



La Crosse Public Library NEWSLETTER

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NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

April 19-25, 2026

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NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK HONORARY CHAIR

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Introducing the CREATE Lab!

The CREATE Lab represents a refreshed and more intentional approach to making at the library. Designed to support creative learning, the space focuses on hands-on exploration and skill-building through curated maker kits and accessible technology.



CREATE Lab Hours

Tuesday-Thursday: 11am-6:45pm
Friday: CLOSED
Saturday: 9am-12:45pm
Sunday-Monday: CLOSED

COMING SOON

LPL's Fifth Annual Tiny Art Show

Starting April 20 pick up a canvas!

Pick up your tiny canvas at the Main Library Welcome Desk or North Library, while supplies last. Voting starts May 11.

	Main Library 800 Main Street (608) 789-7100	Archives Reading Room 800 Main Street (608) 789-7136	North Community Library 1552 Kane Street (608) 789-7102
Mon-Thurs	9 a.m.-7 p.m.	Mon - Fri 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Monday 2 p.m.-6 p.m.
Friday	9 a.m.-5 p.m.	Saturday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Tuesday 2 p.m.-6 p.m.
Saturday	9 a.m.-1 p.m.		Wednesday 2 p.m.-6 p.m.
			Thursday 2 p.m.-6 p.m.



CELEBRATE EARTH DAY AT LPL

Adult Programs

GARDENING TALK & Seed Swap

Saturday, April 11

10:00am-12:00pm
La Crosse Public Library

10-11AM: GARDENING TALK: TRASH TO TREASURE: COMPOSTING FOOD WASTE

Discover how easy it is to turn everyday kitchen scraps into nutrient-rich compost with Dylan Hanneman, Kane Street Community Garden Manager. Learn what to compost, how to get started, and simple tips for keeping your bin healthy. Perfect for beginners and anyone looking to reduce food waste and help the planet!

11AM-12PM: SEED SWAP

Following the talk, join us for a seed swap! Please label seeds with identifying information. No seeds? No problem! Everyone is welcome to join the seed swap and pick up seeds from local seed savers and community organizations like the Kane Street Garden, Drifless Seed Company and more!

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

FRI, APRIL 17

EGG CARTON FLOWERS

10AM-11AM
CREATE LAB

Celebrate spring with a creative and eco-friendly craft! Join us and turn recycled egg cartons into colorful flower bouquets. All supplies will be provided, and you will leave with a handmade decoration to brighten your home.

* REGISTRATION REQUIRED *

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ADULT - SPRING & SUMMER CLOTHING SWAP

SWAP
DON'T
SHOP

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

12:00 - 2:00PM

NORTH LIBRARY

ARE YOU A FASHIONABLE AND EARTH-CONSCIOUS PERSON ON A BUDGET? LOOKING TO REFRESH YOUR WARDROBE? CONSIDER DONATING YOUR EXTREMELY COOL, GENTLY USED, CLOTHES TO THE LIBRARY CLOTHING SWAP.

- ALL ADULT SIZES AND GENDER STYLES WELCOME.
- UNCLAIMED CLOTHING WILL BE DONATED.
- SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

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ADULT - SPRING & SUMMER CLOTHING SWAP

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

12:00 - 2:00PM

NORTH LIBRARY

A clothing swap is a gathering where participants bring their unwanted clothes to exchange for new items. Refreshments will be provided for your shopping pleasure.

- No registration necessary.
- Items should be in good condition, freshly laundered and gently used. No trash, please.
- Get a head start and bring your items (limit of 10 items) to the Main library welcome desk or North Library, April 1-10.
- You may also bring your items (limit of 10 items) on the day of the event and stop at our check-in table.
- All adult sizes and gender styles welcome.
- **Unclaimed clothing will be donated.**

What you can bring:

- T-Shirts, Blouses, Tank tops
- Shorts
- Pants
- Skirts
- dresses
- Shoes
- Light sweaters and jackets

Please do not bring:

- Undergarments (socks, bras, underwear)
- Swimwear
- Activewear
- Dirty items
- Ripped and distressed items
- Jewelry
- Anything you might want back

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



- > **April 6** - Six Pillars of Brain Health with AARP Wisconsin
- > **April 13** - Mayo Clinic Peregrine Falcon Program with Jackie Fallon
- > **April 20** - Wisconsin Circus Legends and Lore with Chad Lewis
- > **April 27** - The Lake Mendota Canoe Conundrum with Amy Rosebrough and Bill Quackenbush

CHAIR FITNESS

MONDAYS - 9:00 - 9:30 AM
4/6; 4/13; 4/20; 4/27

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 - 10:45 AM
4/2; 4/16; 4/23; 4/30

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

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Saturday, April 4

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, April 7

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.

Wednesday, April 8, 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 11, 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 Employees* by Olga Ravn. **Registration recommended.**

Thursday, April 9

Singing Bowl Sound Meditation

5:15 p.m.-6:45 p.m.

La Crosse Public Library - Main

Join us for an evening of exploration and renewal in the presence of ageless bell sounds. Tibetan singing bowls produce sounds that invite deep states of relaxation, enhancing the ability to meditate, reduce tension and stress. We invite you to bring your own yoga mat, wear comfortable clothes, and meditate with us at your library! Questions, a demonstration, and hands-on experience with the bowls will be offered at the end of the session. Drop-ins are welcome, registration is not required!

Tuesday, April 14

Tea & Technology: Genealogy Basics

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 will be taught by our staff who specialize in Local History & Genealogy research. Learn the basics of genealogy through a hands-on class that uses LPL's in-house access to Ancestry.com, with a special focus on Wisconsin resources. Start exploring your family's history and uncover your story here!

Tuesday, April 14

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.

Monday, April 20

Book Bedazzling for Adults

5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

La Crosse Public Library - Main

Celebrate National Library Week with some sparkle! Join us for some book flavored fun, where you can bedazzle your favorite books' cover! Participants must bring their own book to transform. Diamond decorating supplies are provided, **registration is required!**

Thursday, April 30

BALANCE: A Perimenopause Journey

6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

La Crosse Public Library - Main

Come together with our partners at Planned Parenthood as we open up the conversation on perimenopause—featuring documentaries, engaging discussions with local experts, snacks, and lots of laughter! Join us for part one of BALANCE: A Perimenopause Journey, a docuseries following two monk-filmmakers as they explore one of the least discussed transitions in a woman's life. Through honest stories and expert insights, BALANCE sheds light on hormones, health, and hope. Register online to attend the screening and receive access codes to watch the rest of the series at home. **Registration required.**

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

PRE-SCHOOL STORYTIME & PROGRAMS

STORYTIME

WEDNESDAYS,
9:30 - 10:00 AM & 10:30 - 11:00 AM

BABY STORYTIME

WEDNESDAYS,
12:00 - 12:30 PM

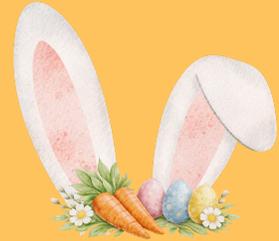
FAMILY STORYTIME

SATURDAYS,
11:00 - 11:30 AM
NO STORYTIME APRIL 25

AT MAIN LIBRARY

STORYLAND: THE TALE OF PETER RABBIT

Saturday, April 25
10:00 - 11:00 am
Main Library



Hop, wiggle and scurry through our very own play vegetable garden inspired by The Tale of Peter Rabbit. We'll craft, play, and explore together.
Best for ages 0-6.

SCHOOL AGE PROGRAMS

MAKE AND PLAY MONDAYS

Mondays
3:30 - 4:30 pm
Main Library - CREATE Lab

Art Club 4/6

STEM Club 4/13

LEGO Club 4/20

Fandom Club (Dragons) 4/27

Best for ages 6-11.



HOMESCHOOL HANGOUT

Tuesdays
11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Main Library - CREATE Lab

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 STEAM-themed activities that will ignite your creativity while building meaningful connections. It's the perfect chance to meet fellow homeschoolers in a welcoming environment while taking advantage of the wonderful resources available at your local library.

NORTH AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Wednesdays
3:00 - 4:00 pm
North Library



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.

BREAKERSPACE!

Thursday, April 2
11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Main Library



Break in and explore! Use tools to take apart real technology to see what's inside and discover the amazing secrets behind how it all works! **Best for Grades 1-6.**

TEEN PROGRAMMING

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TEEN ADVISORY COUNCIL

MAIN LIBRARY

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

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).



TEEN / TWEEN FRANKEN-STUFFIES

MAIN LIBRARY

MONDAY, APRIL 13

5:00-6:00 PM

Unleash your inner mad scientist and give old toys a monstrous new life! Tear apart the ordinary to stitch, swap, glue, and reassemble a unique "Franken-Stuffie" from different plush parts. No sewing experience needed! Mix and match to create the stuffie of your dreams... or your nightmares. For Grades 5-12.



TWEEN / TEEN DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS

MAIN LIBRARY

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

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

OUTREACH PROGRAMMING

Tuesday, April 7

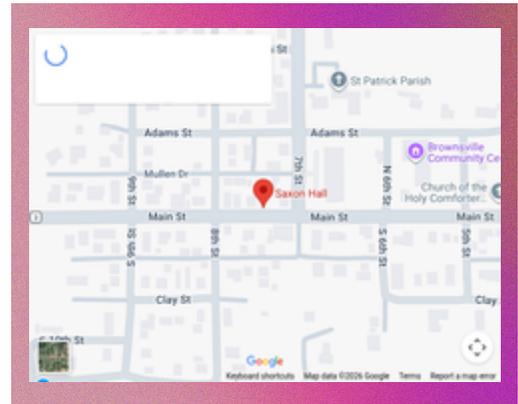
Storytime For Adults: Trivial Pursuit

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 Trivial Pursuit! Alcoholic beverages, NA beverages, and Pizza will be available for purchase. For ages 21+ only. Caution: stories may include adult content. Listener discretion is advised. Registration is not required.



Wednesday, April 15

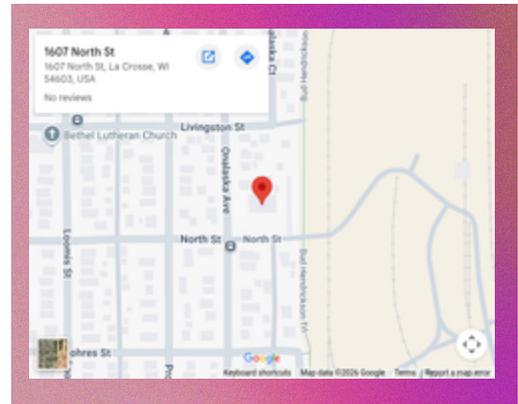
Tech Help Drop-In at Harry J. Olson

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!



Saturday, April 18

Raising Rainbows

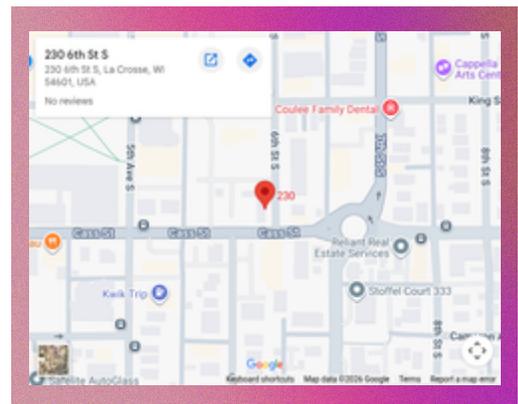
9:00am–10:30am

The Center

230 6th St S, La Crosse, WI 54601

Raising Rainbows in an inclusive playgroup for LGBTQIA+ families. Join us at The Center for storytime and a craft, then walk with us to Cameron Park for Muscles in Motion and playtime!. All are welcome.

Best for Ages 3-7. Please note, first-time families will be asked to sign a general waiver at The Center upon their first time to the group. This is a partnership between The Center, the La Crosse Public Library, The La Crescent Public Library, and The Parenting Place.



Tuesday, April 21

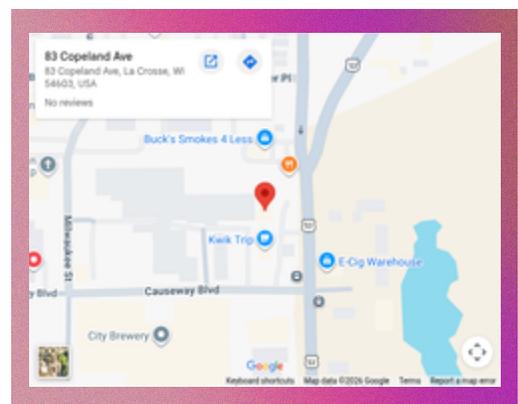
Booktok Bingo

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.



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY



SPRING BOOK SALE

THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE

FRIDAY,
APRIL 24
2 - 5 p.m.

SATURDAY,
APRIL 25
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

MEMBERS NIGHT - NEW
MEMBERS WELCOME!

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Tuesday,
Thursday,
and Friday
10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Wednesday
noon-6 p.m.

Saturday
9 a.m.-1 p.m.



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- Donating Materials
- Becoming a Volunteer
- Purchasing a Membership

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the First Floor Bookshop at
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our website:

[lacrosselibrary.org/about/
friends](http://lacrosselibrary.org/about/friends)

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