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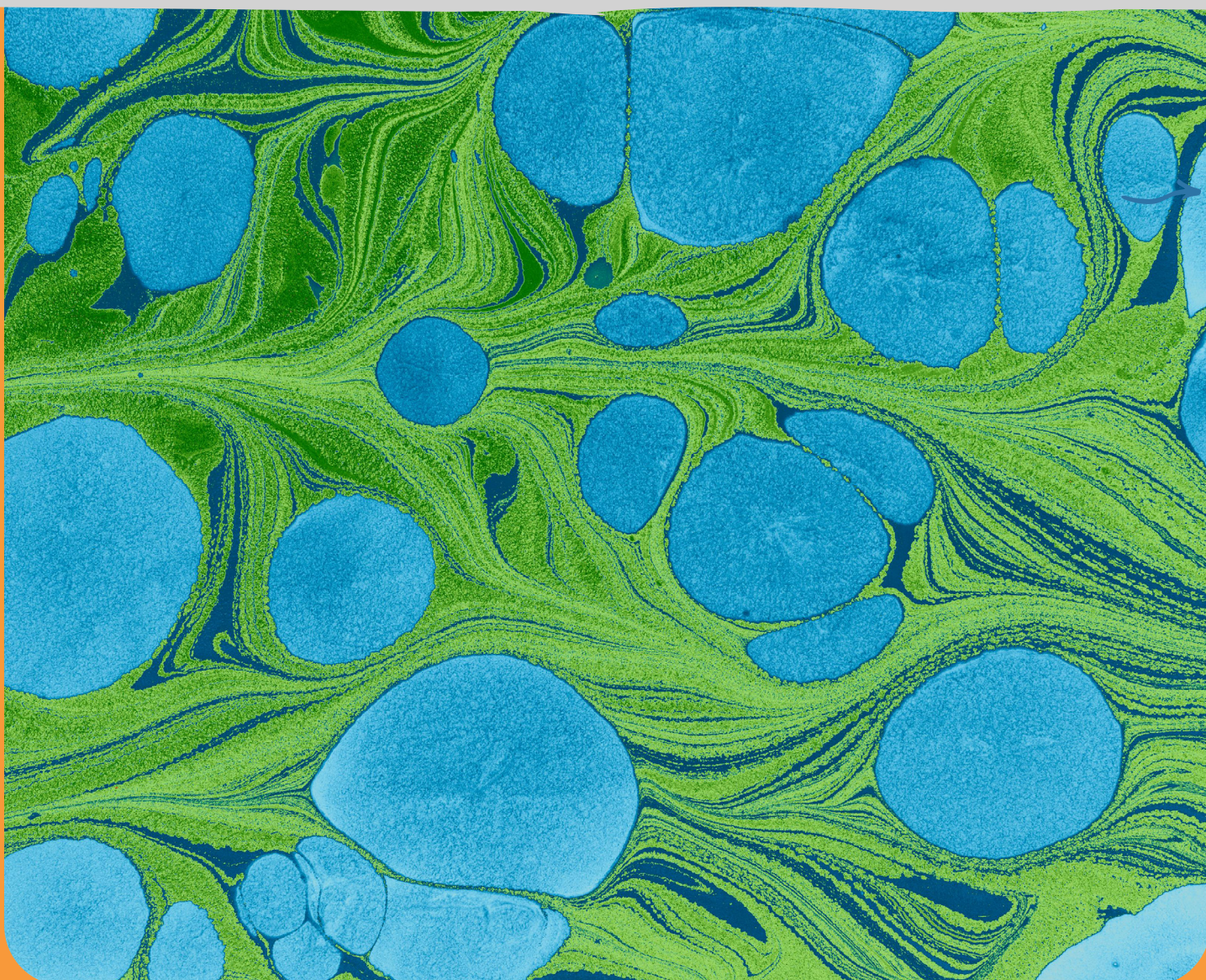
Winter Events 2026

WALLINGFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Our Doors Open to Endless Possibilities
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Featured Events

Sublimation Sequin Pouches
Saturday, January 17 | 11am-12:30pm

Customize your own pouch with reversible sequins! Use our sublimation process and get more familiar with Collaboratory devices!

The Full Bake: Introduction to Sourdough
Saturday, January 24 | 12-3pm

This workshop takes you through every stage of sourdough baking in an interactive, beginner-friendly way. Fresh loaves will be available to show ideal results, along with loaves baked with intentional beginner mistakes so you can learn how to "read" crumb structures. Using ready to go dough, you'll learn stretch-and-folds, coil folds, shaping, and scoring. You will go home with your own starter, a care card, and a recipe so you can continue baking and experimenting at home. Bring your notebooks and pencils to take notes and be ready to be baking beautiful loaves the same week!

Mandala Heart Rock
Monday, February 2 | 6:30-8:30pm OR
Wednesday, February 4 | 6:30-8:30pm OR
Friday, February 6 | 2:30-4:30pm

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

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

Winter Wonderland Landscape Painting
Saturday, February 28 | 10am-12:30pm

Join us for a relaxed, welcoming painting session where you'll gently explore color, composition, and a variety of painting materials. No experience needed! Together, we'll paint a snowy winter wonderland step by step using acrylics, trying out different techniques and styles along the way. Come unwind, get creative, and discover the simple joy of painting.

Vintage Button Floral Bouquet
Monday, March 23 | 6-8pm OR
Wednesday, March 25 | 2:30-4:30pm

Craft a timeless centerpiece to brighten your home. This program requires finger dexterity to thread a needle, sew, and twist wire.

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

Reusable Beeswax Wrappers
Saturday, March 28 | 11am-12:30pm

Make your own reusable food wraps using beeswax and cotton cloth! They can be refreshed and used for years!

Polymer Clay Decorative Egg
Tuesday, March 31 | 6-8:30pm

Create a decorative egg from polymer clay to celebrate the spring holidays.

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

Talking TED @ Home

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

Thursday, January 8 | 7-8pm | Chris Anderson: It's Time for Infectious Generosity: Here's How
Thursday, February 12 | 7-8pm | Kelly McGonigal: How to Make Stress Your Friend
Thursday, March 12 | 7-8pm | Stephen Petranek: Your Kids Might Live on Mars. Here's How They'll Survive

Maker Activities

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: January | February | March
Program project photos can be found at: walpublib.org/UpcomingCollaboratory

Resin Photo Coasters
Tuesday, January 6 | 7-8:30pm OR
Thursday, January 8 | 3-4:30pm

In this class we will be laminating photos to encase them in resin so they will last forever and ever! If you have a picture you would like to use, either bring the physical copy, or have it on a flash drive for easy printing. Files can also be emailed in advance to **wplcollaboratory@gmail.com**

Paper Marbling
Tuesday, January 20 | 7-8:30pm OR
Thursday, January 22 | 3-4:30pm

Learn the art of Paper Marbling using ink. It is a relaxing craft with beautiful results!

Geometric Paper Collage
Tuesday, February 3 | 7-8:30pm OR
Thursday, February 5 | 3-4:30pm

We will be making soothing collages using paper cut into geometric shapes! If there is any paper in particular you have at home you would like to use, feel free to bring it in.

Wooden Quilting Block
Tuesday, February 17 | 7-8:30pm OR
Thursday, February 19 | 3-4:30pm

We will be using wooden pieces cut with our laser cutter to create decorative wooden quilting blocks! There will be three different classic quilt block patterns for you to choose from. Please note that this is not a quilting program.

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Sublimation Pickleball Paddle Covers
Tuesday, March 3 | 7-8:30pm OR
Thursday, March 5 | 3-4:30pm

Everybody loves Pickleball! In this class you will use our Sublimation Printer to decorate your own Pickleball paddle cover. If there is an image you would like to use, be sure to have it stored on a flash drive prior to class for easy access. Files can also be emailed in advance to **wplcollaboratory@gmail.com**

DIY Clock
Tuesday, March 17 | 7-8:30pm OR
Thursday, March 19 | 3-4:30pm

One of the best parts about our laser cutter is how useful it is to make parts for larger projects. In this program, we will be making our own custom clocks using our laser cutter to make the face, paints to decorate, and a clock kit for the mechanical parts.

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Ongoing Drop-in Groups

Open Sew
Open Sew is currently on hiatus. We're sorting out some loose threads and looking for a new group facilitator. We hope to get the group spooled up again soon!

Graphics Office Hours
Mondays, January 5, February 2, March 2 & 16 | 2-4pm | Open to teens and adults

Do you need dedicated one-on-one help with a graphics project? Our talented volunteer, Kate, will help you use Adobe InDesign, Illustrator, or Photoshop to turn your vision into reality.

Woven Together: A Fiber Arts Club for Adults
Thursdays, January 8, February 5, & March 5 6:30-8pm

Gather with fellow fiber arts enthusiasts! Whether you knit, crochet, embroider, cross-stitch, macrame, or create any other type of textile art, there's a place for you here. Bring your current project & supplies. Beginners are welcome. This club is facilitated by **Mary Jane Chicoski**, a local member of the **American Sewing Guild**.

Maker Office Hours
Thursdays, January 8 & 22, February 12 & 26, March 12 & 26 | 6:30-8:30pm
Open to teens and adults

Are you looking for in-depth guidance on your latest project idea? Our skilled volunteer, Andrew, will help you figure out how to use Collaboratory equipment to bring your idea to life.

Technology Training

CNC with Carvera
Monday, January 12 | 2-3:30pm OR
Saturday, January 31 | 2-3:30pm

The Carvera, a desktop CNC mill, is the most advanced machine offered in the Collaboratory. Come to this class to learn all about it! Please note that successful completion of a test is required to use the Carvera. This class will help you learn what you need to know to take the test. You can also study on your own using the "Carvera Study Guide" found at wallingfordlibrary.org/collaboratory and schedule a test.

Introduction to Canva
Saturday, January 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.

Free Digital Resources
Monday, February 2 | 2-3:30pm OR
Saturday, February 28 | 2-3:30pm

Learn what free digital resources are available through the Wallingford Public Library. Your card gets you access to free eBooks, Audiobooks, comics, music, movies and more! Please note you need a Wallingford Public Library card to make full use of the resources discussed in this class.

I Can Do That? With MY Logo?
Monday, March 2 | 2-3:30pm OR
Saturday, March 28 | 2-3:30pm

Do you have a logo for your business? If so, you are already halfway done with tons of different projects! In this class we will learn how we can use a logo to make stickers, pins/buttons, keychains, and more. Please note that we will not be designing logos in this class, just learning how to utilize them to make physical items.

Introduction to 3D Printing
Saturday, March 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

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 30-60 minutes and are one-on-one sessions. Training is available for the **Babylock Array** embroidery machine, **Bernina Q20** 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.