



Collaboratory @ WALLINGFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

..... Winter Events 2025



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Featured Events

Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise noted. Collaboratory programs are open to adults & teens in grades 9+ unless otherwise noted.

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Enter the lottery here: [January](#) | [February](#) | [March](#)

Program project photos can be found at: walpublib.org/UpcomingCollaboratory

Winter Cardinal Polymer Clay Relief

Monday, January 6 | 6-8:30pm

Sculpt a relief of a cardinal on a snowy branch.

Birthday Cards

Thursday, January 9 | 6:30-8pm

Let's get ready for this year's birthdays! You will use die cuts, embossing folders, ink-blending, and stamps to make three fun birthday cards. No card making experience needed.

Penguin Hugs Slate

Monday, January 13 | 6-8:30pm OR
Wednesday, January 15 | 2:30-4:30pm

Paint a cheery winter-themed penguin family on a repurposed slate. This is an intermediate level painting project.

DIY Succulent Wall Hanging

Saturday, February 8 | 11am-12:30pm

Create a succulent wall hanging using Cricut cut paper, which can live forever on your wall!

Love Bugs

Monday, February 10 | 6:30-8:30pm OR
Wednesday, February 12 | 2:30-4:30pm

Use mandala dotting paint techniques on a rock to create a cute bug. This is a great beginner project.

Laser Etched Wall Plate Cover

Saturday, March 1 | 11am-12:30pm

Learn how to prepare a job for the laser cutter in Corel Draw using royalty-free images found on Pixabay to create your own beautiful wall plate cover. (Finger)Painting the covers after they are laser etched also will be an option!

Irish Calligraphy

Thursday, March 13 | 7-8:30pm

Learn Irish calligraphy, which is also known as the Uncial style! It is a beautiful, historical hand and a great way to introduce yourself to the broad edge nib.

Beaded Chakra Bracelet

Tuesday, March 25 | 6-7pm OR
7:15-8:15pm

Create a beautiful beaded Chakra bracelet. Chakra jewelry is believed to have therapeutic properties for the wearer.

Talking TED @ Home

Join librarian Cindy Haiken to watch and discuss a popular TED talk. Registration required.

Thursday, January 9 | 7-8pm | David Asch: Why It's So Hard to Make Healthy Decisions

Thursday, February 13 | 7-8pm | Esther Perel: The Secret to Desire in a Long-Term Relationship

Thursday, March 13 | 7-8pm | Lori Gottlieb: How Changing Your Story Can Change Your Life

Maker Activities

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Snowflake Name Window Hangings

Tuesday, January 7 | 7-8:30pm OR
Thursday, January 9 | 3-4:30pm

Use CorelDRAW to create your name as a snowflake pattern to hang on a window! The snowflake will be etched and cut out on the laser cutter using a clear acrylic.

Note: This is a repeat program. Please do not register if you have attended previously

Custom Decorated Bags

Tuesday, January 14 | 7-8:30pm OR
Thursday, January 16 | 3-4:30pm

Decorate bags using our Cricut Makers and sublimation printer! Bags will be provided. If you have a specific image you would like to use, please bring it on a USB drive.

Custom Snow Globes

Tuesday, January 21 | 7-8:30pm OR
Thursday, January 23 | 3-4:30pm

Create a decal in Cricut Design Space to place on acrylic for the inside of this easy to assemble snow globe!

Note: This is a repeat program. Please do not register if you have attended previously

Laser Cut Mandala Bowl

Tuesday, January 28 | 7-8:30pm OR
Thursday, January 30 | 3-4:30pm

Assemble and decorate a bowl out of a repeating mandala shape, cut out here in the library on our laser cutter.

Wooden Quilt Block

Tuesday, February 4 | 7-8:30pm OR
Thursday, February 6 | 3-4:30pm

Create a decorative wooden quilt block using laser cut pieces. There will be three classic quilt block patterns from which to choose. This is not a quilting program.

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DIY Laser Etched Candles

Tuesday, February 11 | 7-8:30pm OR
Thursday, February 13 | 3-4:30pm

Design an image to be etched onto a candleholder, then make the candle that goes inside using wax, pigment, and fragrances!

Chain Pull Painting

Tuesday, February 25 | 7-8:30pm OR
Thursday, February 27 | 3-4:30pm

Chain pull painting is a fun non-traditional method of painting that gives gorgeous results, no brushes required! Be sure to wear clothes suitable for a messy paint activity.

Note: This is a repeat program. Please do not register if you have attended previously

Puff Vinyl Totes

Tuesday, March 4 | 7-8:30pm OR
Thursday, March 6 | 3-4:30pm

Using the Cricut Maker, cut out a design of your choosing from puffy 3D vinyl then iron it onto a tote bag.

Sublimation Decorated Metal Wind Spinner

Tuesday, March 11 | 7-8:30pm OR
Thursday, March 13 | 3-4:30pm

Use our sublimation printer to decorate a metal wind spinner, perfect for your porch or garden! If there is a specific photo you want to use, please bring it on a USB drive.

Laser Etched Bookmarks

Tuesday, March 18 | 7-8:30pm OR
Thursday, March 20 | 3-4:30pm

Create a design to be etched onto a leather bookmark.

Ongoing Drop-in Groups

Open Sew

Tuesdays, January 7, February 4, & March 4
6-8:30pm | Open to teens and adults

Do you like to sew? Join people who enjoy quilting and sewing at a casual "drop in" program anytime from 6:00 to 8:30pm in the Collaboratory the first Tuesday evening of each month. Bring your unfinished projects, either hand sewing or machine. There are 4 portable sewing machines (or bring your own) and lots of sewing supplies and tools provided by the library for your use. Stop by for 10 minutes or for the full 2.5 hours for a fun evening of sharing and learning!

Technology Training

Introduction to Cricut

Monday, January 13 | 2-3:30pm OR
Saturday, January 25 | 2-3:30pm

This class will cover how to use Cricut Design Space, the software used to create custom designs with the Cricut Maker vinyl cutting machines.

Photoshop Basics

Monday, February 10 | 2-3:30pm OR
Saturday, February 22 | 2-3:30pm

Learn the basics of Adobe Photoshop, such as editing and resizing photos, using layers, the difference between tools, and adjustments that can be made to images.

Note: This is a lecture style class only.

Learn to Laser Cut

Saturday, March 8 | 2-3:30pm OR
Monday, March 17 | 2-3:30pm

Get started designing your own laser cutter projects using CorelDRAW software. Participants will make a basic wood project. Prior computer experience is recommended.

Intermediate Canva

Monday, March 10 | 2-3:30pm OR
Saturday, March 22 | 2-3:30pm

Use Canva to practice different design principles such as visual hierarchy, negative space, and balance that will help your designs shine! This will be a hands-on, guided class. Basic experience with Canva is required.

Collaboratory Full-Service Hours

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| Monday-Friday | 9:30-1:00 & 1:30-9:00 |
| Saturday | 9:30-1:00 & 1:30-5:00 |
| Sundays (Jan-April) | 12:00-4:00 |



Appointments Available

To access equipment in the Vault you will need to sign a waiver and undergo training on the piece of equipment you would like to use. Training appointments are 30 minutes and are one-on-one sessions. Training is available for the **Brother DreamMaker XE VE2200** embroidery machine, **Baby Lock Crown Jewel III** long arm quilting machine, and **Brother Homelock 1034D** serger.

Please call us at (203)265-6754 to set up an appointment.

During full-service hours, all equipment is open and staff are available to assist you. Self-service hours are the remaining operating hours of the Main Library.

During self-service hours, certain equipment is unavailable and there are no dedicated staff on hand.