

THE LPL Connection

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JUNE
2025

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Waltz back in time! We're in our Regency Era and are celebrating Jane Austen's 250th birthday. Join us for an English Country Dance lesson (page 5), a lecture on historical fashions (page 6), a 4-part Ballroom Dance series (page 5), and so much more. They're the can't miss events of the season.

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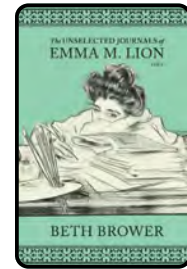
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SEEKING REFUGE IN READING



By
Melissa
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COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT & READERS' ADVISORY LIBRARIAN

In times of stress, books offer a unique blend of escape, understanding, and relief. By integrating reading into our daily lives, we can cultivate a lasting source of comfort and resilience. As we turn pages, we remember that we are not just reading words, but embarking on a journey that can **soothe the mind and nourish our souls**.



I recently revisited a little-known series because I needed a great "comfort read." I was transported to a familiar Victorian-era neighborhood, filled with found family, quirky neighbors, witty dialogue, and magical elements. Its familiarity soothed my soul.

Scientifically speaking, getting lost in a book is more than just a fleeting escape.

- **Reading has been proven to reduce stress levels.** In a study conducted by the University of Sussex, researchers found that reading can reduce stress by up to 68%*. A good book allows the mind to focus and escape the worries of daily life, engaging the imagination in a way that is both calming and enriching. (*source: shorturl.at/E6eTw)
- One profound benefit of reading is its ability to provide **emotional respite**. Through books, we can explore new worlds, experience different lives, and develop a deeper understanding of emotions and situations**. This fosters empathy, allowing us to connect with characters, which can be comforting and validating. When we see our struggles mirrored in a story, it reassures us that we are not alone. (**source: shorturl.at/dFC2u)

FICTION FOR ESCAPISM & COMFORT

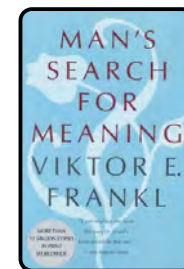


Anne of Green Gables
by L.M. Montgomery
A nostalgic, uplifting classic filled with optimism



I'm Afraid You've Got Dragons
by Peter S. Beagle
A high fantasy-cozy about a dragon exterminator

NON-FICTION FOR ESCAPISM & COMFORT



Man's Search for Meaning
by Viktor E. Frankl
A profound exploration of finding purpose in the most difficult circumstances



The Book of Delights by Ross Gay
Essays celebrating the small joys in life

Sustainability and Climate Science (April • May • June)



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Civics Hub

LPL's Civics Hub--an interactive space designed to give patrons the opportunity to learn and engage with the library's quarterly civics topic.

Civics Saturday

Sustainability and Climate Science
May 17, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. • Lobby

Organizations working in the fields of sustainability and climate science will be on hand to talk about how we can contribute to the wellness of our Earth and the latest science relating to climate.

Special Events

Secrets of the Lake Hike*
Wednesday, May 21, 2 p.m.
Green Lakes State Park

Enjoy a guided hike around Green Lakes State Park and learn its secrets from a park educator. Discover why the lake is green and how rare this is. Find out what unusual life lives in its depths.

This is a two-mile walk on a flat, crushed gravel trail, and usually takes between 1-1.5 hours.

Meet at the Environmental Education Center, located next to the first West Beach parking lot. 7900 Green Lakes Rd, Fayetteville, NY 13066



Screening Civics (Film):
"Feeding Tomorrow" *
Friday, June 13
2 p.m. • Sargent

A brave group of visionary leaders challenges a broken food system to better their local communities. There will be time for reflection and dialogue following the film.

Special Events

Environmental Design: Earthships & More!
Thursday, May 22, 7 p.m. • Carman

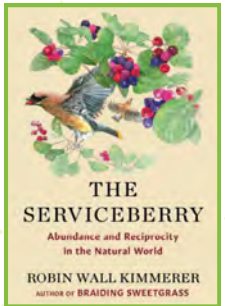
Do you know what 'carbon sequestration' is? Have you heard of "Earthships" but are not sure what they are? Let OCM BOCES' Chad DeVoe teach you about these innovative sustainability practices. He will discuss upcycling, carbon sequestration, and the construction of Earthships. Get insight into eco-friendly building techniques and sustainable living solutions.

Chad DeVoe teaches the New Vision Environmental Science class at Lime Hollow Nature Center in Cortland. He teaches about forestry, fish and wildlife, environmental issues, maple sugaring, land use, sustainable agriculture, soil and water, and outdoor recreation.

Books & Beyond Book Club

The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World
Thursday, May 22
5:30 p.m. • Sargent

At this discussion, we will read and discuss *The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World* by Robin Wall Kimmerer.



Let's Talk! Hosted by Books & Beyond

Thursday, June 26, 5:30 p.m. • Sargent

Books & Beyond will host a conversation group this month in lieu of their regular book club. At this meeting, we will talk about sustainability and climate science.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world."
~Margaret Mead

Adult

*Registration is required. Visit our events calendar at LPL.org to make a reservation.

Adults with Disabilities

Adults with Disabilities Craft Day!*

Thursdays, [May 8](#); [June 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 Hangout

Mondays, [May 12](#); [June 9](#) • 1 p.m. • Carman

Enjoy a sensory-friendly environment for tabletop games, arts and crafts, and more!

Civics

Meet with an Immigration Attorney: Information Clinic*

Tuesday, [May 13](#) • 11 a.m. • Collaborate

Do you have questions about immigration? Book an appointment to meet with an immigration attorney here at the library in a private setting.

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.

Senator Ryan Mobile Office Hours

Tuesdays, [May 13](#); [June 10](#) • 4-7 p.m. • Lobby

Come meet the senator's staff and ask questions.

Cooking

Adventures in the Kitchen*

Thursdays, [May 15](#); [June 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.

May 15: Mocktails— Join Christalle Twomey of Heartbeet Gardenscapes and create handcrafted, garden-fresh mocktails (non-alcoholic drinks) made with the finest herbs, fruits, and botanicals.

June 12: South Asian Cooking— Le Moyne College professor Farha Ternikar's research centers on culture and cooking. Join her for a fascinating presentation on South Asian foods and make a delicious dish representative of that region.

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

Supplies for this program are sponsored by Raymour & Flanigan.

LPL Meeting Rooms

Where to find your event:

Carman— Our largest room, found off of lobby

Studio— Room with glass doors near Children's Room

Sargent— Smaller room behind Information Desk

Collaborate— Smaller room near Quiet PCs

Games

Let's Get Trivial*

Tuesdays, [May 6](#); [June 3](#) • 7 p.m. • Home Team Pub

Join the masters of information and fun, the LPL 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! Join us at Home Team Pub, 7990 Oswego Rd. (Route 57) in Liverpool.

June 3: Trivia Finale— Teams that have played throughout the year can use their standing points to compete for the 2025 Championship! Prizes awarded for first, second, and third place.

Get Creative

Hooks and Needles

Thursdays, [May 1, 15](#); [June 5](#) • 10 a.m. • Sargent

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

American Sign Language

Conversation Hour

Wednesdays, [May 7, 21](#); [June 4, 18](#)

6:30 p.m. • Studio

Practice your ASL conversation skills in a relaxed environment. For people with basic ASL conversation abilities and beyond.

Keep Calm & Craft On*

Mondays, [May 19](#), [June 23](#) • 6:30 p.m. • Studio

Celebrate your love of crafting at this informal program.

May 19: Erna Eno will lead participants in creating art on canvas using hot glue and paint.

June 23: Make fabric bracelets in bright colors to get us in the mood for summer!



Fabric tassel garlands made in a past Keep Calm & Craft On

Regency Ball! Learn to English Country Dance*

Wednesday, [May 28](#) • 6 p.m. • Carman

You're invited to the social event of the season! Dance as Jane Austen would have danced in the early 1800s, with live music and callers to assist you along the way. Our dancing masters, the esteemed Mr. Smukler and Mr. Giunta, will demonstrate each dance and the Syracuse Country Dancers will guide the participants.

Historical attire is admired but not required. Dance partners change for each dance, no prior knowledge of dance is necessary.

For ages 18+ only.

Basics of Ballroom Dancing*

Mondays, [June 9, 23](#); [July 7, 21](#) • 6:30 p.m. • Carman

Waltz into this four-session ballroom dancing series led by Daria Medicis of Walt Medicis Dance Studios. Each week during this four-session program, you and a dance partner will learn easy steps and dances including foxtrot, swing, cha cha, and waltz.

Please note: Ballroom is a partner-based dance. Participants should be comfortable dancing with a partner. Partners who attend together are most welcome but must register individually. Individual registrants will be paired with a partner during each session as necessary. For ages 18+ only.

Voices & Votes Related Events at Liverpool Public Library



Voices and Votes: Democracy in America

Voices and Votes is based on a major exhibition currently on display at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History. This Museum on Main Street adaptation will have many of the same dynamic features: historical and contemporary photos; educational and archival video; engaging multimedia interactives; and historical objects like campaign souvenirs, voter memorabilia, and protest material.

Skä•noñh Great Law of Peace Center
6680 Onondaga Lake Pkwy
Liverpool, NY 13088

EXHIBIT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:
April 18 - May 30
Monday-Friday: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Saturday: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. | Sunday: Closed

Haudenosaunee Storytelling for Children*

Tuesday, [May 6](#) • 6 p.m. • Sargent

Storytelling is an essential part of Haudenosaunee culture. It isn't just about telling stories, it's a positive way to teach the beliefs and values held by the Haudenosaunee. Join us for stories, talk about the Great Law of Peace, also known as *Gayanashagowa*, and learn about the symbols on wampum belts. Children will share their own stories and make a promise bracelet to take home.

Registration required.

LECTURE: Freedom for All

Thursday, [May 8](#) • 7 p.m. • Carman

Onondaga Historical Association's Bob Searing will talk about The National Convention of Colored Men that took place in Syracuse on October 4, 1864.



Voices and Votes is a Museum on Main Street (MoMS) exhibition developed by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service. It's based on an exhibition by the National Museum of American History. It has been made possible in New York State by the Museum Association of New York. Support for MoMS in New York State has been provided by the United States Congress and the William G. Pomeroy Foundation. "A New Agora for New York: Museums as Spaces for Democracy" humanities discussion programs are made possible in part by a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Health & Wellness

Yoga with a Twist*

Tuesdays, [May 6, 13, 20, 27](#) • 11:30 a.m. • Carman
Gwen McCarroll from Gwen's Helping Hands will lead participants in this program that starts with gentle yoga and ends with musical movement. Designed for chair or floor yoga. Please bring a mat if you prefer to participate in the class as floor exercise. No experience necessary - beginners to advanced yoga enthusiasts welcome.

Participants must be age 15+. Please register for EACH class you intend to participate in.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month: Overcoming Shame*

Tuesday, May 20 • 6 p.m. • Carman

In honor of Mental Health Month, join us for this informative and engaging discussion about shame. Everyone has experienced shame at some point in their life. This presentation will provide you with tools to understand and overcome its limiting effects. Local author and mental health professional, Monica Gullotta M.S., will discuss the complexities of shame and how to create mental well-being.

Soothing Sounds for Mindfulness*

Thursday, May 29 • 7 p.m. • Carman

Megan Hook, mindfulness educator and coach, will lead participants in a meditative experience where those in attendance are "bathed" in soothing sound waves known as a sound bath.

Participants should bring a yoga mat or towel. For ages 18+.

Dried Herb Bundle Workshop*

Monday, June 9 • 7 p.m. • Raymour & Flanigan

Did you know that certain herbs are used for spiritual practices in various cultures? Let Christalle Twomey from Heartbeet Gardenscapes teach you easy ways to incorporate aromatic herbs into your life and learn what a simmer pot is. PLUS, create your very own herbal bundle to take home with you! All materials provided. Attendees will take home an herbal bundle to display, use for smoke cleansing, or add to a simmer pot.

\$10 supply fee due at the time of the program payable to Heartbeet Gardenscapes. Payment in cash only. This program will be held at Raymour & Flanigan at 4000 Route 31 in Liverpool.

Early 2000s Nostalgia Night:

High School Musical 2*

Tuesday, June 17 • 6:30 p.m. • Carman

Hey there, Wildcats! Did you grow up in the late '90s and early 2000s? Revisit the ultimate summer kick-off classic *High School Musical 2* (2007). Pizza and soft drinks will be served. For ages 18+.



History

Honor & Remember: Gravestone Care

Wednesday, May 14 • 1 p.m. • Carman

Elaine Peters, Jordan Village Historian, will discuss the importance of maintaining cemeteries and their place in preserving local history. She will also demonstrate how to clean and maintain a headstone.

This program is co-sponsored by the Liverpool Village Cemetery Committee.

Preserving Local & Family Histories: A 3-Part Series*

Thursdays, May 15, 22, 29 • 11 a.m. • Studio

In this three-part history and writing series, local author Jim Farfaglia will provide an overview of his interviewing techniques and methods for capturing local and family history. Attendees will develop their own research and interviewing skills.

The Warm Mug Historians*

Fridays, May 16; June 20 • 1:30 p.m. • Studio

Enjoy a mug of something warm and take a fun, informative journey into the past in this program for history lovers!

May 16: The Fashions of Jane Austen— Jennifer Staples, local historical tailor and re-enactor, will walk you through clothes of the early 1800s. In celebration of the 250th anniversary of Jane Austen's birth, Ms. Staples will also present commentary from Jane Austen herself about clothing that she purchased and wore.

June 20: Matilda Joslyn Gage, Grover Cleveland, and the Influence of the Erie Canal on the Course of America—

Author Michael Miller will help us travel back in time to the 19th century. He'll discuss the influence the Erie Canal and Fayetteville had on the lives of two future American leaders—Matilda Joslyn Gage and Grover Cleveland. Miller is the award-winning author of the novel *High Bridge: Matilda and Grover Battle Learned Ignorance*.



Matilda Joslyn Gage

Pedal Power! National Bike Month and Donation Drive

Saturday, May 17 • 1 p.m. • Dinosaur Garden

Celebrate National Bike Month at this dual-purpose event. Most of us use bicycles for recreation, but for some people it is a main mode of transportation. Join us for a look at the history of the bicycle. (This program will be held indoors in the event of inclement weather.)

PLUS: Do you have a bike you aren't using? Bring it to donate! Bicycles will be fixed up and distributed to people in need of transportation. Helmets and bike locks will also gladly be accepted.

Co-sponsored by Interfaith Works.

In the Community

55+*

Mondays, May 19; June 23 • 2 p.m.

This program is designed for active individuals 55+.

May 19: Voices & Votes Exhibit— Join us for this visit to the Voices and Votes Exhibit located at the Skä-noñh Great Law of Peace Center. (Learn more about Voices & Votes on page 4)

June 23: Clay Historical Park— Explore historical documents, donated artifacts, and other historical records. We will visit the 1900s railroad station, an 1840s barn, a replica of an 1800s log cabin, and the Visitor's Center. Meet at 4939 Route 31 in the hamlet of Clay by the railroad tracks.

Music & Theater

Juneteenth Celebration!

Saturday, June 14 • 1 p.m. • Carman

Celebrate Juneteenth with a special musical performance by Isreal Hagan. He will play a mix of '50s, '60s, and early '70s R&B, British Rock, Doo Wop, and original songs. He'll discuss a wide range of topics, including his upbringing, parents, musical influences, and more!

Nature & Science

The Fun Experiment: Adult STEAM*

Saturdays, [May 10](#); [June 14](#) • 2 p.m. • Studio

Are you the kind of person who finds fun wherever you go? Join us for this specially crafted series all about finding the fun in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM).

For 18+ only.

Seniors

Senior Resource Fair

Friday, May 2 • 1-3 p.m. • Carman

Mix and mingle and learn about the many great services out there for seniors! Local organizations serving seniors will be on hand to answer questions and provide information. Visit with representatives with expertise in housing, health insurance, meals and nutrition, social outlets, and more! Check LPL.ORG/EVENTS for a complete list of participating organizations.

Hospice and End-of-Life Care*

Monday, May 12 • 5:30 p.m. • Carman

Preparing for end-of-life or comfort care is difficult. Hospice is designed to help during this time. Get your questions answered and learn much more at this session, presented by I-Care with the Department of Adult & Long Term Care Services.

Patrons must register through the Department of Adult & Long-Term Care Services by using the link in the event listing at LPL.ORG/EVENTS; or by calling Kimberly Connell at 315-435-2362 ext. 4693.

Five Senses Series with the Alzheimer's Association*

Friday, May 30 • 10 a.m. • Sargent

Explore a season through sight, sound, smell, taste, and touch. Observing the world with our senses bolsters our cognitive function and mental health! This program is intended for those living in the early stage of Alzheimer's or other dementia and their care partners.

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

Community Forum presented by the Alzheimer's Association*

Tuesday, June 17 • 12 p.m. • Carman

We want to hear from you! Attend this Community Forum to share your experience with Alzheimer's disease and discuss how the Association can best serve you. Together, we can help enhance care and support resources for those facing the disease.

This Community Forum is presented in partnership with Onondaga County Office of Adult & Long-Term Care Services. Light snacks & refreshments will be served.

To register, please follow the link in the event listing at LPL.ORG/EVENTS.



ALL SESSIONS ARE AT 10 A.M. IN THE SARGENT ROOM

Introduction to File Management*

Tuesday, May 6

Learn the basics of File Explorer, files, and folders, perfect for beginners.

Computer Basics*

Tuesday, June 17

Learn the basics of computers from the ground up.

Introduction to Gmail*

Tuesday, June 10

Learn the basics of Gmail, perfect for beginners.

Windows 11 Basics*

Tuesday, June 24

Learn some basics about Windows 11.

Let our individual **tech support appointments** and group **classes** help **end frustration** and enhance your computer literacy skills. **Visit LPL.ORG/TECHHELP**

About Our Artist-In-Residence

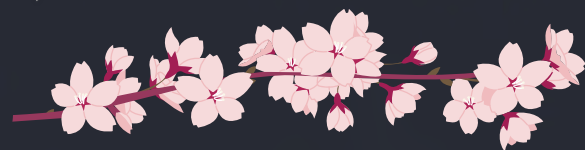
Jia Man



Jia Man, a Le Moyne College adjunct professor raised in Tokyo, is an accomplished Ikebana artist. **Ikebana is the centuries-old Japanese art of arranging flowers.**

She is a member of both the Ikebana International New York Chapter and the International Society of Ikebana Research Japan. She has showcased her work in prestigious exhibitions in Paris, London, Brussels, and online platforms with Ikebana International New York and Delhi, as well as holding solo exhibitions in public libraries.

Jia's Ikebana creations embody the expressive philosophy of this traditional Japanese art form.



Calligraphy Workshop For Youth* Saturday, June 14 • 10 a.m. • Studio

Jia Man teaches this hands-on program where participants will learn the background and the process of creating visually pleasing and meaningful artworks. For ages 6-13. Registration required.

Calligraphy Workshop For Teens and Adults* Wednesday, June 18 • 4 p.m. • Studio

Must be age 13+. Registration required.

Ikebana Workshop For Adults* Monday, June 16 • 6:30 p.m. • Carman

At this hands-on workshop, Jia Man will introduce the basic principles, history, and philosophy of Ikebana and explore different Ikebana styles. Ikebana is the centuries-old Japanese art of arranging flowers. Registration required.

Ikebana Open Studio Hours Saturday, June 21 • 10 a.m. • Studio

At these open studio hours, Adjunct Professor of Chinese and Japanese Language and East Asian Culture at Le Moyne College Jia Man will display floral arrangements and demonstrate the art of Ikebana.

Please note: Due to the popularity of our Artist-in-Residence programs, registration is limited to one AIR program per person. Studio hours are open to all.

Photo courtesy of Artist-in-Residence Jia Man

Liverpool Public Library's Artist-in-Residence (AIR) program connects the community with talented local artists. Through creative and educational opportunities, patrons can participate in workshops and watch the artist work during in-library studio hours. The AIR program supports cultural and artistic exchanges between artists and our community.



Family Fun

World Kitchen: Global Flavors, Local Chefs*

Saturdays, May 3; June 7 • 11 a.m. • Carman

All ages are welcome to learn cooking techniques and recipes from all over the world. This series is presented by the Kitchen Literacy Project whose mission is to "foster a love of healthy cooking, cultural exchange, and community connection."

May 3: Chef Christiana Osayamwen will teach participants about how to make authentic Nigerian Moin Moin and Puff Puff.

June 7: Chef Angela Voelk will teach the group about Polish pierogi.



These classes use the Charlie Cart, a portable kitchen provided with funds from Assemblywoman Pamela Hunter. This series is made possible by a grant through the Richberg Fund, administered by the CNY Community Foundation.

Let's Celebrate! Star Wars™

Saturday, May 3 • 1 p.m. • Carman

Celebrate all things Star Wars™, including a scavenger hunt, fan film reel, trivia, crafts, and more!

Chess Tournament*

Saturday, May 10 • 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. • Carman

This friendly chess tournament is for those familiar with or those new to tournament chess. There will be US Chess Federation-rated and unrated sections. Each will have adult and scholastic 16 and under age groups. Advanced registration is recommended as space is limited. Participants must know chess playing rules, but beginners are welcome!

Chess sets will be provided. If you have a chess clock, please bring it, but not required. Keeping score is not required. Touch move rules apply. Everyone plays in all rounds.

Chess Club @ LPL

Mondays, May 19; June 16 • 6 p.m. • Carman

Join fellow chess players for friendly competition. 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.

Juneteenth Celebration!

Saturday, June 14 • 1 p.m. • Carman

Celebrate Juneteenth with a special musical performance by Isreal Hagan. He will play a mix of '50s, '60s, and early '70s R&B, British Rock, Doo Wop, and original songs. He'll discuss a wide range of topics, including his upbringing, parents, musical influences, and more!



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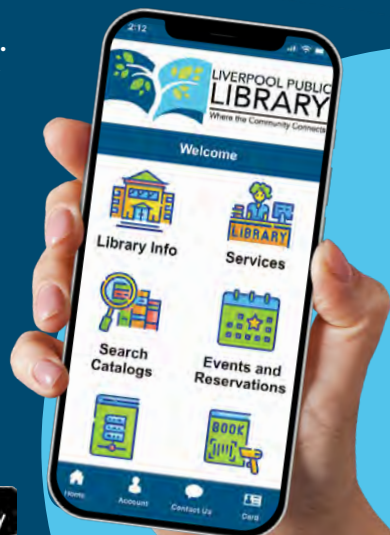
Check LPL.ORG/PERKS for a full list of participating vendors.

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Children

Weekly Daytime Story Times by Age Group

Event	Dates, Times, and Locations	Description
Baby Story Time <i>Best for children up to age 18 months.</i>	Tuesdays, May 6, 13, 20, 27; June 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).
Toddler Story Time <i>Best for children ages 18-36 months.</i>	Wednesdays, May 7, 14, 21, 28; June 4, 11, 18 9:30 a.m. Carman	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.
Preschool Story Time with Stations <i>Best for children ages 3-5.</i>	Mondays, May 5, 12, 19; June 2, 9 2 p.m. Carman or 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! <i>Join us for a special STEAM session on May 19 featuring stories, songs, and hands-on activities that explore STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math).</i>
Family Story Time <i>Best for families with children 5 and under.</i>	Thursdays, May 1, 8, 15, 22 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.
Story Time in the Garden <i>Best for families with children 5 and under.</i>	Thursdays, June 5, 12, 26 9:30 a.m. Dinosaur Garden	Bring your blanket and get ready for an outdoor story time with songs and stories. Story times develop children's early literacy skills by introducing new words and concepts in the context of an engaging story or song.

Story Times on Evenings and Weekends

Event	Time	Description
Family Story and Crafts <i>Best for families with children 8 and under.</i>	Thursdays, May 8, 29; June 12, 26 Evenings, 6:30 p.m. Studio	Join us for a family story time followed by a book-themed craft! <i>The May 8 session is bilingual. Join us for a family story in both Spanish and English followed by a book-themed craft!</i>
Super Story Time Stations	Saturdays, June 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. This month, we're reading <i>The Smart Cookie and Food Group Friends</i> . Best for children ages 3-7.

Up to Age 5

Sensory Stations

Fridays, May 2, 9 • 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 and educational sensory items.

Pre-K Little Foodies*

Saturday, May 10 • 9:30 a.m. • Studio

Play with your food in this tasty, sensory adventure! Expose your child to different flavors, smells, textures, and sounds while we read about our food and encourage their curiosity-fueled play.



Child enjoying a snap pea at Pre-K Little Foodies

For ages 3-5. Please register only your child(ren). While we do have aprons, bring play clothes - it could get a bit messy!

Unicorn Story Time

Saturday, May 24 • 10 a.m. • Carman

Join us for a magical, unicorn-themed story time! We will read unicorn books, make unicorn crafts, and color unicorn pictures! Plus enjoy exploring at all the fun sensory stations!
Best suited for children ages 3-7.

Ages 5+

Paws to Read

Saturdays, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; June 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!

Voices and Votes:

Haudenosaunee Storytelling for Children*

Tuesday, May 6 • 6 p.m. • Sargent

Storytelling is an essential part of Haudenosaunee culture. It isn't just about telling stories, it's a positive way to teach the beliefs and values held by the Haudenosaunee. Join us for stories, talk about the Great Law of Peace, also known as *Gayanashagowa*, and learn about the symbols on wampum belts. Children will share their own stories and make a promise bracelet to take home.



See page 4 for more details on Voices and Votes.

Pokémon Club*

Saturday, May 10 • 1 p.m. • Carman

Learn and explore the world of Pokémon! Whether you have been playing for years or are just getting started, you are sure to have tons of fun as we explore all things Pokémon!

Maker Club*

Monday, May 12 • 6:30 p.m. • Studio

Craft a summer journal using paper bags! Your journal will be done just in time to store your mementos all summer long.

Afterschool STEM Seekers*

Tuesdays, May 13; June 10 • 5 p.m. • Studio

Can't get enough science in school? Pop in to this monthly STEAM club for a different activity each time we meet.
May 13: A LEGO® challenge with a desert island twist
June 10: Use coding and robotics skills to program Edison robots

Best for children in grades 3-5.

Voices and Votes: We are all Connected*

Tuesday, May 13 • 6 p.m. • Carman

Join us as we explore democracy in the Haudenosaunee nation. Explore some of the symbols used by the Haudenosaunee people and the United States government before doing some interactive activities as a family to discover how we are all interconnected. We will finish the event by making a community art project.



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Let's Create! Unpredictable Art*

Tuesday, May 20 • 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 young children need.
For ages 3 and up.

Please register child(ren) only.

Storytime at Barnes & Noble

Wednesday, May 28 • 11 a.m. • Barnes & Noble

Join us at Barnes & Noble on Rt 31 for an exciting story time full of fun and adventure! Ms. Erin will bring stories to life with engaging tales, making it a perfect experience for young book lovers.

Barnes & Noble is located at 3956 NY-31 in Liverpool.

The Senses of Summer Story Time

Saturday, June 14 • 2 p.m. • Sargent

Dive into the sights, sounds, smells, and more of summer with stories and hands-on activities!

Watch our baby chicks hatch!

Be sure to stop in the Children's room during the month of **May** and keep an eye on our incubator! We'll be watching **eggs hatch** into **baby chicks!**



Tweens and Teens

Cube Club*

Mondays, [May 5](#); [June 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.

Teen LEGO® Robotics Club*

Tuesdays, [May 6](#); [June 3](#) • 6:30 p.m. • Carman
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.



Children taking part in a Youth Robotics meeting

No experience is required. Come as a group or find competition partners among the attendees.

Tween Scene!*

**Wednesdays, [May 14, 28](#); [June 4, 25](#)
6 p.m. • Carman or Dinosaur Garden**
Join us for games, crafts, and fun! Please register to get weekly email updates.

Teen Money Smarts with Empower*

Friday, [May 16](#) • 1 p.m. • Sargent
Cash in on a half-day of school! Learn from Empower Federal Credit Union about the importance of saving money.

DIY De-Stress for Tweens*

Tuesday, [May 20](#) • 6 p.m. • Dinosaur Garden
Make a "bath bomb" (a fizzie ball of fragrant and soothing oils and extracts that you throw into your tub before bathing) and a squishy stress ball in this low-stress, high-reward program.

Materials and equipment are provided, but please bring clothes you are willing to get a little messy in.

Dungeons & Dragons*

Saturdays, [May 24](#); [June 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

Comics & Crafts

Book Club*

**Monday, [May 5](#);
Tuesday, [June 3](#) • 6:30 p.m.
Sargent or Studio**
[May 5](#): *Shirley & Jamila Save Their Summer* by Gillian Goerz
[June 3](#): *Gamerville* by Johnnie Christmas



Book Warriors

Book Club*

**Wednesdays, [May 7](#); [June 11](#)
6 p.m. • Dinosaur Garden**
[May 7](#): *The Other Side of Tomorrow* by Tina Cho and illustrated by Deb JJ Lee
[June 11](#): *Shark Summer* by Ira Marcks and End-of-Year Party!



Budding Book Fanatics

Book Club*

**Mondays, [May 19](#); [June 23](#)
6:30 p.m. • Sargent**
[May 19](#): *The Cricket in Times Square* by George Selden
[June 23](#): *The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate



Teen Green: Sustainable Gardening for Teens*

Tuesday, [May 27](#) • 6 p.m. • Sargent
Teen gardeners of all experience levels are invited to learn about gardening with native plants and sustainable practices. Presented by Janet Allen of the Habitat Gardening in CNY chapter of Wild Ones.

Teen Summer Volunteers*

Wednesday, [June 11](#) • 4 p.m. • Sargent
A meeting for new and returning teen volunteers to help the library prepare for its big summer reading program kick-off!

Support Groups

T1D Connections Program -

Type 1 Diabetes Support Group*

Thursdays, [May 1](#); [June 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, [May 17](#); [June 21](#) • 1 p.m. • Carman
This monthly gathering is designed to help children with ADHD and their families thrive.

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>	May 6; June 3 Carman and Studio	Get together with other homeschool families/students for games, crafts, and more. Homeschool Hangout is for families and students of all ages. Parents are expected to stay. (5/6) (6/3) Homeschool Hangout Teen/Tween is for students ages 10+. (5/6) (6/3)
Homeschool STEAM Club* <i>Registration Required</i>	May 13; June 10 Carman and Studio	Learn about Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM) through hands-on activities. Homeschool STEAM Club is for students ages 5-9. Parents are expected to stay. (5/13) (6/10) Homeschool STEAM Club Teen/Tween is for students ages 10+. (5/13) (6/10)
Teen Life Hacks* <i>Registration Required</i>	May 13; June 10 Sargent	Teens (13 & up) gather to experience a variety of fun and necessary life skills. For students age 13+.
Teen Career Explorations* <i>Registration Required</i>	May 20; June 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. May 20: Dr. Anna John, Ph.D. John is a scientist with 8+ years of research experience focused on studying proteins at the molecular level. June 17: EMT, pharmacist, and pilot Andrew Meier will be presenting about his work as an Emergency Medical Technician. For students ages 13+.
Homeschool Family Book Club* <i>Registration Required</i>	May 20; June 17 Carman or Studio	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. May 20: <i>Tree. Table. Book.</i> by Lois Lowry June 17: <i>Gracie Under Waves</i> by Linda Sue Park
Homeschool Art Class* <i>Registration Required</i>	May 27 Carman	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.

Homeschool 1-on-1 Appointments*

Monday, [May 12](#) • 6:30 p.m.
Whether you are new to homeschooling, or a seasoned homeschooler, you may need to troubleshoot issues, seek advice, or explore options. Let our homeschool experts help you. Meet one-on-one with staff who have been there. Appointments are a half hour and must be booked in advance.

Homeschooling 101 for Parents*

Monday, [June 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. This month will be part 2 of reviewing curriculum; parents will share what resources worked/didn't work for this past school year.

LPL Homeschool Resource Fair

Saturday, [June 7](#) • 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. • Carman
Current and prospective homeschooling families are welcome at our annual Homeschool Resource Fair. Gather with other homeschooling families while learning about the educational opportunities and enrichment resources available locally. Enjoy displays with representatives from homeschool extracurricular providers (sports, choir, drama, co-ops, and more), a free curriculum swap, activities for the kids, library resources, and more.



NEW ADULT RELEASES

ANTICIPATED MAY & JUNE 2025
Find right on our shelves!

Biography	Biography	Recipes & Stories	Memoir	History	Non-Fiction Thriller
Karen: A Brother Remembers	Mark Twain	Baking Across America	Dreaming of Home	The Sisterhood of Ravensbrück	Murderland
Kelsey Grammer	Ron Chernow	B. Dylan Hollis	Cristina Jiménez	Lynne Olson	Caroline Fraser
May 6	May 13	May 20	May 27	June 3	June 10

NON-FICTION

FICTION

Literary Fiction	Mystery/ Crime	Love Story	Crime	Psychological Thriller	Romance
My Friends	Dark Maestro	Atmosphere	King of Ashes	Don't Open Your Eyes	A Mother's Love
Fredrik Backman	Brendan Slocumb	Taylor Jenkins Reid	S.A. Cosby	Liv Constantine	Danielle Steel
May 6	May 13	June 3	June 10	June 17	June 24

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Adult Book Clubs

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

<h3>After Dinner Books</h3> <p>Thursdays • 7 p.m. • Carman</p> <p>May 1: <i>Lula Dean's Little Library of Banned Books</i> by Kristen Miller</p> <p>June 5: <i>Go as a River</i> by Shelly Read</p> <p>To attend virtually please email cindy.hibbert@LPL.org.</p>	<h3>Love in the Pages</h3> <p>Mondays • 6 p.m. • Collaborate</p> <p>May 12: <i>The Blonde Identity</i> by Ally Carter</p> <p>June 9: <i>Outlander</i> by Diana Gabaldon</p> <p>For patrons 18+.</p>	<h3>Spring Movie Night Kit*</h3> <p>Monday, May 19</p> <p>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! Spring's theme is "Popcorn and Foul Play". Each kit will contain an exciting whodunnit that'll keep you guessing until the very end. Kits will be available for pick up at the Information Desk from Monday, May 19 through Sunday, May 25.</p> <p>Supplies are limited. For ages 18+.</p>
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Box Office HITS

MAKE IT MOVIE NIGHT!

Take your pick from record-shattering blockbusters that are perfect for turning any night into movie night on **hoopla**

MOVIES @ LPL

ENJOY THE SHOW IN THE CARMAN ROOM

<p>GLADIATOR II</p>	<p>CONCLAVE</p>	<p>POPCORN AND FOUL PLAY</p>
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<p>Friday, May 9 • 1 p.m. Rated R. 148 minutes</p>	<p>Friday, June 6 • 1 p.m. Rated PG. 120 minutes</p>	<p>Spring Movie Night Kit Monday, May 19 (See above.)</p>
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READ IT FORWARD

SUMMER READING CHILDREN'S KICK-OFF

SUMMER READING ADULT'S KICK-OFF

Tuesday, June 24
4:30-7:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 26
7-8:30 p.m.

Kick-off the summer with games, crafts, and opportunities to share your love of animals! Set a reading goal for yourself, bring your stuffer for a visit to our animal hospital, and discover the great summer activities we have planned.

Celebrate the start of summer reading with a fabulous adults only event. There will be prizes, trivia, and more.

- **7 - 7:30 p.m.** Get a prize when you sign up for the summer reading program.
- **7:30 - 8:30 p.m.** Animal-themed trivia.



This summer, we are asking you to "Read it Forward" and help raise money for HumaneCNY, a local animal shelter whose mission is to find loving homes for the animals who need them. (Details to come.) **It's going to be wild!**
Can't make it to the kickoff? No problem, sign up in the library beginning June 24!



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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. **Please note:** May's meeting will take place May 7.

Library Hours




Monday - Thursday: 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Friday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Sunday: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.



For event and weather-related updates, please visit LPL.ORG.

Please note: Beginning June 22, we are closed on Sundays through the summer. **We will also be closed on May 25, 26, and June 19.**

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