COOKING

Make Your Own Festive Spice Mix (R)*
Saturday, Dec. 16
10 - 11 a.m.
Saxe Room
Make your own holiday spice blend.

Chowders, Bisques, Chilis & Stews (R)*
Saturday, Jan. 13
11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Saxe Room
After a short presentation including recipe and product reviews, participants will be able to sample some pre-made recipes.

Chocolate Tasting (R)*
Saturday, Feb. 3
11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Saxe Room
Join us for a presentation from a professional chocolate sommelier. Participants will be able to try samples of craft, small batch chocolate.

Valentine's Day Cookie Decorating (R)*
Saturday, Feb. 10
10 - 11 a.m.
Saxe Room
Veronica, owner of The Cookie Lady's Daughter, will teach you how to outline, flood, and add Insta-worthy details to sugar cookies using royal icing.

INTRODUCTION TO FINDING GRANTS FOR NONPROFITS (R)
Mondays, Dec. 18, Jan. 22, Feb. 12
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, Feb. 13
1 - 2:30 p.m.
Zoom
Tools and tips to get you started.

Business Plan Basics (R)*
Tuesday, Feb. 27
1 - 2:30 p.m.
Zoom
Overview of writing a business plan.

Starting a Business 101 (R)
Monday, Jan. 29, 4 - 5 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 29, 10 - 11 a.m.
First Floor Computer Lab
Fundamentals of starting a small business, presented by the City of Worcester, Executive Office of Economic Development.

Make a One-on-One Appointment with a Librarian (R)
Main Library/Zoom
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: mywpl.org/article/ask-librarian.

§ Basic knowledge of computers and a valid email address is required.

CALANDER

Monday, Dec. 11, Jan. 8, Feb. 12
3:30 - 5 p.m.
Saturdays, Dec. 30, Jan. 27, Feb. 24
11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
First Floor Ellipse
Visit with a registered therapy dog from Tufts Paws for People.

Nutrition Classes with Judy Palken, Registered Dietitian (R)*
Saturdays, Dec. 16, Jan. 20, Feb. 10
2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
First Floor Computer Lab
Dec. 16: Diabetes - Prevent, Treat, and Eat
Jan. 20: Food and Mood
Feb. 10: Alcohol - A Shot of History, Art, and Moderation

Sound Healing Session (R)*
Saturday, Jan. 13
2 - 3 p.m.
Saxe Room
Take a break from the bustling holiday and join Char Willingham for a transformative journey through Sound Alchemy.

Lunchtime Yoga (R)*
Thursdays, Dec. - Feb.
12 - 1 p.m.
Bancx Room
Take advantage of your daily lunch break to relax and reset with Yoga taught by Kate Dalrymple of Kula Yoga in Worcester. Please bring a mat and water.

 Spice, Spirit, and Swoon-A Guaranteed happily Ever After with Rom-Com Author Tessa Bailey

Kwanzaa Celebration (R)*
Tuesday, Dec. 26
6 - 8 p.m.
Saxe Room
Joinied by Sha-Asia Medina, Director of The Village Afrocentric Cultural, Learning, and Healing Center, we will celebrate the first night of Kwanzaa with a Kinara lighting, discussion about the holiday, and a showing of the film The Black Candle. Zawadi (gifts) will be provided for all attendees.

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HALLMARK ROM COM MARATHON*
Saturday, Dec. 2
11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Saxe Room
Get in the holiday spirit with cozy rom coms from Hallmark! Light refreshments by European Bakery of Worcester, while it lasts. Ages 18+.

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Learn, Create, and Connect at the Worcester Public Library

Rainbow Dinner (R)*
Tuesday, Dec. 19
6 - 8 p.m.
Saxe Room
Join us for a night of fun, food, and friends for the LGBTQ+ community and allies. Dinner will be catered by Femme Bar. Free and open to everyone 15+.

Skincare in the Winter Vs. Summer: Is There a Difference? (R)*
Tuesday, Jan. 2
6:30 - 8 p.m.
Innovation Center
Learn how to care for your skin during different seasons.

Haunted Happenings with Jeff De-Paoli (R)*
Thursdays, Jan. 18, Feb. 15
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Zoom
Join us each month for stories about hauntings and spooky experiences.

Makeup 101 (R)*
Saturday, Jan. 27
2:30 - 4 p.m.
Innovation Center
Learn the basics of makeup application from makeup artist Geo Sanchez.

Galentine’s Day (R)*
Sunday, Feb. 11
1 - 3 p.m.
Saxe Room
Grab your pals and join us for an afternoon of sweets, mocktails, music, and crafts. For ages 18 & older.

Film Showing: Biking While Black
Saturday, Feb. 17
2 p.m.
Saxe Room
Join us to watch this documentary about the barriers faced by Black bicyclists in Los Angeles and their efforts to promote mobility justice. Discussion to follow.

LEGO Club for Adults
Monday, Dec. 4: 1 - 3 p.m.
Saxe Room
Tuesday, Jan. 9: 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 19: 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Innovation Center

Scrabble Time
Saturdays, Dec. 23, Jan. 20, Feb. 17
9:30 - 11 a.m.
Innovation Area
Can you beat a librarian at Scrabble?

Pause and Play Games & Puzzles
Fiction/Newspapers & Magazines Area

BOOK CLUBS

True Crime Book Club (R)
Wednesdays, Dec. 6, Jan. 3, Feb. 7
7 - 8 p.m.
Zoom
Dec. 6: Scream at the Sky by Carlton voters
Jan. 3: Catch the Sparrow by Rachel Rear
Feb. 7: Fatal Vision by Joe McGinniss

Banned Book Club in partnership with Outstanding Life (R)
Tuesdays, Dec. 12, Jan. 9, Feb. 13
7 - 8 p.m.
Zoom
Dec. 12: The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas
Jan. 9: The Glass Castle by Jeanette Walls
Feb. 13: Bless Me, Ultima by Rudolfo Anaya

Science Fiction Book Club (R)
Tuesdays, Dec. 19, Jan. 16, Feb. 20
1 - 2 p.m.
Ages 16+
Zoom
Dec. 19: The Collapsing Empire by John Scalzi
Jan. 16: Parable of the Sower by Octavia Butler
Feb. 20: Retrograde by Peter Cawdron

Popular Fiction Book Club (R)
Wednesdays, Dec. 27, Jan. 24, Feb. 28
7 - 8 p.m.
First Floor Meeting Room
Dec. 27: Anxious People by Fredrik Backman
Jan. 24: Horse by Geraldine Brooks
Feb. 28: Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver

ARTS & CRAFTS

DIY Crafts for Adults*
Wednesdays, Dec. 3 - Feb. 3
3 - 4:30 p.m.
Innovation Center

Knitting
Thursdays, Dec. - Feb.
2:15 - 3:15 p.m.
Bax Room/Zoom
Needlecraft enthusiasts can join us in person or virtually.

Sewing Machine Instruction for Adults (R)
Saturdays, Dec. 9, 23, Jan. 6, 20, Feb. 3, 17
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Innovation Center
Sign up for a one-on-one session to learn the basics.

DIY Beauty (R)
Wednesdays, Dec. 20, Jan. 17, Feb. 21
7 - 7:30 p.m.
Innovation Center
Learn how to create simple homemade beauty products.
Dec. 20: Bath salts; Jan. 17: Blush; Feb. 21: Tinted lip gloss

Physically Adaptive Weaving 101 (R)*
Thursday, Jan. 11
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Zoom
Program presented by Took Storm, a physically disabled and chronically fatigued weaver from Western Mass.

Wrapping Paper Party
Sunday, Dec. 10: 12 - 3 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 21: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Innovation Center
Wrap gifts and enjoy snacks. Ages 18+

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, Dec. 1, 15, 29, Jan. 12, 26, Feb. 9, 23
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
First Floor Computer Lab

Computer Programming: Python for Beginners (R) &
Tuesdays, Dec. 12 - Jan. 16
6:30 - 8:15 p.m.
First Floor Computer Lab
Introduction to the world of computer programming, using Python. Register for 1st week only.

Computer Programming: Introduction to SQL (R)
Tuesdays, Jan. 30 & Feb. 6
6:30 - 8:15 p.m.
First Floor Computer Lab
Covers SQL CRUD operation basics.

Digitizing Family Photos, Slides, or VHS Tapes (R)
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Digital Studio
Learn to use our digitization and conversion equipment.

Device Safety (R)
Thursday, Dec. 14
10 - 11 a.m.
First Floor Computer Lab
Basic safety advice to follow.

Misinformation, Disinformation, and Fake News: How to Evaluate What You Hear (R)
Saturday, Jan. 6
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
First Floor Computer Lab
Learn to evaluate sources of info.

Social Media Basics (R)
Thursday, Jan. 11
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
First Floor Computer Lab
Learn the basics of social media.

Intro to Robotics (R)
Tuesday, Feb. 13
6 - 8 p.m.
First Floor Computer Lab
Learn how to control a small robot through programming.

ESOL & CITIZENSHIP

Office Hours with the New Americans Librarian
Tuesdays, Dec. - Feb.
1 - 4 p.m.
Community Resources Office

ESOL Navigator†
Mondays: 1 - 4 p.m.
Fridays: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Wednesdays, Dec. 13, Jan. 10, Feb. 14:
4 - 7 p.m.
Community Resources Office
Help finding an English Class.

English Conversation Circle
Tuesdays, Dec. - Feb.
5:30 - 7 p.m.
Bax Room

Everyday English Class
Mondays & Wednesdays
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
First Floor Meeting Room
Drop-in to this student-centered class.

ESOL Navigator†
Tuesdays, Dec. - Feb.
6:30 - 8:15 p.m.
First Floor Computer Lab
Covers SQL CRUD operation basics.

Genealogy 101 (R)
Tuesdays, Dec. - Feb.
7 - 8 p.m.
First Floor Meeting Room
Sign up for a one-on-one session to learn the basics.

Device Safety (R)
Tuesday, Feb. 13
10 - 11 a.m.
First Floor Computer Lab
Basic safety advice to follow.

Citizenship Class
Tuesdays & Thursdays
9 - 11 a.m.
First Floor Meeting Room
Prepare for the U.S. citizenship exam.

Club del libro en español
Mondays, Dec. 4, Jan. 8, Feb. 5
6 - 7 p.m.
Frances Perkins Branch
Nos reunimos para hablar de libros en español.

Free Immigration Legal Help Clinic
Wednesdays, Dec. 13, Jan. 10, Feb. 14
4 - 7 p.m.
First Floor Ellipse
FREE 45-minute consultations, register by calling 508-799-1655 x 3 during Worcester Public Library hours. This service is presented in partnership with Central West Justice Center, Student Clinic for Immigrant Justice, and private attorneys.

Online TOEFL Prep Course (R)†
Saturdays, Jan. 6 - Feb. 24
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Zoom
A guided study course.
† Brought to you with federal funds provided by IMLS and administered by the MBLC.

Genealogy & Local History
From Birth to Death: Finding and Using Vital Records in Genealogy (R)
Saturday, Dec. 2
4:15 - 5:15 p.m.
Zoom
Learn to locate and use the essential tools.

Genealogy 101 (R)
Saturday, Dec. 16
4:15 - 5:15 p.m.
Zoom
Learn about the basics of researching genealogy.

Military Records for Genealogy (R)
Saturday, Jan. 13
4:15 - 5:15 p.m.
Zoom
Learn about the various military records you can access.

Discover your Irish Ancestors (R)
Saturday, Feb. 24
4:15 - 5:15 p.m.
Bax Room
Learn about the Irish relatives in your family tree.

Genealogy Club (R)
Tuesdays, Dec. 19, Jan. 16, Feb. 20
7 - 8 p.m.
Zoom
Chat with fellow genealogists.