Summer Events 2024

Collaboratory @ WALLINGFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY
**Featured Events**

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**Mandala Rock**  
Monday, July 1 | 6:30-8:30pm OR  
Tuesday, July 2 | 2:30-4:30pm  

Learn the art of mandala dotting on a smooth cut stone.

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**Herbal Aperitifs: A Summer Mocktail Workshop!**  
Wednesday, July 24 | 6:30-8:30pm  

Join folk herbalist Hilarie Elaine for a delicious and refreshing evening of herbal beverages! You will learn to make your own herbal mocktails at home using special herbal tinctures. Herbal mocktails are a great alternative to alcoholic beverages for those who are looking to support their health and reduce their toxic burden overall. Attendees will be able to craft drinks to target their specific needs using delicious organic juices!

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**Found Object Beach Mosaic Frame**  
Thursday, August 1 | 6-8:30pm  

Create a summer memory and one-of-a-kind work of art using a collection of beach-inspired treasures. Bring your own favorite natural finds to personalize your frame.

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**Kraken in a Cup**  
Tuesday, August 20 | 6-8:30pm  

**EERIE ENCOUNTERS Summer at the LIBRARY Tie-in**  

Use polymer clay in a teacup to sculpt a Kraken devouring a ship. Unique cups will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own standard size teacup or demitasse cup (although it will no longer be suitable for drinking).

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**Upcycled Teacup Gnome**  
Wednesday, September 4 | 6:30-8:30pm  
OR Friday, September 6 | 2:30-4:30pm  

Create a playful upcycled gnome using vintage teacups.

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**Visible Mending for Adults**  
Saturday, September 21  
9:30am-12:30pm  

Darning is the technique of mending a hole in cloth with a needle and thread alone. The process incorporates basic stitching and weaving to create beautiful, functional repairs. With a visible mending approach, we will learn the basics on a provided fabric sample, incorporating embroidery stitches, weaving patterns, and color theory along the way. Everyone will go home with a completed sample and small kit to continue their mending at home.

Optional: bring a personal garment that needs mending to consult on the best approach.

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**Talking TED @ Home**

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

**July 11 | 7-8pm | Kathryn Schulz: On Being Wrong**  
**August 8 | 7-8pm | Coya Paz Brownrigg: The Haunting Truth of Ghost Stories**  
**September 12 | 7-8pm | Dixon Chibanda: Why I Train Grandmothers to Treat Depression**
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**DIY Soaps**  
Tuesday, July 9 | 7-8:30pm OR  Thursday, July 11 | 3-4:30pm

Learn the basics of soap making to create either a lavender or vanilla oatmeal scented bar soap.

**Laser Cut Jackalope Wall Hanging**  
Tuesday, July 16 | 7-8:30pm OR  Thursday, July 18 | 3-4:30pm

The majestic Jackalope roams the deserts of the American West. Bring this icon of the frontier into your own home with a layered wooden Jackalope laser cut wall hanging!

**Mothman Plush**  
Tuesday, July 23 | 7-8:30pm OR  Thursday, July 25 | 3-4:30pm

Use one of the Collaboratory’s sewing machines to sew a plush Mothman.

**Pet Ghost**  
Tuesday, July 30 | 7-8:30pm OR  Thursday, August 1 | 3-4:30pm

If you think about it, ghosts make perfect pets. They take up no room, need no food, you don’t have to clean up after them, and they are always around! The ghosts we will be making can float or stand on their own so they can haunt any space in your home.

**Interdimensional Visitors Portal**  
Tuesday, August 6 | 7-8:30pm OR  Thursday, August 8 | 3-4:30pm

Do you ever get lonely while sitting at your desk? Invite a traveler from a different realm into your home! We will create infinity mirrors with cut-outs inside to make it appear that an interdimensional visitor has come through a portal.

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

**TERRORIUM (Scary Terrarium)**  
Tuesday, August 27 | 7-8:30pm OR  Thursday, August 29 | 3-4:30pm

Bring the horrors of nature inside! We will be making a Scary Terrarium (a TERROR-IUM, if you will) using a glass jar, a soil mix, real live local plants, and fake plastic creepy crawlies. These terrariums will be sealed, self-sufficient ecosystems. If you have any tiny creepy items, bring them along to put inside!

**Laser Cut UFO Suncatcher**  
Tuesday, September 3 | 7-8:30pm OR  Thursday, September 5 | 3-4:30pm

Paint and assemble a UFO suncatcher. You can also cut out an extra silhouette on the laser cutter of whatever you would like being “abducted” into the UFO!

**Resin Dungeons and Dragons Dice**  
Tuesday, September 10 | 7-8:30pm OR  Thursday, September 12 | 3-4:30pm

Make a custom set of dice for Dungeons and Dragons out of resin. The multiversal world of Dungeons and Dragons sparks the imagination like no other game does!

**Hardcover Books**  
Tuesday, September 17 | 7-8:30pm OR  Thursday, September 19 | 3-4:30pm

Learn some bookbinding techniques to bind your own cloth hardcover book.
**Knit @ WPL**
First and third Monday of the month
6-7:30pm | Open to teens and adults

**Open Sew**
Tuesdays, July 2, August 6, & September 3
6-8:30pm | 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!

**Technology Training**

**Introduction to the Laser Cutter**
Monday, July 1 | 2-3:30pm

**Python Basics**
Monday, August 19 | 2-3:30pm

**Introduction to Canva**
Monday, September 23 | 2-3:30pm

Learn all about our laser cutter, what it can do, and how to use it. The first half will be lecture-based. In the second half, you will set up a small project for the laser cutter.

Learn the fundamentals of this popular, beginner-friendly programming language. This class will cover the syntax and structure of Python and some basic concepts such as variables, data types, and operators.

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, and more!

**Collaboratory Full-Service Hours**

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**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.