

# LA CROSSE PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER



## December 2025

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### Library Board of Trustees meeting.

**Tuesday, December 9**  
**5:00pm–6:00pm**  
**Main Library**

Monthly Library Board  
meeting.



**All Locations Closed**  
**Wednesday, December 31**  
**& Thursday, January 1**  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

### Scheduled Software Downtime

Winding Rivers Library System will be onboarding Tomah Public Library into the shared catalog system in early December. This means that the checkout/catalog system will be unavailable from December 4 until we come back online on December 8.

[Please visit our website for more information.](#)

**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.  
Sunday 1–5 p.m.

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

Tuesday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.  
Wednesday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.  
Thursday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.  
Saturday 9 a.m.–1 p.m.



**LA CROSSE**  
**PUBLIC LIBRARY**

# 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**



Sponsored by the  
Gertrude Salzer  
Gordon Trust

**December 1:**

**"Until My Memory Fails Me: Mindfulness Practices for Cultivating Resilience and Self-Compassion in the Face of Cognitive Decline"**  
with Author Sharon Lukert

**December 8:**

**The History and Future of Sparta's Kriskindlmarkt**  
with Lance Hauser and  
Reinhard Mueller

**December 15:**

**Mittens on the Tree with Jessica Michna appearing as Caroline Ingalls**

## CHAIR FITNESS



**Mondays**

**9:00 - 9:30 am**

**Main Library - Auditorium**

**12/1. 12/8. 12/15.**

Chair Fitness is an active yet accessible program for all ages and fitness levels! This instructor-led program features upbeat music and energizing routines designed to keep you active and smiling.

## CHAIR YOGA



**Thursdays**

**10:00 - 10:45 am**

**Main Library - Auditorium**

**12/4. 12/11. 12/18.**

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!

# WINTER PROGRAMMING

## Fun Adult Program

# UGLY SWEATER DECORATING!

Thursday, December 11 | 5:30-6:30pm

Main Library - Auditorium

GET COZY AND CREATIVE AT THE LIBRARY!  
BRING YOUR OWN SWEATER (OR SWEATSHIRT), AND WE WILL PROVIDE THE GLITTER, POMPOMS, FELT, RIBBONS, AND OTHER FESTIVE ADORNMENTS TO TURN IT INTO A ONE-OF-A-KIND UGLY MASTERPIECE!

CELEBRATE THE SEASON YOUR WAY, WHETHER YOU LOVE SNOWFLAKES, STARS, WINTER SCENES, OR JUST A LITTLE SPARKLE, THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO CRAFT THE ULTIMATE HOLIDAY SWEATER. THIS EVENT IS FOR AGES 18+



# SWEET SNOWSCAPES: Gingerbread Houses

Saturday, December 13  
11:00am-12:00pm  
Main Library



Join us for a morning of sweet engineering! We will build and decorate gingerbread houses made of graham crackers, frosting, and candy. We'll bring the sugar and spice and everything nice - all you need to bring is your creativity! Best for ages 5-11.

Staff cannot guarantee that food handled at this program is free of common food allergens (eggs, wheat, peanuts, etc.). Please contact the library with questions concerning potential allergens.



## Fun Children's Program



# ADULT PROGRAMMING

Thursday, December 4

## **Adult Snowman Craft**

3:00-4:00 a.m.

La Crosse Public Library - Main

Join us at the library for a cozy crafting session! We'll be making rustic snowmen out of wooden shims — the perfect winter decoration or gift. All materials are provided, and no crafting experience is needed. Just bring your creativity and holiday spirit! Supplies are limited and **registration is required**.

Saturday, December 6

## **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.

Sunday, December 7

## **The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald: The Ship, the Storm, and the Song**

2:00-3:00 p.m.

La Crosse Public Library - Main

Explore the wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald from perspectives of the weather, the ship and the song by Gordon Lightfoot.

Tuesday, December 9

## **Staying Safe from Internet Scams**

11:0-12:00 p.m.

La Crosse Public Library - Main

Join Investigator Mancuso from the La Crosse Police Department for an informative session that will help you protect yourself and your loved ones from common internet scams. We'll cover how to recognize phishing emails, fake websites, social media scams, and fraudulent phone calls. Learn practical tips for keeping your personal information safe, what to do if you think you've been scammed, and how to help others stay informed. This session is perfect for adults of all ages and skill levels.

**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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Wednesday, December 10, 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 13, 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 *A December to Remember* by Jenny Bayliss. **Registration recommended.**

Thursday, December 11

## **Career Navigation Assistance**

10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

La Crosse Public Library - Main

Looking for career navigation assistance? The DWD provides free navigation services to expand career opportunities at the local level. Our Career Navigators will work with you to identify your interests, values, and conditions of work. We will help connect you to resources, trainings, and in-demand career paths in your area. Set-up an appointment by emailing:

[jessica.hansonnemec@dwd.wisconsin.gov](mailto:jessica.hansonnemec@dwd.wisconsin.gov) or calling 715-836-5175. Walk-ins are also welcome.

\*Walk-ins should visit the table set up on the first floor near the Welcome desk/South entrance.

Tuesday, December 16

## **Out in Print: House of Hunger**

5:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

La Crosse Public Library - Main

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. Out in Print is a collaboration with the La Crosse Public Library & Pearl Street Books.

Wednesday, December 17

## **Adult Dungeons and Dragons**

5:00-6:30 p.m.

La Crosse Public Library - Main

Ready to embark on a fantastic adventure? Join us for an epic one-shot play session curated for new and curious players. This is your chance to explore a world of imagination and fun with the library! Characters and all other materials will be provided.

**Adults 18+.**

# OUTREACH EVENTS

Tuesday, November 4

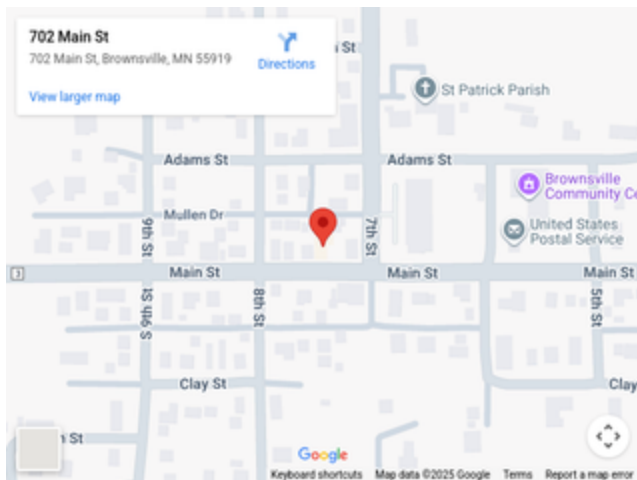
## Storytime for Adults: Family...Reindeer Games at Saxon Hall!

6:30-8:00 p.m.

Saxon Hall

702 Main St. Brownsville, MN 55919

Why should children have all the fun? Join us to hear your favorite local librarians and performers read some of our favorite short stories and essays. This month's theme is Reindeer Games at Saxon Hall! 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, December 16

## Pride in the Panels - "Other Ever Afters"

4:30-5:30 p.m.

7 Rivers LGBTQ Connection: The Center

230 6th St S. La Crosse, WI 54601

Calling all graphic novel fans! Join us every month in our safe and welcoming space as we build community while exploring the panels of LGBTQ+ themed graphic novels! All are welcome. **For grades 6-12.**

This month's read: "Other Ever Afters: New Queer Fairy Tales" by Melanie Gillman



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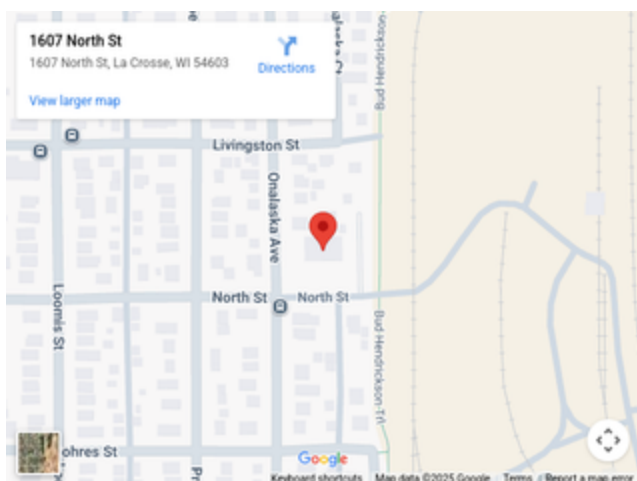
## Tech Help Drop-In at Harry J. Olson

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!



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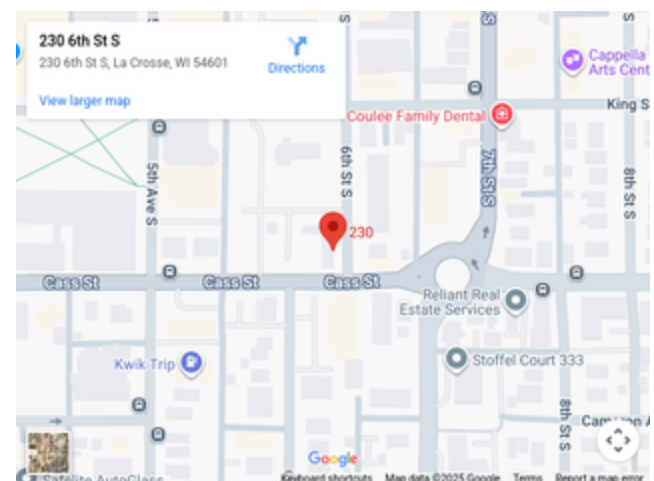
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# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

## STORYTIMES

SEPTEMBER 3 - DECEMBER 17

### Storytime (all ages)

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

### Baby Storytime

Wednesdays, 12:00 - 12:30 pm  
Main Library

### 1st Saturday Storytime (all ages)

First Saturday of the month, December 6  
11:30 am - 12:00 pm  
Main Library

### North Side Play Shoppe

presented by the Parenting Place  
Tuesdays, 10-11am, North Library

When the La Crosse School District closes for weather related reasons, the Parenting Place also closes.  
Best for ages birth to five.



## Make and Play Mondays

**Mondays**  
**3:30 - 4:30 pm**  
**Main Library**

Best for ages 6-11.

### **Art Club 12/1**

Tap into your inner artist and make wonderful creations!  
Let's make art!

### **STEM Club 12/8**

Explore the world of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) with interactive activities and thrilling challenges!

### **LEGO Club 12/15**

Build extraordinary worlds and let your imagination run wild with every brick!

**NORTHSIDE**  
**After School Club**

**WEDNESDAYS**  
SEPTEMBER - MAY  
**3:00-4:00 PM**

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

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**BABY RAVE**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 5:30PM-6:30PM**  
**MAIN LIBRARY AUDITORIUM**

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND! LET LOOSE DANCING TO CHILDREN'S CLASSICS WITH A TECHNO TWIST. THERE'LL BE FUN IN ALL CORNERS OF THE CLUB WITH GLOW IN THE DARK PROPS AND TOYS, AND A BUBBLE MACHINE. WE'RE NOT CHECKING IDS, BUT...  
BEST FOR AGES 0-5.

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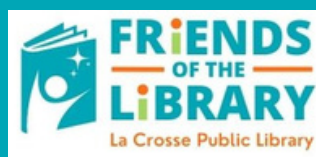
**ALL ABILITIES PLAY GROUP**

**Sunday, December 14**  
**1:30pm-2:30pm**  
**Main Library**

Come play with us! Join us for sensory-friendly activities and open-ended play in a welcoming and nurturing environment.

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# TEEN PROGRAMS

## TEEN ADVISORY COUNCIL

**Tuesday, December 2**  
**4:30 - 5:30 PM**  
**Main Library**



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).

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## TWEEN & TEEN DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

**FALL 2025**  
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3**  
**5-6:30PM**  
**MAIN LIBRARY**



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**

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## FIRST FRIDAY: ULTIMATE HIDE AND SEEK

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5**  
**4:30PM-6:00PM**  
**MAIN LIBRARY**



Get ready for the ultimate after-hours adventure! Join us at the library for Ultimate Hide and Seek, where the lights go low, the stakes get high, and the whole library becomes your playground. Bring your friends, your best hiding spots, and your sense of adventure — this is one game you won't want to miss! **For grades 6-12**

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## ERASER PRINTMAKING FOR TEENS

**Wednesday, December 10**  
**4:30pm - 5:30pm**  
**Main Library**






Explore the basics of printmaking in this fun, low-pressure environment. Using pink erasers as mini printing blocks, you'll experiment with carving, inking, and printing techniques to make small works of art you can share or keep!

**All supplies provided. No experience needed!**  
**For grades 5-12**

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## VIDEO GAME POP-UP

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16**  
**3:30PM-4:30PM**  
**NORTH LIBRARY**

Think you've got the skills to take on a librarian in video games? Bring your best moves, challenge us to a match, and see who comes out on top! Win or lose, it's all about fun, laughs, and bragging rights. At our North library branch from 3:30-4:30pm. **For grades 6-12.**

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# LA CROSSE PUBLIC LIBRARY'S SHOP



**Support the library and impress your friends with our cool merch.**

Proceeds from 2025 Threadless sales go to support Library programming for all ages. The La Crosse Public Library is the hub of our community, inspiring inclusion, learning, and connection.



# FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

## BOOKSHOP HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday,  
and Friday

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

Wednesday

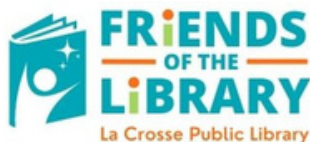
12:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

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

La Crosse Public Library  
800 Main Street

**OPEN**

**EVERY MONDAY  
9 A.M.-12 P.M.**

Over 10,000 books,  
magazines, CDs, DVDs,  
and Audiobooks  
All items \$1 or less

## Membership Form

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

☐ New ☐ Renewal ☐ Address change

**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

### Please return to:

Friends of the La Crosse Public Library, Inc.  
Attn: Membership  
800 Main Street  
La Crosse, WI 54601