Featured Events

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Mandala Heart Rock
Monday, January 29 | 6:30-8:30pm OR
Wednesday, January 31 | 2:30-4:30pm

Paint a detailed mandala heart on a flat stone using dotting techniques.

Secret Affirmation Bracelet
Wednesday, February 21 | 3-4:30pm

Make a simple stretch bracelet that uses Morse code to spell out a word or phrase. There will be several word/phrase options from which to choose.

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Custom Gear Top Box
Saturday, March 2 | 11am-12:30pm

Assemble a laser cut box which features a gear mechanism, enabling both sides of the box top to rotate open at the same time. You will have time to engrave a design of your choice on the side of the box.

Heart-Shaped Hydrangea Plaque
Tuesday, March 12 | 6:30-8:30pm OR
Thursday, March 14 | 2:30-4:30pm

Paint a cluster of hydrangeas on a wooden heart-shaped plaque.

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Virtual Artisan Programs

The virtual artisan programs are not lottery registration programs. Please register using the online calendar at wallingford.librarycalendar.com

Sweetgrass Baskets: A Gullah Geechee Tradition
Wednesday, February 7 | 7-8pm | Zoom

Join us to hear an amazing story about Sweetgrass Weaving, a staple of Gullah Geechee culture, and how this special art form has been kept alive and greatly been improved over the decades. Corey Alston, a sixth-generation sweetgrass basket weaver, will create a beautiful basket while sharing the history of the craft with the audience. Alston is a gifted storyteller who has artfully crafted many beautiful baskets since he was a teenager. He puts the same amount of care and consideration into every piece, making sure each is just as eye-catching as the last. He will also talk about why the Gullah Geechee Heritage Corridor in South Carolina is so unique.

The World of Saint Patrick in Art
Wednesday, March 6 | 7-8pm | Zoom

Join art historian Michael Norris, Ph.D., for an exploration of a celebrated religious figure as he appears in visual culture around the world. Through art and archaeology, we’ll examine the ancient Britain that was ruled by Rome for centuries. Then we’ll consider the autobiography and letters of its most famous citizen, a Roman Briton named Patrick, and the fifth-century Ireland he knew as a slave and as a missionary.

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Talking TED @ Home

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

Thursday, January 11 | 7-8pm | Talithia Williams: Own Your Body’s Data
Thursday, February 8 | 7-8pm | Mandy Len Catron: Falling in Love Is the Easy Part
Thursday, March 14 | 7-8pm | Anne Curzan: What Makes a Word ‘Real?’
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**Snowflake Name Window Hangings**
Tuesday, January 2 | 7-8:30pm OR
Thursday, January 4 | 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.

**Resin Jewelry**
Tuesday, January 9 | 7-8:30pm OR
Thursday, January 11 | 3-4:30pm

Resin jewelry is beautiful, customizable in an infinite amount of ways, and easier to make than it seems! We will be using resin, molds, dyes, and small objects to make earrings and pendants.

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**Needle Felted Yeti**
Tuesday, January 16 | 7-8:30pm OR
Thursday, January 18 | 3-4:30pm

Learn how to needle felt by hand and create a small, decorative yeti. Needle felting uses a barbed needle to mat fibers together, typically in wool.

**Resin Flower Coasters**
Tuesday, January 23 | 7-8:30pm OR
Thursday, January 25 | 3-4:30pm

Nothing lasts forever…unless it’s encased in epoxy resin that is! We will create resin coasters that keep dried flowers beautiful for a lifetime.

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**Color Changing Vinyl Mugs**
Tuesday, February 6 | 7-8:30pm OR
Thursday, February 8 | 3-4:30pm

Cut a design out of color changing vinyl using the Cricut Maker which will then be applied to a mug. Watch your design change color every time you drink your favorite hot beverage!

**Sublimation Decorated Hats**
Tuesday, February 13 | 7-8:30pm OR
Thursday, February 15 | 3-4:30pm

Have you ever wanted to design your own hat? Now you can! We will use our sublimation printer to create cool artwork to iron onto a trucker-style baseball hat. If there are specific images you would like to use, be sure you are able to access them digitally.

**Laser Cut Cork Trivets**
Tuesday, February 20 | 7-8:30pm OR
Thursday, February 22 | 3-4:30pm

Create a custom cork trivet using CorelDRAW to design and the laser cutter to etch.

**Chain Pull Painting**
Tuesday, February 27 | 7-8:30pm OR
Thursday, February 29 | 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.

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**DIY Spring Lanterns**
Tuesday, March 5 | 7-8:30pm OR
Thursday, March 7 | 3-4:30pm

Decorate a lantern for spring using faux florals, ribbon, and an LED candle. This program will include different methods to tie the perfect bow!

**Laser Cut Spring Scene**
Tuesday, March 19 | 7-8:30pm OR
Thursday, March 21 | 3-4:30pm

Paint and assemble a 3D scene of a lovely spring day!
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.

**Technology Training**

**Introduction to Canva**
Saturday, January 6 | 2-3:30pm OR
Monday, January 22 | 2-3:30pm

Interested in learning how to create different types of visual content for personal use or your business, but don’t want to purchase expensive software? In this class you can learn the basics of Canva, a free, web-based graphic design program that provides templates and graphics to help users create professional looking documents, social media posts, presentations, and videos.

Learn the basics of Tinkercad, a beginner-friendly computer-aided design software, to make your own 3D models. We will also go over how to prepare these files for printing in Cura, a slicing software for 3D printers.

Learn all about our new laser cutter, what it can do, and how to use it. You will also design a small project.

Get started using Adobe InDesign, a publishing and page layout designing software used to create flyers, brochures, posters, booklets, and more!

**Collaboratory**

**Full-Service Hours**

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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.

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!

**Open Sew**
Tuesdays, January 2, February 6, & March 5
6-8:30pm | Open to teens and adults
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**Introduction to 3D Printing**
Saturday, February 3 | 2-3:30pm OR
Monday, February 12 | 2-3:30pm

**Introduction to the Laser Cutter**
Saturday, February 17 | 2-3:30pm OR
Monday, February 26 | 2-3:30pm

**InDesign Basics**
Saturday, March 2 | 2-3:30pm OR
Monday, March 18 | 2-3:30pm

**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.