



Collaboratory @ WALLINGFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

..... Spring 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.

You may enter the Collaboratory program registration lottery from the 20th to the 22nd of the month prior. Participants will be selected via random drawing on the following business day. All others will be placed on the wait list. Due to high demand, we may limit individual participants to one program per month. If there are available seats after the lottery, registration will be directly through our online calendar.

Enter the lottery here: [April](#) | [May](#) | [June](#)

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

Pet Portrait Painting

Saturday, April 5 | 11am-12:30pm

Create a framed pet portrait with acrylic paint! Please email a close up clear photo of your pet (or favorite animal) to wplcollaboratory@gmail.com by Wednesday, April 2nd for this personalized project.

Spring Bunny Plaque

Monday, April 14 | 6:30-8:30pm OR
Tuesday, April 15 | 2:30-4:30pm

Paint a bunny surrounded by tulips on a round wooden plaque. This is an intermediate level painting project.

Hydrangea Polymer Clay Relief

Monday, May 5 | 6-8:30pm

Participants will make their own hydrangea flower relief, which can then be framed and given as a Mother's Day gift. This polymer clay workshop focuses on surface texture, form and color. Some sharp cutting tools are required.

Floral Tea Box

Monday, May 19 | 6:30-8:30pm OR
Tuesday, May 20 | 2:30-4:30pm

Paint a lilac sprig and butterfly on a wooden tea box. This is a great beginner project.

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

Bird's Nest Rock

Monday, June 16 | 6:30-8:30pm OR
Tuesday, June 17 | 2:30-4:30pm

Paint a bird's nest on a smooth rock. This is an intermediate project requiring detailed painting on a small surface.

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

DIY Succulent Wall Hanging

Saturday, June 28 | 11am-12:30pm

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

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Ongoing Drop-in Groups

Open Sew

Tuesdays, April 1, May 6, & June 3
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!

Maker Activities

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Key Bowl

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

Paint and decorate a laser cut bowl, perfect for putting your keys in!

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Custom Printed Fabric

Wednesday, April 9 | 7-8:30pm OR
Thursday, April 10 | 3-4:30pm

Create your own design and then use the Brother PrintModa Studio fabric printer to print it directly onto an 8x8" piece of cotton for your next sewing project.

3D Printed Custom Busts

Wednesday, April 16 | 7-8:30pm OR
Thursday, April 17 | 3-4:30pm

Learn how to use generative AI technology to create a statue of yourself! You may bring a photo of yourself on a flash drive, or we can take the portrait during the program. The finished 3D print will be ready for pickup at a later date.

Hardcover Book Fan

Wednesday, April 23 | 7-8:30pm OR
Thursday, April 24 | 3-4:30pm

This tutorial uses bookbinding techniques to create a handheld folding fan that looks like a hardcover book when folded shut.

Dungeons and Dragons Supplies

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

Make your own custom resin Dungeons and Dragons dice set AND a dice tower from laser cut parts.

Etched Vases

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

Create a design in CorelDRAW to etch onto a glass vase using the laser cutter.

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Sublimation Puzzle

Wednesday, May 28 | 7-8:30pm OR
Thursday, May 29 | 3-4:30pm

Create your own beautiful full-color jigsaw puzzle. If there is a specific photo you want to use, please bring it on a flash drive.

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3D Printed Embroidery Rainbow

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

Use a 3D printed template to embroider a simple rainbow pattern.

Faux Stained Glass

Wednesday, June 11 | 7-8:30pm OR
Thursday, June 12 | 3-4:30pm

Use resin and an acrylic template cut on our laser cutter to make a stunning faux stained glass piece.

Needle Felted Beach Scene

Wednesday, June 25 | 7-8:30pm OR
Thursday, June 26 | 3-4:30pm

Learn how to needle felt by hand and with the needle felting machine to create a 2D beachscape out of wool on a felt background. Needle felting uses a barbed needle to mat fibers together, typically in wool.

.....Talking TED @ Home.....

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

Thursday, April 10 | 7-8pm | Ian Bremmer: The Next Global Superpower Isn't Who You Think

Thursday, May 8 | 7-8pm | Rhaina Cohen: Why Friendship Can Be Just as Meaningful as Romantic Love

Thursday, June 12 | 7-8pm | Ingrid Fetell Lee: Where Joy Hides and How to Find It

.....Technology Training.....

Introduction to the Collaboratory

Saturday, April 5 | 2-3:30pm OR

Monday, April 21 | 2-3:30pm

Ever wonder exactly what is in the Collaboratory (or what the Collaboratory even is)? Come to this class and learn about each and every thing in there!

Using the Ditto Pattern Projector

Monday, April 7 | 2-3:30pm OR

Saturday, April 19 | 2-3:30pm

This class will cover how to use the Ditto Pattern Projector, which uses digital sewing patterns rather than paper, saving time and effort while reducing waste. There will also be a demonstration on how to use the software which allows for customization of the patterns before they are sent to the projector.

Introduction to Canva

Monday, May 5 | 2-3:30pm OR

Saturday, May 17 | 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.

Introduction to 3D Printing

Monday, June 2 | 2-3:30pm OR

Saturday, June 14 | 2-3:30pm

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 Bambu Studio, a slicing software for our new Bambu X1-C 3D printer.

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.