**MARCH MEOWNESS**

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

**AUTHOR EVENTS**

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

**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 the Worcester Public Library

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 homemade 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.

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
Learn the basics of beekeeping.

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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 Bond Graham

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

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.
Learn, Create, and Connect at the Worcester Public Library

**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.

**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.
† Brought to you with federal funds provided by IMLS and administered by the MBLC.

**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.

**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.

**Zumba® (R)**
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.

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Thursday, May 16: 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
First Floor Computer Lab
Basic safety advice to follow.

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**Intro to Robotics (R)**
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Tuesday, Apr. 23: 6 - 8 p.m.
First Floor Computer Lab
Use programming to control a small robot.
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:
mywpl.org/article/ask-librarian

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