Dear Neighbors,

2019 ended on an exciting note for the Library with the Board of Trustees signing a lease on a new location at 1110 Route 55 in Town Center. This new space will enable the Library to expand physically and grow its services and programs to more optimally serve the LaGrange Community. The Library Board is embarking on a capital campaign to assist with the necessary renovations and furnishing costs. 2020 will be a pivotal year of positive changes for the Library, as renovations begin in the new space, with completion anticipated in the summer.

We hope you will join us for a public presentation about the new library, being planned for the spring. A press release will be done and details will be posted on the Library website, on social media, and in our monthly e-newsletter. In the meantime, if you have any questions about the new library, please call us at 452-3141 or send an email to lagrangelibrary@laglib.org.

A significant part of the Library’s Long Range Plan is to gain input from community residents regarding their thoughts, opinions, and suggestions about the Library’s programs, materials, and services. This information is especially important now, as we anticipate an exciting new future for the Library! To that end, we have enclosed a survey in this issue of the BookBag. It would be greatly appreciated if you would take a minute to complete it and mail or drop it off at the Library. Alternatively, it can be completed online by going to www.laglib.org and clicking Please Take Our Survey. Either way, we want to hear from you!

Wishing you a healthy and happy New Year,

Mary M. De Bellis, Library Director
Erin M. Hawks, Library Board President

A note from the Library Board President & Library Director

Program registration begins
Wednesday, January 1
unless otherwise specified

Register in person or online through our Events Calendar
at www.laglib.org

Stop in or apply online for your free library card!

Passport Acceptance Location
Wi-Fi | Fax | Copier
Museum Passes
eBooks | audiobooks | eMagazines
Kanopy

Upcoming holiday closings
December 31
New Year’s Eve Day
January 1
New Year’s Day

Follow us on

Passport Services
We offer passport services for new applications and photos during convenient service hours.

Passport services by appointment only
You must schedule one appointment per applicant

For information or to schedule an appointment visit www.laglib.org

Museum Passes
Use your library card to check out a pass to one of these local venues
American Museum of Natural History
Boscobel House & Gardens
The Frick Collection
Guggenheim
Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum
Olana State Historic Site
Storm King Art Center

For information or to make a reservation visit www.laglib.org
Universal Class Online Courses Now Available
Through Universal Class, MHLS library cardholders have access to lifelong learning courses in over 30 subject areas, many of which offer continuing education units (CEUs). More than 500 courses are available, and all are designed and led by professional instructors to build deeper understanding and mastery of the subject matter. Universal Class includes videos, assignments, quizzes, tests, and options for social media interaction with other learners. From technical courses on computer software to digital photography to babysitting 101, a huge range of topics are available.

New Enhancement Allows You to Opt Into Receiving Text Message Notifications
Patrons can now opt into receiving text messages for Hold Pickups, Overdues and Courtesy Notices (Auto Renewal). Get hold pickup notifications faster - immediately after the item is placed on the Holdshelf! In addition to the text message, you'll continue to be notified by phone or email. Opt-out at any time.

Library Closings & Delayed Openings
Information on Library closings and delays can be found on the automated message when you call the Library, on our Facebook page, on cancellations.com, and through local radio stations.

Auto Renewal Feature Reminder
Your eligible checked out items will automatically be renewed two (2) days before they're due, adding the extension to the existing due date. Items that other patrons have on hold, that have been renewed the maximum of two times, or are not eligible for renewal, will not be renewed.

If you receive your library notifications by email, you will receive a courtesy notice letting you know of any items that were automatically renewed and those that were not. If you currently receive your notifications by phone, and would like to switch to email so you can receive these courtesy notices, please contact the Circulation Desk at 452-3141.

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**Library News**

**Board of Trustees**

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**Schedule of Meetings**

The Board of Trustees normally meet on the second Thursday of each month at 7pm at the LaGrange Library. Meetings are open to the public.

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We very gratefully accept donations of any amount. Donors are acknowledged in our Annual Report. $100+ donors will be included in special donor appreciation activities.

I (we) would like to make a tax-deductible donation to our LaGrange Association Library’s 2020 Annual Fund Campaign in the amount of $___________.

Donation Level (please circle one):
Up to $49 $50-$99 $100-149 $150-$199 $200-$499 $500-$999 $1000+

Name: __________________________________________

Address: _______________________________________

Phone: _______________________________ eMail: _______________________________________

Please include me in any listing of Annual Fund Campaign contributors _____Y _____N

Would you like a receipt for your donation? _____Y _____N

Donation eligible for matching funds? _____Y _____N

Please enclose the form with your donation or follow your company's online matching grant instructions. Make checks payable to LaGrange Association Library, 488 Freedom Plains Road, Suite #109, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. If you prefer to pay online by credit card, visit www.laglib.org and click on the PayPal Donate Now button.
Felt Coffee Cozies
Anna Mondello, Adult Programmer
Wednesday, January 22, 6-7:30pm (register by 1/20/20)

Handmade Map Bead Bracelets
Anna Mondello, Adult Programmer
Friday, January 31, 6-7:30pm (register by 1/29/20)

Pop-up Flower Cards
Anna Mondello, Adult Programmer
Wednesday, February 12, 6-7pm (register by 2/10/20)

Origami Heart Box
Anna Mondello, Adult Programmer
Friday, February 28, 6-7:30pm (register by 2/26/20)

Paper Flower Wreath
Anna Mondello, Adult Programmer
Wednesday, March 11, 6-7:30pm (register by 3/9/20)

Veggie Print Tote Bags
Anna Mondello, Adult Programmer
Cost: $5
Friday, March 27, 6-7:30pm (register in person with your non-refundable payment 1/2/20-3/25/20)

Alcohol Ink Pendants
Anna Mondello, Adult Programmer
Wednesday, April 15, 6-7:30pm (register by 4/13/20)

Recycled Paper Baskets
Anna Mondello, Adult Programmer
Friday, April 24, 6-7:30pm (register by 4/22/20)

AARP Safe Driver Courses
Rosarie Mastropaolo, AARP Safe Driving Instructor
Cost: $20 AARP members, $25 non-AARP members
Tuesday, March 24 & Thursday, March 26, 1-4pm
Register in person with your non-refundable payment 1/2/20-3/23/20. Seating is limited.

Tuesday, April 14 & Thursday, April 16, 1-4pm
Register in person with your non-refundable payment 1/2/20-4/13/20. Seating is limited.

Participants should arrive 10 minutes early and bring with them their NYS Driver’s License, AARP membership card (if applicable), and a pen. To complete the course you must attend both days for a total of six hours.

Medicare 101
Jessica Dixon, Banker’s Life Insurance Agent
Wednesday, January 8, 6-7:30pm (register)
Wednesday, March 4, 6-7:30pm (register)

Estate Planning: How to Protect Your Parents and Yourself
Michael Martin, Martin Law, PC
Wednesday, January 15, 6-7:30pm (register)

Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI): Navigating the Application Process
Mandi Sheraden, Taconic Resources Mobile Benefits Counselor & Collin Adkins, Environment & Energy Resource Educator
Monday, January 20, 5-6pm (register)

Returning to Work While Receiving Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Benefits
Mandi Sheraden, Taconic Resources Mobile Benefits Counselor & Collin Adkins, Environment & Energy Resource Educator
Monday, March 16, 5-6pm (register)

Retirement: Protecting Your Assets
Jessica Dixon, Banker’s Life Insurance Agent
Wednesday, February 5, 6-7:30pm (register)
Wednesday, April 1, 6-7:30pm (register)

Death Café
Reverend Heather Finck
Wednesday, March 18, 6-7:30pm (register)
Join us for coffee, tea, cake and open conversations about death and dying.

Essential Oils 101
Samantha Reedy, Young Living Essential Oils
Monday, April 20, 6-7pm (register)
### Library Information

**Library Orientation**  
*Anna Mondello, Adult Programmer*  
Tuesdays, January 7, February 4, March 3, April 7, 2:30-3:30pm *(register)*  
Wednesdays, January 29, February 26, March 25, April 29, 6-7pm *(register)*

**Hudson River Lighthouses: An Illustrated History**  
*Kevin Woyce, Historian*  
Wednesday, February 19, 6-7:30pm *(register)*

**Ongoing Programs**

**Afternoon Knitting**  
Mondays 12:30-2pm *(drop-in)*

**Book Club**  
Third Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm *(drop-in)*  
Check our online calendar for the monthly selection.

**Bridge Club**  
Mondays 2-5pm & Thursdays 9:30am-12pm *(drop-in)*

**Mahjong Club *NEW***  
Wednesdays 1-4pm *(drop-in)*

**Scrabble Club**  
Thursdays 1-4pm *(drop-in)*

**Parenting**

**Parenting a Child on the Spectrum Part 1: Teaching Play Skills**  
*Paige Fitzgerald, Teacher*  
Friday, February 7, 6-7:30pm *(register)*

**Parenting a Child on the Spectrum Part 2: Creating Structure & Routine at Home**  
*Paige Fitzgerald, Teacher*  
Friday, March 6, 6-7:30pm *(register)*

**Parenting a Child on the Spectrum Part 3: Using Social Stories to Teach Appropriate Behaviors & Social Skills**  
*Paige Fitzgerald, Teacher*  
Friday, April 3, 6-7:30pm *(register)*

**Family Program**  
Coordinated by Anna Mondello, Adult Programmer & Mary Wickham, Youth Programmer.

**Spring Cookie Decorating Workshop & Contest**  
Cost: $5  
Wednesday, April 8, 5-6pm  
For all ages - children, teens and adults

Come decorate cookies that will be entered in our cookie contest! Winners will receive a Barnes & Noble gift card.

*Register in person with your non-refundable payment 1/2/20-4/6/20*

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**kanopy**

Universal Class is now available! With your library card, you have access to more than 500 lifelong learning courses online.

For more information, visit midhudson.org/universalclass

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Read through RBDigital mobile apps or online in your browser
Art Club
Ages 6-11

- Painting with Scissors: Henri Matisse Cut-Outs
  Saturday, January 18, 11am-12pm (register)

- Monoprints
  Saturday, March 21, 11am-12pm (register)

- Surrealist Collage
  Saturday, April 18, 11am-12pm (register)

Kawaii Club
Ages 8-18

- Lava Bead Diffuser Bracelet
  Friday, January 10, 5:30-6:30pm (register)

- Polymer Clay Stamped Heart Necklace
  Friday, February 14, 5:30-7:30pm (register)

- Introduction to Embroidery
  Friday, March 13, 5-7:30pm (register)

Kid's Crochet Club
Ages 10-18

- Fashionable Headband
  Friday, January 17, 5-7:30pm (register)

- Heart Coasters
  Friday, February 21, 5-7:30pm (register)

- Amigurumi Birds
  Friday, March 20, 5-7:30pm (register)

- Amigurumi Narwhal
  Friday, April 17, 5-7:30pm (register)

Winter Crafternoon: Plastic Plate Snow Scene
Ages 2-6
Wednesday, January 15, 11:30am-12:30pm (drop-in)

Wax Resist Peace Dove Art Project
All ages
Monday, January 20, 12:1-3:30pm (drop-in)

Sculpey Emoji Charms
Ages 8 & up
Monday, January 20, 3-4:30pm (register)

Bird Treat Project
All ages
Friday, March 13, 2-3pm (drop-in)

Spring has Sprung Floral Headbands & Crowns
All ages
Friday, March 20, 2-3pm (drop-in)

Birds in a Nest Craft
Ages 2-6
Monday, April 6, 10-11am (drop-in)

Hand Painted Sneakers
Ages 8 & up
Monday, April 6, 3-5pm (register)
Please bring white canvas sneakers for the class.

Lightning Bug Eggs
Ages 2-6
Wednesday, April 8, 10-11am (drop-in)

Wax Resist Watercolor Eggs
All ages
Wednesday, April 8, 12:30-1:30pm (drop-in)

3D Pen Art
Ages 10 & up
Thursday, April 9, 11am-12pm (register)

Earth Day Project: Seed Card
Ages 6 & up
Wednesday, April 22, 4:30-6:30pm (drop-in)

Laura Ingalls Wilder Birthday Party!
Ages 3-9
Friday, February 7, 4:30-6:30pm (register)

Valentine’s Day Party!
Ages 3 & up
Friday, February 14, 2-3:30pm (drop-in)

The Sunken Treasure Escape Room Board Game
Ages 9-12
Monday, February 17, 3-4pm (register)

Vroom! Vroom! Vehicle Play
Ages 2 & up
Tuesday, April 7, 10-11am (drop-in)
Homeschool Book Club: *Misty of Chincoteague* by Marguerite Henry
Ages 7-11
Wednesday, January 8, 11am-12:30pm (register)

Homeschool STEAM: The Plant Cell
Ages 6-11
Friday, January 24, 2-4pm (register)

Homeschool Book Club: *When the Sea Turned to Silver* by Grace Lin
Ages 7-11
Wednesday, February 12, 11am-12:30pm (register)

Homeschool Art:
Painted Winter Scenes on Canvas
Ages 8-12
Wednesday, February 26, 12-2pm (register)

Homeschool Book Club:
*Chasing Vermeer* by Blue Balliett
Ages 7-11
Wednesday, March 11, 11am-12:30pm (register)

Homeschool Book Club:
*The Penderwicks* by Jeanne Birdsall
Ages 7-11
Wednesday, April 15, 11am-12:30pm (register)

Homeschool STEAM: Buzzing Bees
Ages 5-11
Wednesday, April 29, 12-2pm (register)

Abominable (PG)
All ages
Monday, February 17, 1-2:30pm (drop-in)

The Secret Life of Pets 2 (PG)
All ages
Tuesday, April 7, 2-3:30pm (drop-in)

**Movies**

**STEM & STEAM**

Lego Challenge Club
Ages 3 & up
- **Build a Lego Snowflake**
  Friday, January 17, 4:30-6:30pm (register)
- **Build a Lego Forest**
  Friday, February 21, 4:30-6:30pm (register)
- **Build a Lego Bird**
  Friday, March 20, 4:30-6:30pm (register)

**Stem & Steam**

Little Builders: Magna Blocks, Duplos & Legos
Ages 2-6
Monday, January 20, 10-11am (drop-in)

Building Bonanza
All ages
Monday, February 17, 10am-12pm (drop-in)

Easter STEM Project: Egg Rockets
Ages 5-11
Monday, April 6, 12-1:30pm (register)

Circuit Bonanza
Ages 5-10
Tuesday, April 7, 12-1pm (register)

Storytime
Registration begins January 1
Registration is limited to one class per child.
Storytime follows the Arlington School calendar & weather closings.

**Winter Session**

January 6 - February 26

**Spring Session**

April 6 - May 20

**Music & Movement Lapsit**
Ages: pre-walkers
Tuesdays 9:45-10:30am

**Wonderful Ones**
Ages: 12-23 months
Mondays 10:30-11:15am

**Terrific Twos**
Ages: 24-35 months
Tuesdays 10:45-11:30am

**Sensory Preschool**
Ages: 2-3 years
Wednesdays 9:45-10:15am

**Storytime for Little Artists**
Ages: 3-5 years
Mondays 11:30am-12:15pm
(please bring a smock to the class)

**Preschool**
Ages: 3-5 years
Tuesdays 1-1:45pm
Ages: 4-6 years
Mondays 4:30-5:15pm
We’re Overdue to Hear from You!

COMMUNITY SURVEY 2020

1. Please describe yourself: ___ Male ___ Female ___ Other

2. Age: ___ Under 12 ___ 12-18 ___ 19-35 ___ 36-54 ___ 55-69 ___ 70+ ____ prefer not to answer

3. Why do you visit the library? (check all that apply)
   ___ books ___ DVDs ___ audio books ___ music CDs ___ computer s ___ wi-fi ___ museum passes
   ___ adult programs ___ children’s programs ___ quiet study ___ research/reference help
   ___ newspapers/magazines ___ copier/fax machine ___ passport services ___ social interaction/meet friends

4. Which of our online resources do you use? (check all that apply)
   ___ Program registration ___ OverDrive/Libby (ebooks) ___ Kanopy Films ___ Universal Class e-courses
   ___ RBdigital magazines ___ Mango Languages ___ Research/Homework databases ___ TumbleBooks
   ___ GCF Learn Free videos ___ Health Reference Center ___ Museum pass reservations ___ Do Not Use

5. When you visit the library, are you able to find what you are looking for? ___ Yes ___ No ___ With help

6. How helpful is our staff?
   ___ very helpful ___ somewhat helpful ___ not very helpful ___ did not need help

7. Please rate your satisfaction with the following services using this scale:
   1 = very satisfied 2 = satisfied 3 = dissatisfied 4 = do not use
   • Collection (books, magazines, DVDs, etc.)
   • Children’s Programs
   • Adult Programs
   • Teen Programs
   • Online Resources
   • Weekday hours
   • Weekend hours
   • Computers & Internet Access
   • Tech Help sessions
   • Reserves/Interlibrary loan

8. What service, class, training, or program would you like the library to offer?

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9. Do you find our website helpful? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Do Not Use
   Comments:

____________________________________________________________________________________________________________

10. Do you have any suggestions or comments regarding the library? (attach additional pages as needed)

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THANK YOU for taking the time to complete this survey. We appreciate your input.

Please drop off your survey at the front desk of the Library or mail to:
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What can your LaGrange Library card do for you?
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Membership Year: January - December 2020

Name: ______________________________________
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_____ I (we) would like to help sort book donations
_____ I (we) would like to help with fundraisers

Annual Membership Levels:
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________ $15 Family
________ $25 Business
________ Additional contribution
________ Matching grant form attached
________ No need to send an acknowledgement

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