



Collaboratory @WALLINGFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

..... Fall Events 2025



Yarn Bombing: A Community Art Project

Monday, October 13 | 2-4pm | Drop-In

Help us create knitted or crocheted squares that will later be stitched together to "yarn bomb" the trunks of the trees in front of the Library along North Main Street! You have the option to create a square of any size at home and bring it in to the Collaboratory during the drop-off period (October 6th to October 11th), or join us in person to create a square on Monday, October 13th from 2-4pm. Yarn and limited supplies of knitting needles and crochet hooks will be available, but please feel free to bring your own from home.

Etsy Artisan & Local Author Holiday Market

Saturday, December 6 | 10am-2pm | Drop-In | All ages
(Snow Date: Saturday, December 13 | 10am-2pm)

The Wallingford Public Library is delighted to support local graduates of our Etsy Craft Entrepreneurship workshops and local published adult and children's book authors. Come to our annual holiday market to meet and talk with the artisans and writers and purchase some wonderful crafts or personally autographed books to give as gifts this holiday season. Hot seasonal beverages and baked goods will be available in our lower lobby during the event.



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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. Program project photos can be found at:

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Enter the lottery here: [October](#) | [November](#) | [December](#)

Paint Your Pet

Saturday, October 11 | 11am-12:30pm

Create a framed pet portrait with acrylic paint in the style of Andy Warhol! Please email a close-up clear photo of your pet (or favorite animal) to wplcollaboratory@gmail.com by **Wednesday, October 8th** for this personalized project.

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

Polymer Clay Pumpkin Doorway

Tuesday, October 14 | 6-8:30pm

Create a polymer clay doorway, which can be inserted into a real pumpkin and reused year after year.

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

Whimsical Ghost Painting

Monday, October 27 | 6:30-8:30pm OR

Tuesday, October 28 | 2:30-4:30pm

Paint a whimsical ghost, along with a pumpkin and cat, on a pumpkin-shaped wood plaque.

Outdoor Drawing with WPL

Friday, October 3 | 9:45-11:15am OR

Monday, October 13 | 9:45-11:15am

[Register for Friday](#) | [Register for Monday](#)

Join Collaboratory staff at the **Fresh Meadow Nature Trail** for an outdoor drawing program! Participants will use oil pastels and/or charcoal to create nature drawings. One-on-one instruction and all drawing materials will be provided.

Polymer Clay Mushroom Pin

Tuesday, November 4 | 6-8:30pm

Sculpt a polymer clay pin celebrating everyone's favorite fungus.

Gratitude Cards

Thursday, November 6 | 6:30-8pm

Learn techniques to make cards that can be given for Thanksgiving, to say thank you, or to show gratitude. Each participant will stamp sayings, use embossing folders and die cuts, and do some ink-blending.

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Fall Glass Tumbler Painting

Saturday, November 8 | 11-12:30pm

Paint a tumbler with glass paint for a stained glass effect! Trace a fall scene for this beautiful, functional project.

Vintage Button Floral Bouquet

Monday, November 17 | 6:30-8:30pm OR

Tuesday, November 18 | 2:30-4:30pm

Craft a timeless centerpiece to brighten your home.

Note: This program requires finger dexterity to thread a needle, sew, and twist wire

Polymer Clay Poinsettia

Tuesday, December 2 | 6-8:30pm

Create a realistic life-sized polymer clay poinsettia flower just in time for your holiday giving or entertaining. Each participant will create one flower.

Button Mosaic

Saturday, December 6 | 11-12:30pm

Create a mosaic using buttons. Trace a shape of your choosing and sew buttons onto your "canvas" for this personalized creation!

Clay Krampus

Monday, December 8 | 6-8:30pm

Create your very own Krampus from clay! Krampus is a European legend, a mythical creature that appears around the holidays.

Holiday Cards

Thursday, December 11 | 6:30-8pm

Use die cuts, embossing folders, and stamps to make three beautiful holiday cards, including a 3D card. No card-making experience needed. All materials provided, including envelopes so they are ready to send to your loved ones.

Wood-Inlayed WPL Bookmark

Saturday, December 13 | 11am-12:30pm

Learn the laser cutting and etching process for wood veneers and then assemble a pre-cut Wallingford Public Library bookmark.

Penguin Hugs Slate

Monday, December 15 | 6-8:30pm OR

Tuesday, December 16 | 2:30-5pm

Paint a cheery winter-themed penguin family on a repurposed slate. This is an intermediate level painting project.

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.....Maker Activities.....

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Resin Flower Coaster

Wednesday, October 1 | 7-8:30pm OR
Thursday, October 2 | 3-4:30pm

Nothing lasts forever...unless it's encased in epoxy resin! Learn about the resin casting processing while you create a flower-filled coaster.

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

Iron-on Felt Patches

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

Using heat transfer vinyl and felt, create your own iron-on patches. No sewing required.

Laser Cut Wall Sign

Wednesday, October 15 | 7-8:30pm OR
Thursday, October 16 | 3-4:30pm

Make custom laser cut wall art using your favorite word or short phrase. You will decorate the individual letters with paint, yarn, and other embellishments.

Halloween UV Resin Pins

Wednesday, October 22 | 7-8:30pm OR
Thursday, October 23 | 3-4:30pm

Create Halloween-themed resin pins by tracing a template or drawing your own design, then curing and assembling the pins.

Sublimation Puzzle

Wednesday, November 5 | 7-8:30pm OR
Thursday, November 6 | 3-4:30pm

Create your own beautiful 120-piece full-color jigsaw puzzle. If there is a specific photo you want to use, please bring the original to scan or save the digital file on a flash drive or cloud storage.

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Sublimation Holiday Ornament

Wednesday, November 12 | 7-8:30pm OR
Thursday, November 13 | 3-4:30pm

Use our sublimation printer to put your own images on a flat ceramic ornament. Be sure to bring your images on a flash drive or have access to them online.

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

Introduction to Sewing: Pie Carrier

Wednesday, November 19 | 7-8:30pm OR
Thursday, November 20 | 3-4:30pm

Use one of the Collaboratory's sewing machines to make a fabric carrier for transporting pies to your upcoming events. No prior sewing experience required.

Paper Quilling for the Holidays

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

Learn paper quilling, the art of rolling and shaping thin strips of paper into different 3D designs, to create a holiday card.

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

Snowflake Faux Stained Glass

Wednesday, December 10 | 7-8:30pm OR
Thursday, December 11 | 3-4:30pm

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

Custom Printed Fabric

Wednesday, December 17 | 7-8:30pm OR
Thursday, December 18 | 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.

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

.....Ongoing Drop-in Groups.....

Woven Together: A Fiber Arts Club for Adults

First Thursday of the Month | 6:30-8pm

Open Sew

Tuesdays, October 7, November 4, & December 2
6-8:30pm | Open to teens and adults

Graphics Office Hours

First or Third Monday of the Month
2-4pm | Open to teens and adults

Maker Office Hours

Second and Fourth Thursday of the Month
6:30-8:30pm | Open to teens and adults

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 Chicowski**, a local member of the **American Sewing Guild**.

Do you like to sew? Bring your unfinished projects, either hand sewing or machine, for this casual drop-in program. There are 4 portable sewing machines available (or bring your own)!

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.

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.....

Introduction to Canva

Monday, October 6 | 2-3:30pm OR
Saturday, October 25 | 2-3:30pm

Digitization Services

Monday, November 3 | 2-3:30pm OR
Saturday, November 15 | 2-3:30pm

Learn to Laser Cut

Saturday, November 8 | 2-3:30pm OR
Monday, November 24 | 2-3:30pm

Introduction to Silhouette Studio

Monday, December 1 | 2-3:30pm OR
Saturday, December 20 | 2-3:30pm

Introduction to the Collaboratory

Saturday, December 6 | 2-3:30pm OR
Monday, December 15 | 2-3:30pm

In this class you will learn the basics of Canva, a free, web-based graphic design program that allows users to create professional looking documents, social media posts, presentations, and videos.

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

Get started designing your own laser cutter projects using CorelDRAW software. Participants will make a basic wood project. Prior computer experience is recommended.

This class will explain how to use Silhouette Studio, the software used to create custom designs for the Silhouette vinyl cutting machines.

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!

Fall Collaboratory Full-Service Hours

Monday-Friday 9:30-1:00 & 1:30-9:00

Saturday 9:30-1:00 & 1:30-5:00

.....Talking TED @ Home

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

Thursday, November 13 | 7-8pm | Dr. Riley Moynes: The 4 Phases of Retirement
Thursday, December 11 | 7-8pm | Kelly Corrigan: To Love Is to Be Brave

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.