15+. Please bring a yoga mat or towel.

Seasonal Affective Disorder Workshop

Friday, [Nov. 15](#) • 12 p.m. • Carman

Don't let winter's long, dark nights bring you down. Katherine Hyatt from Branches of Growth Mental Health Counseling, PLLC can show you how to recognize the signs of Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) and ways to combat its effects.

Mindful Mondays

Mondays, [Nov. 18](#); [Dec. 16](#) • 7 p.m. • Sargent

Join us for guided mindfulness practices to relax your body, quiet your mind, and calm your emotions. No experience needed. Participants should be 15+. Presented by Bobbi Schnorr of Apple Blossom Mindfulness.

Prepare to Care: Caregiving 101

Tuesday, [Nov. 19](#) • 6 p.m. • Carman

This class will look at the challenges caregivers face and discuss information, resources, and strategies that caregivers can utilize to develop a plan of care and help support them along the journey.

Presented by Kimberly Connell, LMSW Caregiver Services & Supports Coordinator, Onondaga County Office for Aging.

Preparing for Labor and Delivery*

Saturday, [Dec. 14](#) • 10 a.m. • Carman

Are you expecting a baby? Join representatives from the CNY Doula Connection for a comprehensive workshop designed to prepare your body and mind for the journey ahead. Our expert panel of chiropractors, pelvic floor physical therapists, and a fitness instructor will provide valuable insights and practical tips for a comfortable pregnancy, a smoother labor, and a faster recovery. Don't miss this opportunity to gain the knowledge and tools you need for a positive birth experience.



Exploring Seasonal Senses with the Alzheimer's Association

Friday, [Nov. 8](#) • 10 a.m. • Carman

Explore the winter season through sight, sound, smell, taste, and touch. Observing the world with our senses benefits our cognitive function and mental health! This is a seasonal series.

This program is intended for those living in the early stage of Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia and their care partners.

To register, please call the Alzheimer's Association at (315) 412-4201 ext. 227.

In the Community

Volunteer Days: Clear Path for Veterans*

Friday, [Nov. 8](#) • 8:45 a.m.

Meet at Clear Path for Veterans and help prepare pies for their upcoming fundraiser.

Clear Path for Veterans believes, "Every veteran's path is one of a kind, with its own share of hurdles. We're here to enhance lives, confront challenges head-on, and open doors for personal growth, healing, and connections—all tailored to fit each veteran's unique journey." *Participants must be 18+. Meet at 1223 Salt Springs Rd. in Chittenango.*

Volunteer Days: Meals on Wheels*

Wednesday, [Nov. 13](#) • 10:45 a.m.

We will meet at Meals on Wheels to create freezer meals for the holidays. This will be a 2-hour program since we will be preparing meals for both Christmas and New Year's. *Participants must wear closed-toed shoes. Sleeveless shirts not allowed. Participants must be 18+. Meet at 413 Church St. in North Syracuse.*

55+*

Mondays, [Nov. 25](#); [Dec. 16](#) • 2 p.m.

This program is designed for active individuals 55+.

Nov. 25: The Gingerbread Gallery at the Erie Canal Museum— The Gingerbread

Gallery transforms the second floor into a festive 19th century Canal town street scene with dozens of gingerbread creations on display in storefront windows. *Meet at 318 Erie Boulevard East in Syracuse.*

Dec. 16: Create a Gingerbread House

at LPL— Using graham crackers and a variety of other confectionary delights build an individual house or work together. The creations will be displayed in the library alongside the ones created at our youth program. All supplies provided.



Parents of LGBTQIA+ Teens

Tuesday, [Nov. 26](#) • 5 p.m. • Carman

A meetup of parents to share their experiences in a safe environment. Information on community and library resources will be provided. *This meeting happens at the same time as the Queer Teen Book Tasting (see page 10).*

Music & Theater

Swing This! Music Series

Sundays, [Nov. 10](#); [Dec. 8](#) • 2 p.m. • Carman

Nov. 10: Westcott Jug Suckers is helmed by Syracuse music veteran Colin Aberdeen. The band fuses a unique blend of blues, jug band, zydeco, and old school rock 'n roll to create an undeniably fun mix.

Dec. 8: Soda Ash 6 is a dixieland jazz band from Syracuse and Skaneateles. The band was formed in the early sixties and has continued through the years to provide upbeat music in the Central New York area.

This project is a collaboration with Liverpool Is The Place Concert Committee and is made possible through the CNY Arts Grants for Regional Arts and Cultural Engagement regrant program thanks to a New York State Senate Initiative supported by the NYS Legislature, the Office of the Governor and administered by the New York State Council on the Arts.

From Page to Stage - Cinderella with Syracuse Stage

Monday, Nov. 11 • 4 p.m. • Carman

Production artistic staff from Syracuse Stage will discuss production elements, literary themes, and all things Grimm, at this community event. Attendees will receive a \$10 off ticket discount code for an upcoming performance.



Autumn Movie Night Kit*

Monday, Nov. 18 – Sunday, Nov. 24

Each FREE kit will feature one surprise library DVD (PG or PG-13) and a selection of curated goodies to give you the best movie night! Autumn's theme is *Cozy with the Classics*. Each kit will contain a cozy adaptation of a classic novel that's perfect for a cold autumn night. Boxes will be available for pick up at the Information Desk. The DVD must be returned to the library by the due date.

For ages 18+



Check out **hoopla** for family-friendly movies, ebooks, or audiobooks and make holiday travel a breeze.

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Tech Help with Digital Navigators* Tuesdays and Saturdays Varying times

Volunteers from **LiteracyCNY** offer free computer help. Please make an appointment online at "Digital Literacy Volunteer Tech Help" at [LPL.ORG](#) or visit the Information Desk.

Tech Help* Varying dates and times

We are available to help you troubleshoot your devices and learn new tech skills. Get help with your phone, tablet, e-reader, or laptop, as well as basic computing functions. Please register for an appointment at [LPL.org/events](#).



Technology

Gmail Basics*

Saturday, Nov. 9 • 10 a.m. • Sargent

Learn the basics of using Gmail. We'll review how to find your email in your inbox, composing/sending, replying, forwarding, and deleting messages, attaching documents and pictures to an email, and understanding and spotting spam emails.



Unfortunately, in rare cases, events are canceled or postponed at the last minute due to circumstances beyond our control. **Be sure to check [LPL.ORG](#) before heading out for your event.** We'll post there as soon as we hear about a change in plans.

Family Fun

Quick Chess Event*

Saturday, Dec. 7 • 10 a.m. • Carman

This friendly Quick Chess Event will be fun for both those familiar with and those new to tournament chess. Open to all ages. Participants must know chess playing rules, but beginners are welcome!

Fall Family Photos

Saturday, Nov. 9 • 10 a.m. • Studio

Stop in our Studio and get your fall pictures taken. Choose from a number of backgrounds and we will email you the results!

Meet Our Military

Monday, Nov. 11 • 10:30 a.m. • Carman

Join us for a Veterans Day filled with joy, community, and celebration! This exciting event is for all ages to celebrate the heroes who have served our country. Meet local veterans and active duty members and hear their inspiring stories. Learn about their experiences and ask questions to understand the importance of their service. Kids can get creative at different craft stations making patriotic artwork, writing thank-you cards for veterans, or designing their own red, white, and blue decorations. Discover resources for volunteering within the veteran community.

Puzzle Swap!

Monday, Nov. 11 • 4 p.m. • Studio

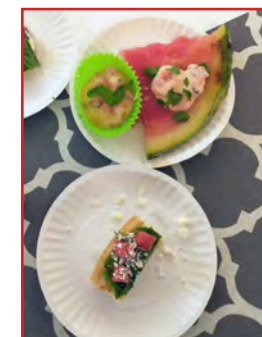
Drop in and swap your gently used puzzles. You don't need to bring puzzles to take them!

Fall Food-Off*

Tuesday, Nov. 12 • 6 p.m. • Carman

Let's get cooking! Compete against other families by making one dish with a star ingredient and pantry items provided. You will have access to our Charlie Cart Mobile Kitchen which includes: griddle, cooktop, toaster oven, blender/food processor, and microwave. Dishes will be judged on flavor, presentation, and creativity.

This class uses the Charlie Cart, a portable kitchen provided with funds from Assemblywoman Pamela Hunter.



Family Food-Off dishes from last July

Chess Club @ LPL

Mondays, Nov. 18; Dec. 16 • 6 p.m. • Carman

Join fellow chess players for friendly competition. There will be opportunities for game analysis and help. All ages and skill levels are welcome. Chess Club is facilitated by chess enthusiast Mike Miller, who has taught chess at local libraries and is a life member of the U.S. Chess Federation.

Scholarships 101 with SFCU*

Tuesday, Nov. 19 • 5 p.m. • Sargent

Calling all college-bound teens and their parents! Join SFCU for an informative scholarship workshop where they'll explore the various types of college scholarships available, guide you through the application process, and discuss the significant financial impact scholarships can have on your educational journey. This workshop will equip you with the knowledge and tools to maximize your opportunities and make college more affordable.

Annual Holiday Buy Local

Saturday, Nov. 30 • 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. • Carman

Join us for a morning of shopping with crafters and artisans showcasing their unique and personal items to make everyone on your holiday shopping list feel special. As an added gift, you will be contributing to the economic well-being of our community by shopping local. The Greater Liverpool Chamber of Commerce will be in the lobby passing out bags and promoting local businesses.

Individual vendors are able to take certain types of payment for items. Please be aware that not all vendors are able to take credit cards, but will be able to take cash or check. Check the event listing on the website for an updated vendor list.



The Polar Express Storytime and Activities*

Saturday, Dec. 14 • 10:30 a.m. • Sargent

Step aboard the Polar Express for a magical story time adventure at the library! This special event invites children and their families to experience the wonder of Chris Van Allsburg's classic tale through engaging storytelling and hands-on activities. Join us for an enchanting morning filled with holiday cheer and creativity.

2025 'Citizen Science' Open Brainstorm Session

Saturday, Dec. 14 • 1:30 p.m. • Studio

We're rolling out a brand new 2025 'Citizen Science' series and you can be among the first to participate! Join our initial session to discover what citizen science is, explore virtual and real-world ways to participate, and share what topics are important to you. We'll shape our 2025 series based on topics discussed in this initial meeting. Perfect for Citizen Scientists of all ages.

YA Book Club

Tuesday, Dec. 17 • 6 p.m. • Sargent

A new book club dedicated to reading young adult fiction and nonfiction. *Ages 12+ welcome.*

Children

Weekly Daytime Story Times by Age Group

| Event | Dates, Times, and Locations | Description |
|---|---|--|
| Baby Story Time | Tuesdays, Nov. 12, 19, 26; Dec. 3, 10, 17 • 9:30 a.m. Carman | This lap-sit story time is for our youngest patrons, designed to teach the very foundations of early literacy. This session features lots of bounces, songs, and familiar rhymes in between readings of 2-3 short books. Children can develop fine motor skills while interacting with books and manipulatives (think scarves and shakers). Best for children up to age 18 months. |
| Toddler Story Time | Wednesdays, Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27; Dec. 4, 11, 18 • 9:30 a.m. Studio | Geared towards toddlers and preschoolers, this story time features lots of songs, action rhymes, props, and movement to get our wiggles out in between 2-3 short books. Best for children ages 18-36 months. |
| Preschool Story Time with Stations* <i>Registration Required</i> | Mondays, Nov. 4, 11, 18, 25; Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23 • 1:30 p.m. Studio | Foster a love of books and learning with this interactive story time! We'll learn about the alphabet while reading books and moving through different hands-on learning stations. Fill up your "Early Literacy Toolkit" and continue the learning fun at home to help your child build their foundational early literacy skills! Join us for special STEAM sessions on the fourth Monday of each month featuring stories, songs, and hands-on activities that explore STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math). Best for children ages 3-5. |
| Family Story Time | Thursdays, Nov. 7, 14, 21; Dec. 5, 12 • 9:30 a.m. Carman | A family story time to develop children's early literacy skills by introducing new words and concepts in the context of an engaging story or song. Best for families with children 5 and under. |

Story Times on Evenings and Weekends

| Event | Time | Description |
|---|---|--|
| Family Story and Crafts | Thursdays, Nov. 14, 21; Dec. 12 Evenings, 6:30 p.m. Studio | Join us for a family story time followed by a book-themed craft! Best for families with children 8 and under. <i>Nov. 14 and Dec. 12 sessions are bilingual. Join us for a family story in both Spanish and English followed by a book-themed craft!</i> |
| Family Saturday Story Time with Stations (Monthly) | Saturdays, Nov. 23; Dec. 28 10 a.m. Carman | Join us for a unique and interactive story time! We'll read books, do crafts, and move through different hands-on learning stations. Each month will have a different theme to keep you and your little ones engaged and reading. Nov. 23: DINOvember Super Story Time Dec. 28: Snowman Story Time Best for children ages 3-7. |
| Beginning Readers Story Time* (Monthly) <i>Registration Required</i> | Mondays, Nov. 11; Dec. 9 Evenings, 6:30 p.m. Studio | In this story time, your child will enjoy stories, games, songs, and activities designed to help build skills necessary to become successful, enthusiastic readers. Best for children ages 5-7. |

Up to Age 5

Sensory Stations*

Fridays, [Nov. 1, 8, 22;](#) [Dec. 6](#) • 9:30 a.m. • Studio
Explore with your different senses! Sensory stations give caregivers and their little ones an opportunity to explore how things feel, sound, and smell with different toys, fillers, and other educational sensory items.

[Play & Learn](#)

Fridays, Nov. 15, 29; Dec. 13, 20, 27
9:30 a.m. • Carman
Play is such an essential part of learning. Play & Learn is a special time for socializing and play for anyone up to age 5! Participants can develop language skills and experience teamwork and sharing while gaining confidence in making friends. There will be toys and play, and a chance to read stories on the reading rug.

Ages 5+

[Paws to Read](#)

Saturdays, Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; Dec. 7, 14, 21, 28
10 a.m. • Children's Room
Liverpool Public Library invites you to read to one of our four-legged friends from Paws of CNY. These are sweet, gentle dogs who would love to be read to!

[Afterschool STEAM Seekers*](#)

Tuesdays, [Nov. 12, 26;](#) [Dec. 10](#) • 5 p.m. • Studio
Can't get enough science in school? Pop in to this twice-monthly STEAM club for a different activity each time we meet.
Nov. 12: Create art with paper circuits.
Nov. 26: Extract DNA from some familiar foods.
Dec. 10: Celebrate Computer Science Education Week by learning block coding or improving on existing skills with games. **Best for students in grades 3-5.**

[Potato Derby*](#)

Saturday, Nov. 16 • 11 a.m. • Carman
How do you like your potatoes? Mashed? Fried? Baked? How about as a race car? Starting Nov. 1, visit the Children's Desk to pick a potato and receive a bag of materials and a guide to turn our favorite tuber into a race car. Then, bring your potato-car back to compete in the Potato Derby against the fastest potatoes around! Winners will receive a prize. Awards will be given for unique designs. This event is for all ages! Families are encouraged to work together and have fun!
Materials are available on a first come first served basis while supplies last

[Let's Create! Unpredictable Art*](#)

Tuesdays, [Nov. 19;](#) [Dec. 17](#) • 6:30 p.m. • Studio
Get messy with process art (a.k.a. the process of making the art is more important than the final creation). Process Art is great for practicing fine motor skills that growing preschoolers and gradeschoolers need. For ages 3 and up.
Please register child(ren) only.

Tweens

[Tween Scene! – Dino-ramas*](#)

Wednesday, Nov. 6 • 6 p.m. • Carman
Help us celebrate DINOvember by creating a Dino-rama to go on display in the Children's Room! We will supply materials but feel free to bring your own decorative elements. Not interested in prehistoric fun? We will have games for you to play, as well.

[Tween Scene!*](#)

Wednesdays, [Nov. 13, 20;](#) [Dec. 4, 11, 18](#)
6 p.m. • Studio or Carman
Join us at the LPL for games, crafts, and fun! Please register to get weekly email updates.
Dec. 18: Gingerbread Houses



Teens

[Teen NaNoWriMo Challenge](#)

All November
It's **National Novel Writing Month**, the time of year when people set out to write 50,000 words of their novels in 30 days! Get motivated with the library by logging days you've spent writing, entering to win prizes, and celebrating all that you've achieved this month. Remember: Your goal doesn't have to be 50,000 words. The real goal is to have fun and WRITE! Fill out a virtual raffle ticket for every day you write in November through READsquared for a chance to win writing themed prizes!
Looking for some help, inspiration, or support? Send an email to the teen librarian: laurel.griffith@lpl.org to be added to the teen NaNoWriMo Group!

[Teen Night](#)

Wednesdays, Nov. 6, 13, 20; Dec. 4, 11, 18
6 p.m. • Sargent
A night for teens to hang out with games, art supplies, and different activities each week.

[Teen LEGO® Robotics Club*](#)

Wednesdays, [Nov. 6;](#) [Dec. 18](#) • 6:30 p.m. • Studio
Design, build, code, test, and compete! Join the LPL Teen Lego Robotics Club and learn how to build and code using the Lego Education Spike Prime kits. Create an original robot, or test your creations against a rotation of challenge maps from past years of the official First Lego League competition. No experience is required. Come as a group or find competition partners among the attendees.

[Teen Volunteers](#)

Saturday, Nov. 16 • 1 p.m. • Studio
A meeting of new and returning teen volunteers to learn about volunteer opportunities at the library.

Teen LGBTQIA+ Club at Golden Bee Bookshop

Saturdays, Nov. 16; Dec. 21 • 2:30 p.m.

Golden Bee Bookshop

A monthly meeting of LGBTQIA+ teens to celebrate who they are together. Ages 12-19 welcome! Meet at The Golden Bee Bookshop at 324 1st St. in Liverpool.



Queer Teen Book Tasting

Tuesday, Nov. 26 • 5 p.m. • Sargent

Loved *Heartstopper*? Fan of *Stranger Things*? Or just looking to read something new? There are queer books of all kinds at the library that you can explore at this book tasting! We won't be eating the books, but sampling all genres, each representing many different orientations and identities. The teen librarian will be on hand to offer suggestions or readalikes of your favorites to find your next queer read! Ages 12-19 only! The Book Tasting is happening at the same time as Parents of LGBTQIA+ Teens (see page 5).

YA Book Club

Tuesday, Dec. 17 • 6 p.m. • Sargent

A new book club dedicated to reading young adult fiction and nonfiction. Ages 12+ welcome.

Teen Smash Bros. Tournament*

Friday, Dec. 27 • 1 p.m. • Carman

A friendly Smash Bros. tournament on the library's large screen projector. Controllers provided and another Switch will be set up to play the library's other video games. Ages 12-18 only.

Tweens and Teens

Cube Club*

Mondays, Nov. 4; Dec. 2 • 6:30 p.m. • Studio

Are you a Cuber? Would you like to connect with speedcubers outside of competition events? Join your fellow puzzlers, develop your speedcubing skills, and meet new friends at the LPL's Cube Club. Bring your own, or the library will have some available.

Tween STEAMcraft:

3D Printed Snowball-Makers*

Friday, Nov. 22 • 1 p.m. • Studio

Design your own custom snowball maker. 3D print your creation and you'll be sure to win your next snowball fight! We'll spend some time on the TinkerCAD software before heading over to our 3D printer to bring your design to life. Finish your design in class, then give us a week or two to get them printed and ready for pickup.

Dungeons & Dragons*

Saturdays, Nov. 23; Dec. 28 • 12:30 p.m. • Sargent

Build characters and play campaigns with experienced Dungeon Masters! New and experienced players alike are welcome. For tweens, teens, and their families.

Children's Book Clubs

Budding Book Fanatics

Book Club*

Mondays, Nov. 25; Dec. 30

6:30 p.m. • Sargent

Nov. 25: *The Bad Guys in Do-You-Think-He-Saurus?* by Aaron Blabey

Dec. 30: *The Princess in Black* by Shannon Hale



Book Warriors

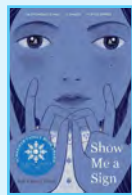
Book Club*

Wednesdays, Nov. 20;

Dec. 18 • 5 p.m. • Carman

Nov. 20: *Show Me a Sign* by Ann Clare LeZotte

Dec. 18: *Wingbearer* by Marjorie Liu



Comics & Crafts

Book Club*

Monday, Nov. 4;

Tuesday, Dec. 3

6:30 p.m. • Sargent or Studio

Nov. 4: *Séance Tea Party* by Reimena Yee

Dec. 3: *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library, the Graphic Novel* by Chris Grabenstein and Douglas Holgate



Holiday Teen / Tween Art Lounge*

Saturday, Nov. 30 • 2 p.m. • Studio

A holiday-themed teens and tweens meetup celebrating artistic expression. This is a free program where all supplies are included. *Registration requested, but walk-ins welcome as space permits.*

Tween STEAMcraft:

Custom-Engraved Coasters*

Tuesday, Dec. 3 • 5:30 p.m. • Sargent

Design and engrave a set of four stone coasters to give as holiday gifts... or keep for yourself! We'll spend some time making our designs, then head over to the laser engraver and create our final product there. Coasters provided. Some coasters will need extra time to engrave and need to be picked up in the week or two following the program.

Hour of Code: Minecraft Education*

Friday, Dec. 13 • 2:30 p.m. • Sargent

Did you know that Computer Science Education Week is Dec. 9 - 15? Celebrate by joining us after school to learn (or brush up on) block coding or Python by playing Minecraft Education! Equipment provided, but feel free to bring your favorite headphones. This program is best for beginners or those with no prior experience.

*Registration required

Homeschool

All events listed in table below are on Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m.

| Event | Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m. | Description |
|---|---|--|
| Homeschool Hangout* <i>Registration Required</i> | Dec. 3 Carman and Studio No session in Nov. | Get together with other homeschool families/students for games, crafts, and more. <i>Homeschool Hangout</i> is for families and students of all ages. Parents are expected to stay. <i>Homeschool Hangout Teen/Tween</i> is for students ages 10+. |
| Homeschool STEAM Club* <i>Registration Required</i> | Nov. 12; Dec. 10 Carman and Studio | Learn about Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM) through hands-on activities. <i>Homeschool STEAM Club</i> is for students ages 5-9. (11/12) (12/10) Parents are expected to stay. <i>Homeschool STEAM Club Teen/Tween</i> is for students ages 10+. (11/12) (12/10) |
| Teen Life Hacks* <i>Registration Required</i> | Nov. 12; Dec. 10 Sargent | Gather to experience a variety of fun and necessary life skills. Topics may include personal finance, creating presentations, cooking, and more. For students age 13+. |
| Teen Career Explorations* <i>Registration Required</i> | Nov. 19; Dec. 17 Sargent | Various career opportunities will be presented by a series of speakers who will offer a window into their real-life experiences in their fields. Nov. 19: John Turmino, In My Father's Kitchen (Homeless outreach) Dec. 17: Our very own Robin Meier, Geologist For students ages 13+. |
| Homeschool Family Book Club* <i>Registration Required</i> | Nov. 19; Dec. 17 Carman | Each month, LPL will select a book for families to read together. Then the whole family can join us to share thoughts, ideas, and questions with other homeschool families. Nov. 19: <i>Sisters of the Neversea</i> by Cynthia Leitich Smith Dec. 17: <i>Dogtown</i> by Katherine Applegate |
| Homeschool Art Class* <i>Registration Required</i> | Nov. 26 Carman and Studio | Unleash your homeschooler's creativity. Students will learn about different art forms and styles. Materials and supplies are included so children can make their own creations. <i>Homeschool Art Class</i> is for students ages 5-9. Parents are expected to stay. <i>Homeschool Art Class Teen/Tween</i> is for students ages 10+. |

Homeschooling 101 for Parents*

Mondays, Nov. 11; Dec. 9 • 6:30 p.m. • Sargent

New to homeschooling? Curious about what to teach and when? We've got you covered. Enjoy informative presentations and network with other homeschool families. Support each other to homeschool with confidence.

Nov. 11: Homeschool Special Needs 101

Dec. 9: Gameschooling

Homeschool Parents Book Club*

Monday, Nov. 25

6:30 p.m. • Collaborate

An opportunity for homeschool parents to connect and discuss fresh ideas and research to benefit their child(ren)'s learning.

Nov. 25: *The Read-Aloud Family: Making Meaningful and Lasting Connections with Your Kids*

by Sarah Mackenzie



Homeschool Teen/Tween

Research Project:

Local Historical Marker Initiative*

Wednesdays, Nov. 13, 20, 27; Dec. 4, 11, 18

1:30 p.m. • Carman or Studio

Calling all homeschool teens and tweens looking to make a unique impact on local history! Work together to research, write, and submit a historical marker grant proposal to the William G. Pomeroy Foundation.

This research program will be a 15-week commitment, from Nov. 13 - March 5 (excluding Dec. 25 and Jan. 1).



Historic marker outside the Gleason Mansion

DINO- VEMBER

Roaring good fun at LPL

DINOSAUR SCAVENGER HUNT

Spot all your favorite prehistoric friends and earn prizes!
All month in the Children's Room

TWEEN SCENE DINO-RAMAS*

Nov. 6, 6 p.m.

TODDLER STORY TIME

Nov. 13, 9:30 a.m.

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME & STATIONS*

Nov. 18, 1:30 p.m.

FAMILY STORY TIME & CRAFTS

Nov. 21, 6:30 p.m.

SUPER STORY TIME & STATIONS

Nov. 23, 10 a.m.

THURSDAY FAMILY STORY TIMES

Nov. 7, 14, 21, 9:30 a.m.

DINO ZONE SAFARI @ THE MOST*

Nov. 29, 1:30 p.m.

Meet us at the MOST for a dinosaur-themed discovery session. We'll learn about fossils, play games, and look at real samples together!

MOST
...discover, learn & play!

* REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Support Groups

TID Connections Program -

Type 1 Diabetes Support Group*

Thursdays, [Nov. 7](#); [Dec. 5](#) • 6:30 p.m. • Sargent Breakthrough T1D offers an in-person support group designed for school-age children (K-12) with T1D and their parent(s).

ADHD and Me, A Support Group for Kids with ADHD*

Saturdays, [Nov. 16](#); [Dec. 21](#) • 1 p.m. • Carman
This monthly gathering is designed to help children with ADHD and their families thrive.

NEW!

Beginning with events held in January 2025, ALL registrations will open at 9 a.m. on the 20th of the month prior. Not all events and activities have registration, but those that do will now all open on the same date: the 20th of the month before.

JOIN US FOR OUR REGULAR PROGRAMMING DURING WINTER RECESS

[Preschool Story Time and Stations*](#)

Monday, Dec. 23 • 1:30 p.m. • Studio

[Play & Learn](#)

Friday, Dec. 27 • 9:30 a.m. • Carman

[Paws to Read](#)

Saturday, Dec. 28 • 10 a.m. • Children's Room

[Dungeons & Dragons*](#)

Saturday, Dec. 28 • 12:30 p.m. • Sargent

[Budding Book Fanatics Book Club*](#)

Monday, Dec. 30 • 6:30 p.m. • Sargent

[Pokémon Club*](#)

Thursday, Jan. 2 • 1 p.m. • Carman



* Registration required.

SPECIAL WINTER RECESS EVENTS

[Winter Break Take-n-Make](#)

Monday, Dec. 16 – Friday, Dec. 20

Keep your child engaged and learning over the winter break by bringing home this travel-friendly paper lantern kit. Each kit contains construction materials, a flameless tea light, instructions, and a handy reminder of the engineering process. All you'll need are scissors, tape, and creativity! Kits will be available for pick-up at the Information Desk while supplies last.

[Teen Winter Break Book Box Giveaway](#)

Saturday, Dec. 21 – Sunday, Jan. 5

Celebrate winter by reading one of the best teen books from 2024! Each book box contains a library book that will be checked out to you and must be returned, as well as winter-themed goodies for you to keep. Limit to 1 book box per person, while supplies last. Ages 12-19 only!

[Winter Solstice Celebration](#)

Saturday, Dec. 21 • 11 a.m. • Carman

Celebrate the beginning of winter on the shortest day and longest night of the year! Drink warm cider and craft a lantern before taking a peek at your noontime shadow.

[American Girl® Winter Tea*](#)

Thursday, Dec. 26 • 2 p.m. • Carman

Celebrate the season with your favorite American Girl® characters at a formal tea party. Bring your American Girl® doll or any loved doll.

[Teen Smash Bros. Tournament*](#)

Friday, Dec. 27 • 1 p.m. • Carman

A friendly Smash Bros. tournament on the library's large screen projector. Controllers provided and another Switch will be set up to play the library's other video games. Ages 12-18 only.

[Snowman Story Time Stations](#)

Saturday, Dec. 28 • 10 a.m. • Carman

Join us for a unique and interactive snowman-themed story time! We'll read books, do crafts, and move through different learning stations. Best suited for children up to age 7.

[Winter Slime Extravaganza!*](#)

Monday, Dec. 30 • 1:30 p.m. • Studio

Say goodbye to 2024 in the best possible way - by making winter-themed slime! Personalize your slime and take it home to ring in the new year with slimy goodness.

[Cocoa & Cooking for Tweens & Teens*](#)

Monday, Dec. 30 • 1:30 p.m. • Carman

It's time for warm wishes and tasty dishes this winter! Enjoy some hot cocoa (dairy-free option available) while we learn how to make an easy vegetarian soup and sandwich combo with the library's Charlie Cart. Kitchen experience is not required, but we will be using hot appliances and practicing basic cutting skills.

This class uses the Charlie Cart, a portable kitchen provided with funds from Assemblywoman Pamela Hunter.

[Noon Year's Eve](#)

Tuesday, Dec. 31 • 12 p.m. • Carman

Celebrate the new year as a family with crafts, games, snacks, and more!

[Let's Code a Magic 8 Ball*](#)

Tuesday, Dec. 31 • 1 p.m. • Studio

Learn your fortune for 2025 by making a Magic 8 Ball. We will use Stawbees robotics materials to code the future. This event is ideal for tweens/teens with an understanding of basic computer navigation. For Tweens and Teens ages 9+.

[Kids Cook: Winter Favorites*](#)

Thursday, Jan. 2 • 2 or 3:30 p.m. • Studio

We will guide kids through easy and delicious recipes that they can make for themselves. For children ages 5 and up.

This class uses the Charlie Cart, a portable kitchen provided with funds from Assemblywoman Pamela Hunter.

[Gingerbread Man Story and STEAM*](#)

Friday, Jan. 3

9:30 a.m.


Carman

Run, run as fast as you can... to Story Time! Gather up your family for fun Gingerbread Man stories, crafts, and exciting STEAM activities!





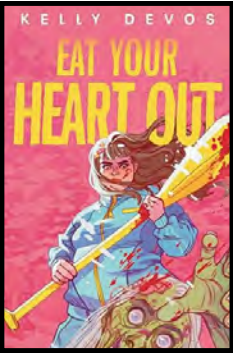
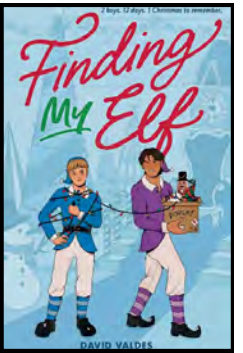


NEW ADULT RELEASES

ANTICIPATED NOV. & DEC. 2024
Find right on our shelves!

| Mystery | Memoir | Thriller | Regency Romance | Fantasy | Cozy Mystery |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Shy Creatures | Cher: The Memoir, Part One | The House of Cross | The Wrong Lady Meets Lord Right | Wind and Truth | Irish Soda Bread Murder |
| Clare Chambers | Cher | James Patterson | Suzanne Allain | Brandon Sanderson | Carlene O'Connor, et al. |
| Nov. 12 | Nov. 19 | Nov. 25 | Dec. 3 | Dec. 6 | Dec. 24 |

#ReadMoreIn2024

TEEN/YA

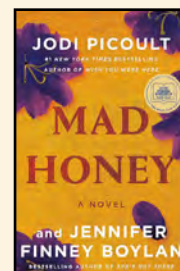
| Thanksgiving Romance | Winter Break Thriller | Winter Break Sci-Fi | Christmas Romance | Christmas Romances | Hanukkah Romance |
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| This Day Changes Everything | It Looks Like Us | Eat Your Heart Out | Finding My Elf | Whiteout | Eight Dates and Nights |
| Edward Underhill | Alison Ames | Kelly deVos | David Valdes | Dhonielle Clayton, et al. | Betsy Aldredge |

Perfect Winter Reads

ADULT BOOK CLUBS @ LPL

Books are available at the Information Desk a month before the meeting. New members are always welcome! No registration necessary.

After Dinner Books
Thursdays • 7 p.m. • Carman



Nov. 7: *Mad Honey* by Jodi Picoult
Dec. 5: *The Women* by Kristin Hannah

To attend virtually please email cindy.hibbert@LPL.org.

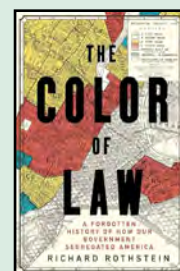
Book Klatch
Thursdays • 11 a.m. • Sargent



Nov. 21: *Dear Mrs. Bird* by A.J. Pearce
Dec. 19: Holiday party!

Books and Beyond

Thursdays • 5:30 p.m. • Sargent



Nov. 21: *The Color of Law* by Richard Rothstein (meeting in Collaborate)
Dec. 5: *Shelter: Homelessness in Our Community* by Lois Peterson

Love in the Pages

Mondays • 6 p.m. • Collaborate



Nov. 11: *Bringing Down the Duke* by Evie Dunmore
No meeting in Dec.

MOVIES @ LPL

ENJOY THE SHOW IN THE CARMAN ROOM



Thursday, Nov. 7 • 1:30 p.m.
Rated R. 116 minutes



Thursday, Dec. 5 • 1:30 p.m.
Rated PG-13. 123 minutes



Friday, Nov. 22 • 10 a.m.
Rated PG. 90 minutes

Sensory Friendly Showing

'TIS THE SEASON FOR GIVING

Food Drive

Nov. 1 - 17



Drop off **non-perishable food** items. We'll make sure they get to local food pantries and community organizations.

Toy Drive

Nov. 29 - Dec. 12



We will be accepting toy donations for distribution through the **Salvation Army's Christmas Bureau drive**. Toys should be new and unwrapped.

Mitten Tree

Dec. 1 - 15



Donate new **mittens, hats, or scarves** and hang them on our tree. All donations will be given to local food pantries.

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Board Meetings:

Board meetings are typically held on the second Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the Carman Community Room. Meeting changes and updates will be listed on LPL.org.

Library Hours

Monday - Thursday: 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.



Friday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sundays: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

We will be closed to the public on **Tuesday, Nov. 5** so the library may be used as a polling location on Election Day.

Please note adjusted holiday schedule:

Wednesday, **Nov. 27**, close at 5 p.m.

Thursday, **Nov. 28** closed

Tuesday, **Dec. 24** closed

Wednesday, **Dec. 25** closed

Tuesday, **Dec. 31** close at 5 p.m.

Wednesday, **Jan. 1** closed

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