



Fall Events



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Featured Events

Registration required. Registration opens at 7am on the 22nd of the month prior to the event. All materials provided. Open to adults and teens in grades 9 and above unless otherwise noted. Due to the one-on-one nature of these programs, masks will be required for all participants.

Beaded Spider

Monday, October 3 | 7-8pm

Create a decorative spider out of beads to use as part of your Halloween décor.

Painted Pumpkin Tray

Monday, October 17 | 6:30-8:30pm OR
Tuesday, October 18 | 6:30-8:30pm

Learn dry brushing, line work, and floating to create a scene depicting pumpkins in front of a weathered fence.

Game Development with Jes Negrón of RETCON Games

Tuesday, October 25 | 7-8pm

Did you ever wonder what goes into making a video game? Join Jes Negrón, local game developer and Founder of RETCON Games to find out how video games are developed. Whether you are a gamer or are interested in becoming a developer yourself, this is a can't-miss event!

Cheery Fall Gnome Plaque

Monday, November 14 | 6:30-8:30pm OR
Tuesday, November 15 | 6:30-8:30pm

Learn decorative painting techniques to create a gnome wearing a hat with a sunflower.

Danish Stars

Saturday, November 19 | 2-3:30pm

Create a no-sew fabric star based on a Danish Christmas tradition.

Create Your Own Natural Wintry Wreath

Thursday, December 8 | 7-8pm

Jill from PlantHer will guide you through embellishing your own 10" wintry grapevine wreath with natural elements, including evergreens, pinecones and more! Participants are invited to bring in their own responsibly foraged materials to add to their wreath forms. Step-by-step instructions and materials provided!

Furoshiki Basics

Saturday, December 3 | 2-3:30pm

Furoshiki is the Japanese art of wrapping objects in cloth. This elegant and ecological art is used for both practical carrying of objects and for presentation of gifts. Participants will learn how to wrap items such as bottles, books and packages to offer as gifts. We will also make a shopping bag to carry on the shoulder and a double book wrap to carry books or binders. You only need to be able to fold and tie a basic overhand knot to participate.

Winter Scene Wine Bottle

Monday, December 12 | 6:30-8:30pm OR
Tuesday, December 13 | 6:30-8:30pm

Paint a snowy evergreen on a wine bottle filled with fairy lights.

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

Ongoing Drop-in Groups

Knit @ WPL

First and third Monday of the month
6-7:30pm | Open to teens and adults

Knit @ WPL is a place where knitters and crocheters can practice their work in the company of others. Newcomers are welcome to join, but knitting experience is required. *Please note: The group meets in the Board Room.*

Open Sew

Tuesdays, October 11, November 8, &
December 6
5:30-8:30pm | Open to teens and adults

Due to the one-on-one nature of this program, masks will be required for all participants.

Do you like to sew? Join people who enjoy quilting and sewing at a casual "drop in" program anytime from 5:30 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 3 hours for a fun evening of sharing and learning!

Maker Activites

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Straw Hat Scarecrow Door Hanging

Wednesday, October 5 | 7-8:30pm OR
Thursday, October 6 | 3-4:30pm

Use a variety of fall-themed materials to decorate a scarecrow door hanging made from a straw hat.

Resin Flower Coasters

Wednesday, October 12 | 7-8:30pm OR
Thursday, October 13 | 3-4:30pm

Nothing lasts forever.... unless it's encased in epoxy resin that is! In this program, we will learn what can be put inside of resin, how it is done, and in the process make some coasters with flowers inside!

Reversible Wine Cork Pumpkin/Snowman

Wednesday, October 19 | 7-8:30pm OR
Thursday, October 20 | 3-4:30pm

Paint and decorate a wine cork decoration that is perfect for both fall and winter, with one side pumpkin themed and the other a snowman!

Laser Cut Jack O' Lantern

Wednesday, October 26 | 7-8:30pm OR
Thursday, October 27 | 3-4:30pm

Just to be clear, we will not be putting actual pumpkins in our laser cutter (that would end badly). What we will be doing is making our own wooden jack o' lantern using the computer and the laser to carve out a face, assembling the pumpkins, and then painting them. These pumpkins are great because they will not rot, so you can use them for years!

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Thanksgiving Pie Hanging Banner

Wednesday, November 2 | 7-8:30pm OR
Thursday, November 3 | 3-4:30pm

Learn how to use the Cricut Maker to create a felt hanging banner featuring an assortment of pies that will look almost good enough to eat!

Introduction to Sewing: Quilted Potholders

Tuesday, November 16 | 7-8:30pm OR
Thursday, November 17 | 3-4:30pm

Use one of the library's sewing machines and learn how to create a quilted potholder. This program is for both beginner and experienced sewers alike.

Interlocking Turkey Coasters

Tuesday, November 22 | 3-4:30pm OR
Tuesday, November 22 | 7-8:30pm

Protect your table during Thanksgiving festivities with these turkey-shaped coasters! When not in use, they can interlock and stand up straight, making them great decorations as well as useful coasters.

DIY Car Window Decals

Wednesday, November 30 | 7-8:30pm OR
Thursday, December 1 | 3-4:30pm

Do you want to decorate your car, but haven't been able to find the right decals? Make your own! We will be using the Silhouette Studio software to design our own decals and a Silhouette Cameo machine to cut them out of permanent vinyl. Basic computer skills recommended.

LED Laser Cut Snow Globes

Wednesday, December 7 | 7-8:30pm OR
Thursday, December 8 | 3-4:30pm

Create a laser cut design on acrylic for the inside of this easy to assemble LED snow globe!

Laser Cut Winter Scene

Wednesday, December 14 | 7-8:30pm OR
Thursday, December 15 | 3-4:30pm

Assemble and paint a tranquil winter scene cut out on our laser cutter.

Talking TED @ Home

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



Thursday, October 13 | 7-8pm | Kenneth Lacovara: Hunting for Dinosaurs Showed Me Our Place in the Universe

Thursday, November 10 | 7-8pm | Tali Sharot: The Optimism Bias

Thursday, December 8 | 7-8pm | Matthieu Ricard: The Habits of Happiness

Technology Training



Introduction to the Collaboratory

Monday, October 10 | 3-4:30pm

You may have wondered just what the Collaboratory is, or what you can actually do in there. This class will teach you about all the resources we have available for you, answer any questions you have, and show you examples of what you can do with the technology.

Digitization Services

Monday, November 7 | 3-4:30pm

Do you have old printed photos, film, vinyl, or other analog home recordings that need to be updated to a digital format? This class will go over all of the different digitization options available in the Collaboratory and how they operate.

CorelDRAW for Laser Cutting

Monday, November 14 | 3-4:30pm

This class will get into the nitty-gritty details of how to use CorelDraw, the software which controls our laser cutter. You do not have to have taken Introduction to the Laser Cutter to participate, but comfort using computers is strongly recommended.

Virtual Reality Experience for Adults



Wednesdays, October 5th & 19th, November 2nd & 16th, and December 7th | 5:30 or 6pm

Play a game, ride a roller coaster, or explore the world on our new **Meta Quest 2** headsets! Register for a 20-minute session to delve into the magic of virtual reality. Ages 18+ only. Due to limited availability, you may only register for one session.

Collaboratory Full-Service Hours

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.