



# La Crosse Public Library NEWSLETTER

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## FEBRUARY 2026

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Connect with Us!



## stitch for a cause

Help keep our free pantry stocked with winter gear for our community!

Pick up a knitting or crochet pattern and yarn & return finished items to the library.

Don't stitch? We'll gladly accept yarn or donated hats, gloves, or scarves!

## MEET THE AUTHOR

**Thursday,  
February 26  
5:30pm–6:30pm  
Main Library**



**Angela Dominguez**

**Main Library  
800 Main Street  
(608) 789-7100**

Mon–Thurs 9 a.m.–7 p.m.  
Friday 9 a.m.–5 p.m.  
Saturday 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

**North Community Library  
1552 Kane Street  
(608) 789-7102**

Monday 2 p.m.–6 p.m.  
Tuesday 2 p.m.–6 p.m.  
Wednesday 2 p.m.–6 p.m.  
Thursday 2 p.m.–6 p.m.



# La Crosse Public Library

# GRAND OPENING



**Wednesday, March 11**  
**10 am - 6 pm - Main Library**



Help us celebrate the library's grand reopening with an all-day, open-house-style event. Tour new meeting spaces, check out the CREATE Lab, and enjoy casual activities, music, and snacks. No formal program—just drop in and explore.

## **WINTER READING CHALLENGE**

**JANUARY 5 - FEBRUARY 28 ALL AGES**

Cozy up with a good book and make your winter reading count! Join our Winter Reading Challenge for a chance to earn cool prizes. Pick up your reading sheet at the Welcome Desk or Children's Room in the Main Branch Library, at the North Branch Library, or download it from our [website](#). Read books, complete activities, and have fun working your way across the board for a shot at some wonderfully wintry prizes!





# Monday Mornings At Main

*Exercise body & mind while filling your cup with coffee and camaraderie,  
Mondays at the La Crosse Public Library!*



**9:00am Chair Fitness | 9:30am Coffee | 10:00am Lifelong Learning**

- > **February 2** - Piano Music with Luke Thering
- > **February 9** - Who are the Amish? Badger Talks with Mark Loudon
- > **February 16** - "Lifting as We Rise, the African American Women's Movement in the 19th Century" with Darrell Ferguson, Richelle Brunn and Rebecca Mormann-Krieger
- > **February 23** - River Bellwethers with Author Tamara Dean

## CHAIR FITNESS

**MONDAYS - 9:00 - 9:30 AM**  
**2/2; 2/9; 2/16**

Join Jamie for a chair fitness class which features low-impact exercises that focus on building strength, improving flexibility, and boosting cardiovascular health. This offering will be very suitable for all abilities, and everyone can move to their own comfort level. This will be a safe, supportive, and fun way to move with music and joy!



## CHAIR YOGA

**THURSDAYS - 10:00 - 10:45AM**  
**2/5; 2/12; 2/19; 2/26**

Chair Yoga is adaptable for every body and will offer a sense of ease, relaxation, and strength. In each class, participants will explore a variety of seated poses or standing shapes with the support of the chair which can improve flexibility, balance, and reduce stress. Certified yoga instructor, Jamie Pedretti, will lead each session offering choices and modifications so every participant feels empowered and supported!



# ADULT PROGRAMMING

All are welcome. If you need accommodation for any reason, please call the library at (608) 789-7100 or email [info@lacrosselibrary.org](mailto:info@lacrosselibrary.org).

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Tuesday, February 3

### **La Crosse County Veteran Services**

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

La Crosse Public Library - Main

Community Office Hours allows Veterans to access the services provided at the county office at different locations throughout the county! No appointments needed, service is provided on a first come, first serve basis.

Thursday, February 5

### **Adult Craft: Victorian Puzzle Purse Valentines**

5:30-6:30 p.m.

La Crosse Public Library - Main

Join us in creating your own Valentine's Day card inspired by this historical design, where its decoration is just as meaningful as the words inside! Named "Puzzle Purses" for their intricate folding, these Victorian valentines reveal hidden messages bit by bit as they are unfolded. Participants will explore classic valentine symbols while crafting a unique and expressive keepsake. Supplies will be provided - no registration necessary!

Saturday, February 7

### **Qigong**

9:30-10:30 a.m.

La Crosse Public Library - Main

Qigong (pronounced chee-gong) is an ancient health enhancing movement practice. Qi means "vital energy" and gong translates to "cultivation." Join our session leader, Bernice Olson-Pollack, for this free adult class that uses gentle exercises to improve joint mobility, balance and posture, and calm the mind. Comfortable clothes are recommended.

Tuesday, February 10

### **Tea & Technology: Digital Libraries - Libby and Hoopla**

11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

La Crosse Public Library - Main

Join us every second Tuesday of the month for our ongoing technology series, complete with hot drinks and treats! Each session explores a different technology-related topic. This month's program offers hands-on guidance with our digital library apps, Libby and Hoopla. Want more ways to read? Learn how to access eBooks and audiobooks on your personal device. Participants are encouraged to bring their own devices along to get help with specific questions.

Wednesday, February 11, 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 14, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

### **Chapters Book Discussion**

La Crosse Public Library - Main

Chapters is the La Crosse Public library's monthly book discussion group featuring popular fiction covering a variety of genres. Our discussions are wonderful opportunities to connect with fellow book lovers to discuss a new title each month in a relaxed and fun environment. Join us for a discussion of *The Rom-Commers* by Katherine Center. **Registration recommended.**

Friday, February 13

### **Adult Craft: No-Sew Heart Pillows**

1:00-2:00 p.m.

La Crosse Public Library - Main

Join us for a sweet Valentine's Day craft as we make a no-sew, heart-shaped pillow using soft felt and cozy fleece! Participants will use simple cutting and tying techniques to create a personalized pillow filled with love. Leave with a handmade keepsake that's perfect for Valentine's gifting, or for keeping as a cozy comfort of your own. **Registration required.**

Saturday, February 14

### **Narrative Healing: A Program for Writing and Reflection**

10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

La Crosse Public Library - Main

During narrative healing sessions, we engage with close reading of a poem or text, practice deep listening and attunement with others. In the shadow of this text, a reflective writing exercise helps us to make personal meaning of the discussion. In this particular session we will examine how language shapes the way we encounter and experience longing. **Registration recommended.**

Saturday, February 21

### **Midwest Card Fest**

10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

La Crosse Public Library - Main

Join us for fun, casual card playing featuring Midwest favorites: Euchre and Cribbage! Whether you want to learn or just play, everyone is welcome, no experience needed. Come enjoy friendly games and good company! All ages welcome!



# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

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## FEBRUARY STORYTIMES

### First Saturday Storytime

Saturday,  
February 7  
11:30 am - 12:00 pm  
Main Library

### Storytime

Wednesdays,  
February 4 & 11  
9:30 - 10:00 am &  
10:30 - 11:00 am  
Main Library

### Baby Storytime

Wednesdays,  
February 4 & 11  
12:00 - 12:30 pm  
Main Library

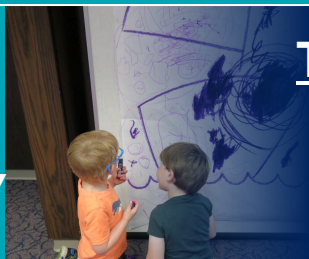
**MONDAYS**  
**3:30 - 4:30 PM**  
**MAIN LIBRARY**



### MAKE AND PLAY MONDAY

Art Club 2/2  
STEM Club 2/9  
LEGO Club 2/16  
Fandom Club ( Video Game Heros ) 2/23  
Best for ages 6-11.

**TUESDAYS**  
**10 - 11 AM**  
**MAIN LIBRARY**



### TODDLER TUESDAYS

Looking for a way to stay warm this winter? Come play with us! We will build with blocks, enjoy free play, and meet new friends at this terrific toddler playgroup. Best for ages 0-5.

**WEDNESDAYS**  
**3:30 - 4:30 PM**  
**NORTH LIBRARY**



### NORTH AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Join us after school as we play, create and have fun at the North Community Library. Only on days when Northside Elementary School is in session. Best for grades 1-6.

**SATURDAY,**  
**FEBRUARY 28**  
**10 - 11 AM**  
**MAIN LIBRARY**



### WINTER IN THE WOODS

Explore our very own winter woods ... inside! We'll peek into winter animal homes, stretch-out in a bear den, and play in our indoor winter wonderland. Best for ages 0-5.

# TEEN PROGRAMMING

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### TEEN ADVISORY COUNCIL

**MAIN LIBRARY  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3  
4:30-5:30 PM**

The Teen Advisory Council is made up of teens from local middle and high schools who advise the Youth Services staff on all things teen at the library. This group is always looking for new members so please join us for food and fun on the first Tuesday of every month (September through May).

### FIRST FRIDAY: NERF BATTLE ROYAL

**MAIN LIBRARY  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6  
4:30-6:00 PM**

NERF BATTLE ROYALE RETURNS! Test your skills and team up for an action-packed evening of team strategy and competition. Come ready to play in multi-format game modes with team and solo play. Equipment will be provided, but you can bring your blasters and accessories (Please, no modified blasters or ammo). Best for grades 6-12.

### TWEEN/TEEN DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS

**MAIN LIBRARY  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18  
5:00-6:30 PM**

Calling all tween and teen adventurers! Join our beginner-friendly Dungeons & Dragons program and dive into your first epic quest—no experience needed. Characters and all other materials will be provided. For grades 5-12

GALE PRESENTS

Udemy

## NEW SKILLS, SERVED DAILY

Anytime, anywhere access to  
free online courses.

**GET STARTED NOW**

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# OUTREACH PROGRAMMING

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Thursday, February 5

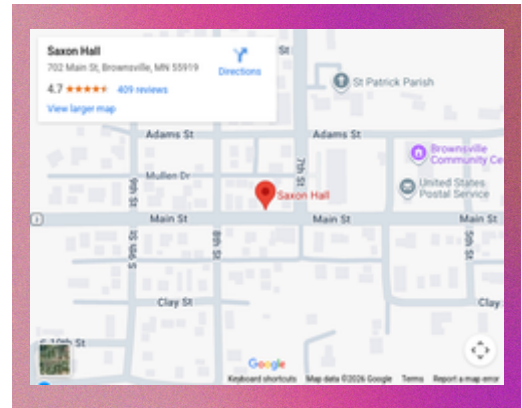
## **Storytime For Adults: Pizza my Heart!**

6:30–8:00 p.m.

### **Saxon Hall**

702 Main St, Brownsville, MN 55919

Why should children have all the fun? 'Storytime for Adults' is at Saxon Hall in Brownsville, MN. Join us to hear your favorite local librarians and performers read some of our favorite short stories and essays. This month's theme is Pizza My Heart. Get ready for all things romance! Both beer and NA beverages are available for purchase. For ages 21+ only. Caution: stories may include adult content. Listener discretion is advised. Registration is not required.



Tuesday, February 17

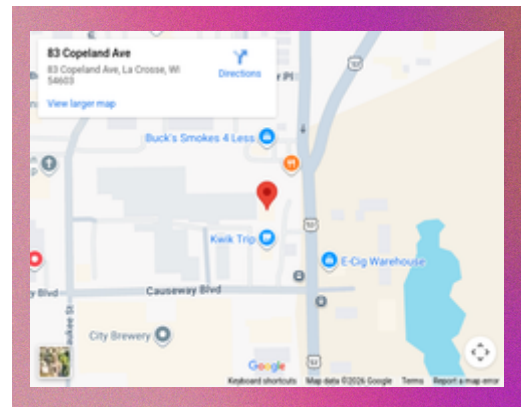
## **Booktok Bingo**

6:30–8:00 p.m.

### **608 Brewing Company**

83 Copeland Ave, La Crosse, WI 54603

Join us at 608 Brewing Company to celebrate all the best books on BookTok! A free event, with a book prize for every bingo.



Wednesday, February 18

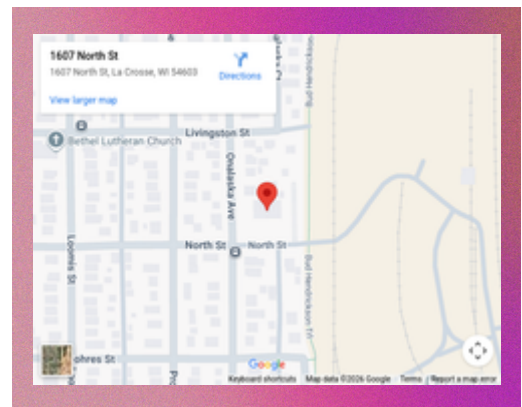
## **Tech Help Drop-In at Harry J. Olson**

10:30am–12:00pm

### **Harry J. Olson Senior Center**

1607 North St, La Crosse, WI 54601

The La Crosse Public Library is offering monthly Drop-In Technology help at Harry J. Olson Senior Center! Got a new device or need help mastering the one you already have? Whether you're troubleshooting issues, exploring features, or just looking to feel more confident with technology, we can help!



Tuesday, February 24

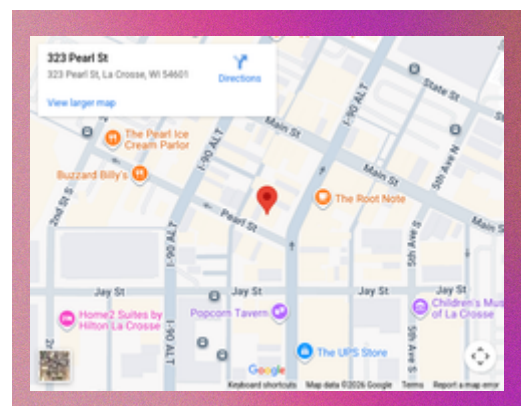
## **Out in Print: The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo**

5:30pm–6:30pm

### **Pearl Street Books**

323 Pearl St, La Crosse, WI 54601

This LGBTQ+ book club will discuss books, short stories, films, graphic novels, and more that feature a diverse array of LGBTQ+ narratives. Everyone in the greater La Crosse community is welcomed to participate in our monthly discussions. Books can be checked out at the La Crosse Public Library, purchased at Pearl Street Books, and/or found on [Queer Liberation Library](#). [Additional resources can be found here.](#)





# FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

## BOOKSHOP HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday,  
and Friday

10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Wednesday

12:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Saturday

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Sunday

2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.



## Support Friends of the La Crosse Public Library by:

- Donating Materials
- Becoming a Volunteer
- Purchasing a Membership

For more information, call  
the First Floor Bookshop  
at  
(608) 789-7149 or visit  
our website:  
[lacrosselibrary.org/about/  
friends](http://lacrosselibrary.org/about/friends)

Online membership form  
can be found here:  
[https://www.lacrosselibrary.org/fol\\_membership](https://www.lacrosselibrary.org/fol_membership)

## MONDAY MORNING BOOK SALES

Friends of the  
La Crosse Public Library

## BASEMENT BOOKSTORE

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Please join or renew your annual support of your library. Your membership provides special support resources for your library.

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**Name:**

**Street:**

**City:**

**State:**

**Zip:**

**Telephone:**

**Email:**

Enclosed is my tax-deductible contribution payable to the Friends of the La Crosse Public Library.

- ☐ Individual \$15 ☐ Lifetime Membership \$300  
☐ Family \$30 ☐ Special/Memorial Gift

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Attn: Membership  
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