

Adult Classes and Programs at WPL

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LIBRARY CLOSINGS:

Mar 28: Staff Development
Mar. 31: Easter Sunday
April 14 & 15: Patriots' Day
May 25 & 27: Memorial Day

(R) Register at mywpl.org
or call 508-799-1655.

MARCH MEOWNESS

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Felines for Fee Forgiveness!



Got fees for lost or damaged Worcester Public Library items?

Show us a picture of a cat (any cat) and we will forgive your fees. This is for the month of March 2024 only, so visit your WPL Branch now!

For details visit mywpl.org/cat-month

Virtual Author Talk Series with Bestselling Authors

 NINA TOTENBERG March 6 4 PM	 CHRISTOPHER PAOLINI March 14 4 PM	 MADLINE MILLER March 21 7 PM	 PAULA J. JOHNSON April 2 2 PM
 DIANE FOLEY & COLUM MCCANN April 9 2 PM	 XOCHITL GONZALEZ April 17 8 PM	 DOUGLAS BRUNT May 1 3 PM	 NINA SIMON May 8 7 PM
 REBECCA F. KUANG May 21 7 PM			

Register at <https://libraryc.org/mywpl>

AUTHOR EVENTS

Enjoy this lineup of author talks from bestselling authors from a variety of genres. Register at: <https://libraryc.org/mywpl>

Wednesday, Mar. 6 at 4 p.m.

Nina Totenberg

Thursday, Mar. 14 at 4 p.m.

Christopher Paolini

Thursday, Mar. 21 at 7 p.m.

Madeline Miller

Tuesday, Apr. 2 at 2 p.m.

Paula Johnson

Tuesday, Apr. 9 at 2 p.m.

Diane Foley & Colum McCann

Wednesday, Apr. 17 at 8 p.m.

Xochitl Gonzalez

Wednesday, May 1 at 3 p.m.

Douglas Brunt

Wednesday, May 8 at 7 p.m.

Nina Simon

Tuesday, May 21 at 7 p.m.

Rebecca F. Kuang

An Unruled Body: Author Talk with Ani Gjika (R)*

Wednesday, May 8

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Banx Room

The story of a young woman's journey to selfhood through the lenses of language, sexuality, and identity.

WRITING WORKSHOPS

Creative Writing Workshop

Wednesdays, Mar. 20, Apr. 17, May 15
7 - 8 p.m.

First Floor Computer Lab

Participate in a group writing session.

Poetry Workshop: Limericks and Clerihews (R)*

Saturday, Apr. 20

2 - 3 p.m.

First Floor Computer Lab

Generative Poetry Workshop: The Poetic Obsession with Poet Laureate Oliver de la Paz (R)*

Saturday, Apr. 27

2 - 4 p.m.

First Floor Computer Lab

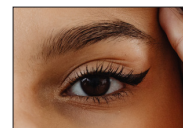
ARTS & CRAFTS

Cat Eye Makeup*(R)

Saturday, Mar. 2

1 - 2:30 p.m.

Banx Room



DIY Crafts for Adults

Wednesdays, Mar. - May

3 - 4:30 p.m.

Innovation Center

Knitting

Thursdays, Mar. - May

2:15 - 3:15 p.m.

Banx Room/Zoom



Learn, Create, and Connect at

Sewing Machine Instruction for Adults (R)

Saturdays, Mar. 2, 16, 30, Apr. 13, 27, May 11

9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Innovation Center

Sign up for a one-on-one session to learn the basics.

DIY Beauty (R)

Wednesdays, Mar. 20, Apr. 17, May 15
7 - 7:30 p.m.

Innovation Center

Learn how to create simple home-made beauty products.

Mar. 20: Shea butter face cream; Apr. 17: Lash and brow serum; May 15: Apple cider vinegar toner

Asian Brush Painting for Beginners (R)*

Tuesday, May 28
6 - 8 p.m.

Innovation Center

Learn from artist Bayda Asbridge.



BOOK CLUBS

True Crime Book Club (R)

Wednesdays, Mar. 6, Apr. 3, May 1
7 - 8 p.m.

Zoom

Mar. 6: *Starkweather: The Untold Story of the Killing Spree that Changed America* by Harry MacLean
Apr. 3: *Behold the Monster* by Jillian Lauren

May 1: *The Riders Come Out at Night* by Ali Winston and Darwin Bondgraham

Banned Book Club in partnership with Outstanding Life (R)

Tuesdays, Mar. 12, Apr. 9, May 14
7 - 8 p.m.

Zoom

Mar. 12: *Vanguard: How Black Women Broke Barriers, Won the Vote, and Insisted on Equality for All* by Martha S. Jones

Apr. 9: *We Are the Ants* by Shaun David Hutchinson

May 14: *When the Emperor Was Divine* by Julie Otsuka

Science Fiction Book Club (R)

Tuesdays, Mar. 19, Apr. 16, May 21
1 - 2 p.m.

Ages 16+

Zoom

Mar. 19: *Darwin's Radio* by Greg Bear

Apr. 16: *The Other Side of Night* by Adam Hamdy

May 21: *The Man in the High Castle* by Philip K. Dick

Popular Fiction Book Club (R)

Wednesdays, Mar. 27, Apr. 24, May 22
7 - 8 p.m.

First Floor Meeting Room

Mar. 27: *Black Cake* by Charmaine Wilkerson

Apr. 24: *Harlem Shuffle* by Colson Whitehead

May 22: *Yellowface* by R.F. Kuang

COMMUNITY & CULTURE

Office Hours with the Social Services Specialist

Wednesdays, 1 - 4 p.m.

Thursdays, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Community Resources Office

If you or a loved one is struggling with homelessness, food insecurity, a mental health disorder, or substance abuse, drop in to find and connect with local resources and services.

Scrabble Time

Saturdays, Mar. 2, Apr. 13, May 11
9:30 - 11 a.m.

Fiction Area

Can you beat a librarian at Scrabble?

Consumer Protection Week: Scam Prevention and Fraud Awareness

Monday, Mar. 2

1 - 2:30 p.m.

Banx Room

Panel discussion and Q&A with fraud prevention experts.



LEGO Club for Adults

Monday, Mar. 4: 1 - 3 p.m.

Thursday, Apr. 18: 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 21: 6 - 8 p.m.

Innovation Center

Consumer Protection Week: Fraud Squad Players

Thursday, Mar. 7

1 - 2:30 p.m.

Banx Room

Performance about scams and fraud.

UMass Chan Health Fair

Wednesday, Mar. 13

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Saxe & Banx Rooms

Medical students will be providing screenings, info and resources, along with staff from over 20 local agencies.

Barbie: Dismantling Stereotypes

Friday, Mar. 15

2 - 5 p.m.

Saxe Room

Watch Greta Gerwig's *Barbie*, followed by a discussion with Danuta Bukatko, professor of psychology at the College of the Holy Cross.

Saint Patrick's Day Party

Sunday, Mar. 17

1 - 3 p.m.

Saxe & Banx Room

Join us for a candy bar, photo station, prize wheel, and crafts.



Spring Scavenger Hunt

Tuesday, Mar. 19 - Saturday, Mar. 30

Complete to win a prize!

Rainbow Dinner (R)*

Tuesday, Mar. 19

6 - 7:30 p.m.

Saxe Room

Join us for a night of fun, food, and friends for the LGBTQ+ community and allies. Food from Femme Bar. Ages 15+.

Haunted Happenings with Jeff DePaoli (R)*

Thursdays, Mar. 21, Apr. 18, May 16
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Zoom

Join us each month for spooky stories.

Introduction to Beekeeping* (R)

Sunday, Apr. 21

1 - 2:30 p.m.

Saxe Room

Learn the basics of beekeeping.

the Worcester Public Library

National Pet Month Fair

Saturday, May 18

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Newspapers & Magazines Area

Visit therapy dogs, speak with local shelters, learn about pet health, and more.

COMPUTER & TECHNOLOGY

Access Digital Studio

Use Adobe Creative Cloud, photo scanner and VHS converter. Check in at Newspapers & Magazines Desk, valid CW MARS card is required. DIY sessions for conversion and digitization need a WPL certificate of completion.

Computer and Internet for Beginners

Fridays, Mar. 8, 22, Apr. 5, 19, May 3, 17
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

First Floor Computer Lab

Computer Programming: Python for Beginners (R) §

Tuesdays, Mar. 12 - Apr. 16

6:30 - 8:15 p.m.

First Floor Computer Lab

Intro to the world of programming, using Python. Register for 1st week only.

WPL Download: Library Apps for Your Phone (R)

Fridays, Mar. 15, Apr. 12

11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

First Floor Computer Lab

Learn about free library apps.

Misinformation, Disinformation, and Fake News: How to Evaluate What You Hear (R)

Saturday, Mar. 16: 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 14: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

First Floor Computer Lab

Learn to evaluate information sources.

Device Safety (R)

Monday, Mar. 18: 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, May 16: 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

First Floor Computer Lab

Basic safety advice to follow.

Intro to Robotics (R)

Saturday, Mar. 30: 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Apr. 23: 6 - 8 p.m.

First Floor Computer Lab

Use programming to control a small robot.

Computer Programming: Introduction to SQL (R) §

Tuesdays, Apr. 30 & May 7

6:30 - 8:15 p.m.

First Floor Computer Lab

Covers SQL CRUD operation basics.

Preserve Your Family Memories: Digital Studio Open House

Wednesday, May 1

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Digital Studio

Digitizing Family Photos, Slides, or VHS Tapes (R)

Wednesdays

5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Digital Studio

Learn to use our equipment.

ESOL & CITIZENSHIP

Office Hours with the New Americans Librarian

Tuesdays, Mar. - May

1 - 4 p.m.

Community Resources Office

ESOL Navigator †

Mondays: 1 - 4 p.m.

Fridays: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Community Resources Office

Help finding an English Class.

English Conversation Circle

Tuesdays, Mar. - May (except Apr. 2)

5:30 - 7 p.m.

Banx Room

Everyday English Class

Mondays & Wednesdays

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

First Floor Meeting Room

Drop-in to this student-centered class.

Saturday English Class

Saturdays

1 - 3 p.m.

First Floor Meeting Room

Drop-in to this student-centered class.

Citizenship Class

Tuesdays

9 - 11 a.m.

First Floor Meeting Room

Prepare for the U.S. citizenship exam.

Online TOEFL Prep Course (R) †

Saturdays, Mar. 30 - May 18

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Zoom

A guided study course.

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GENEALOGY & LOCAL HISTORY

Family Myths and Legends (R)

Saturday, Mar. 9

4:15 - 5:15 p.m.

Zoom

Research your family legends.

The Latina Presence in Worcester-Past, Present and Future(R)

Wednesday, Mar. 13

6 - 7 p.m.

Banx Room

Join this discussion with Maritza Cruz.

Postcards for Local History Research (R)

Saturday, Apr. 6

4:15 - 5:15 p.m.

Zoom

Learn to use postcards in your research.

Worcester at War (R)

Saturday, May 18

4:15 - 5:15 p.m.

Banx Room

From the American Revolution to now.

HEALTHY LIVING

Zumba*(R)

Saturdays, Mar. - May (except 4/13, 5/4 & 5/25)

10 - 10:45 a.m.

Banx Room

Work-out clothes, sneakers, water recommended. Ages 12+.

Lunchtime Yoga (R)*

Thursdays, Mar. - May

12 - 1 p.m.

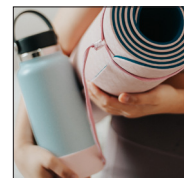
Saxe Room

Yoga taught by Kate

Dalrymple of Kula

Yoga. Bring a mat

and water.



De-Stress with Dogs

Mondays, Mar. 4, Apr. 1, May 6

3:30 - 5 p.m.

Saturdays, Mar. 23, Apr. 27, May 18

11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

First Floor Ellipse

Visit with a registered therapy dog from Tufts Paws for People.

Downsizing Done Right with Right Sized Living

Saturday, Mar. 9

1 - 2:30 p.m.

Saxe Room

Learn all aspects of downsizing.

Mindfulness Session*(R)

Saturdays, Mar. 16, Apr. 27, May 4

1 - 2 p.m.

Saxe Room

Cultivate more peace in your life.

Nutrition Classes with Judy Palken, Registered Dietitian (R)*

Saturdays, Mar. 16, Apr. 6, May 11

2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

First Floor Computer Lab

Mar. 16: Your Diet for Healthy Bones

Apr. 6: Nutrition and Beauty

May 11: Tea for Health

Understanding Your Cat with Dr. Rachel Geller (R)

Saturday, Mar. 23

3 - 4 p.m.

Banx Room

With a certified cat behaviorist.

Spring Cleaning Workshop*(R)

Saturday, Mar. 30

11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Banx Room

Achieve a cleaner house & less clutter.

Free STOP THE BLEED Course from UMass Memorial Injury Prevention Team (R)

Saturday, Apr. 20

11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Banx Room

Learn this life saving skill.

Herb Garden Starter Kit (R)*

Saturday, Apr. 20

12 - 1 p.m.

Saxe Room

Learn about popular flowers and herbs and plant your own.

**Unique Garden Ideas (R)***

Saturday, May 18

12 - 1 p.m.

Saxe Room

Unique and easy garden ideas.

COOKING**In the Kitchen with Librarian Olivia:****Pasta Primavera (R)**

Wednesday, Mar. 13

6:30 - 8 p.m.

Saxe Room

Learn to make this veggie-filled recipe.

Charcuterie Board Class (R)*

Wednesday, Apr. 10

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Saxe Room

Make the perfect charcuterie board.

**Vietnamese Salad Recipes (R)***

Wednesday, May 29

6 - 8 p.m.

Saxe Room

With Trang Le, owner of Mint Kitchen & Bar.

SMALL BUSINESS & FINANCIAL LITERACY**Introduction to Finding Grants for Nonprofits (R)**

Mondays, Mar. 11, Apr. 8, May 13

9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

First Floor Computer Lab

An overview of grant-seeking process for nonprofits using the Foundation Directory database.

Steps to Starting a Business (R)*

Tuesday, Apr. 9

2:30 - 4 p.m.

Zoom

Tools and tips to get you started.

Business Plan Basics (R)*

Tuesday, Apr. 23

1 - 2:30 p.m.

Zoom

Overview of writing a business plan.

Starting a Business 101 (R)

Monday, Mar. 25: 4 - 5 p.m.

Friday, Apr. 26: 10 - 11 a.m.

Thursday, May 23: 2 - 3 p.m.

First Floor Computer Lab

Presented by the City of Worcester, Executive Office of Economic Development.

ONE-ON-ONE**Make a One-on-One Appointment with a Librarian (R)**

Main Library

Get help with the following:

- convert audio and video files
- digitize family photos
- DIY investing resources
- ebook & audiobook help
- genealogy research
- nonprofit and grant research
- Python & SQL homework help
- small business research assistance

Register at:

mywpl.org/article/ask-librarian**RESUMÉ HELP****Online Resume Help**

Get help with your resume by submitting at:

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