La Crosse Public Library NEWSLETTER

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MARCH 2026

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Connect with Us!

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.

Friends of Library Annual Meeting

Saturday, March 21, 10:00am–12:00pm, Main Library

Join the Friends of the Library for their annual meeting to learn more about the group that funds so many of our programs and services! There will be a brief business meeting, and Brunch will be served. Tickets may be purchased through the Friends Bookshop or the Basement Book Store and all proceeds benefit your public library!

All Programs sponsored by the Friends of the La Crosse Library!

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.

Archives Reading Room
800 Main Street
(608) 789-7136

Mon - Fri 9 a.m. - 4 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.

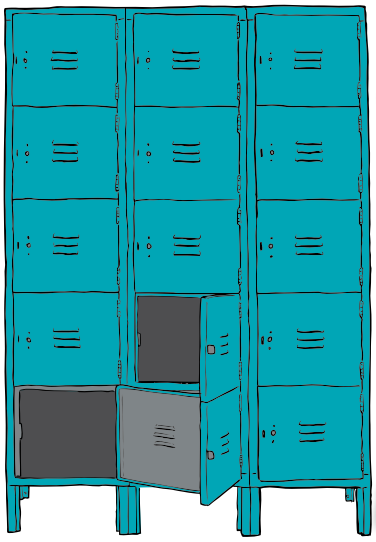
LA CROSSE PUBLIC LIBRARY

NEW AT LA CROSSE PUBLIC LIBRARY

COMING Soon

Outdoor & After-Hours

Hold Pick-Up LOCKERS



Get notified of your hold by text or email

Contact the library to arrange placement in a locker

Pick up your items on your schedule

This project was made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services

NEW NEW NEW NEW MEETING ROOMS

BOOK NOW

New, free library meeting rooms are available for public use during open hours.

CHECK IT OUT

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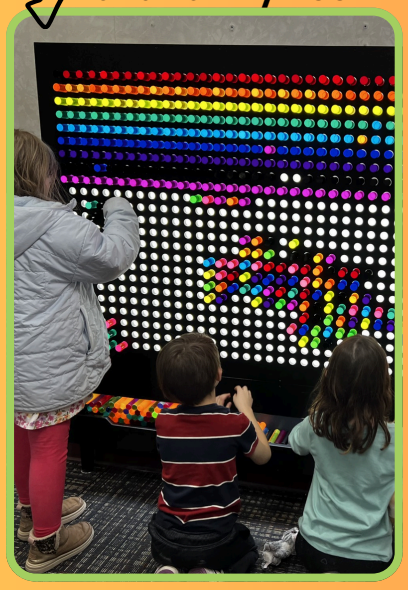
In the Children and Family Room



Congratulations

WINTER READING CHALLENGE WINNERS!

We had an amazing turnout for our Winter Reading Challenge this year, we received so many entries! Thank you to everyone who participated and especially to those who made sure to return the tardigrade and library books before the big winter storms rolled in.

Our Grand Prize Winner is...
Atticus Z!

Our Three Second Place Winners are...

Carson O. - Youth Age Group
Luna T. - Teen Age Group
Mary Kate D. - Adult Age Group

You did it!

The LPL Archives & Local History Reading Room is now open to the public!!

Now Open!

New hours:

Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Contact information:

(608) 789-7136
archives@lacrosselibrary.org

The La Crosse Public Library Archives is full of resources for anyone interested in the history of the La Crosse area, as well as anyone researching their ancestors. Archives staff are available to assist with any questions you may have.

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

MONDAY MORNINGS AT MAIN

Sponsored by the Gertrude Salzer Gordon Trust

- **March 2** - Street Smarts: Designing Safe Streets for Everyone with Erin Duffer, Travis Key, & Jenna Dinkel
- **March 9** - "Peep Light: Stories of a Mississippi River Boat Captain" with Lee Hendrix
- **March 16** - Musical Performance with the Tri-State Accordion Club
- **March 23** - Women Air Force Service Pilots of WWII with Frederick Beseler
- **March 30** - The Impossible Show with Magician Isaiah Foster

CHAIR FITNESS

MONDAYS - 9 - 9:30 AM - MAIN LIBRARY
3/2; 3/9; 3/16; 3/23; 3/30

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 - 10:45 AM - MAIN LIBRARY
3/5; 3/12; 3/19; 3/26

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.

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Tuesday, March 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.

Saturday, March 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, March 10

Tea & Technology: Tools for Curious Minds: New Digital Resources at Your Library

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. Explore three exciting new digital resources available free with your library card. Udemy offers access to over 250,000 courses, while Library Chef features live and on-demand cooking, nutrition, and wellness programs for all skill levels. We'll also introduce Educate Station, a homeschool-friendly resource with a complete Pre-K through 5th grade curriculum presented in printable packets that follow a full school-year learning sequence.

Tuesday, March 10

Knit & Needle

5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

La Crosse Public Library - Main

Bring your knitting, crochet, or embroidery projects and craft alongside other fiber art enthusiasts! This open, community-focused session is designed for independent crafting rather than guided lessons.

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

Saturday, March 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 Once and Future Witches by Alix E. Harrow. **Registration recommended.**

Thursday, March 12

Boggle Poetry: A Creativity Workshop for Adults

5:30-6:30 p.m.

La Crosse Public Library - Main

Whether you're a poetry admirer, looking to try a new creative outlet, or a word puzzle connoisseur, this is for you! Join H. Murray Valentine in this playful and creative workshop where you'll use a game of boggle to inspire poems!

Monday, March 16

Crochet Basics for Adults

5:30-6:30 p.m.

La Crosse Public Library - Main

Interested in gaining a new skill? Start your crochet journey with us at the library! Learn basic stitches and structures while creating something beautifully handmade. No prior crochet experience is necessary. **Registration is required.**

Friday, March 20

Decorative Beaded Plants

10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

La Crosse Public Library - Main

Enjoy a relaxed and creative craft session featuring decorative beaded plants —no watering required! Colorful beads and wire are used to create a charming, plant-inspired piece to take home. For Ages 18+. All materials are supplied. Open to all experience levels. **Registration required.**

Saturday, March 21

Repair Cafe

10:30-12:30 p.m.

La Crosse Public Library - Main

Join us with Habitat for Humanity for our Repair Cafe! Bring in your broken items and our volunteers will teach you about minor repairs and will help repair them for free. Volunteers have experience in mending clothes and fabrics, minor carpentry/small furniture repair, household appliances/electronics, and jewelry repair. All are welcome. Under 18, guardian required. A limit of 3 items per person. No firearms or weapons.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

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

MARCH STORYTIMES

Family Storytime
Saturdays,
11:00 am - 11:30 am
Main Library

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

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

MONDAYS
3:30 - 4:30 PM
MAIN LIBRARY

MAKE AND PLAY MONDAY

Art Club 3/2
STEM Club 3/9
LEGO Club 3/16
Fandom Club (Pokémon) 3/23
Best for ages 6-11.

TUESDAYS
STARTS 3/17
10:30 - 11:30 AM
MAIN LIBRARY

HOMESCHOOL HANGOUT

Homeschooling families of all ages are invited to the library for a homeschool hangout! Join us in the CREATE Lab for an exciting array of STEM-themed activities that will ignite your creativity while building meaningful connections.

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.

THURSDAYS
10 - 11 AM
MAIN LIBRARY

TODDLER THURSDAYS

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.

TEEN PROGRAMMING

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TEEN ADVISORY COUNCIL

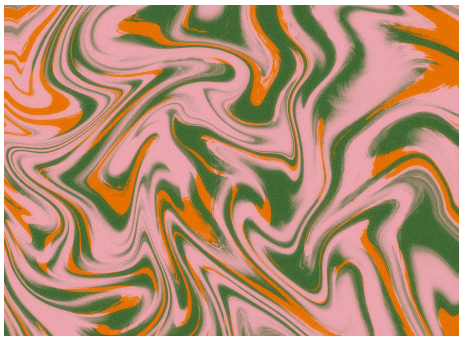
MAIN LIBRARY
TUESDAY, MARCH 3
4:30-5:30 PM

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: TEEN TRIVIA

MAIN LIBRARY
FRIDAY, MARCH 6
4:30-6:00 PM

Are you and your friends experts on all sorts of odd facts and random stats? Then come flex your brain skills and show off what you know at Teen Trivia Night! Teams will face off in high-energy rounds packed with pop culture, weird facts, and surprise bonus rounds. Bring your friends and prove that you are a trivia champion!



TEEN AND TWEEN HYDRODIPPING

MAIN LIBRARY
MONDAY, MARCH 9
5:00-6:00 PM

Swirl, dip, and design to create one-of-a-kind marbled patterns using just water and nail polish! Bring your own small items—like phone cases, mugs, or keychains—to give them a vibrant, glossy makeover, or choose from a selection of items supplied by us. For Grades 5-12.

TWEEN/TEEN DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS

MAIN LIBRARY
THURSDAY, MARCH 19
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

PERIOD PARTY

MAIN LIBRARY
TUESDAY, MARCH 24
5:00–6:30PM

Let's celebrate! We will be crafting, snacking, and learning all about menstruation with our partners from Planned Parenthood. Best for ages 9-18. All genders welcome.

OUTREACH PROGRAMMING

Tuesday, March 3

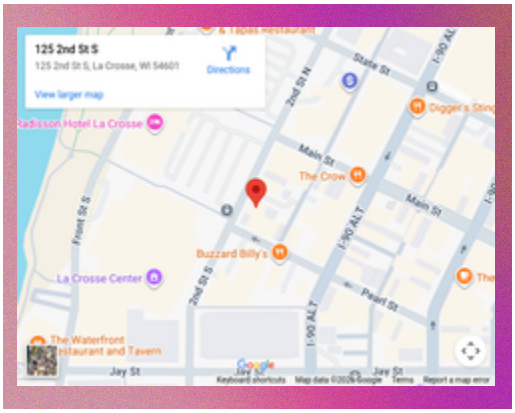
Storytime For Adults: Clean Breaks

6:30-8:00 p.m.

Turtle Stack Brewery

125 2nd St. S, La Crosse, WI 54601

Why should children have all the fun? 'Storytime for Adults' is at Turtle Stack Brewery! Join us to hear your favorite local librarians and performers read some of our favorite short stories and essays. This month's theme is: Clean Breaks - All about changing course, quick decisions, big exits, and breaking traditions. 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, March 17

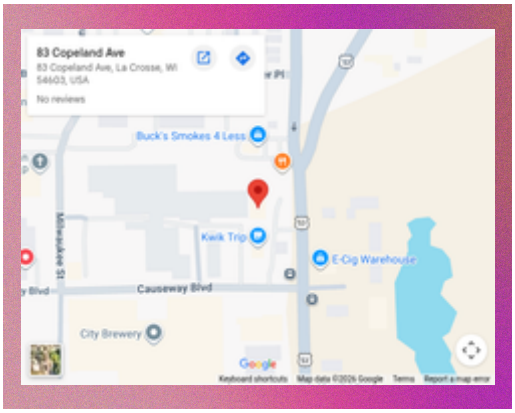
Booktok Bingo

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, March 18

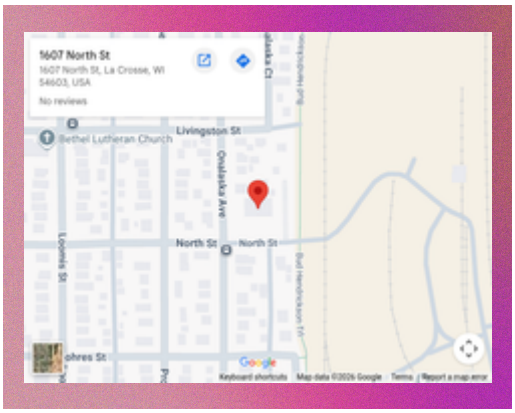
Tech Help Drop-In at Harry J. Olson

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!



COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, March 17

11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

La Crosse Public Library - Main Library Auditorium A

Schedule your life-giving donation today! Set an appointment online at:

https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time

Appointments are recommended, but walk-ins are welcome. Remember to bring photo identification.

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

Online membership form can be found here: 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.

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