



# Winter Events



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# Featured Events

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



## Learn to Knit

Wednesday, January 11 | 3-4:30pm AND  
Wednesday, January 18 | 3-4:30pm

Get started with your first knitting project by learning how to do a knit and a purl stitch in this two-part program. You must attend both sessions on January 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>.

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

Learn to paint a cheery snowman on a wooden plaque.

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## Winter Wishes Snowman Plaque

Monday, January 23 | 6:30-8:30pm OR  
Tuesday, January 24 | 2:30-4:30pm OR  
Wednesday, January 25 | 6:30-8:30pm

## Leather Wallets

Thursday, January 26 | 4-6pm OR  
6:30-8:30pm

Make a basic wallet out of high quality leather. Customize your wallet with your choice of leathers, threads, and rivets. Bring home more leather and free patterns to continue working at home.

*This program is made possible by a generous donation from Jean Anderson.*

Learn to paint a heart wreath on beach stones.

## Love Rocks

Monday, February 6 | 6:30-8:30pm OR  
Tuesday, February 7 | 2:30-4:30pm OR  
Wednesday, February 8 | 6:30-8:30pm

## Lotus Flower Lantern

Tuesday, February 28 | 6:30-8pm

The Korean Spirit and Culture Promotion Project will show how to make a lovely lotus flower lantern using colored paper and wire frames. Attendees will also learn about Korean culture and history.

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## Learn to Crochet

Wednesday, March 22 | 3-4:30pm AND  
Wednesday, March 29 | 3-4:30pm

Get started with your first crochet project by learning how to do a chain stitch and single and double crochet in this two-part program. You must attend both sessions on March 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>.

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## Poster Making

Wednesday, March 22 | 7-8:30pm

Using basic graphic design principles, collage materials, paint, and other media, we will design our very own posters, scan them, and make them into high-quality prints using the Collaboratory's poster printer!

## Cardinal Slate

Monday, March 27 | 6:30-8:30pm OR  
Wednesday, March 29 | 6:30-8:30pm

Learn to paint a cardinal on a repurposed piece of slate. Due to the challenge of painting on an uneven surface like slate, previous decorative painting experience is required for this program.

## Calla Lily Pastel Painting

Tuesday, March 28 | 6-8pm | Adults only

With guidance from award-winning pastel artist Gregory John Maichack, you will produce your own original pastel of a stunning calla lily in the style of Georgia O'Keeffe.

## Talking TED @ Home

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



Thursday, January 12 | 7-8pm | David Christian: The History of Our World in 18 Minutes

Monday, February 13 | 7-8pm | Helen Fisher: The Brain in Love

Thursday, March 9 | 7-8pm | Apollo Robbins: The Art of Misdirection

# Maker Activites

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## Yarn Wrapped Letters

Tuesday, January 3 | 7-8:30pm OR  
Thursday, January 5 | 3-4:30pm

Craft your own yarn wrapped letter! These large letters are perfect for decorating any room of the home. Due to time constraints we will only be making one letter per person in this class, but if you want to make more afterwards, just let Collaboratory staff know!

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## Pinecone Fire Starters

Tuesday, January 10 | 7-8:30pm OR  
Thursday, January 12 | 3-4:30pm

Turn pine cones into decorative, wax coated fire starters!

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## Key Bowls

Tuesday, January 17 | 7-8:30pm OR  
Thursday, January 19 | 3-4:30pm

Assemble and decorate a laser cut wooden key bowl, perfect for holding small objects.

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## Paper Quilled Valentines

Tuesday, January 31 | 7-8:30pm OR  
Thursday, February 2 | 3-4:30pm

Learn how to use different paper quilling techniques to make a unique card for Valentine's Day. Paper quilling is a method of rolling and shaping strips of paper into decorative designs.

## Alcohol Ink Tile Coasters

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

We will be using alcohol inks on tiles to make beautiful coasters! Alcohol ink moves unpredictably and dries quickly, meaning no two of these coasters will look alike. No painting experience needed!

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## Sewn Section Bookbinding

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

Learn how to bind a book by sewing sections of paper to the cover, creating a decorative spine.

## LED Infinity Mirrors

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

Learn how to use lights and mirrors to create an illusion that goes on forever!

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## Needle Felted Octopus

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

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

## DIY Clock

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

Make your own custom clock using our laser cutter to make the face, paint to decorate, and a clock kit for the mechanical parts.

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## Sashiko Style Embroidered Coasters

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

Sashiko is a Japanese embroidery technique which will be used to create patterns on a set of fabric coasters.

## Virtual Reality Experience for Adults

Drop-in | Tuesdays, January 3 & 17, February 7 & 21, and March 14 | 5:30-6:30pm

Play a game, ride a roller coaster, or explore the world on our new Meta Quest 2 headsets! Ages 18+ only.

## 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, January 3, February 7, & March 7  
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 Monday

Mondays | 4-5pm | Open to teens and adults

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

Meet and mingle with like-minded makers at our weekly social event! Maker Mondays are a great opportunity to share and show off what you have made/what you are working on at the moment. You might find a collaborator or meet a new friend.

## Technology Training

### Introduction to the Collaboratory

Monday, January 23 | 2-3:30pm OR  
Saturday, January 28 | 2-3:30pm

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

Saturday, March 11 | 2-3:30pm OR  
Monday, March 20 | 2-3:30pm

This class will go over all of the different digitization options available in the Collaboratory and how they operate.

### Introduction to Adobe Premiere

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

Learn how to use Adobe Premier to create videos and slideshows! Basic computer skills recommended.

### 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.