Good morning,

**Sharing Priority**

*Turning Toward the Light: A Healing Concert:* Remembering Jenna after 6 yrs; honoring her promise, and celebrating community ties

* 2/15, 5-7pm
* Jenna's House, 117 St. Johns Road, Johnson
* An opportunity for the community to reflect on the memory of Jenna Rae Tatro, the inspiration behind Jenna’s Promise, and to gather together with one another
* Danny Granstaff, an accomplished finger-style guitarist known for his improvisational style, and Marie Hamilton, a harpist and vocalist whose emotionally rich music speaks to the heart.
* Brief readings and stories refracted through the lens of Jenna’s journey and legacy

**Community**

[The 5 Love Languages of Children - FREE parenting class:](https://www.lamoillefamilycenter.org/) Together we will explore these 5 languages and determine the best ways to communicate with our children and improve our relationships with them.

* 2/4, 6-7:30pm
* Zoom class
* [Register](https://www.lamoillefamilycenter.org/)

[OVX Youth Statehouse Rally](https://counterbalancevt.com/ovx-youth-statehouse-rally/) - provides youth with a platform to educate and inform key decision-makers and fellow Vermonters about tobacco- and nicotine-related issues and harms, as seen and experienced firsthand.

* 2/11, 9am-12pm
* Open to any interested youth, youth group, or school grades 5-12
* Statehouse, Montpelier
* [Registration](https://counterbalancevt.com/ovx-youth-statehouse-rally/) - free, but pre-registration is required

*Special Materials Recycling:* workshop presentation on where recyclables that don’t belong in your bin go once they’ve left the district

* 2/13, 4-5pm
* 29 Sunset Dr, Morrisville
* Snacks and take home materials provided
* Register: outreach@lrswmd.org, 802-888-7317 x406

[Morrisville Centennial Library](https://www.centenniallibrary.org/) February Events:

**Adult/All Ages Programs**

* Read Aloud Sessions: Spirituality - 2/1, 12:30pm
* Itchin to be Stitchin - 2/1, 10am
* Virtual Author Talk: Sabrina Sholts - 2/4, 7pm - Smithsonian Curator Sabrina Sholts discusses how we create pandemics from our bodies and our belief systems.
* Homesteaders’ Meet-up - 2/5, 6pm - Are you interested in living off grid, raising your own animals, gardening, foraging, and preserving food and/or similar skills? Come meet like-minded people to share experiences.
* Virtual Author Talk: Waubgeshig Rice - 2/11, 7pm - Discuss the highly anticipated sequel Moon of the Crusted Snow, and explore dystopian tropes from an Indigenous perspective.
* BYOBook Group - 2/12, 5:30pm
* Winter Seed Sowing - 2/21, 12:30pm - Join Master Gardener Joan West for an exploration of how to sow seeds in the Winter.
* Traumatic Brain Injury Support Group - 2/18, 11am
* Virtual Author Talk: Lee Hawkins - 2/18, 2pm - The author will examine his family’s legacy of post-enslavement trauma and resilience in this riveting memoir, I Am Nobody's Slave: How Uncovering My Family’s History Set Me Free.
* LGBTQIA+ Meet Up- Wednesday 2/19, 5:30
* Aging Together - 2/21, 1pm - Maple Haven Law will focus on how best to pass assets on; wills versus trusts; how to pass on an asset and what is an asset; ; how to avoid nursing home claw-backs, etc.
* Community Garden Meeting - 2/26, 5:30pm

**Just for Tweens & Teens**

* Anti-Valentine’s Day Party - 2/24, 5-7pm - Hang in the library after hours with friends, ages 12+
* L.I.F.T. (LGBTQIA+) - 2/26, 3:30pm
* Movie Night - Wednesday 2/26, 5pm - Watch a movie downstairs, eat popcorn and pizza with pals.

**Youth Programs**

* Stuffie Sleepover - 2/25 - 2/26 - Drop off your stuffies anytime on Tuesday for an adventure filled evening at the library. When you pick-them up on Wednesday, you’ll get a photo album of their fun!
* Cardboard Creations - 2/27, 2pm - Create anything from your imagination using glue guns, electric scissors and more. All materials provided. For ages 8+.
* All Ages Playdough - 2/28, 2:30pm - First, we will make our own playdough, with creative mix-ins. Then you get to play with it with all the fun cookie cutters, tools etc. For all ages.

**Resources**

*Lamoille Area Recovery Network (LeARN)* is available to support flood survivors with recovery resources: learn@uwlamoille.org, 802-730-9513

[FindHelp](https://lamoille.findhelp.com/): an online database of searchable resources in Lamoille County.

[Flooding Resources](https://uwlamoille.org/learn/july-2023-flooding.html): All other resources previously sent can be found here

 

**What is WCC and what is this email?**

WCC stands for Working Communities Challenge, a three-year grant from the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston to support collaborative work to remove systemic barriers to employment. United Way of Lamoille County is the backbone partner in the [Lamoille WCC](https://uwlamoille.org/partnerships/working-communities-challenge.html), with 24 core partners participating.

Knowing what is going on helps people join the economy, so please share the sharing priority and the rest of the information in this newsletter.

* This newsletter goes out weekly to approximately 600 area leaders. The language is often exactly or close to what organizations use in order to convey what they want shared. It may not be in quotation marks for simplicity, but it is the language of the contributing organization.
* The [United Way of Lamoille County resource page](https://uwlamoille.org/get-help/) is continually updated with local and state information.

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